

DIY DRYING RACK

We all know how thinly budgets can be stretched, especially in the art classroom. Space is also at a premium and finding room to place or hang student artwork while it dries can be challenging. Drying racks come in all shapes and sizes but most are out of reach budget-wise. There is a solution that is low-to-no cost: **pizza boxes!** Local pizza chains will give you clean boxes direct from the store - or throw a pizza party and save the boxes. To complete your pizza box drying rack you will also need duct tape.

DIRECTIONS

1. Cut the front flap from all of the pizza boxes (see photo 1).
2. Stack all of the boxes on top of each other, ideally one box per student.
3. Tape the front edges and sides together. Ideally the whole box will be covered with duct tape, but once the boxes are secure the sides can also be covered with butcher paper (see photo 2).
4. Create and use your new drying rack (see photo 3)!

Want something more mobile? Grab yourself a planter caddy to wheel it around the classroom.

Resource: <http://prekblissings.blogspot.com/2012/09/art-drying-rack.html>

