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# Shop secondhand supplies and support sustainable artmaking at Textile Center's annual Textile Garage Sale

This weekend: Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 3, 2026



(Minneapolis – Monday, April 27, 2026) – Textile Center is delighted to announce the return of its highly anticipated **Textile Garage Sale**, taking place Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 3, 2026. Now in its 26th year, this annual event draws makers from across the region, offering thousands of donated textile supplies at deeply discounted prices while championing sustainable practices within the fiber arts community.

Building on the Garage Sale's long-running success, Textile Center opened *The Stashery* last May — a year-round shop for secondhand fiber art supplies that quickly became a destination for artists and helped drive a surge in building attendance. During Garage Sale weekend, The Stashery pauses operations as the event expands to fill the entire building, offering a shopping experience nearly ten times the scale. While The Stashery provides a quieter, ongoing shopping experience, the Garage Sale transforms our space into a lively, high-energy marketplace for fiber supplies findings.

For more than two decades, artists and makers have made this event a tradition. By Sunday morning, lines often wrap around the block — some shoppers arriving early with coffee and lawn chairs, while others turn the walk inside into an unofficial fashion show of their handmade creations.

At a time when environmental impact and material reuse are top of mind, the Textile Garage Sale highlights a model of sustainability through a closed-loop system: unused or excess textile supplies are recirculated into the hands of new makers, reducing waste and extending the life of valuable materials. The event also lowers barriers to entry, offering a more affordable way for students, beginners, and experienced artists alike to access supplies.

This year, nearly 400 local artists and makers contributed donations, many delivering carloads of materials. Volunteers and staff are filling every room of Textile Center with fabric, yarn, tools, and equipment, transforming classrooms into expansive selections of fiber art supplies. Highlights for this weekend's sale include 75 sewing machines (a new record!), pillow forms and batting, dress forms, lots of beads, vintage furs, floor looms, and knitting machines.

Whether you're a seasoned fiber artist, an apparel design student, or simply curious to try a new fiber art form, the Textile Garage Sale offers an unmatched opportunity to stock up on discounted supplies, find inspiration, and connect with a vibrant community of makers.

### Textile Garage Sale Event Details:

- Preview Sale Fundraiser: Friday, May 1, 4 – 7 pm (\$35 tickets. SOLD OUT!)
- Saturday Sale: Saturday, May 2, 10 am – 4 pm (\$2 – \$5 entry tickets)
- Sunday Sale: Sunday, May 3, 10 am – 1 pm (Free entry; 50% off everything)

### Traveling to the Event:

Shoppers who utilize public transit will receive a \$5 off coupon. For those driving, parking information is available on [Textile Center's website](#).

For more information and to purchase tickets to the sale, visit: [textilecentermn.org/garagesale/](http://textilecentermn.org/garagesale/)



### About Textile Center – A National Center for Fiber Art:

Textile Center is unique as a national center for fiber art, with a mission to honor textile traditions, promote excellence and innovation, nurture appreciation, and inspire widespread participation in fiber arts. The Center's resources include exceptional fiber art exhibitions, an artisan shop, the region's only accessible professional-grade dye lab, a natural dye plant garden, and one of the nation's largest circulating textile libraries open to the public. Textile Center produces more than 200 classes a year for all ages and skill levels through its youth, adult, older adult, and outreach programs. A dynamic hub of fiber activity for more than 30 years, Textile Center brings people together in community to learn, create, share, and be inspired by fiber art. For more information, visit: [textilecentermn.org](http://textilecentermn.org).

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