

# Full STEAM ahead for Gratnells MakerSpace Trolley

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Gratnells, providers of award-winning trays and storage systems used by schools in more than 60 countries worldwide, has launched its innovative MakerSpace trolley unit.

First seen at BETT fair earlier this year under the banner “Creating spaces for creative minds”, the MakerSpace trolley is designed to respond to the growing trend for collaborative learning, especially in STEM and STEAM subject areas.

An innovator in classroom design, Gratnells is committed to improving learning environments, and the learning experience, for children and teachers. With over 65 years’ experience serving schools and colleges and close working relationships with leading European furniture manufacturers, Gratnells is now even better placed to meet the growing needs of the education sector.

The new MakerSpace trolley joins the company’s established Callero range of ergonomically designed trollies ideal for use in science laboratories and provides the education sector with additional storage solutions to meet the increasing demand for space-saving, flexible, secure storage for multiple disciplines across the curriculum.

Developed and manufactured by Gratnells at its production plant in Harlow, Essex, MakerSpace reflects the growing trend to expand science, technology, engineering, arts and maths subjects in schools. It can be configured with a variety of tray and storage bin options to promote the self-selection of components used by students during STEM and STEAM activities.

Using a selection of tray inserts from the Gratnells range, the MakerSpace trolley can accommodate materials and parts of varying sizes and shapes, while still making them easily accessible for selection and choice. Storage pegs and clips can be fixed to the backboard and side panels in many arrangements reflecting industry solutions to organising tools and implements. With safety in mind, the trolley features a robust steel frame, large lockable castors, a solid work surface and easy cable management.

The MakerSpace trolley provides a focal point for collaborative working, and a reliable resource centre for all types of project work. Working with fixed storage from the Callero range, users can safely store a vast range of materials, and easily convey them to project locations, all within an integrated system.

Despite still being in its inaugural year of existence, this latest addition to the Gratnells trolley range has already attracted the attention of the industry, winning a prestigious Worlddidac award.

The Worlddidac awards are held every two years and are run by the global trade association for the educational resources industry, Worlddidac, to recognise innovation in educational products and solutions. Candidates for the award must pass an independent evaluation by a national teacher’s panel and present the features and benefits of their product before a jury of international experts in Bern, Switzerland.

Announcing the award, Worlddidac found the MakerSpace trolley “to be a particularly praiseworthy educational solution, which can be highly recommended for use in schools”.

Anthony Byrne, Product Manager at Gratnells, commented “We are delighted to have won this acclaimed award for the new MakerSpace trolley. It is a true reflection of our commitment to provide innovative storage solutions that offer a focal point for collaborative working and help to improve learning outcomes.”

The 2018 Worlddidac Award will be formally presented to Gratnells at a ceremony during the International Worlddidac Exhibition which runs in Bern from 7th – 9th November 2018.



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