

Two years after opening Austin-Belmont TV in Chicago, IL, after having worked for 10 years as a Field Engineer for Zenith, the frustration of trying to find tools on a cluttered workbench forced me to seek a better method of organization. We had tried conventional organizers—magnetic tool holders, bars with rounded metal loops to hold individual tools, etc. They didn't work for us! Service technicians were still wasting time looking for tools on their benches. Also, there was no organization of any kind for the many odd-sized

tools and service accessories used daily by our men.

I decided to solve the problem and created the organizer described below. Our problem was solved immediately. We have used the organizer since 1971, and it has proven to be the best organizer that we have ever seen or used—far surpassing what was then and is now on the marketplace. The organizer differs from other organizers by the fact that tools are contained by resting against a pegboard wall at odd angles inside a drum of chicken wire.

Although it can be built in dif-

ferent sizes, we use an 18-inch square piece of chicken wire. The wire is rolled to form a drum, and the drum is secured by tying the short, cut ends of the wire, or by sewing them together by weaving a single strand of copper wire through both ends of the roll.

Using conventional pegboard hooks, the drum is hung on a pegboard in a visible area, within easy reach of the normal standing (or sitting) position by the workbench. Tools of any size and shape can literally be thrown into the organizer. The technician does not have to think consciously about

where to place the tool. Also, odd-sized supplies, such as tape, rules, small instruments, etc., can be stored by inserting them so that they lie safely in the drum of the organizer. There is no searching for tools. They stay put, and are easily retrievable when needed.

We are pleased to offer the above description to the readers of **Radio-Electronics** for their own use (not for sale) as a token of appreciation for the wealth of information provided by the magazine readership to us over the years.

Anyone interested in mass production of the organizer for profit is welcome to get in touch with us concerning a transfer of the rights to this invention.

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