

Using the Palette Garage with a Strada Mini

The Strada Mini works great with the PGs. Here I have photos of it with two "stacked" 14" palette garages. This way they don't take up precious mixing area. I've used a piece of coroplast (corrugated plastic) to mount two supports on. You could glue a 3" piece of a square 1/2" dowel, to serve as a platform for the PG to rest against. They are then secured at the edges with binder clips. The panel holder on the strada holds it securely if the backing board is placed in a slot just behind the palette area of the Strada. You could use lauan plywood or even a mat board instead of the coroplast. Just make sure the backing board is exactly the same length as the palette garage tray.

This is now my favorite set up. -- Patricia

I've attached a pdf with photos. Also, check out the stacking set-up for the open box-m in this video. The Open Box-M setup is a bit more complicated because you have to secure the panel from behind. On the strada, the lower shelf holds everything securely. Here's a link to the video:

Strada Mini with two stacking 14" Palette Garage Paint Trays

- Frees up precious palette mixing space
- Room for two or three paint trays (two shown here, the third would be at the bottom of the stack)
- Put warms on one tray, cools on another
- Binder clips hold paint trays to backing board. Small 3" ledge helps align paint trays.
- Use any size Palette Garage paint tray (12", 14", 16"), as long as the backing board is the same length as the paint trays. The length of the tray does not interfere with the Strada.
- Backing board slides into slot behind Strada's mixing area
- Strada's lower panel holder holds the backing board for the stacking trays securely.



How to make your own stack of Palette Garage Paint trays.



Supplies for Stacking Palette Garage for Strada Mini

1. Two or three 14" Palette Garage paint trays (which measure 13.5" in length)
(I prefer using two.)

2. Supporting panel 13.5" by 4" made of coroplast plastic, 1/8" luan plywood, stiff cardboard or other lightweight but rigid materia

3. Two three inch segments of a 1/2 square dowell or other material to make a ledge to align the Palette Garage trays. Glue these ledges to the supporting panel after arranging the palette trays to your liking. Two ledges will work for three trays as the bottom tray rests on the Strada.

4. Two small or medium sized binder clips for each paint tray.

Note: You could also use the 12" Palette Garage trays but why not use the longer trays as they don't interfere with the Strada? Just make sure that the length of your supporting panel is the exact length of the paint tray so that the binder clips can easily grab the trays from the side.

