

1. Pass some along to the grandparents.

Grandparents love handmade creations from the grandkids. Set aside a collection for each set of your folks, and surprise them with a book of art for their coffee table or for their cubicle at work. What grandparent doesn't love bragging about their grandkids? Give them a tangible way to do so.

2. Rotate the best artwork in frames or other art wall display.

Assign a few frames throughout the house to displaying recent works of art. Have your kids pick out their favorite, and hang those in their bedroom or playroom. Select your favorites, and display them where you'll enjoy them. Rotate the collection every few months.

3. Keep clutter boundaries with a designated bulletin board.

If there's still a ton of art you or your kids love after framing the best, designate a bulletin board in their room just for their art. They can hang as many well-loved pieces as can fit on the board, which keeps tangible boundaries on the quantity.

4. Keep storage boundaries with a designated box.

Assign a sturdy, acid-free art box for each child. If you want to keep your child's recent painting, write down the date or their age on the back, and toss it into their box. At the end of each year, go through and select three or four of your favorites to keep for posterity. Give away the rest OR cut it up into smaller squares so the art can be used for other painted paper projects.

5. Take photos of the art.

If it breaks your heart at the thought of tossing the art and somehow losing its memory, take a digital photo of the piece before getting rid of it. It's still clutter, for sure, but at least it's not physical clutter. You can digitally store their work on a CD, and one day, you can look back at it via computer.