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PROJECTS

FOR KIDS



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Welcome to 5 Design Projects for Kids. These projects are designed for all ages and can take as little or as much time as you wish. Each project is accompanied with some printable templates at the end of the book. These are designed to help but if you don't have a printer or don't wish to print, all the projects can be done without the templates.

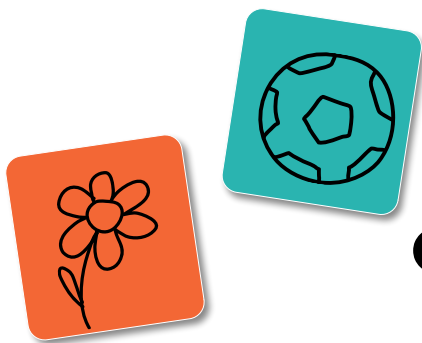
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Hi, my name is Faye Brown and I've been a graphic designer for over 20 years. I am a teacher on Skillshare with over 90,000 students taking my courses. Since having my own children I'm now on a mission to inspire children and their creativity. Design is all around us and it can be such a rewarding career. I hope your kids enjoy these projects.





1

CREATE YOUR OWN STORY CUBES

Have you ever played with Story Dice where you throw the dice and you have to come up with a story based on the icons you throw? Well now you are going to create your own 'squares' with your own icons. Use the template as the end of this book to draw up to 20 objects and then try picking 6 at random to come up with your own stories.

There are some hints on the template if you get stuck but try to think of your own too - objects you love, things you like doing, people and animals you love...

Have fun creating!





FUN

WIN!



2

DESIGN A NEW GAME



That's right, you are going to design and make your own board game to play with your friends or family...
But where do you start?

Think about the games you already love playing and write down what you love about those games...

Then decide what type of game you will design - a board game, card game, puzzle game, quiz game, computer game, one using tiles with letters or numbers on or a strategic game like chess or Battleships, maybe you have another idea...

Start sketching your ideas out - no idea is a bad idea, get them all out of your head and then decide which one to make.

Design the game and write the instructions or make a video explaining how to play.

Use the worksheet to help you finalise your idea if you wish.





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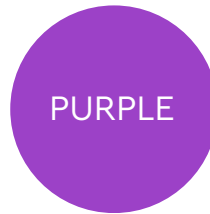
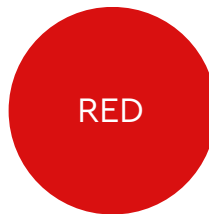
NAME THAT COLOUR

When is a blue, not just a blue?

This is a question designers are faced with everyday so we end up naming the colours a little more creatively... check out these examples below:



We could name them very simply to the closest obvious colour but can you see how different the above examples are to these three...?



Either go out and take photos of colours or cut out blocks of colours from old magazines, stick them down and then come up with a creative name for each colour - try to find a few different shades of the same basic colour to make it harder. Looks at paint names for inspiration.





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DESIGN A BOOK COVER

Pick one of your favourite books and redesign the front cover. To help you do this you'll need to do a little research and find some inspiration. Go to your local library or check through your own book collection and choose 5 book covers you really love.

What do you like about them? What colours do they use? What does the typography look like? Is there an illustration on the front, or maybe a photo?

Makes some notes and think about you might approach a similar style for your chosen book.

You can use the template or decide on your own size for your new book cover...

Key things to include are:

The name of the book

The author's name

Other considerations:

Include your name as the illustrator

A short strap line introducing the story



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DESIGN SPORTSWEAR

It's time to design your very own sports range. You can use the template to design a cap, T-Shirt and training shoes that will become part of a set. Think about the colour palette and any graphics you'd like to add. Does your sports range have a logo design?

Do some research by looking at your own sports clothes, looking online or visit a sports shop. What styles and colours really attract you to look more? What age range do you want your design to appeal to? Maybe that will help you decide the design... or print the template a few times to design 3 ranges for young kids, teenagers and adults.





SUMMER OF DESIGN

If you and your children have enjoyed these projects please take a look at my course Summer of Design. This is a 6 week / module online course that can be easily fitted in to home schooling schedules or the summer holidays. This course is aimed at 10-17 year olds.

We will cover topics such as Typography, Colour Palettes in much more depth, Logo Design, Composition and coming up with Ideas and Inspiration. There are also 3 bonus videos including a Canva tutorial.

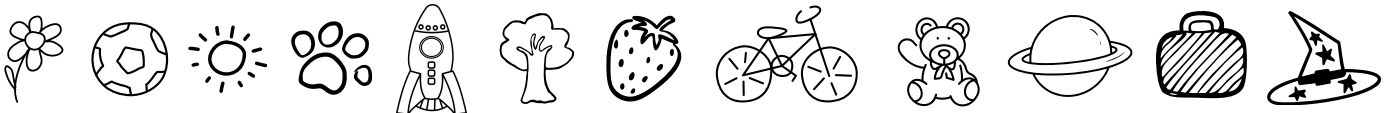
The doors open again in May but you can get on the waiting list today for some early bird offers.

Please find out more here:
www.summerofdesign.co.uk

THE TEMPLATES

All these projects can be done without using the templates so if you don't have a printer, please don't worry. Equally if you'd like to save on resources think before your print.

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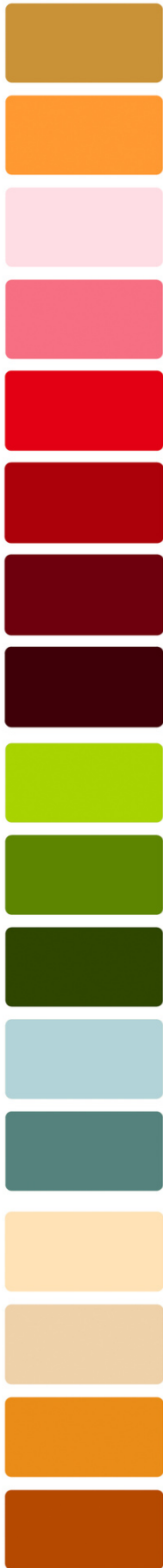
What games do you love playing and why?

What type of game might you design? Board game, card game etc?

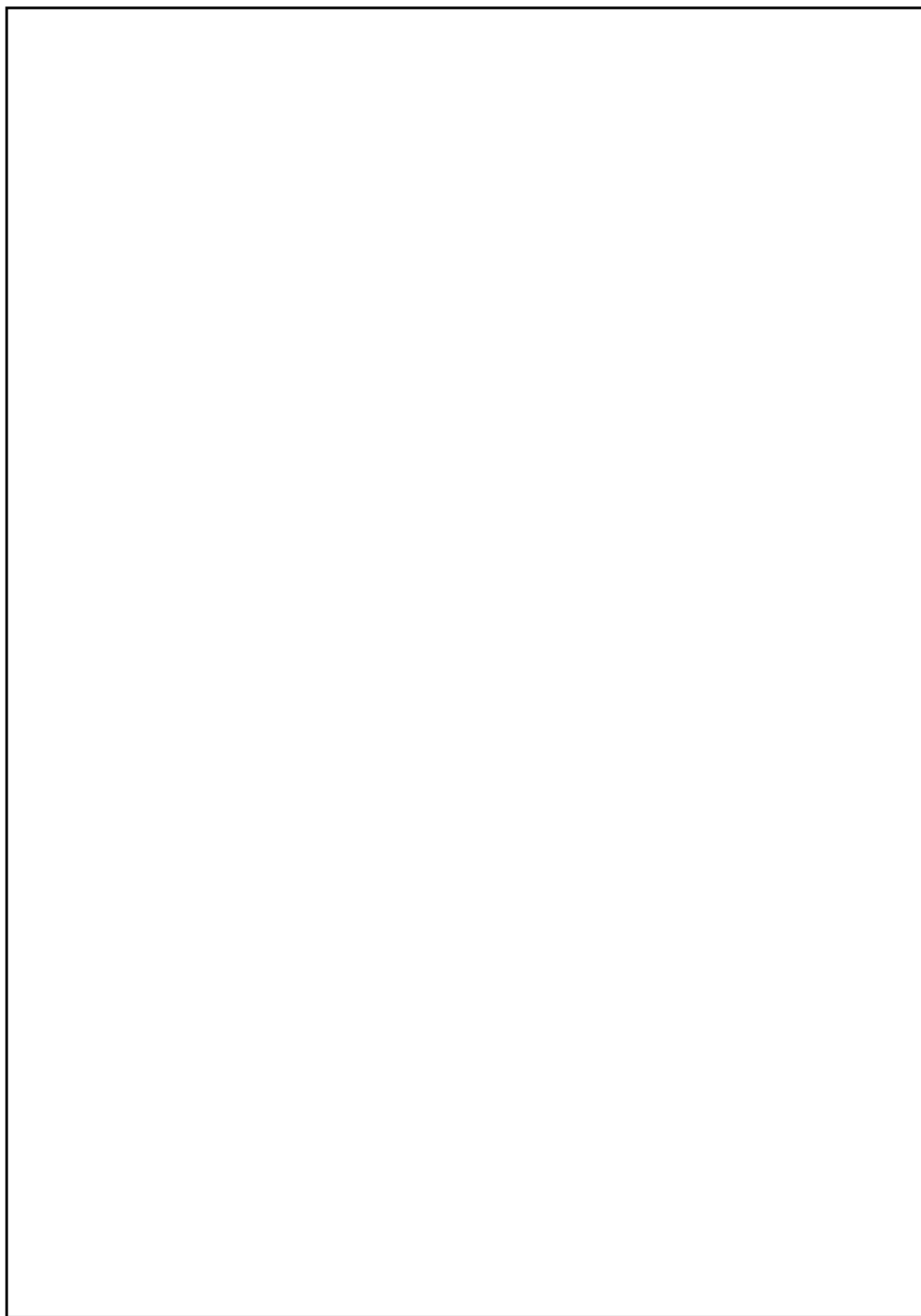
First ideas...

The game you are going to design is....

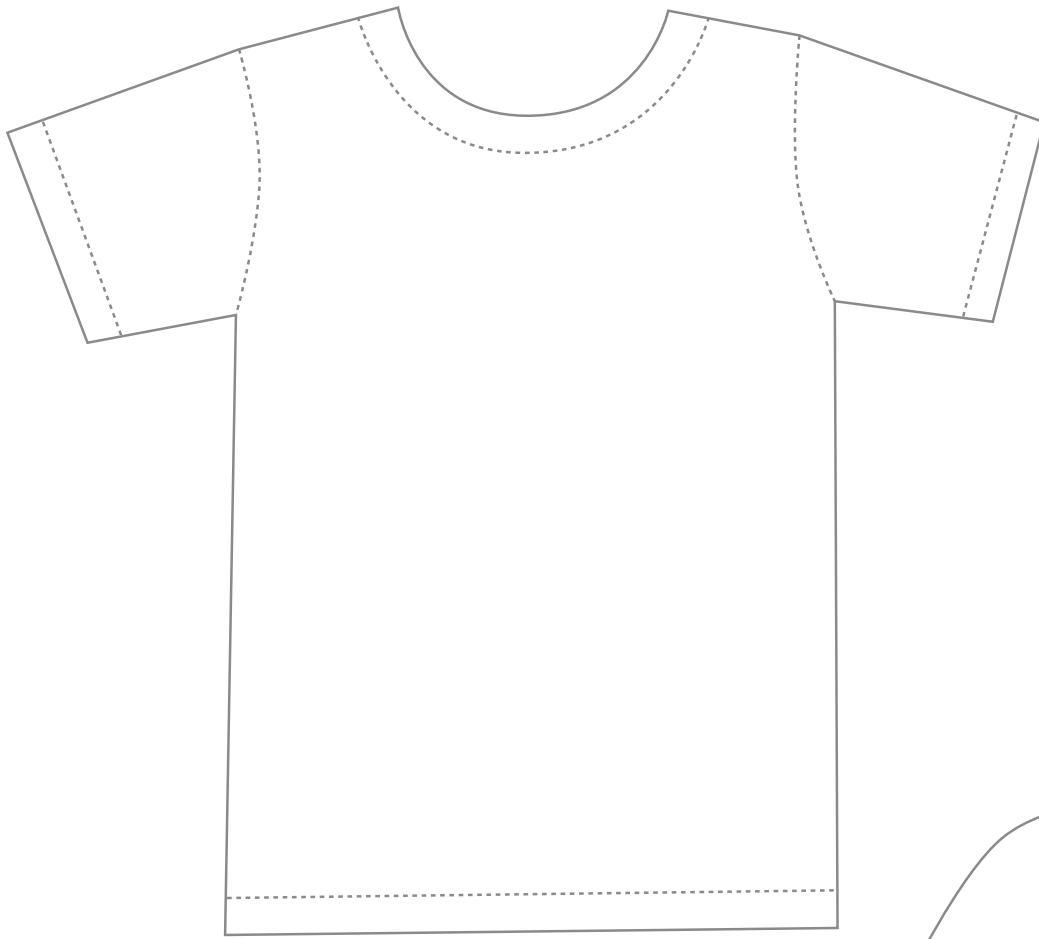
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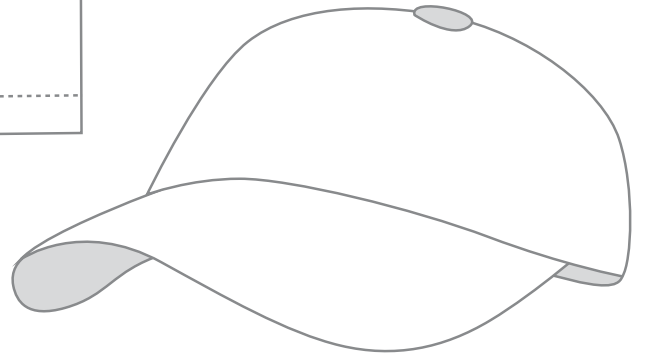
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