10 workshop organization tips for tools, fasteners and the drawer of mystery screws

A workshop is organized when the tool you need is within reach and the fastener you need is in a labelled drawer. These tips cover the wall, small parts, rust and chemicals.

- [ ] Set zones for cutting, building, finishing and dust; keep the car's spot clear
- [ ] Hang daily tools at the bench; drawer the weekly ones; case the yearly ones
- [ ] Put heavy tools on French cleats; keep pegboard within its ratings
- [ ] Sort fasteners by type, then size; label and photograph each bin
- [ ] Keep one “sort me” jar; shelve bulk backstock in sealed bins
- [ ] Hold humidity under 50 percent; wax bare iron; use VCI in drawers
- [ ] Put the bench and stationary tools on locking casters
- [ ] Rack lumber off the floor; set a length limit for offcuts
- [ ] Give each consumable one home and a reorder point
- [ ] Store flammables in a metal cabinet and oily rags in a metal can