

RESIN PROFIT LAB · WHERE TO BUY

WHERE TO BUY SUPPLIES IN THE US



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You don't need a special supplier. **Everything in this course is sold at stores you already know**, online or 15 minutes from your house. Here is where I buy each thing, and how to pay less.

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THE ONE RULE OF THIS GUIDE

Compare by the ounce, not by the box. A cheap box with little resin inside is the most expensive resin in the store.

THE MAP

The stores, and what each one is best for

Type the address in your browser or open the store's app and **search for the words in the next page**.

STORE	BEST FOR	GOOD TO KNOW
Walmart walmart.com	Resin kits, gloves, storage bins	Store pickup the same day in many towns
Michaels michaels.com	Resin kits, molds, mica, gold leaf	Coupons in the app almost every week
Hobby Lobby hobbylobby.com	Resin, pigments, molds, frames	Check the weekly coupon on the website
Amazon amazon.com	Gallon kits, mica sets, everything	Read reviews with photos before buying
Dollar Tree dollartree.com	Cups, sticks, paper, kraft and twine	Most items $1.25
Harbor Freight harborfreight.com	Heat gun, nitrile gloves, sandpaper	Heat gun often around $10
Home Depot · Lowe's homedepot.com · lowes.com	Respirator, sandpaper, level, plastic sheet	Ask for the organic vapor cartridges
Etsy etsy.com	Special pigments, gold leaf, unusual molds	Small shops, great for unique colors
Temu · AliExpress temu.com · aliexpress.us	Cheap mica sets and cups	1 to 3 weeks; check import fees at checkout

◆ EMMA'S TIP

Need it today? **Walmart, Michaels and Hobby Lobby** usually have resin on the shelf. Check "pickup today" on the website before you drive.

THE LIST

What to buy where

Copy the words in the second column into the search box. **Molds are not on this list**: start with the two in Your $20 Starter Kit.

ITEM	SEARCH FOR	WHERE	ABOUT
Resin kit 16 oz, 1:1	“epoxy resin kit 16 oz 1:1”	Walmart, Michaels	$16 to $20
Resin 1 gallon, 1:1	“epoxy resin 1 gallon kit”	Amazon, Walmart	$60 to $90
Mica powder set	“mica powder set resin”	Amazon, Temu	$5 to $8
Mixing cups	“plastic measuring cups”	Dollar Tree	$1.25
Nitrile gloves, 100	“nitrile gloves 5 mil”	Harbor Freight, Walmart	$8 to $12
Heat gun	“dual temperature heat gun”	Harbor Freight	about $10
Silicone craft mat	“silicone craft mat”	Amazon, Michaels	$8 to $12
Waterproof sandpaper	“wet dry sandpaper assortment”	Home Depot, Harbor Freight	$6 to $10
Gold leaf flakes	“gold leaf flakes”	Michaels, Amazon	$5 to $8
Kraft paper and twine	“kraft paper roll”	Dollar Tree, Walmart	$3 to $6

Approximate US prices in 2026, checked in store listings and price guides. They change by week and by store.



Save this list in your phone notes as “Resin shopping”, and grab what’s on sale.

ABROAD

Outside the US: UK, Canada, Australia

Same resin, other stores. Search for **“epoxy resin 1:1”** or **“casting resin”** and check the 5 things on the label. Everything else in this course works the same.

COUNTRY	RESIN	CUPS, STICKS, GLOVES	ONLINE
United Kingdom	Hobbycraft (473 ml kit, about £25), The Range	Poundland, B&M	amazon.co.uk
Canada	Michaels Canada, Walmart.ca	Dollarama	amazon.ca
Australia	Bunnings (Boyle Crafty Resin 1:1, 500 ml, about A$38), Spotlight	Kmart, Daiso	amazon.com.au

Prices checked on the store websites in 2026; they change. Small craft resin bottles (around 150 ml) are fine for practice, not for trays.

OUNCES AND INCHES IN METRIC

IN THIS COURSE	IN METRIC
16 oz kit	about 475 ml
12 oz, your first tray	about 355 ml
1 gallon	about 3.8 litres
75 to 85 °F	24 to 29 °C
12-inch tray	30 cm
4-inch coaster	10 cm



Write your amounts in the unit you use: the method doesn’t change.

◆ EMMA'S TIP

With a **1:1 resin you never need to convert**: fill the cup to any line with resin and the same amount of hardener. The ratio is what matters, not the unit.

SAVINGS

Five ways to pay less

1 Price per ounce

Divide the price by the ounces. **A $17 kit with 16 oz is about $1 an ounce. A $75 gallon is about $0.60.**

2 Gallon after your first sale

When you pour trays and sinks every week, the gallon **cuts your resin cost almost in half**.

3 Coupons

Michaels app and the Hobby Lobby website **almost always** have a coupon for one item. Use it on the resin.

4 Pickup, not shipping

Order online, pick up in store. **No shipping fee, no waiting.**

5 Overseas, only for the small stuff

Temu and AliExpress are fine for mica and cups. **Buy your resin in the US**: fresher, faster, easy to return.



Ten minutes of comparing saves you a whole tray of resin.

◆ EMMA'S TIP

Resin has a shelf life. **Don't buy 3 gallons on sale** before you have the orders to use them. Old resin can turn yellow or cure badly.

CHECKLIST

Read before you pay

Thirty seconds of reading saves you a sticky tray and a wasted weekend.

Buy it

- The **mix ratio** is written on the box (1:1 is easiest)
- It says **working time, cure time and max pour depth**
- It says **UV resistant**
- Reviews have **real photos** of finished pieces
- The **price per ounce** makes sense next to the others

Skip it

- "Bubble free, no mistakes, ever": **no resin is magic**
- No ratio, no cure time, no instructions in English
- **UV resin** in tiny bottles for big pieces
- A huge discount on resin with an old or no date
- Reviews that all say the same thing, with no photos



◆ EMMA'S TIP

Keep the box until your piece is cured. **If something goes wrong, the label tells you why**, and the store will need it for a return.

BEFORE YOU CLOSE THIS GUIDE

Your shopping, done right

- [ ] I know where to buy my **resin kit** near me
- [ ] I saved the **“Resin shopping”** list on my phone
- [ ] I compare by the **price per ounce**
- [ ] I know the **label checklist**
- [ ] I’ll buy the **gallon after my first sale**

◆ A NOTE FROM EMMA

Every dollar you don’t spend on supplies is a dollar of profit on your first order. Buy smart, start small, and let the queue pay for the next step.

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Next: Cost per Piece and What to Buy Later. What each piece costs you, its minimum price and the tools that wait for your first sale.