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Tricks and tips from Dolores Delia



The artist's studio: is a separate space necessary for productive work? What are the absolute essentials in your working space? What advice would you give to emerging artists in terms of setting up a studio/working space?

I think it is the best to have a separate space. Leaving your house and walking to a new space detaches you from your everyday life; it's like going to your office. It's a luxury to have a separate space, a nice place, or share it with amazing artists which you can exchange knowledge with, and respect the space you share. Right now, the shared studio I was at in Barcelona closed, and I'm starting my search for a new dream place. So, it's good to think about it right now.

In my case, the essential things would be things related to the discipline I work with. Like some ceramic and printmaking equipment. Maybe a press, maybe a shared kiln for firing, a wheel, nice shelves for my work to be safe. Big windows, nice natural light. But to start with, a good big table, a nice comfy chair, nice tools and materials, maybe an easel if you're painting, basic but perfect, next to the window. Being more specific...fridge, ha ha, I love eating and, if I spend a lot of time in the studio, I need to have my options in the fridge. A kettle, I'm a tea drinker. Being really specific.

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Still working on that. I always decide whether to set up an online shop or not. I work mostly with Instagram, trying to invest more time there because it's amazing how big the community is and how fast people can connect with what you do, reach out, and contact you. But each time you move, you need to check visas and permits, so it's not so easy. I guess I'm not an average artist in that regard. I'm still working on what I do, enjoying it, and keeping it simple.

