



# Rustic Roots Home Academy: Starter Supplies Checklist (K-5)

What to Buy vs. What You Can Make at Home


## What to Buy (or Find on a Budget)

These are practical, low-cost items that will support your daily homeschool rhythm.

- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Erasers
- ☐ Crayons or colored pencils
- ☐ Markers (washable preferred)
- ☐ Safety scissors (toddler set)
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Lined notebook paper
- ☐ Blank printer paper
- ☐ Folders or a binder
- ☐ Ruler (inches + centimeters)
- ☐ Small whiteboard + dry erase markers
- ☐ Flashcards (alphabet, sight words, or math facts)
- ☐ Storage bin, basket, or rolling cart
- ☐ Clipboard (optional but helpful)
- ☐ Dry erase pockets or sheet protectors
- ☐ Highlighters

💡 Tip: Shop affordably at Dollar Tree, Walmart, Target's Dollar Spot, Amazon, or local thrift stores.

Take a peek at the homeschool tools I trust and personally recommend on Amazon — each link in the list above helps support Rustic Roots at no extra cost to you.





# What You Can Easily Make at Home

No need to buy everything new — here are smart, low-cost ideas you can create with what you already have at home.

## What You Can Easily Make at Home

These are helpful tools you can create using simple materials you already have.

- ☐ **Number line or hundreds chart** – Print free versions online
- ☐ **Magnetic letters or letter tiles** – DIY with cardstock and magnets
- ☐ **Math manipulatives** – Use beans, coins, buttons, or LEGO bricks
- ☐ **Flashcards** – Make your own with index cards or scrap paper
- ☐ **Visual timer** – Use a kitchen timer or free app
- ☐ **Book crate or shelf** – Repurpose a bin, box, or basket
- ☐ **Learning posters** – Draw or print an alphabet chart, calendar, or shapes
- ☐ **Whiteboard alternative** – Use sheet protectors over printed paper
- ☐ **Homemade clipboard** – Cardboard and a binder clip work perfectly

## Your Supply Notes & Creative Ideas:

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💡 **Tip:** Let your kids help create these homemade learning tools — when they're part of the process, they're more excited to use them!

Need inspiration? Visit my [DIY homeschool tools](#) board on Pinterest for simple, creative ideas you can make together.

