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Welcome

In 2018 the COVE Workforce Initiative partnered with the Innovative Learning Centre (ILC, http://innovativelearningcentre.ca/) to develop Taking Making into Classrooms: Ocean Toolkit. This is the sixth toolkit in the ILC’s series, and is uniquely dedicated to supporting inquiry-based ocean STEM learning. This second edition is comprised of original and new design-thinking challenges contributed by educators from across Canada, and is a resource for building future skills in ocean innovation.

Summary of Ocean Toolkit

During the summer of 2018, we assembled a group of 50+ educators from across the province of Nova Scotia for our first “Taking Making into the Classroom: Ocean Curriculum Participatory Design Conference”. This three-day experiential learning event provided an introduction to, and reinforcement of, the principles and practices of the Maker pedagogy, and connected STEM education in the k-12 system with 5 emerging ocean industries that are driving sustainable economic development across the maritime region. The workshop culminated in a participatory design session related to developing practical ocean-oriented makerspace programming with clear curricular links that teachers could use in their day-to-day practice.

Central to this work, was an intention to integrate creative learning across the full STEM category, and also integrate ecological with economic principles. This is the foundation of the Blue Economy. This Ocean Toolkit (2nd Edition) has been assembled from the hard work and collaboration inspired by the 50+ educators who participated in our Ocean conference, as well as the contributions of teachers from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia who participated in our summer 2019 Ocean Institutes. This Ocean Toolkit has been made possible through the support and partnerships with Dr. Susan Crichton, Innovative learning centre, UBC, Kelowna Campus, and the COVE Workforce Initiative (formerly the Marine People Partnership) operating through the Centre for Ocean Ventures and Entrepreneurship (www.coveocean.com). We’d also like to thank those who provided the financial support to make this resource possible, including CanCode Federal funding, Irving Shipbuilding Inc., Seaspan Shipyards and OceanWise.

We encourage teachers to use and share this resource, add to it, modify it to suit older/young grades, or adapt it to extracurricular groups and clubs.

Overview of Other Toolkits

Common to all the Innovative Learning Centre (ILC) toolkits is a belief that individuals can learn with an open process that supports design thinking, tinkering, and purposeful play. Our goal is to assist educators and community members as they take up and implement cross-curricular learning initiatives that are grounded in experiential, constructionist approaches.

1. Maker Day Toolkit V2 (https://issuu.com/ubcedo/docs/makerdaytoolkitver2revisemay31e) forms the foundation for Taking Making into Schools, the research-informed immersive professional learning (RIP) events. The purpose of these events has been to help educators and community organizers facilitate new ways of engaging their constituent groups in sustained, effective and efficient professional learning. As of August 2016, these events have been offered to over 3,000 educators globally. Since its launch in 2013, the Maker Day Toolkit is available in print, ePub, and PDF formats. Thanks to funding from the Industry Training Authority of British Columbia (ITA BC), the Maker Day Toolkit has a series of videos that help to unpack the content in the toolkit. Additional videos are available that share experiences from various Maker Day events (ITA Maker Day 2013, Maker Day at Okanagan College, ITA Maker Day Sicamous).

2. The unConference Toolkit (issuu.com/ubcedo/docs/unconference toolkitaug27e) was developed with in collaboration with the Digital Opportunity Trust (www.dotrust.org). As a Canadian-based NGO, DOT operates economic, education, and leadership programs globally and develops the capacity of youth to become agents of change. Based on the central belief of youth empowerment, we believed the very structure of conferences and seminars needed to be reimagined.

3. The Toolkit for Challenging Contexts (https://issuu.com/ubcedo/docs/toolkit4cc_english and https://issuu.com/ubcedo/docs/toolkit4cc_kiswahili) was developed in collaboration with Dr. Lilian Vikiru, formerly with Aga Khan University, Institute of Educational Development (AKU, IED), and teachers in rural Tanzania. The toolkit situates making within the context of rural schools in challenging contexts—schools with few or no education resources, access to the Internet, or stable electricity. The toolkit provides an introduction to making, active student learning, and professional learning. It forms the basis for a new program being offered by AKU, IED, and is available in print and as an ePub, in both English and Kiswahili, the official language of much of East Africa. This toolkit was funded as part of a Canada-Africa Reaching Exchange Grant (CAREG).

4. The Coding and Microcontrollers in Design Thinking Toolkit was developed by Maria Royston and Bill Latta. Completed January 2016, it is available as an ePub (https://issuu.com/ubcedo/docs/diy_guidebook) and builds on the first Appropriate Technologies Maker Day co-facilitated by Women in Trades Training at Okanagan College (http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Programs/ Areas_of_Study/ trades/wti.html). This toolkit introduces users to the world of simple microprocessing and coding without relying on expensive recipe driven kits.

This reimagining enables the voice and active engagement of the most marginalized and novice participants, regardless of race, gender, religion, ability, and/or culture.

The unConference Toolkit provides facilitation tips and shares conference structures with documentation proceedings using graphic recording. This toolkit is available as an ePub or downloadable PDF.
5. Building on the ideas developed for the first Maker Day Toolkits, Taking Making into Classrooms: A Toolkit for Fostering Curiosity and Imagination was developed in response to classroom teachers who want to know more about introducing making to their students. Two versions were created to assist teachers design and develop classroom learning opportunities.

5.1 Taking Making into Classrooms: A Toolkit for Fostering Curiosity and Imagination which draws from the British Columbia Applied Design, Skills and Technologies (ADST) framework. This toolkit has companion courses for credit or noncredit self study.

5.2 Taking Making into Classrooms: Fostering Curiosity and Imagination in Alberta Classrooms which integrates classroom learning activities with a learn-a-skill event sponsored by Skills Canada Alberta and draws from the Alberta Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) program.

6. Taking Making into Classrooms: Ocean Toolkit 2nd Edition was developed in collaboration with educators from the province of Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Education, and the Marine People Partnership operating through COVE (the Centre for Ocean Ventures and Entrepreneurship). Core funding for the development of this resource was received from Irving Shipbuilding as part of its Value Proposition commitment under the Canadian National Shipbuilding Strategy. A full electronic copy of this toolkit is available through the COVE and Royal Roads University websites; https://coveocean.com/ https://commons.royalroads.ca/takingmaking/

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We agree with Margaret Mead when she said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

THE MAKER MOVEMENT AND ITS PLACE IN NORTH AMERICAN LIVES

Introduction

The Maker Movement allows us to celebrate the best gifts of humanity—the ability to think wisely, tinker creatively, and share generously. The maker movement is often described as an “umbrella term for independent inventors, designers and tinkerers. A convergence of computer hackers and traditional artisans, the niche is established enough to have its own magazine, Make, as well as hands-on Maker Faires that are catnip for DIYers who used to toil in solitude. Makers tap into an American admiration for self-reliance and combine that with open-source learning, contemporary design and powerful personal technology like 3D printers.

The creations, born in cluttered local workshops and bedroom offices, stir the imaginations of consumers numbed by generic, mass-produced, made-in-China merchandise.” (ADWEEK, March 17, 2014)

We prefer to think of the Maker Movement as an artisan social movement fueled by a fundamental human need to use, “our hands and imaginations together to make things and then make those things better,” (Hatch, 2014). These makers are empowered by open source technologies and virtually unrestricted access to information through the Internet.

Now more than ever before, North Americans are coming together in makerspaces. Whether in schools, libraries, or community centres, makers marry the notions of art, craft, design, innovation and entrepreneurship. In makerspaces, makers create a collective experience by sharing ideas, traditional/digital tools, and expertise to make things and tinker with ideas and resources. While they might seem to be a new phenomenon, makers have deep historical, cultural, and social roots in North American society.
Cultural Roots

The maker culture emphasizes “informal, networked, peer-led, and shared learning that is typically motivated by fun and self-fulfillment” (Maker Culture, chapter in Innovating Pedagogy 2013, p. 34 The Open University. Retrieved 2014-01-09). As Wikipedia notes “the maker culture encourages novel applications of technologies, and the exploration of intersections between traditionally separate domains and ways of working including metal-working, calligraphy, film making, and computer programming.” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/maker_culture). We view making on a continuum from personal enjoyment to marketable items; making can range from a lifestyle and a hobby to a way of community building to industry sponsored innovation.

Social Roots

We are increasingly engaging in an interdependent and globalized economy. The rise of opportunities such as Airbnb, Car2go, community gardens, etc. suggests a shift to collaborative consumption and shared ownership, which confirms the need for makerspaces to support making. As Morozov (January 13, 2014) suggests, “digital natives are starting to hunger for life beyond the screen. Making something that starts virtual but quickly becomes tactile and usable in the everyday world is satisfying in a way that pure pixels are not.”

Work Roots

Hatch (2014) suggests we are actually entering a new industrial revolution as we embrace the changes brought by our current Conceptual Age. If the first industrial revolution was powered by steam and the second by electricity, our new age is powered by unlimited access to information through the Internet. With this ubiquity and interconnectivity comes the rapid development of reasonably priced, powerful tools, as well as the ability to obtain a range of globally sourced materials with which to make things and then make those things better. Recognizing the Maker Movement has steadily evolved, Hatch describes the current Maker Movement as an “Internet of Physical Things” (p. 3). He claims the Maker Movement is actually bigger than the Internet because it includes physical objects connected via sensors to the Internet. The Internet of Things is a simple concept that is enabled by seemingly endless possibilities and options (http://postscapes.com/internet-of-things-examples/). Imagine adding components and additional functionality to the most ordinary, everyday objects. For example, what if we added sensors to road surfaces so they could tell drivers if the highway is slippery—we can! What if the cap of your pill bottle glowed when you had forgotten to take your daily dose—it can (http://www.vitality.net/). What if you could determine your physical activity during a day and track it in relation to your heart rate—you can with wearable fitness trackers (i.e. FitBit or many others). The Internet of Things (IoT) requires us to think differently and to consider real problems as complex and multiple faceted. Once we begin to think beyond simple solutions, we can begin to add value, functionality, and combine amazing ideas together to create human centred, empathic responses to vexing situations. However, a willingness to be passionately curious is central to creative ideas. For those of you new to IoT, here are seven things to know (https://library.educuse.edu/resources/2014/10/7-things-you-should-know-about-the-internet-of-things).

Supporting our current industrial revolution and the Internet of Things is “the largest untapped human resource on the planet… the space time, creativity, and disposable income of the creative class,” (Hatch, p. 52). Richard Florida, in The Rise of the Creative Class, suggests the creative class is an “amalgamation of engineers, artists, lawyers, programmers, designers, and others who have the educational or professional propensity to create,” (Hatch, p. 52). This class is fostering the majority of contemporary innovation and is moving into advanced manufacturing, which in turn is supporting an economic recovery, new employment options, and the rapid growth of the Maker Movement.
...Open a Conversation About Universal Design

When we talk about assistive tools and technologies, it is important to remember that there are universal principles that guide design. Design is typically defined as the capacity to plan and produce desired outcomes that meet human needs. Universal design is the capacity to design outcomes that meet the needs of “extreme users” (Bruce Mau, cited in Berger, 2009, p. 114), who are users in the most challenging of conditions or situations. The interesting thing is that the general user often benefits from the design as well. A good example of universal design are the curb cuts on sidewalks that have become commonplace in North America. Originally intended for enhanced wheelchair access to sidewalks, people pushing strollers, skateboarders, and bike riders have also benefited.

A great example of universal design in product design are the OXO Good Grips (https://www.oxo.com/ourroots). The story goes that Sam Farber was watching his wife struggle to peel carrots because of the increasing arthritis in her hands. He started observing the ergonomics and usability of existing peelers and started asking important questions, such as:

• How does the existing design and form affect us?
• How might the design/form be different?
• How might the change in design matter?

The result of Farber’s observation about carrot peeling resulted in a hugely successful product line—OXO Good Grips. It took multiple attempts, shapes, and adaptations (e.g. addition of ridges to the grips, more squeezable fins in the rubber, a better shape), but a better grip benefits us all!

Using the principles of universal design, identify instances of good design in your everyday items, classroom furnishings, or school environment.

An example of an individual turning a hobby into a social enterprise is Favio Chavez, an environmental technician in Paraguay who made trash into musical instruments for the impoverished children in his community. Please read the full story and hear the results of the project at http://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-recyclers-from-trash-comes-triumph/.

Another example of a company using good design to address a social issue is the story of the 15 Below Jacket Project. TAXI, a small company whose mantra is “Doubt the Conventional”, decided it wanted to give back to its community on its 15th anniversary by attempting to address homelessness. The result was the development of the 15 Below Jacket. Please check out their website for details (http://agency.taxi/work/client/taxi-the-15-below-project/).

These examples are only a few among the many that we offer to illustrate the scope / range of making activities.

### TABLE 1-1: Scope and Range of Maker Activities

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<tr>
<th>Zero to Maker</th>
<th>Maker to Maker</th>
<th>Maker to Market</th>
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<tr>
<td>• Inspiration to invent</td>
<td>• Collaboration &amp; access to the expertise of others</td>
<td>• Invention &amp; Innovation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• From consumer to having a hand in making</td>
<td>• Need to unleash the innate desire for self-expression &amp; creation</td>
<td>• Knowledge flows and concentrates</td>
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### Skills Needed

- Ability to learn & access to means of production
- Desire to improve and share with others
- Capacity to scale
- Appeals to market beyond self, family, & friends

Photo: Skills Canada Nova Scotia

Photo: Skills in Oceans Workshop with Nova Scotia Sea School
MAKING THE CONNECTION: DESIGNING, MAKING, AND A NEW CULTURE OF LEARNING

Introduction

Locally and globally, from Ministries of Education to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) like UNESCO, educators recognize the need to make learning more authentic, engaging, and experiential. We know the maker movement has a significant role to play in these educational reforms. Taking Making into Classrooms: Ocean Toolkit 2nd Edition fosters curiosity, imagination, active learning and is well-aligned with future skills initiatives.

Teachers have often commented to us that they want to introduce design thinking and making into their classes and classrooms. They felt they lacked the language to advocate for it and struggled to find the academic fit for making within an already overcrowded curriculum. The intent of this section is to help with both concerns. Making is a pedagogical orientation as well as subject for study.

Pedagogical Orientation

Our research and experience tells us that Papert (1980) was right—when we give children powerful tools to think with, there is no limit to learning! All too often we ask too little of our students and give them too little time to uncover all the exciting things there are to explore and learn. As a pedagogical orientation, the roots of making can be found in John Dewey’s call for experiential learning. In his book The School and Society, Dewey (1899) suggests that every school must support “an embryonic community life, active with types of occupations that reflect the life of the larger society and permeated throughout with the spirit of art, history and science. When the school introduces and trains each child of society into membership within such a little community, saturating [a student] with the spirit of service, and providing [a student] with instruments of effective self-direction, we shall have the deepest and best guarantee of a larger society which is worthy, lovely and harmonious,” (p. 44). By taking making into their classrooms, teachers draw upon a rich, research-informed literature of constructionist learning, dating from Dewey to Papert to contemporary work out of the Lifelong Kindergarten group at MIT (https://llk.media.mit.edu/).

Papert’s theory of constructionism states that the best way to construct knowledge and understanding is through the construction of something that is shareable outside of the student’s head (Papert & Harel, 1991). Papert suggests that by using creative and critical thinking, students can work collaboratively to explore materials, use tools and equipment, design, build, develop processes, and communicate the merits of their work in unique and exciting ways. The Lifelong Kindergarten group at MIT continues Papert’s work and, among other things, developed SCRATCH—the object oriented programming software for children (https://llk.media.mit.edu/).

New Culture of Learning

Contemporary research from Stanford University suggests that when we tinker with complicated and engaging tasks, make mistakes, and encounter failure, we do the intellectual wrestling that fosters the development of brain synapses, which build brain plasticity and intelligence. Jo Boaler, in her work with students to build mathematical understanding, has learned that effort and practice grow the essential brain plasticity that supports deep learning. You can explore her work at http://www.youcubed.org/ and https://www.youcubed.org/think-it-up/mistakes-grow-brain/.

A growth mindset differs from the more traditional idea of a fixed mindset. A fixed mindset suggests there are things that we can and cannot do well. A growth mindset suggests we can grow our capacities by wrestling with problems worth thinking about and by continually learning.

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<tr>
<th>FIXED MINDSET</th>
<th>GROWTH MINDSET</th>
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<tr>
<td>Intelligence is static.</td>
<td>Intelligence can be developed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leads to a desire to look smart and therefore a tendency to…</td>
<td>Leads to a desire to learn and therefore a tendency to…</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Avoid challenges</td>
<td>Embrace challenges</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Give up easily</td>
<td>Persist in the face of setbacks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>See effort as fruitless or worse</td>
<td>See effort as the path to mastery</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ignore useful negative feedback</td>
<td>Learn from criticism</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feel threatened by the success of others</td>
<td>Find lessons and inspiration in the success of others</td>
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As a result, they may plateau early and achieve less than their full potential. This confirms a deterministic view of the world. As a result, they reach ever-higher levels of achievement. This confirms a greater sense of free will.

TABLE 1-2: Two Mindsets
Carol Dweck researches the notion of a growth mindset and her TED Talk explores how “we can grow our brain’s capacity to learn and to solve problems,” (https://www.ted.com/talks/carol_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve?language=en). In her TED Talk, Dweck mentions a school in Chicago that did not issue failing grades for students; rather, it recorded the grade as “not yet.” This assessment suggests students may achieve success in time and with more learning. As Popova (2014) describes: “At the heart of Dweck’s research, and what makes the ‘growth mindset’ so winsome, is a student’s passion for learning rather than a hunger for approval. Its hallmark is the conviction that human qualities like intelligence and creativity, and even relational capacities like love and friendship, can be cultivated through effort and deliberate practice. Not only are people with this mindset not discouraged by failure, but they don’t actually see themselves as failing in most situations—they see opportunities for learning,” (par. 4, https://www.brainpickings.org/2014/01/29/carol-dweckmindset/).

Neural plasticity and growth mindsets align with Yong Zhao’s message concerning 21st century learning: we must support uniqueness, foster creativity, and support entrepreneurial thinking. To do this, Yong Zhao and others say that schools must create more time for students to explore and engage in purposeful play in order for them to build confidence in their ability to learn and find their passions.

Developing a growth mindset, fostering creativity, and engaging in design thinking are all components of a pedagogy of promise: one that is optimistic, seeks the good in situations, and encourages the positive development of individual capabilities. The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) recently revised their skill and knowledge standards for digital age students (http://www.iste.org/standards/standards/standards-for-students), identifying seven skill and knowledge areas.

Making enables the type of learning environment suggested by the OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development), an international organization founded to stimulate economic progress and world trade. OECD suggests that learning environments must be:

- learner-centred,
- structured and well-designed,
- profoundly personalized,
- inclusive, and
- social.

These learning environments are consistent with the Conference Board of Canada’s call to provide learning experiences that are focused on developing

- creativity, problem-solving, and continuous improvement skills;
- risk assessment and risk-taking skills;
- relationship-building and communication skills; and
- implementation skills.

The core literacies required to fully participate in these new learning environments include what Trilling and Fadel (2009) identify as:

- critical and creative thinking,
- problem finding and problem solving,
- authentic learning, and
- collaboration.

Together, the alignment of a growth mindset with making in these types of learning environments helps teachers to come closer to Einstein’s description of education—“It is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.”

### TABLE 1-3: Fostering an Intentional Mindset

**Fostering an Intentional Mindset**

- Building confidence for risk-taking
- Gained through personal empowerment
- Supported by thinking—mindful, lateral & connected
- Nurturing a flow of innovative & creative thinking
- Fuelled by curiosity

**HOW YOU MIGHT...**

As part of your instructional and assessment strategies, ask your students to maintain their own design portfolios. Design portfolios can be a large envelope or 3-ring binder. Students can keep their design thinking worksheets in their design portfolios and use the portfolios to maintain ongoing sketches and sketch noting.

In terms of sketch noting, you might want to refer to the free download, Ditch That Textbook, for tips on sketch noting/graphic note taking (http://ditchthattextbook.com/).

A design portfolio allows you to support your students’ growth through reflective, formative dialogue. Table 1-4 suggests ways in which you can foster growth through dialogue with and amongst your students. The table builds on the work of Schön (1987) and Svarovsky and D. W. Shaffer (2006).
TABLE 1-4: Fostering Students’ Growth through Reflection & Formative Dialogue

<table>
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<th>Description</th>
<th>Example of Opening Dialogue</th>
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<tr>
<td>Reflection-on-action</td>
<td>Comments made about students’ actions/activities that have already taken place. Great start on your thinking. Appreciated the details and descriptions of your sketches.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reflection-in-action</td>
<td>Comments made about students’ current actions/activities or plans that are about to take place or could take place in the future. Good initial ideas. Wonder what your next steps will be? Who else might you consult with to improve your design idea?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Skill Development</td>
<td>Comments made about students’ skill improvement, areas of strength, and areas needing growth. Good use of perspective and detail in your sketches. Wondering if you have considered other ways of representing your thinking?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Knowledge</td>
<td>Comments made about students’ domain expertise. Excellent demonstration of your growing understanding of hydraulics and how hydraulics can make your design more functional and efficient.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Values</td>
<td>Comments made probing students’ aesthetics, beliefs and social justice. Your design suggestion is a wonderful example of simplicity and function in addressing how a homeless person might keep their possessions dry and why that might be problem in the spring weather conditions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Agency</td>
<td>Comments made about students’ proactive thinking and personal problem finding efforts. Excellent initiative in determining who need to interview and why their point of view might be important to your design.</td>
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DESIGN CHALLENGES: PROMPTS FOR LEARNING AND HARD FUN

Introduction

Seymour Papert, the MIT educator and innovator who co-developed the computer program LOGO and the pedagogy of constructivism, coined the phrase “hard fun.” He came to this phrase after listening to students as they programmed their software turtles using his program LOGO. Students described their initial work as being fun and hard—hence “hard fun.” Please see http://www.papert.org/articles/HardFun.html for details. Taking Making into Classrooms: Ocean Toolkit should be hard fun; it should link learning, making and curriculum together in engaging ways.

Using makerspaces and participating in Maker Faires are also hard fun. They have a place and a value in our informal learning. However, while working in makerspaces and participating in Maker Faires may support curricular goals, the intentionality suggested on page 10 might be missing. Without an intentional mindset, making risks becoming just another event or an additional thing to fit into an already overcrowded curriculum. Our work suggests that through the creation of contextually relevant design challenges, teachers can take making into their classrooms in intentional, sustainable and meaningful ways.

Students can think about design challenges in two ways—first, as an act of design (the what) and second, in the choices of which skills (the how) and technologies (the help) assist in the process of making. As Papert (2005) stated, “You can’t think about thinking without thinking about thinking about something.” We suggest that it is hard to make something worth making without having a design challenge worth solving. Equally important is a process by which you engage in problem finding, inquiry, tinkering, thinking, and reflecting to develop a solution.

A design challenge positions making within a particular context, inviting students to collaboratively engage in design thinking as a process to define the problem (problem finding) and to prototype solutions (tinkering). While design thinking is similar to the scientific method, it differs significantly in terms of its focus on empathy and human-centred concerns. For more on the similarities and differences between the design process and the scientific method, please read http://renovatedlearning.com/2016/02/08/teaching-thedesign-process/.

The design thinking process used in Taking Making Into Classrooms modifies the five step approach honed at Stanford’s d.School into four phases (design, tinker, think, reflect). It consists of five activities (design challenge, human-centred design thinking process, collaborative prototyping, design charrette, individual/group reflection), which will be described in this toolkit.

Design challenges support inquiry and problem-based learning. When inquiry and problem-based learning are supported by making through a design thinking process, teachers have the potential to encourage problem finding. Teachers can invite students to locate relevant and just in time information while tinkering with ideas, concepts, materials, and information as they prototype a possible solution.

1 Examples include http://makerfaire.com/; http://ets.educ.ubc.ca/ubccentennial-maker-faire/
Deepen Your Understanding

Our experience suggests there are three primary ways to structure a design challenge:

1. As an inquiry question
2. As a problem to be solved
3. As a scenario to play out

Inquiry questions encourage exploration and engagement with curricular topics. For an example of inquiry based learning in mathematics, please explore the site Looking at Math as Inquiry [http://karimkai.com/on-purpose/].

Problem solving is “cognitive processing directed at achieving a goal when no solution method is obvious to the problem solver,” (Mayer & Wittrock, 2006, p. 287).

They explain learners need five kinds of knowledge to be successful problem solvers:

- Facts: knowledge about characteristics of elements or events;
- Concepts: knowledge of a categories, principles, or models, such as knowing what place value means in arithmetic or how hot air rises in science;
- Strategies: knowledge of general methods, such as how to break a problem into parts or how to find a related problem;
- Procedures: knowledge of specific procedures, such as how to carry out long division or how to change words from singular to plural form; and
- Beliefs: cognitions about one’s problem-solving competence (such as “I am not good in math”) or about the nature of problem solving (e.g., “If someone can’t solve a problem right away, the person never will be able to solve it”).

Problem-based learning (PBL) is a student centred approach that positions learning in the form of open questions. Students typically work in groups and are encouraged to share what they already know, pose questions about what they need to know, engage in research, and form a theory or series of ideas about what they have learned. PBL can be used to support making as students can make their learning visible in tangible demonstrations of learning. Please check out the Edutopia resources on PBL available from [http://www.edutopia.org/video/5-keys-rigorous-project-based-learning].

Scenarios provide information and context in the form of a story or narrative. The purpose of a scenario is to set the scene for a project, introduce learners to a project, and to create a common starting point. A scenario can also set the parameters for the project, outline any limiting factors, special conditions, and time/context constraints. Scenarios are creative ways of imagining a “different future” or an alternative way of doing something. They help the learners visualize the context for the task as they usually cover environmental, social, technical, political, and economic concerns.

Common to the three ways to structure a design challenge is the use of Design Thinking (DT). DT is a process to engage the learners in the importance of the challenge and to gain empathy for the lived experience / unintended consequences of the challenge. Design thinking can be done by all ages and stages of learners. You can download Design Thinking templates and facilitation guides (p.87). The Design Thinking process is an essential way to unpack a design challenge, and it provides an important process to help learners think deeply and engage in problem finding rather than immediate problem solving!

Structure of a Design Challenge

We often use scenarios to invite students into the design challenge. Scenarios help students to visualize the context in which the inquiry or problem is situated by creating a story or narrative for student engagement with the challenge.

We have learned there is a simple elegance to drafting a good design challenge. Building on Papert’s idea of hard fun, we think a design challenge needs to be open enough to invite multiple perspectives, insights and solutions while structured enough to provide support and initial direction. Design challenges bridge prior learning so existing curriculum, content, and contexts can be situated within challenge components.

Table 1-5 describes the parts of our design challenge format. Curriculum links can be introduced in the Overview and Design Rationale. How students are to engage with the challenge can be positioned with the Problem Scenario. Assessment can be explained in the Success Determinants section, while the Parameters section can be used to scope the learning activities within the possibilities of a specific classroom learning environment (i.e. access to tools, resources, materials, etc.).

At the back of this Toolkit you will find 3 Design Thinking templates (p.147-149) that can be copied and used with students in all grade levels. These templates help to guide and document the process for learners at all three levels.

Table 1-5: Design Challenge Components and Descriptions

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<td>Overview</td>
<td>Introduction to the challenge to provide an authentic learning context or situation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Design Rationale</td>
<td>Short explanation of why the challenge is in fact a challenge worth addressing and links students’ prior learning while also providing links to new information. Resources and sources to guide initial inquiry work can be positioned here.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Problem Scenario</td>
<td>Paragraph inviting participants into the challenge and explaining the role/reason for their group’s involvement in addressing the problem.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Success Determinants</td>
<td>Usually begins with “Success will be determined by the degree to which your design solution:” followed by criteria for assessment using suggested characteristics/attributes that constitute a good design solution for the challenge.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Parameters</td>
<td>Specific issues, constraints or limiting factors impacting the participants, which should be addressed (i.e. rules, limitations) for the group to negotiate.</td>
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A well-crafted design challenge fosters heads-in (content); hearts-among (empathy, curiosity and purpose); hands-on (skill sets) and creates rich, multidimensional/multimodal/multimedia opportunities for students to demonstrate what they know and how they came to know it in deep and personal ways.

Complex and Wicked Problems

Complex problems are challenges without an easy or obvious solution. The site Mathalicious shares rich and engaging examples of complex problems positioned with math (http://www.mathalicious.com). This site approaches math as a subject for inquiry and problem-based learning, reminding teachers that when they give students too much information (just-in-case learning), the task for students becomes merely finding the answer rather than to engage in a problem-solving process, “I don’t get this?” or “When will I use this?” may be code for, “I don’t get this and I feel dumb.” Traditional tasks often reveal so much information on the front-end that students interpret their responsibility as to calculate an easy or obvious solution. The site Mathalicious shares rich and engaging examples of complex problems positioned with math (http://www.mathalicious.com). This site approaches math as a subject for inquiry and problem-based learning, reminding teachers that when they give students too much information (just-in-case learning), the task for students becomes merely finding the answer rather than to engage in a problem-solving process. Inquiry and problem-based learning, supported by design thinking and making, encourage problem finding, locating relevant and just-in-time information, and tinkering with ideas, concepts, materials and information in order to prototype a possible solution. You might want to explore the inquiry based learning resources available from http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/kess/pdf/or_errno_reading_interact.pdf and http://www.teachingbooks.net/content/FocusOnInquiry.pdf.

Wicked problems are defined as social, cultural or environmental problems that appear impossible to solve because:

• there is incomplete or contradictory knowledge about the problem itself;
• the number of people and opinions involved and the potential large economic burden add additional layers of complexity; and
• the actual problem is interconnected with other problems (https://www.wickedproblems.com/what-is-wicked-problems.php).

Wicked problems include issues such as global warming, poverty, homelessness, equality, and health and wellness. Horst Rittel (1973) identifies ten characteristics of wicked problems:

1. Wicked problems have no definitive formulation. For example, poverty in North America is different from poverty global south.
2. It’s hard, maybe impossible, to measure or claim success with wicked problems because they bleed into one another, unlike the boundaries of traditional design problems that can be articulated or defined.
3. Solutions to wicked problems can be only good or bad, not true or false. There is no idealized end state to arrive at, and so approaches to wicked problems should be tractable ways to improve a situation rather than solve it.
4. There is no template to follow when tackling a wicked problem, although history may provide a guide. Teams that approach wicked problems must literally make things up as they go along.
5. There is always more than one explanation for a wicked problem, with the appropriateness of the explanation depending greatly on the individual perspective of the designer.
6. Every wicked problem is a symptom of another problem. The interconnected quality of socioeconomic political systems illustrates how, for example, a change in education will cause new behavior in nutrition.
7. No mitigation strategy for a wicked problem has a definitive scientific test because humans invented wicked problems and science exists to understand natural phenomena.
8. Offering a “solution” to a wicked problem frequently is a “one shot” design effort because a significant intervention changes the design space enough to minimize the ability for trial and error.
9. Every wicked problem is unique.

10. Designers attempting to address a wicked problem must be fully responsible for their actions. Written at grade/content appropriate levels, wicked problems make an important starting place for design challenges because, by definition, the problems are ill-structured, complex, situational, and authentic. Complex and wicked problems require extended periods of time and effort to address them well, so both types of problems support a sustained investigation or inquiry.

HOW YOU MIGHT...

...Introduce a School Wide Initiative
Consider ways in which you could create a complex or wicked problem that would be the focus for your school for an entire semester or school year. How might it fund raising, social justice initiatives, guest speakers, and community engagement activities for that time period?

...Develop an Inquiry-Based Unit of Study
Consider ways in which a complex or wicked problem could be the focus on inquiry within a classroom for a sustained period of time. Could a complex or wicked problem be the way to introduce a unit of study? Can you determine a curricular link to a big idea and develop a Design Challenge to help students uncover the deep, personal learning within the learning outcomes while gaining the required competencies?

...Explore Resources
Please explore http://www.teachingbooks.net/content/FocusOnInquiry.pdf.

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CRAFTING A DESIGN CHALLENGE

Crafting a design challenge is the same whether you start with a complex or wicked problem, a curricular objective, or a learning outcome. After years of using the structure in Table 1-5 (p. 19), we have found that each component included in the design challenge is essential and interrelated. You do not need to start writing the components in the order in which they will ultimately appear in the design challenge. Our experience tells us that as you write each component, the other components will need to be modified and edited to reflect your intent. The design challenges consist of the following components:

- Overview Statement provides the background for the challenge.
- Design Rationale provides the authentic background for the challenge.
- Problem Scenario invites students into the context for why the challenge is important. It connects the actual challenge to the students’ learning by situating it within class discussions or experiences.
- The introduction makes the challenge real by situating it within current events, history, your community, etc.
- Depending on the literacy levels of the students, web links can be provided that link the challenge to existing content/resources.
- You might want to consider linking to or creating an accompanying WebQuest (http://webquest.org/) to focus the students inquiries and web searches. For example, please look at the teacher design WebQuest on Genetically Modified Crops (http://webquestgmcrops.weebly.com/teachersnote.html).

Design Rationale

- In this section, new learning/content can be introduced.
- Again, a WebQuest, web links, or other resources can be added.
- If there are local experts you can invite into class or bring in via video/audio links, this is where you could list/name them. Local experts could be extremely valuable when you get into the design thinking process, as the students can interview them to gain further empathy and understanding of the challenge.

Tips on crafting each component follow.

- Overview Statement provides the background for the challenge.
- Typically, the overview is very short and subtly positions the challenge within what the students already know (previous curriculum or field trips or shared experiences).
- The introduction makes the challenge real by situating it within current events, history, your community, etc.
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Problem Scenario

Everyone loves a good story. Scenarios provide a narrative that helps students move from merely thinking about concepts in an abstract sense (theoretical knowledge) to feeling about the concepts and applying them in real or concrete applications. It helps students to shift from passively reading about/thinking about information to doing something with the information.

When passively learning, students typically respond to teacher questions by finding correct answers. When actively creating their own knowledge about complex things, students begin to form their own questions, and to recognize that learning is not merely about answers, it is about great questions.

Einstein said it best: “Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.”

Success Determinants

- Linking to Ted Ed (http://ed.ted.com/) and other sources of expertise on timely topics can enhance students’ understanding of the significance of the challenge in which they are engaging. For example, if your design challenge is focusing on Global Warming, you might incorporate Erin Eastwood’s Ted Ed on wildlife adaptation to climate change (http://ed.ted.com/lessons/can-wildlife-adapt-to-climatechange-erin-eastwood). The Ted Ed link provides content expertise and the “Discuss” link provides an interesting guided discussion question that could be shaped into a great inquiry question for the next component—Problem Scenario.

Parameters

- Parameters set the ground rules for working within the challenge. For example, this section might tell students what they have to use or do to create common experience—i.e. students to have to use something of everything in a group kit provided for them, whereas they have the option to use things in a shared pantry of consumable items.
- Students should be directed to a Safety Station where they can be shown the proper way to use the tools and materials available during the challenge.
ASSessment: ReImagining Ways to Value Process, Product, Creativity, and Learning

Success Determinants within the Design Challenge Format

When you use a design challenge you will need to determine the type(s) of assessment you want to accomplish and what factors you will accept as evidence of student learning. By adopting a constructionist pedagogy and using an inquiry or problem-based learning instructional approach, you will be creating a more open, student centred learning environment. Therefore, identifying the success determinants in the design challenge is essential for fairness and transparency in assessment. For example, it would seem unfair to introduce students to the design thinking process, ask them to collect information, conduct research, create design notes and sketches and then only assess them on information, conduct research, create design thinking process. Success determinants for a design challenge can be spelled out in general terms for the students. As the teacher, you will probably want to develop an assessment tool that allows you to make a fair and equitable assessment of student learning that might be demonstrated in a variety of ways. Fair and equal are challenging concepts, and open ended, project based learning pushes teachers to think creatively about how to be fair and accountable to student learning.

There are a variety of assessment tools you might use. We suggest the following:

- **Design Portfolio** – see the How You Might... tip on page 15. A design portfolio allows you to support your students’ growth through reflective, formative dialogue.
- **Rubrics** – used to assess performance along a continuum. We created a rubric using Rubistar (http://rubistar.4teachers.org/index.php).
- **Checklists** – used to record Yes/No observations of students’ abilities against specific criteria. Criteria need to be written clearly and linked to specific learning outcomes, skills and abilities.
- **Rating Scales** – observations of students’ abilities against specific criteria for assessment along a range—always, sometimes and never; or fair, good, excellent. Criteria need to be written clearly and linked to specific learning outcomes, skills, and abilities.
- **Anecdotal Notes** – teacher recorded observations that are typically informal, short, and describe a student’s developing understanding and participation throughout a design challenge or inquiry unit. They focus on behaviours as well as skills and abilities.
- **Observation Checklists** – allow teachers to make quick yes/no observations of what students can do, how they interact with others, and how they are progressing through the process of a design challenge.
- **Portfolios** – a purposeful compilation of design notes, sketches, digital documentation, and other evidence that students are asked to collect throughout the design challenge. Each element of the design challenge can generate items for inclusion on a portfolio.
- **Peer Assessment** – student peers can use checklists or rubrics to assess classmates’ work on a design challenge.
- **Self-Appraisal** – students can use a framework to consider their own learning and achievement within or across specific or open learning outcomes.

We have found that Gallery Tours are a lovely way for students to document their learning and articulate what they did and how they did it. Gallery tours honour process as well as product, and they provide a way of encouraging sharing, good questioning (see p. 28), and development of critical friendship that supports risk-taking and problem-finding. Typically, students create a documentation panel that illustrates their process and their response to the Success Determinants identified in the design challenge.

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- **Students’ participation in the group design thinking process**
- **Students’ understanding of key concepts positioned in the Overview and Design Rationale**
- **Students’ understanding of specific content areas or curricular big ideas or competencies**
- **Students’ understanding and abilities with developing skills and using appropriate technologies (tools)**
- **Students’ ability to ask good questions and reflect on the process as well as their shared products**
- **Students’ understanding of the challenge and the quality of the finished product**
- **Students’ creativity and imagination**
- **Other aspects identified in lesson outcomes or curricular modules**

For examples of rubrics to assess design thinking and development of empathy, please explore https://dschool.stanford.edu/groups/k12/wiki/8d33d/Design_Thinking_Assessment.html.

Teachers know that assessment practices are the tail that wags the pedagogical dog. If assessment stays the same (i.e. only summative or standardized examinations, etc.) then innovative ways of teaching and learning become lost in the battle over what counts as learning.

Wiggins and McTighe’s work on assessment within Understanding by Design offers support to teachers as they make substantial change to assessment.

Reflection Panel used in the Gallery tour – Fox Creek School, Alberta, April 4, 2019
HONOURING THE PARTS THAT MAKE THE PROCESS WHOLE

Introduction

As explained, we have conceptualized a four-phase approach to Taking Making into Classrooms: Ocean Toolkit. Each part is critical in fostering the intentional mindset that embodies making within existing curriculum and embeds it in pedagogical orientation. As stated previously, the design thinking process used in Taking Making Into Classrooms: Ocean Toolkit modifies the five step approach honed at Stanford’s d.School (Table 1-6).

By using a design challenge as a prompt and extending the amount of time for tinkering and thinking, students experience the four phase model shown in Table 1-7.

Table 1-6: Stanford’s d.School design thinking process

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1. Design – helps students gain empathy through questioning, interviewing and primary source research. It helps students to see the value of adopting a human-centred approach to problem finding.

2. Tinker – supports making, testing, refining, failing, modifying, and trying again as part of an iterative process.

3. Thinker – encourages the observation of the work of others and the use of that understanding to tinker further, and modify and adjust one’s initial ideas.

4. Reflect – provides time to consider what was done, what could be done, and to muse about the process/product/next steps. Reflection is the prompt for iteration and is essential to understanding that design thinking is a process (journey) not merely a product (destination).

The design challenge is the prompt or provocation for the Taking Making into Classrooms: Ocean Toolkit design process. Students consider the challenge by slowly engaging in a facilitated design process rather than rushing to tinker or explore materials and tools.

Table 1-7: Taking Making into the Classroom’s Cycle

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How To Facilitate Design Thinking

As you consider how you might facilitate all of the phases included in a design thinking, intentional learning experience, please consider drawing on our suggestions listed below. The timing suggested in the following guide supports a full day maker experience, but recognize you can stop the process at any point to support research, exploration, prototyping, etc. As you become more comfortable facilitating this process, you will want to modify our suggestions, remembering we modified the process suggested by Stanford’s d.School ([https://dschool.stanford.edu/groups/designresources/wiki/ed894/The_GiftGiving_Project.html](https://dschool.stanford.edu/groups/designresources/wiki/ed894/The_GiftGiving_Project.html)).

We believe modification is the most sincere form of flattery, and we are grateful to d.School for leading the way. The ability to modify and share resources is one of the many reasons both Stanford and we offer our suggestions, remembering we modified the process suggested by Stanford’s d.School ([https://dschool.stanford.edu/groups/designresources/wiki/ed894/The_GiftGiving_Project.html](https://dschool.stanford.edu/groups/designresources/wiki/ed894/The_GiftGiving_Project.html)). The many reasons both Stanford and we offer our suggestions, remembering we modified the process suggested by Stanford’s d.School ([https://dschool.stanford.edu/groups/designresources/wiki/ed894/The_GiftGiving_Project.html](https://dschool.stanford.edu/groups/designresources/wiki/ed894/The_GiftGiving_Project.html)).

Tinker

Tinker is the second phase of the Taking Making into Classrooms cycle. It is through tinkering that students begin to make their thinking visible ([Eisner, 1998]). Tinkering or prototyping is done once the initial design has been sketched and negotiated. Typically, we encourage students to work in groups of four through the design thinking process, but that is an educator’s decision—individual work or group work.

We recommend that students work within their groups to refine their sketches and add essential details and descriptions. As they do that, they begin to think aloud about the ideas and find different sources of the initial problem. Thinking aloud basically allows them to talk through the design process. When students engage in thinking aloud within a group, their classmates can engage with them as critical friends and offer timing supports, ideas, and modifications. Thinking aloud forms a link between tinkering and thinking in the design thinking cycle as it bridges initial ideas with more iterated, developed plans.


Thinker

Thinker is the third phase, and it helps groups to share their learning and to embrace the way that multiple points of view can result in divergent, ambidextrous thinking. Realizing that everyone started with the same design challenge and sample materials, tools, and resources, thinking during a gallery tour (or design charrette) brings a forced stop to the tinkering and invites each group to summarize its activities—process and products. It requires all participants to become critical friends and to learn to ask good, fair-minded, open questions. The development of critical friends is part of developing a safe, risk-taking environment in which innovation and creativity are encouraged. We value the use of the revised Bloom’s taxonomy questions as a way to introduce students to the types of questions that open conversations and encourage iteration ([https://www.cloud.edu/Assets/PDFs/assessment/revised-blooms-chart.pdf](https://www.cloud.edu/Assets/PDFs/assessment/revised-blooms-chart.pdf)). Tinkering and thinking are related to Papert’s concept of hard fun.

Learning to ask good questions is an essential outcome of design thinking. People working in the fields of coaching and leadership ([Whitworth, Kimsey-House & Sandahl, 1998; Payne & Hagge, 2009]) suggest that powerful questions support open discussion and sustained dialogue. We have modified their suggestions on the following page.

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1. We define tinkering as the actual hands-on making of things based on a design. Tinkering produces a tangible but not necessarily final prototype, model or metaphor of a solution to a design challenge.

2. We define thinking as the viewing of other design solutions. Viewing is similar to a Design Charette where peers observe and comment on the work of other peers.
Opening Questions
• What is your intention?
• What impact might this have?
• What are some other possibilities?
• What other ideas do you have about it?

Clarifying Questions
• What do you mean? Please tell me more.
• What concerns you most about this?
• What concerns do you still have?
• What more can you tell me?

Probing Questions
• Can you give me another example?
• What have you tried so far?
• How did that work?
• What might be missing?

Options
• What are other possible solutions?
• What would you like to see happen next?
• What else could you do?
• What other opportunities are there for this?

Action Questions
• What are your next steps?
• What are you willing to do to refine this?
• What strengths do you see with this?
• What would be helpful in assisting you?

Blocks
• What got in the way?
• What if this doesn’t work, initially?
• What’s your backup plan?
• Are you prepared to take this further?

Reflect
The reflect phase can be seen as the final phase of the design thinking process. It helps to make students’ thinking visible (Eisner, 1998) and consider what they have learned and when they need to learn. It can be used as part of formative assessment. It helps students to document their own learning, recognizing that they can often be so busy in the process they forget what they actually learned. Reflection also helps to capture closure to a design challenge and can be used to inform the next steps in personalized learning. However, the most important thing reflection can do is to provide thinking time: time to consider what was done and why, what were the contributions, what could be better next time, etc. Reflection is essential for iteration because it helps inform what could be done next. In terms of the design process, reflection helps students see what they designed and then make decisions as to how that design could be better.

Fostering Habits of Mind
We have found that by honouring all the phases of the design thinking cycle, students begin to gain competency in each of the six activities and learn to play hard. Through this purposeful play, students begin to develop habits of mind (Costa & Kallick, 2000) which include “16 problem solving, life related skills, necessary to effectively operate in society and promote strategic reasoning, insightfulness, perseverance, creativity and craftsmanship. The understanding and application of these 16 habits of mind serve to provide the individual with skills to work through real life situations that equip that person to respond using awareness (cues), thought, and intentional strategy in order to gain a positive outcome.”

Table 1.8: Habits of Mind

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<td>Persisting</td>
<td>Stick to it! Persevering at task through to completion, remaining focused</td>
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<td>Striving for Accuracy</td>
<td>Check it again! Always doing your best. Setting high standards.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Questioning and Posing Problems</td>
<td>Have a questioning attitude. Knowing what data are needed and developing</td>
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<td>Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision</td>
<td>Be clear! Striving for accurate communication in both written and oral form; avoid over-generalizations, distortions, deletions, and exaggerations.</td>
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<td>Managing Impulsivity</td>
<td>Take your time! Thinking before acting; remaining calm, thoughtful and deliberate.</td>
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<td>Listening with Understanding and Empathy</td>
<td>Understand others! Devoting mental energy to another person’s thoughts and ideas; make an effort to perceive another’s point of view and emotions.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations</td>
<td>Use what you learn! Accessing prior knowledge; transferring knowledge beyond the situation in which it was learned.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gathering Data through all the Senses</td>
<td>Use your natural pathways! Pay attention to the world around you. Gather data through all the senses; taste, touch, smell, hearing, and sight.</td>
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<td>Thinking about your Thinking: Metacognition</td>
<td>Know your knowing! Being aware of your own thoughts, strategies, feelings, and actions and their effect on others.</td>
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TABLE 1-8: Habits of Mind

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Habitudes to Start the Development of Creative Learning

Angela Maiers writes about developing “habitudes” in our classrooms. She suggests a habitude is the combination of habits and attitudes in a classroom context, and it requires teachers to move from a checklist of curricular things to cover to the creation of a learning environment that prompts deep and significant change in students. The following six habitudes identified by Maier are offered as a starting point for your own creative activities.

Habitude 1: Imagination

A cardboard box; a basket of unfolded laundry; an individual blade of grass. To a child, these everyday, unnoticed items become a fort; clothing for a king and queen; a harmonica that plays symphonic music. Imagination is not just for kids. Discovery, innovation, creativity, and learning all begin with imagination. Everyone says imagination is important, but it’s something we take away by forcing students to memorize and repeat rather than think and envision.

Habitude 2: Curiosity

Champion learners are curious about everything. They ask questions and get themselves involved in all stages of learning, without worrying about the answer, but relishing in the process. They have learned that by posing questions, they can generate interest and aliveness in the most exciting or mundane situation. This inquisitive attitude fuels their unrelenting quest for continuous learning.

Habitude 3: Perseverance

I think of times in my life that it took more than “I think can” to get me to my goal. Most recently, I completed running in my first half marathon. Without resolve, determination, firmness, and endurance, I know I could not and would not have physically or mentally gone the distance.

Habitude 4: Self Awareness

We all have strengths and weaknesses in regard to our learning performance and capabilities. Knowing yourself, knowing your strength, preferences, and areas of need is a critical characteristic of a successful learner. Yet, self-awareness is more than just recognition of what you can or cannot be, do, have. This innate ability to stay in tune serves multiple purposes. They can foresee problems and use their strengths to overcome difficulties encountered.

Habitude 5: Courage

Courageous learners understand that safe is risky. Success is the byproduct of risk-taking, closing our eyes, saying I will not let fear hold me back, and taking the plunge. I want them to understand that it takes courage to address the voices in your head that echo doubts, questions, or other paralyzing thoughts.

Habitude 6: Adaptability

Adaptability is more than just serving change; it is using change as a growth opportunity. In fact, with anticipation of change, you can control change. This kind of development requires robust adaptively. The world opens up for adaptable learners, as they approach each task, each challenge willing to be a beginner. They approach their learning and life with a beginner’s mindset. These learners embrace challenge with openness, flexibility. Those who don’t embrace change with adaptability usually get blind-sided by it.

Habitudes to Start the Development of Creative Learning

Traits of A Design Thinker

It is not surprising that Tim Brown, CEO of innovation and design firm IDEO (www.ideo.org), identified developing the following traits as essential for design thinkers.

- **Empathy** – Ability to image the world from multiple perspectives
- **Integrative thinking** – Exploit opposing ideas and opposing constraints to create new solutions
- **Optimism** – Assume no matter how challenging the constraints of a given problem, at least one potential solution is better than the existing alternatives
- **Experimentalism** – Pose questions & explore constraints in creative ways that proceed in entirely new directions
- **Collaboration** – Complex problems require an enthusiastic interdisciplinary collaborator

Design thinking is a human centred design process that seeks to gain empathy for a situation by developing understanding of the concerns, insights, lived experiences, and/or needs of others. The initial step in design thinking is gaining empathy through interviews.

At the heart of good interviews are great questions — questions that are open, engaging and politely probing. It is through open questions that the person who is being interviewed can share what they are comfortable sharing and often be engaged in a conversation that is rich and illuminating to both the interviewer and the interviewee.
INTENT AND CHOOSING A MAKER EXPERIENCE
FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

Introduction

Taking Making into Classrooms is both a pedagogical choice and a domain to be studied. Many teachers will tell you that the curriculum is already too overcrowded to add anything more. We suggest that a maker approach allows teachers and their students to uncover the richness embedded in the curriculum and work together to make meaning. Rather than attempting to cover content in a linear, scope and sequence approach, which is often termed “just-in-case learning,” our experience tells us uncovering what is needed to know in time to address a learning challenge supports personalized learning and is more authentic and real!

This is typically termed “just-in-time learning.” It provides learning as it is needed or required rather than teaching concepts or ideas “just in case” students might need them at some point in the future (e.g. on an exam, etc.).

The introduction of makerspaces into some schools has already added pressure for many teachers. School districts have raced to create makerspaces, retrofit libraries into learning commons, and add events like Maker Fairs to the already busy school year. By taking making into classrooms in an intentional way, we suggest that rather than adding another thing to the curriculum, making could become the way to uncover your curriculum in a proactive, engaged, and personal way.

Making is an intentional way for students to create meaning using actual tools, materials and resources, informed by design thinking.

Four Learning Intentions

All classrooms in any school can support making, but teachers must consider the intent of the learning and the purpose of the making. Making doesn’t necessarily need to include coding and programming. Indeed, most of the design thinking challenges in this toolkit aren’t oriented around these technology skills.

However, many of them can be augmented with purposeful technologies that integrate coding, programming, robotics, and ICT to student designs to add functionality.

We suggest four learning intentions you might consider prior to taking making into classrooms. You will probably want to modify our intentions and add nuances that are supportive of your context (e.g. physical resources, student readiness, your readiness, etc.). The Learning Intentions table on page 33 suggests purpose, tools and materials needed, along with ease of use and cost implications.

Regardless of intention, Taking Making into Classrooms: Ocean Toolkit requires teachers to value their students’ process over their final products. This is not to suggest that making cannot be assessed, as there will be plenty of evidence of student learning throughout the process of making: design thinking sheets, design sketches, negotiated group collaborative design sketches, models and prototypes, and reflections.

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<td>Introduction of design thinking and the making of simple, tangible items to illustrate design ideas in 3D</td>
<td>Hand tools, including glue guns, rulers, knives, scissors, etc.</td>
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<td>Introduction and continued use of design thinking and more elaborate prototyping of ideas to scale</td>
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<td>Cardboard, recycling, simple dollar store items with additional of Styrofoam, plastic pipe and fittings and other materials that can easily cut and fastened</td>
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<td>Design and Fabrication</td>
<td>Use of design thinking and introduction of fabrication to create working prototypes at scale</td>
<td>Hand and power tools with option for 3D printers, CNC machines, etc.</td>
<td>Use of authentic materials</td>
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<tr>
<td>Design, Prototyping, Circuitry and Coding</td>
<td>Use of design thinking with the addition of coding and circuitry to add functionality to prototypes</td>
<td>Hand and power tools, soldering irons, circuit breadboards, etc.</td>
<td>Use of authentic materials, including Arduino, circuits, etc. Please see Microcomputing and Coding in Design Thinking for suggestions (<a href="https://issuu.com/ubcedo/docs/diy_guidebook">https://issuu.com/ubcedo/docs/diy_guidebook</a>)</td>
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The challenge for teachers is to figure out ways to value:

- learning and experience of each element of the design thinking and making process;
- time needed to gain the skills to use the technologies available;
- time spent and evidence gained through the design thinking process;
- effort needed to participate well in a group; and
- actual work, frustration, joy, and struggle of design thinking and making.

Regardless of the learning intention, Taking Making into Classrooms: Ocean Toolkit allows students with any level of experience or skill to engage in design and making. Because of the openness of the design challenge structure, students can move away from projects that have been created using a step-by-step recipe approach (just-in-case learning) and explore things that are timely and of interest (just-in-time learning).

With an appropriately equipped makerspace or mobile maker kit, teachers can keep the learning affordable and flexible so there is little need for expensive kits or prescribed lessons.

Deepen Your Understanding The Maker Movement—A Global Perspective

We all have a need to make. It stems from our curiosity with the world and our basic desire to make things and then make those things better. Our earliest ancestors led the way in making when they crafted the first hand tools in East Africa and experimented with fire. They continued to make things and make those things better as they adapted to new locations and migrated around the world.

There is a growing interest in learning how to make things rather than buying them—it is called the Do-It-Yourself (DIY) movement. People are growing tired of cheaply made, disposable goods that cannot be repaired or modified. Increasingly, people are turning to traditional ways of doing things. Many are turning away from prepackaged food items with little nutritional value or poorly made items that are expensive, complicated, and have proprietary parts that are not interchangeable and cannot be reused.

Globally, we are reclaiming our need to make and we are formalizing it into a movement. We are creating shareable workshops (makerspaces), providing hours of online instructional videos (e.g. YouTube and Instructables), and offering workshops.

Introduction

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INTEGRATING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY INTO THE MAKER MOVEMENT

Taking Making into Classrooms is a K–12 approach to multidisciplinary learning. Making supports a constructionist approach to inquiry and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) learning by including the arts in design.

Teachers need to consider Making along a continuum of intentions—from simple design and making through to fabrication and the addition of coding and circuitry. A recent report from the OECD stated (Future of Education and Skills 2030 - http://www.oecd.org/education/2030-project/teaching-and-learning/learning/core-foundations/Core_Foundations_for_2030_concept_note.pdf) that “What it means to be literate and numerate in 2030 and beyond will continue to evolve. Given the expansion of digitalisation and big data into all areas of life already, all children need to be digital and data literate.”

We are led to believe that the students in our classes are digital natives (Prensky, 2001), individuals born with an innate ability to do all things digital. However, evidence suggests the majority of youth are simply avid consumers of social media and digital technologies rather than producers of code, media or digital content made with anything more sophisticated than simple phone applications.

By adding interesting and appropriate bits and bytes of technology to our making, we can address all manner of concerns, from joyful entertainment to promoting healthy life styles and the public good. Truly, these intentional and exploratory additions help us maximize the potential and promise of the Internet of Things.

A fascinating example of adding functionality to fun objects is the work of Josue Maldonaldo, who makes with anything more sophisticated than simple tools, materials, and options, including open source or access software (i.e. Scratch, Python, Linux, etc.) and simple circuits (i.e. Arduino, etc.). The key to successful learning is helping students to understand they can be both consumers and inventors of fascinating, valuable and significant items that address human concerns. Central to this learning is an exploration of perspective and how we perceive the similarities and differences between 2D and 3D objects. For a fascinating example of re-thinking design, please explore Jongha Choi’s work http://www.wired.com/2016/05/flat-furniture-folds-place-like-pop-book/.

ISTE Standards for Students (Revised June 2016)

Recently, the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) revised their skill and knowledge standards for students (June 2016). The standards (http://www.iste.org/standards/standards/standards-for-students) include seven skill and knowledge areas. The ISTE competencies can easily be achieved through offline approaches such as CS Unplugged—an open source resource to support computational thinking (http://csunplugged.org/) and access to ideas from code.org.

For more on the skills that students need to master to achieve the ISTE standards and examples of activity progressions to practice those skills, please consider purchasing the ISTE Standards for Students Curriculum Planning Tool (https://www.iste.org/standards/tools-resources/essential-conditions/curriculum-framework/).

The table on page 37 suggests ways in which a Taking Making into the Classroom approach addresses the new ISTE standards. Table 10-1: Definitions of 2016 ISTE Standards for Students (https://www.iste.org/standards/for-students)

Definitions of 2016 ASTE Standards for Students

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<td>Empowered Learner</td>
<td>Students leverage technology to take an active role in choosing, achieving, and demonstrating competency in their learning goals, which are informed by the learning sciences.</td>
<td>Design</td>
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<td>Digital Citizen</td>
<td>Students recognize the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities of living, learning, and working in an interconnected digital world, and they act and model in ways that are safe, legal, and ethical.</td>
<td>Design, emphasis on fostering empathy</td>
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<td>Knowledge Constructor</td>
<td>Students critically curate a variety of resources using digital tools to construct knowledge, produce artifacts, and make meaningful learning experiences for themselves and others.</td>
<td>Tinker, Thinker</td>
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<td>Innovative Designer</td>
<td>Students use a variety of technologies within a design process to solve problems by creating new, useful, or imaginative solutions.</td>
<td>Design, Tinker, Thinker, Reflect</td>
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<td>Computational Thinker</td>
<td>Students develop and employ strategies for understanding and solving problems in ways that leverage the power of technological methods to develop and test solutions.</td>
<td>Tinker, Thinker</td>
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<td>Creative Communicator</td>
<td>Students communicate clearly and express themselves creatively for a variety of purposes using the platforms, tools, styles, formats, and digital media appropriate to their goals.</td>
<td>Thinker (emphasis on preparing for and hosting a Gallery Tour), Reflect</td>
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<td>Global Collaborator</td>
<td>Students use digital tools to broaden their perspectives and enrich their learning by collaborating with others and working effectively in teams both locally and globally.</td>
<td>Design, Reflect</td>
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Increasingly, there are both kits and proprietary, closed software/hardware options available on the market to support students in gaining STEM related competencies. These include littleBits (http://littlebits.cc/), Lego Mindstorms (http://www.lego.com/en-us/mindstorms/elmindset/elmindstorms.lego.com), and SPHERO 2.0 (http://www.sphero.com/sphero). We are quite intrigued with the use of open source/open access options where possible. Not only do they let students see what is “inside the box,” they tend to be less expensive, interchangeable with other components, and more interesting in the long term. Open options include software like Scratch, Linux, Raspbian, Java, Mindcraft, etc. We also encourage the use of hardware options including Raspberry Pi. Consider exploring Kano (http://us.kano.me/), Piper (http://playpiper.com/shop/) and pi-top (https://www.pitop.com/), which are complete solutions for the initial Raspberry Pi board. Sensors and external elements can be added to the Raspberry Pi option by using Arduino components (https://www.arduino.cc/). Another toolkit, The Coding and Microcontrollers in Design Thinking (https://issuu.com/ubcedo/docs/diy_guidebook) provides a good starting place for open circuitry and coding options. For more, please explore Arduino (https://www.arduino.cc/), Raspberry Pi (https://www.raspberrypi.org/) and Code (https://code.org).

Other Design Challenge Examples

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SAFETY ISSUES

Introduction

Taking Making into Classrooms is different from opening a school shop and periodically using the equipment without paying any mind to the potential hazards. Rather, teachers who incorporate making and design thinking into their classrooms must be aware of everything from safety equipment (i.e. eye and ear protection) to tool training changes and the most appropriate materials that are available for student use.

Linking Safety, Intent to Tools and Spaces

We take a just-in-time approach to safety issues, in order to introduce the need to be safe and maintain safe workspaces in a timely and situational manner. We know that students and teachers need to work safely, and safety issues are not something that should be taught to students in order to instill a fear of working with tools. Instead, safety should be taught to students to promote a sense of empowerment and confidence in their skills.

When we can use powerful tools safely, we are empowered to do more and to try more. Empowerment is a strength-based approach to learning. Empowering both teaches and students allows them to overcome the mindset that tells them they won’t succeed due to factors like age, gender, or a lack of experience.

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<td>Design and Basic Making</td>
<td>Hand tools, including glue guns, rulers, knives, scissors, etc.</td>
<td>Emphasis is on accurate measuring, safe cutting, and careful assembly. • Use of ruler both for measuring and as a straight edge to cut against  * Safe ways to walk holding sharp objects  * Safe ways to use hot elements like glue guns and hot glue  * Ways to help your group members—where to stand, how to hold things, use of tools with and among other people</td>
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<td>Design and Simple Prototyping</td>
<td>Hand tools and simple power tools such as Dremel tools, electric drills, etc.</td>
<td>Focus is on accurate measuring, safe cutting, and careful assembly; emphasis is on the selection of the appropriate tool for the task. • See above  * Use of v-blocks and clamps to hold materials prior to drilling, cutting or shaping  * Use of eye and ear protection for user and those immediately around them  * Use of gloves where appropriate  * Use of drill bits and Dremel attachments  * Use of extension cords, cables, power bars, etc.</td>
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<td>Design and Fabrication</td>
<td>Hand and power tools with option for 3D printers, CNC machines, etc.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Design, Prototyping, Circuitry and Coding</td>
<td>Hand and power tools, soldering irons, circuits, breadboards, etc.</td>
<td>Focus is on accurate measuring, safe cutting, and careful assembly, and the selection of the appropriate tool for the task; emphasis is on the addition of functionality to the design through the inclusion of circuits and coding. • See above  * Address issues of ventilation and air quality, especially when soldering</td>
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**...Create a Safety Station**

Consider ways in which you might create a safety station where students can be shown the proper way to use the available tools and materials available.

Is there expertise you can draw on—colleagues who have Red Seal certification, knowledgeable colleagues who are makers, parents, or community members who can help you to hone your skills? Do you know someone who could help with the set up and introduction of your Safety Station, etc.?

**...Explore Safety Resources**

Explore the safety resources that are available and ensure you have the necessary safety equipment and expertise.

LIST OF N.S. RESOURCES / SKILLS CANADA

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**SUGGESTED RESOURCES: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ESSENTIAL READINGS AND REFERENCES THAT INFORMED THIS TOOLKIT**

**Things to Explore**

- **Maker Ed**
  - [http://makered.org/about-us/who-we-are/](http://makered.org/about-us/who-we-are/)

- **Edutopia**
  - [http://www.edutopia.org/blog/maker-tools-and-their-uses-vicki-davis?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=072314%20enews%20maker%20ngm%2088&utm_content=&&utm_term=feature3hed&spMailingID=9072925&spUserID=MjcyODg5NjI0MjMS1&spJobID=341826899&spReportId=MzQxODI2OD4250](http://www.edutopia.org/blog/maker-tools-and-their-uses-vicki-davis?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=072314%20enews%20maker%20ngm%2088&utm_content=&&utm_term=feature3hed&spMailingID=9072925&spUserID=MjcyODg5NjI0MjMS1&spJobID=341826899&spReportId=MzQxODI2OD4250)

- **Instructables**

- **Make:**
  - [http://makezine.com](http://makezine.com)

- **Quirky**
  - [https://www.quirky.com/how-it-works](https://www.quirky.com/how-it-works)

- **The Tinkering Studio**
  - [http://tinkering.exploratorium.edu/](http://tinkering.exploratorium.edu/)

- **Stanford’s d.School**

- **Maker Day Toolkit, Version 2**
  - [https://issuu.com/ubcedo/docs makerdaytoolkitver2revisemay31e](https://issuu.com/ubcedo/docs makerdaytoolkitver2revisemay31e)

**Educational Makerspaces and Resources**

- [http://www.makerspaceforeducation.com/](http://www.makerspaceforeducation.com/)
  - This is an amazing resource developed by Trisha Roffey, an Edmonton educator with a passion for making and making a difference in education.

- **Mindset Kit**
  - [https://www.mindsetkit.org/?utm_source=Mindset+Kit+Updates&utm_campaign=8efa5e8708-7_11_16_MSK_List_First_Step_Language&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fb3a4df15f-8efa5e8708-85733961](https://www.mindsetkit.org/?utm_source=Mindset+Kit+Updates&utm_campaign=8efa5e8708-7_11_16_MSK_List_First_Step_Language&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fb3a4df15f-8efa5e8708-85733961)
  - Comprehensive collection of lessons, ideas, prompts and research supporting the importance of fostering a growth mindset.

- **Inclusive Makerspaces—Consideration of UDL and Accessibility**
Innovations in Education
https://flipboard.com/@davehetheri51jh/innovativeeducation-8g0te485y

Libraries as Makerspaces
http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2016/03/everyone-is-a-maker/473286/

Makerspaces are everywhere
http://www.spencerauthor.com/2016/04/you-dontneed-makerspace-to-have-space.html/

Resources to Support Design/Ideation

The Smithsonian Learning Lab
https://learninglab.si.edu/
The Smithsonian Learning Lab provides access to ideas, materials, resources, learning resources drawn from their vast collection.

Innovations in Education
https://flipboard.com/@davehetheri51jh/innovativeeducation-8g0te485y

Things to Read

Design Kit
http://www.designkit.org/
Design Kit breaks down the methodology and the mindset of human-centered design.

IDEO Design Thinking for Educators
http://www.designthinkingforeducators.com/
From the website: This toolkit contains the process and methods of design along with the Designer’s Workbook, adapted specifically for the context of K–12 education.

Rubber Band Engineer
https://www.amazon.com/Rubber-Band-Engineer-Slingshot-Unconventional/dp/1631591045
A book by Lance Akiyama. Brilliant resource with clear directions and examples for building hand-held shooters, mini seige engines, hydraulic and pneumatic power devices, rockets and helicopters, and propellerpowered cars. An example of his designs can be found at http://makezine.com/projects/construct-funpowerful-rubber-band-crossbow/. The challenge for school settings is the first 36 pages includes guns, rifles, and other hand-held devices that could be problematic in school settings. The introduction to hydraulic and pneumatic power is excellent!

GROUP KITS AND SHARED PANTRY CONTENTS

We have worked hard to ensure that the materials and resources used on our work are affordable, accessible and appropriate. We never want students and their teachers excluded from making due to access or cost issues. Making can take place amid a variety of learning intentions, noting that each intention prompts the need for different tools and safety conditions.

Common to the intentions is the use of a participant group kit, shared pantry, and shared tool station. We recommend these three components to support the design and tinkering process and to ensure classrooms can support the ideas provoked from the design challenges.

The participant group kit is used as a disrupter. Design thinking is fundamentally about divergent, lateral thinking that disrupts designers from rushing to solutions and to engage in human centred thinking that enables problem finding. Once students have completed their initial design thinking work and before they begin prototyping, we suggest providing them with a participant group kit. We are passionate that adding this final disrupter into the design process is important.

Once again, groups are required to consider their design, ideating and iterating ways in which to use the new resources for best advantage and functionality.

We offer the following suggestions for participant group kits by learning intention. Please note, these are only suggestions and should be modified according to availability of materials, budget considerations, recycling/reuse options, culture, location, etc.

We suggest one participant group kit for each group of 4 students. Quantities of each consumable item are less important as students do not have to use all the items and additional items are available from the shared pantry.
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Scarcity can breed incredible creativity, so you may want to try using a very limited pantry that includes only ‘beautiful junk’ (i.e. recyclables), scissors and duct tape or other fastening materials. You may be surprised by the creativity that arises when the options are limited. And…this allows you to continue Making even with a tight budget.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR PANTRY:**
- Bag of recycled plastics & Styrofoam
- Cardboard
- Screws - long & short, Bolts
- Washers
- Metal Fasteners – like a thumb tack
- String, Fishing Line
- Strong Elastic Bands
- Buttons, Velcro
- Fabric
- Plastic Pipes and fittings
- Sticks & twigs
- Dowels
- Duct Tape
- Wire, Springs, Pipe Cleaners
- Light bulbs
- Binder Clips
- Corks
- Foam
- Batteries
- Balsa Wood
- Zip Ties
- Bamboo & Popsicle Sticks
- Marbles
- Magnets
- Super glue
- Glue gun refills
- Sharpies

**TOOL SUGGESTIONS:**
- Extension Cords
- Power Bars
- Exacto Knives
- Scissors
- Hammers
- Glue Guns
- Electric Drills
- Basic Circuits
- Arduino Boards
- Dremel Tool
- Pliers
- Hack Saw
- Tape Measures

**GROUP KITS AND SHARED PANTRY CONTENTS cont.**

**Tool use and availability:**

The types of tools made available to students for these activities will depend on the activity, the grade level and the comfort level of the teacher or instructor. The Maker Movement does encourage the careful use of tools as we are hopeful young people will become more comfortable with tool use and with building practical design and tinkering skills. Teachers may seek support from a parent volunteer, or a community member with a background in skilled trades to help supervise a tool station. You may also consider reaching out to your region’s representative from Skills Canada for in-class support. Sometimes the ‘tools’ that are needed for our activities are simply scissors, boxcutters and glue guns, shovels or rakes, and other times they might extend to drills, saws, screwdrivers, wrenches, Dremel tools, or hammers. Please review the safety section in this toolkit on page 36.

**Please note:**

It is not essential to have all these materials in order to become Makers. Build your pantry and tools according to the resources you have available, the design challenges you create for your students and what can be used safely for everyone.
DESIGN CHALLENGE 1: WHERE DID MY BEACH GO?

OVERVIEW

The process of erosion occurs around us all of the time. It is a natural phenomenon that impacts humans in both positive and negative ways. Coastal erosion is generally perceived as negative as it impacts coast lines, coastal services and coastal habitation.

DESIGN RATIONALE

This design addresses issues in the topics below:

- Issues of coastal erosion
- Outline aspects of erosion that have positive impacts (i.e. river formation) and negative impacts (property & habitat destruction)
- Social/ecological impacts
- Frame story by establishing what erosion is through pictures.

PROBLEM SCENARIO

Lawrencetown beach* is located within a well populated area of eastern Nova Scotia. (*the location can be changed to represent a local area that experiences erosion). Lawrencetown beach is known for its large waves and as a result is a renowned surfing area. The area also supports a broad and active community, with housing, biking trails and opportunities to be close to nature.

Over the past few years, as a result of increased wave action due to stronger and more prevalent storms and rising sea level, the beach and surrounding area is being eroded at accelerated rates. Your team has been hired, based on your expertise in mediating coastal erosion, to design a solution to the Lawrencetown beach crisis. Your team has the task of designing a structure that will reduce the impacts of erosion. It is important that you pay attention to the details of the ecosystem and the various stakeholders involved. Be careful your solution doesn’t cause additional problems!

Each team will be assigned a specific role within the community that will shape their design and solution to the erosion crisis. Stakeholder groups can include:

- Homeowners
- Surfers
- Insurance companies
- Environmentalists
- Government
- Tax payers (who do not live in the area)
- Indigenous peoples

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS

- You will create a plan, providing a sketch and rationale for your design.
- You will research the future impacts of implementing their structures into the area.
- You will reflect on what you’ve done that worked, what didn’t and where improvements can be made.

PARAMETERS

- You must stay within the given budget to purchase materials
- You can use items and materials from the pantry and also bring in recycled materials from home (i.e. beautiful junk!)
- You can use any of the tools that have been provided, or use tools from home (with permission and supervision)
- Your prototype could be a scale version rather than actual size (size constraint for model should be communicated)

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

Originally conceived with grades 11 and 12 in mind.

1. Beautiful junk is any recycled material that can be reused and re-purposed for your new designs. Students are encouraged to reuse old materials rather than buying new materials.

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DESIGN CHALLENGE 2: INHABITING ATLANTIS / FINDING A HOME

OVERVIEW

The IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming (http://www.ipcc.ch/) has reported that rising global temperatures could create the types of environmental challenges that could make some places unlivable within the next 20 years. We might need to consider other environments, and while life on Mars may be an option in 50-100 years, in the next 20 years we might need to consider moving into an ocean habitat where we are less exposed to air and soil pollutions. What would have to be considered to make it possible for humans to relocate from terrestrial habitats to a water environment?

DESIGN RATIONALE

Students will reflect on the most basic human needs and prioritize the elements of their living environment as they design a livable underwater habitat for humans. Students may want to consider Maslow’s Hierarchy of needs as they consider and prioritize features of their design. Students will also need to consider their own knowledge and experiences about ecosystems and cycling of matter, as well as concepts relating to sustainable ecosystems; conditions for life, cycle of matter, resource use and development, weather and weather changes. Learning will need to consider what is needed most in order to live and thrive in their “new ocean home”.

PROBLEM SCENARIO

The impacts of climate changes have decimated terrestrial environments, leaving continents uninhabitable. The only resort is for humankind to return to their primordial birth place, our Ocean. Using your knowledge about ocean ecosystems, coupled with what human beings need to survive, it is your job to design and construct a prototype of a livable habitat that can hypothetically be placed underwater and withstand all the elements of the ocean (depth, pressure, temperature, etc.).

Please address these types of challenges (and others that you come up with) within your design.

What do we need first:
- Shelter? Water? Air? Food?
- Considerations about chemical processes, cycling of matter in closed ecosystems;
- Life Science: Ecosystem
- Physical Sciences: Chemical reactions

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS / PARAMETERS

- You address the design challenge
- You address an identifiable need for the end-user
- You demonstrate awareness of critical needs for human life
- You demonstrate awareness of the unique considerations of a marine environment

LITERARY RESOURCES

2. Book Series: The City of Ember
3. Book Series: Gregor The Overlander
4. Author Patrick Roy – Submarine Outlaw
5. The Hatchet By: Gary Pulson

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

Originally conceived with grades 9-10 in mind.
DESIGN CHALLENGE 3: WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE, BUT NOT A DROP TO DRINK!

OVERVIEW
71% of our Earth is water-covered and the oceans hold about 96.5% of all Earth’s water. There are freshwater shortages globally and this is an important issue for food security. The desalination industry has continued to grow and find new ways to separate salts from seawater. Your design challenge is to create and design a tool to remove salt from seawater.

DESIGN RATIONALE
We want our students to expand on their understanding of how plants grow. They will develop their empathy and awareness of the continental water shortage. We want to increase their understanding of oceans as a resource to sustain our environment. They will also develop their understanding of the interconnectedness of ocean plants and animals and their life-cycle.

PROBLEM SCENARIO
Our students are stranded on McNab’s Island with oceans of water around them. They have a small supply of food and seeds to grow new plants. They need to figure out a way to grow more food with the endless amounts of salt water they have at their disposal.

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS
- Learners will be able to collaborate to create and innovate
- Use design thinking to generate innovations
- Gather information through all senses to imagine, create, innovate
- Take responsible risk, accept critical feedback, reflect and learn from trial and error
- Engage in constructive and critical dialogue
- Designs will demonstrate an awareness of the water cycle
- Use equipment properly to collect data about air and water
- Make observations and record data about the life cycle and growth of animals
- Describe features of natural and human-made environments that support the growth of some familiar animals
- Record information from investigations of solutions made from simple substances, such as salt and water
- Design a fair test on the motion of constructed objects
- Describe how various conditions impact plant growth through a fair test.

PARAMETERS
- You will have a common kit of materials to be shared in groups
- You can use items from the pantry
- You can use any of the tools that have been provided.
- Your prototype could be a scale version rather than actual size
- You can bring items in from home for your group or for the shared pantry
- The size of the apparatus must fit on the top of a student desk and be no higher than 3 feet above the desk.
- You may work in groups of 2-4

LITERARY RESOURCES
3. https://www.ted.com/talks/damian_palinc_mining_minerals_from_seawater
4. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWb4KIM2vts (Water Cycle Song)
5. Food Secure Canada: https://foodsecurecanada.org/
7. Cape Town, continent of Africa running out of water and how they are remedying the situation

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE
Originally conceived with grades 4-5 in mind.
DESIGN CHALLENGE 4:
PROTECTING SEA TURTLE EGGS

OVERVIEW

Leatherback sea turtles migrate to the Atlantic waters after they have laid their eggs. They are an endangered species due to pollution, entanglement, human interaction and natural predators to name a few.

“They are the largest sea turtle species and also one of the most migratory, crossing both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Pacific leatherbacks migrate from nesting beaches in the Coral Triangle all the way to the California coast to feed on the abundant jellyfish every summer and fall.”
- World Wildlife Federation

DESIGN RATIONALE

Students will have an opportunity to consider the sea life that lives within their own ocean waters. Their research will look into why leatherback sea turtles are coming to our waters. What do Atlantic waters provide for the leatherback sea turtles that other waters they travel through do not? For this task, students will consider why it is important to understand why the leatherback sea turtle eggs are at risk. They will also consider how their design enhances the environment it is to be used in, rather than further damaging it (i.e. build a contraption that is biodegradable as it will be close to the ocean, and that won’t trap/injure other coastal critters). This contraption must especially be a safe habitat for the eggs and for the tiny turtles who eventually emerge from it.

PROBLEM SCENARIO

You are at the beach and see a leatherback sea turtle laying her eggs. You look around and wonder how these eggs are going to survive. With your team, consider what potential dangers exist on the beach, and build the ultimate contraption to protect Leatherback sea turtles’ eggs.

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS

- Designs will demonstrate that students have explored a variety of local natural habitats and have considered the interrelatedness among animals, plants and the environment in local habitats
- Design illustration communicates functionality
- Uses the provided materials, resources, and tools
- Materials need to be biodegradable
- The materials used cannot cause physical harm to any other living things (on land and in water)
- Shows evidence of your groups understanding of leatherback sea turtle eggs and what they require to survive
- Show awareness of the various hazards and dangers (i.e. human, animal, weather) that need to be considered
- Your contraption is well constructed from an engineering perspective as well as from an environmental perspective

PARAMETERS

- You can use items from the pantry
- You can use any of the tools that have been provided.
- You can bring items in from home for your group or for the shared pantry
- Your prototype could be a scale version rather than actual size (the size of your contraption cannot impede anything in the surrounding environment)
- You must use your research and any prior knowledge of turtle nests when designing your contraption

RESOURCES

1. Canadian Registry of Species - https://wwwregistrel-sararegistry.gc.ca/species/speciesDetails_e.cfm?sid=1191
3. Canadian Sea Turtle Network: https://seaturtle.ca

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

Originally conceived with grades 3-4 in mind.
**OVERVIEW**

Many of us are so accustomed to our day-to-day lives that we don’t realize how easily our survival needs are met. What do we really need to survive? What are our basic needs? How have we adapted to our environments by creating products that make it easier, safer or more comfortable to survive? If those comforts suddenly disappeared, what would we need to do on our own to ensure our survival, and how would we prioritize those needs? For this activity, you and your team have been lost in a storm and are shipwrecked on an island off the coast of Nova Scotia. You need to figure out how to survive on the island until you are rescued or can find a way off. What would you find on the beach that you could re-purpose?

**RECOMMENDED EXPERIENCE**

Field trip to McNab’s Island (Friends of McNab’s Island) or another coastal island - explore coastal habitats (beach and intertidal pool, animals on and in the water around the island). Find and research an island off the coast of NS (or your province).

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**DESIGN RATIONALE #1**

In order to live on the island, you need to protect yourself from the elements. You are trying to survive on the island. Weather can be harsh including wind, heat, rain and cold.

**PROBLEM SCENARIO #1**

How will you build your shelter to protect you from the environment on your island?

**SUCCESS DETERMINANTS**

- Explanation of how your shelter will protect you from the elements and how it will withstand those elements

**PARAMETERS**

- Your model must be made of materials you can find on your island including items that might wash up on the beach (Friends of Sable Island)

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**DESIGN RATIONALE #2**

While you were building your shelter you realized you became very thirsty. You need to find clean water. How will you keep hydrated. You can’t live long without water.

**PROBLEM SCENARIO #2**

You are on an island in the ocean that does not have freshwater (i.e. no lakes or rivers). You will need to build a tool for collecting and storing drinkable water.

**SUCCESS DETERMINANTS**

- Explain your water collection system to make sure you have enough clean water to drink.

**PARAMETERS**

- Your model must be made of materials you can find on your island including items that might wash up on the beach

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**DESIGN RATIONALE #3**

You know that winter is coming soon. You need to leave the island to make it home to the mainland. No boats or planes have noticed your signals.

**PROBLEM SCENARIO #3**

You will need to consider how to design a vessel that will get you to the mainland a few kilometers away. You have weather, tides, currents, and cold temperatures to contend with. How will you get home safely?

**SUCCESS DETERMINANTS**

- Prototype of flotation device needs to float in water. It has to withstand tides and currents and wind. (fan, paddle??) Your device CANNOT sink.

**PARAMETERS**

- Your model must be made of materials you can find on your island including items that might wash up on the beach

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**RESOURCES**

1. Friends of McNab’s Island - field trip/tour
2. Friends of Sable Island - Zoey Lucas / shipwrecks, weather stations
3. Videos from Ocean School? (100 wild islands, Friends of Sable Island)
4. Atlas, Google Maps

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**SUGGESTIONS FOR USE**

Originally conceived with grades 3-4 in mind. Curriculum links to: habitats, food chains, social studies (exploration, relationships between humans and the physical environment).

**ADDITIONAL SUBJECT INTEGRATION**

Writing stories of their survival on the island or their experience in the storm on the way. Sharing their ideas, Presenting their ideas and design concepts. Listening to stories of early Mi’kmaq survival stories and building shelters, canoes etc.
DESIGN CHALLENGE 6:
DESIGNING OCEAN-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS

OVERVIEW

Many of the products that we use end up as garbage dumped into the ocean. These products are harmful to the ocean creatures and to the environment generally, and many of these products will take thousands or millions of years to breakdown — meaning they are a very long-term problem.

RATIONALE

Students use their understanding of the environment (recyclable, reusable, biodegradable materials) and how to build structures (materials & structures science unit) to design and build an environmental and ocean friendly product.

PROBLEM SCENARIO

Students will research common types of marine garbage (i.e. fishing nets, water bottles, flip flops, etc.) and will choose one to focus on.

In their groups they will redesign that product with easier recycling, reusing, reduced materials, or biodegradable materials in mind.

PRE-TEACHING

- What animals are found in the ocean around Nova Scotia (jellyfish, crabs, turtles, dolphins, turtles, etc.)
- Products that harm ocean creatures & how (plastic bag, 6 pack ring, pop can, tin foil, etc.)
  * Plastic bag - looks like jellyfish so they try to eat it - eat it or get stuck in it
  * Tin foil - shimmers so attracts fish but they can’t digest it
- Recyclable, biodegradable, more than 1 use (Resource: All the Way to the Ocean by Joel-Harper book, a read-aloud YouTube video)

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS

- Your design must still fulfill the function of the original product
- Your design is more environmentally and ocean-friendly
- You haven’t just created a new form of garbage, and production of your design isn’t more resource intensive than the original (footprint of production)
- Your design is esthetically appealing to consumers – will they want to buy it
- Your design can be sold to consumers for roughly the same price
- Your design must also show consideration for sea creatures that might try to eat it (i.e. avoid shapes or colours that might mimic food in the ocean)

PARAMETERS

- You can use items from the pantry
- You can use any of the tools that have been provided.
- You can bring items in from home for your group or for the shared pantry
- Your prototype could be a scale version rather than actual size
- You need to design and build something that floats
- Your design must fit in the float tank at school (predetermine the size/footprint)
- Your group must work within an assigned budget (Students are given a budget and each item available to use given a dollar value)
- Your group will create a compelling advertisement to promote your product and explain why it is a more ocean-friendly option

RESOURCES

1. Video: Life of a Plastic Bag - shows how the bag ends up in the ocean
2. Picture of an ocean animal (turtle) with a garbage bag stuck in his mouth
3. Clip at end of video - Simpsons Beach episode - crab in a pop can
4. All the Way to the Ocean by Joel-Harper book (read aloud YouTube video)
5. Oceancrusader.org (website shows how long item last in the ocean)
6. Video: ocean garbage bag
7. Zoe Lucas tracks garbage floating to Sable Island (Friends of Sable Island)
8. Happy Feet Movie (penguin has ring from 6 pack holder around his neck)

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- Brown paper
- Burlap (dollar store)
- Cardboard boxes
- Wood
- Twine (hemp cord)
- Vegetable leather (purée vegetables, pour on parchment paper, put in oven lowest temp for 12 hours)
- Painters tape
- Egg cartons

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

Originally conceived with grades 3-4 in mind. Curriculum links to; material structures, math (estimation, adding dollar values, budgeting, and persuasive communication).
DESIGN CHALLENGE 7: TURTLE PATROL

Note: The teacher will explain the project to the students. Students in lower elementary are not expected to read the directions/outline below.

OVERVIEW

In Nova Scotia, we are surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean which is the home for many exciting animals such as the Atlantic Leatherback sea turtle. Leatherback sea turtles are huge in size and they often get tangled in fishing gear or eat our plastic pollution. The Atlantic Leatherback sea turtle is now endangered. This means they could soon become extinct! Unfortunately, all sea turtles, not just the leatherback, are endangered!

Endangered leatherback and loggerhead sea turtles spend time in the Atlantic waters feeding on jellyfish. Turtles face many threats to their survival in the open water of the Atlantic. Predators and humans are the first threat to the survival of sea turtles when eggs are laid on sand nests on the beaches.

DESIGN RATIONALE

Sea turtles enjoy our Canadian waters but swim to warmer waters around the United States, Mexico, and tropical places such as Trinidad and Tobago to lay their eggs on the warm, sandy beaches. But, the eggs are often dug up or destroyed by predators before they can even hatch!

People try to protect the sea turtle nests by putting up signs and special tape to keep people away from the nests so the eggs can hatch. However, sometimes people don’t read the signs, or the special tape blows away creating more pollution on the land and in the water. Predators are always looking for food and think sea turtle eggs are very yummy. Sea turtles are in great danger of becoming extinct and disappearing from our oceans forever.

PROBLEM SCENARIO

While on vacation with your family in Trinidad, you are enjoying a warm walk along the sandy beach. You suddenly come across a nest of sea turtle eggs! Knowing how special these animals are, you want to help protect the eggs so they can hatch and return to the ocean to grow into beautiful adult sea turtles to swim back to our Canadian oceans.

Your job is to join a team of students to create a structure to protect the sea turtle eggs from humans and predators until they hatch. When building your structure, you need to think about the environment around the nest and the needs of the sea turtle eggs. You don’t want your structure to blow apart into the environment, and you want the eggs to have everything they need to grow into healthy baby sea turtles.
TURTLE PATROL cont.

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS

• Your materials must be secure enough to not be blown away from natural elements (therefore creating pollution) tested with a hairdryer.
• Your sun must be able to penetrate the structure in order to support egg development test with a flashlight.
• Your design must include an exit to ensure there is a way for the turtle to leave the protected area once hatched.

PARAMETERS

• You can use items from the pantry.
• You can use any of the tools that have been provided.
• You can bring items in from home for your group or for the shared pantry.
• Your design must fit within a (standard or non-standard units) specified height and length.
• Your team will explain who/what your structure will protect the eggs from and how.
• As each team presents, consider how the best parts of each different design could be combined to create an improved collaborative design.

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

Originally conceived with grades 3-4 in mind.

Curriculum links to;

• exploring living things
• social strategies of collaboration and cooperation in problem solving
• communication (seeking and sharing information, turn-taking)
• measurement
• the needs of living things
• materials and their properties
• construction
DESIGN CHALLENGE 8: OCEAN FRIENDS

OVERVIEW

Marine garbage is a huge and growing problem. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a collection of plastic, floating trash halfway between Hawaii and California, has grown to more than 600,000 square miles – that’s three times the size of France! In addition to being an eyesore, this garbage is polluting the water environment it is in, as it slowly breaks down releasing chemicals and micro-plastics into the surrounding environment. It also presents an immediate danger to marine wildlife who swim, float or feed within this area.

DESIGN RATIONALE

It is important to understand that the ocean is an integral component of our everyday life. Overfishing, invasive species, pollution, mass die-offs, and warming ocean temperatures are only a few of the issues our oceans face. It is time for humans to take responsibility for the past and present behaviours that have caused these marine challenges – and continue to cause them. On one side of the problem we can tackle the sources of these problems and work to change our ways of life to minimize our impact on the terrestrial and marine environments we live in. But we must also address the mess we have made – because it won’t go away on its own.

PROBLEM SCENARIO

Your eco-team has been selected to design a prototype of a contraption that can be used to help solve one of the ocean’s problems relating to floating garbage. You may use several simple machines to design a contraption that will collect garbage in the ocean, or you may design and build a contraption that finds floating garbage in the surf, coastal or intertidal zones. Currently collecting garbage from water systems is typically done by picking up waste once it has been washed up on shore. Thinking creatively, your team might design a device that can collect waste from the water.

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS

- Your design will include at least two simple machines
- Your design will function in a moist environment/water system
- Your design can be used repeatedly
- Your team will utilize the design process to create a product
- Your design will include a detailed drawing
- Your design shows awareness of the life cycle of the product
- Your team will explain the rationale behind the design and purpose of your simple machine
- Your design must be sturdy enough to not fall apart and contribute to the floating garbage

PARAMETERS

- You can use items from the pantry
- You can use any of the tools that have been provided.
- You can bring items in from home for your group or for the shared pantry
- Your prototype could be a scale version rather than actual size
- Your prototype must be ready to be tested in the water
- Ideally, your prototype can be built using recycled materials

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

Originally conceived with grades 5-6 in mind.
Curriculum links to:
- forces and mechanical advantage
- common simple and compound machines.

RESOURCES

2. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32ndO228orM
3. https://www.nature.com/scitable/knowledge/library/ocean-acidification-25822734 (PH levels and the effects on marine life)
DESIGN CHALLENGE 9:
UNDERWATER EXPLORATION: Designing Underwater DIY Waterproof Cameras

OVERVIEW

The ocean is a vast resource that covers more than 70% of the earth. Surprisingly, we have only explored at 4% of it! In many ways we know more about outer space than we do about the great ocean that sustains our planet. Have you ever wondered what lies beneath the surface of the ocean? What amazing plant and animal creatures conduct their lives in the briny sea? For some the unknown can be intimidating. For others, it is thrilling. If you could see what lies beneath the surface of the water, a new world of exploration could be uncovered.

DESIGN RATIONALE

The ocean can be difficult to observe. Some students may have a fear of the unknown. For others, mobility issues could prevent them from entering a body of water. Allowing students to explore the ocean indirectly may reduce fears of engaging with the ocean environment and take safety into account.

PROBLEM SCENARIO

Your team has been selected to make a waterproof device that will house a camera and/or video recording device. The device will allow students to explore an underwater environment from dry land. (An adaptation for physically disabled students would be to design an underwater simulation of a water system through Co-Spaces online software)

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS / ASSESSMENT

• Your design must show awareness of materials to create a waterproof/resistant product
• Your design must be compact, lightweight and portable
• Your design must be reusable
• Your design must not interfere with ocean life or leave any kind of ‘footprint’
• Your camera/recording Device must be stable on the inside – we don’t want it to fall out and add to the garbage in the ocean
• Your design should allow students to manoeuvre the camera to adjust view
• Your design may optionally include the ability to record (video and or photo)

PARAMETERS

• You can use items from the pantry
• You can use any of the tools that have been provided.
• You can bring items in from home for your group or for the shared pantry
• Your prototype must be ready to be tested in the water
• Ideally, your prototype can be built using recycled materials
• Your prototype will be no bigger than 20 cm X 20cm X 20 cm, and under 1000grams in weight
• Your prototype must achieve “neutral buoyancy”.
• Your prototype must be built within an assigned budget, e.g. $20 (not including the Camera and video recording devices e.g. Go Pro or other model, Raspberry Pi 2 or 3, Arduino, and/or a disposable waterproof digital camera, etc...)

RESOURCES


SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

Originally conceived with grades 5-6 in mind. Curriculum links to;
• communication (critical dialogue)
• creativity and innovation
• critical thinking
• technological fluency
DESIGN CHALLENGE 10: SAVING SABLE

OVERVIEW

Human-caused waste can now be found on land and water across the entire planet, including the Mariana Trench - the deepest spot in our ocean. Oil makes the world go 'round but oil spills add to our human-caused waste, and can devastate marine ecosystems and marine-industries like commercial fishing and seafood. Accidents or careless human activities are affecting all areas of our planet and we need to find solutions to mitigate these problems.

DESIGN RATIONALE

The ocean is full of great opportunities. It provides us with food, gives us a pathway to move goods and resources around the world, generates half of the earth’s oxygen, and determines our weather. It is vital to both life and livelihood in today’s world. We recognize that our activities in and on the water affect other species and ecosystems. However, there’s a great need for vessels, such as oil tankers, to move goods and resources. When accidents happen, they can have dire effects on marine ecosystems. We need to develop clean-up systems that are quick and efficient, to minimize the effects these accidents have on our ocean before they cause irreparable changes to marine and human life.

PROBLEM SCENARIO

During a violent storm, a tanker has run aground on the shoals off the coast of Sable Island. Sable Island is a small island situated 300km southeast of Halifax, NS. Oil has been leaking out. We need you to design a Surface Cleaning Marine vessel to help clean up and collect the waste before the oil makes it to Sable Island while maintaining stability during unstable weather.

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS

• Your Surface Cleaning Vessel must float and stay afloat in different situations and weather simulations (i.e. still water, blown by hair dryer or fan).
• Your Surface Cleaning Vessel must be able to contain and absorb as much oil as possible.
• Your design shows awareness of the properties of marine water.
• Your design shows awareness of properties relating to buoyancy and stability.

PARAMETERS

• You can use items from the pantry
• You can use any tools that have been provided
• You can bring materials from home for your group or the pantry.
• Your prototype must be ready to be tested in the water.
• Your design must be between 300cm³ and 630cm³

RESOURCES

• https://theoceancleanup.com/
• https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/oilimpacts.html
• https://ocean.si.edu/conservation/pollution/gulf-oil-spill
• https://science.howstuffworks.com/environmental/green-science/cleaning-oil-spill.htm

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

• Plasticine, Model Magic
• Plastic water/pop/juice bottles, old plastic duotangs or report covers
• Craft foam board
• Pool Noodles
• Straws, popsicle sticks
• Cardboard and water options (duct tape, tin foil, etc.)
• Crafting/decorating materials
• Glue sticks/Hot Glue
• Absorbent pads/material (cloth, cotton, sponges) and organic materials (grass clippings, hay, dry leaves)
• Liquid dish soap
• LEGO
• Vegetable Oil

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

Curriculum links to:
• communication
• creativity and innovation
• critical thinking
• technological fluency
• math (surface area, numeracy, graphing)
• science (weather, currents, oceans)
• social studies (how the environment influences humans)
• sustainability
DESIGN CHALLENGE 11: DREAMING OF A WORLD WITH LESS WASTE

OVERVIEW
Did you know that 40% of plastic is generated for packaging? And most of this packaging is single-use, meaning once we open it, we throw it out. And while some of that packing can be put in the recycling, only about 10% of what goes into the blue bin actually gets recycled – the rest sits in our environment, either in landfills or littered in parks, forests, and even our lakes, rivers, and oceans. Think about all of the garbage we found on our beach walk. Where did it all come from? Look into your lunchbox and think about how much of your food is wrapped in plastic. Where do you think the wrapper will go when you’re done with it?

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS
- Your design will be used with one of the top 10 lunch items at our school.
- Your design will reduce the amount of plastic waste than the original product creates.
- Your design fits the criteria your team established for useful/convenient packaging.
- Your design fits in a lunch box.
- Your design will show consideration of where the materials will go after they have been used.

PARAMETERS
- You can use items from the pantry
- Your design fits in your lunch box.
- Your pitch needs to convince us that your design is a good solution to our problem.

DESIGN RATIONALE
It has been said that our world is drowning in plastic. A first step to addressing this plastic epidemic is to become aware of how much plastic we use in our own lives, such as in our own lunches, and explore ideas for other options for packing our lunches that can have less negative impact our environment. Students will explore the connection between their day-to-day habits, and the plastics found in our lunchboxes and the environment around us.

PROBLEM SCENARIO
Your team has been selected to design a product that will reduce the amount of plastic waste that is generated when you bring your lunch to school. We have already collected data about what students typically bring for lunch and the kinds of plastic waste generated at our school. Your new product should be designed for one of the top 10 items that students bring for lunch at our school. Your team will build a prototype from your final design sketch using cardboard and/or any of the materials provided by your teacher. You will have to prepare a persuasive pitch to the principal in order to get funding to build a prototype of your design.

RECOMMENDED EXPERIENCE
1. Beach or river walk. Collect garbage and then categorize the garbage into categories such as single-use plastics, glass, metals, other materials. (Use rubber gloves, garbage bags or boxes, and picks to collect garbage). Have discussion about how these materials ended up in this water-way, and the effects these materials can have on the ecosystem around them.
2. Ask students to save one piece of packaging from their own lunches. In groups, have them discuss the benefits of packaging (i.e. portioning, keeps things fresh, transportable, convenient, contains mess, re-sealable). Explore other non-disposable/multi-use packaging and discuss the benefits or drawbacks of the options currently available. This will help establish a list of important criteria that must be met when designing their own packaging.

RESOURCES
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mT4Qbp89niQ
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUUxO71Ss

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE
Originally conceived with grades P-2 in mind, but can be adapted for older grades.
Curriculum links to:
- communication
- needs of living things
- changes in their lives
- supporting a sustainability issue in the community
- write and produce a commercial for your product
- develop a marketing plan for your product that includes pricing, promotions, and awareness of competitors
DESIGN CHALLENGE 12: EASING COASTLINE DESTRUCTION

OVERVIEW
Our shorelines have been collecting garbage and marine debris for years. The negative effects of plastic, rubber, metal, fabrics and many other materials washing up onto shores and into intertidal habitats of marine plants and animals have grown. It’s time we took a serious look at what we throw away, where it goes once we throw it away, and our attitudes towards disposable, single-use materials that are convenient but wasteful.

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS
- Your design must be a collaborative effort from all members of your group
- Your design must be environmentally and ocean friendly
- Your design must be able to achieve the goal of coastal habitat clean-up but not affect the delicate ecosystem of the coastal shoreline. No living things will be harmed during its operation.
- Your design must support and encourage coastal shoreline development and promote sustainable life in the shoreline habitats.
- Your design must be practical and affordable for consumers.

PARAMETERS
- You can use items from the pantry
- You can use any tools that have been provided
- You can bring items in from home for your group or for the shared pantry
- Your design may not be to scale (it must fit on one desk), but should be functional
- Your team must be able to describe how your shoreline cleanup tool works
- Your product needs to be ready to be tested
- Ideally, your prototype can be built using recycled materials

RECOMMENDED EXPERIENCE
- What are waste materials that affect our coastline habitats?
- What products harm our water environments?
- What sea creatures, micro-organisms, flora and fauna exist in our coastal habitats?
- Identify types of shorelines that exist across Canada - sandy, rocky, cliffs, lake, river and ocean, etc.
- The ecosystems and habitats of some key plants and animals across Canada’s shorelines.
- What are some specific examples of the negative effects of waste on Canadian and global shorelines?
- Species at risk in our water system and any relationship to the cause and effect of exposure to waste products and ocean garbage.
- The meaning and examples of recyclable materials, biodegradable, ecosystem, pollution, and landfill waste.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS
- Recycled materials, scrap wood
- Duct tape, hot glue, tacky glue, waterproof glue
- Velcro, netting, dowelling
- Screws (long & short), washers
- Plastic pipes and fittings (o-rings)
- Alligator clips, magnets
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- Screwdriver, Hammer, Pliers, Cutters

RESOURCES
- https://theoceancleanup.com/
- https://www.teachengineering.org/
- Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition
- World Ocean Observatory
- Novascotia.com - For cultural connections
- Oceanliteracy.org
- Dfo-map.gc.ca - Fisheries & Oceans Canada
- Coastal Restoration Fund
- Ducks Unlimited

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE
Originally conceived with grades 4-6 in mind, but can be adapted for older grades.
Curriculum links to:
- Exploring living things and the needs of those living things
- Communication - listening, speaking, recording, presenting, collaboration
- Age appropriate action locally
- Art; textural exploration, colour, perception
- Hands-on creating and experimenting
- Construction
- Forces and simple machines
- Creativity and innovation
- Technology
- Critical thinking & problem-solving
- Social sciences
- Economy (cost and reuse of products)
- Math
- Money, measurement, time

DESIGN RATIONALE
Students use their understanding and knowledge of Canadian or regional coastlines, and the negative effects waste has on these coastlines as well as their skills in building a tool/machine/process that aids in the cleanup of shoreline pollution.
DESIGN CHALLENGE 13: ATLANTIC SALMON HABITAT DESTRUCTION

OVERVIEW
The Inner Bay of Fundy population of Atlantic Salmon is unique among salmon species as they stay within the Bay of Fundy, feeding and spawning, for their entire lives. Historically, they have been an important food source for First Nations and communities in the Fundy region. However, human activities, such as overfishing, farming and forestry, and blocking of critical waterways, have greatly impacted the population by damaging the connections between the Bay and their spawning grounds. Much work is being done to restore the population from the brink of extinction, but threats still exist.

DESIGN RATIONALE
The Inner Bay of Fundy population of Atlantic salmon are listed as Endangered under SARA (The Species at Risk Act). Blocked access to spawning grounds is one of the factors that threaten this species. This could be caused by dams and culverts, a natural disaster such as a mudslide or rockslide, or a local accident (examples could be a bridge failure, or chemical/oil spill). Atlantic salmon return to the river they were born in to spawn using olfactory (smell) cues to know that they are home. If the river has been blocked the salmon will not spawn, further putting this species at risk. In the ideal situation river blockages would not occur, but unfortunately, they do and there need to be solutions readily available to help the Atlantic salmon return home when it happens.

PROBLEM SCENARIO
Emergency! We have just received a report that a serious rockslide has occurred about halfway up the Mispec River (northeast of the Saint John River). This river is a vital corridor for the Inner Bay of Fundy Salmon to reach their spawning pools. Salmon are expected to arrive in October, it is mid-September and we need to develop a way to assist the salmon to reach their spawning area despite the blocked portion of the river. Your task is to design a temporary solution to allow the Atlantic Salmon to pass through the blocked section of the river. The river is 5m wide and the blocked portion runs 3m upstream. You are unable to simply remove the rockslide because it is unstable.

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS
• Your design must include a proposal with rationale that clearly explains how you will effectively allow salmon to reach their spawning pool up the river with minimum impact to the environment and other species
• Your design must include suggested materials to meet the environmental and river parameters
• Your design must be able to be ready and deployed within two weeks. Your design must include a detailed sketch
• You must build a model of your design.

PARAMETERS
• Your design must be mobile and temporary
• Your design must not impact the natural environment
• Your model may use classroom pantry items
• Your model must ready to be tested in a simulated waterway
• Your design must not injure or overly-stress the fish

RESOURCES
• https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/atlantic-salmon-protected
• https://bc.ctvnews.ca/rock-slide-blocking-salmon-spawning-prompts-new-restrictions-1.4506438
• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqPLt-8D108

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE
Originally designed for high school use. Curriculum links to:
• Project and materials management
• Calculate and manage cost of materials
• Describe multiple success metrics (i.e. cost/fish, financial impact on industry, impact on jobs, sustainability metrics, innovation metrics)
DESIGN CHALLENGE 14: BUILD A MULTI-TROPHIC FARM

OVERVIEW
Multi-trophic aquaculture is used to cultivate a variety of underwater species. It operates on a principle of symbiosis, where species live in a harmony of give-and-take that creates an important state of habitat equilibrium. In the case of multi-trophic farms, this occurs as marine creatures are farmed in combinations where one species can use the waste generated by another species on a different level of the food chain for nutrients. This recycling of nutrients leads to a reduction of waste products in the water and decreases the risk of algal blooms.

Watch this 5-minute video to better understand how a multi-trophic farm works and the benefits. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4nuAx2vzZM

DESIGN RATIONALE
Aquaculture already supplies approximately 50% of the fish and seafood consumed worldwide (www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS
• Your design must include a highly elaborate sketch illustrating functionality
• Addresses the design challenge and the parameters
• Shows evidence of research into species that can successfully co-exist in a 3D multi-trophic farm or aquaculture pen
• Is aesthetic and well-constructed
• Shows creative use of materials

PARAMETERS
• Your farm must fit into a clear plastic bin (LxWxH) 12x18x8 inches which will be provided by the teacher
• Your team can use materials from home or from the pantry. (See the list of suggestions for materials below)
• Identify a location in the Atlantic Provinces where you will build this saltwater aquaculture facility.
• Identify a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 species you will cultivate in your farm. At least one must be a plant species. (See the list of suggestions for species below).
• You will build a model – no live marine creatures will be used in this project.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SPECIES:
• Shellfish – oysters, scallops, mussels, shrimp, krill
• Plants – seaweed, kelp
• Fish – salmon, trout
• Other species – sea cucumbers, sea urchins
You may research and find other species in these categories.

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE
Originally developed for grades 6-9, but can be adapted to younger or older learners.

PROBLEM SCENARIO
An Atlantic Aquaculture Farm strives to become environmentally friendly and reduce the fecal matter accumulation caused by farming large number of fishes. They are concerned with numerous potential hazards associated with waste, such as oxygen depletion, disease, and the effect on surrounding species.

The company wants to be a leader in the new technology of multi-trophic aquaculture. You are being contracted to identify the appropriate species able to be farmed in the company’s present location, the Atlantic Canadian ocean, including the Bay of Fundy (location can be modified to suit learners). You will design and build a model of a system supported by new technology and innovation that will allow your species to successfully co-exist and flourish with one another.

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS
Multi-trophic farming could help solve some of the concerns related to over-fishing and food security as our world population increases. Aquaculture can produce higher harvesting quotas in a smaller area compared to the extensive land use of traditional farming. This could mean significant economic growth as well as job opportunities for Canadians, and a seafood industry that is sustainable and future-focused.

ADDITIONAL SUBJECT INTEGRATION
Develop a business case for starting a multi-tropic 3-D farm off the coast of Nova Scotia; habitats and ecosystems; nutrition; food security.
DESIGN CHALLENGE 15: GHOST-BUSTING IN THE OCEAN

OVERVIEW

Derelict or Ghost Gear is a harmful form of marine debris. There are many different reasons why fishing gear can be lost or abandoned, including storm surges, snags beneath the surface and interactions with other gear or marine vehicles. Derelict fishing gear poses a threat by entangling and killing marine creatures. Due to the integrity of the fishing nets and the fact that the materials used do not easily break-down, derelict fishing gear has the potential to continue to inadvertently capture fish and other sea life in our ocean for many years.

Recommended Experience: Invite someone who knows how to make fishing nets to come in and show tools and techniques for making an authentic fishing net.

DESIGN RATIONALE #1

Students create a small replica of a fully functional gill net for catching fish sustainably.

PROBLEM SCENARIO #1

How will you choose to create an effective net with the materials that are provided to you under the specific time allotted?

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS #1

Prototype net needs to hold a mass of 100 grams when immersed and will capture provided plastic fish (not allowing them to pass through the holes).

PARAMETERS #1

• You can use items from the pantry and any of the tools that have been provided
• Your prototype will be no bigger than 30cm by 30cm
• Must be ready to be tested in salt water
• Students will work in groups of 2-3
• Be aware of size of gaps in nets

DESIGN RATIONALE #2

Upon completion of your net, your net becomes lost! How will you be able to retrieve it and ensure that this problem does not happen again in the future?

PROBLEM SCENARIO #2

The consequences of your derelict fishing equipment have dire consequences on the ocean ecosystem! Damaged habitat, species negatively affected, loss of materials (cost and time)!

How best can you think of to retrieve your net and how can you ensure that this does not happen again in the future?

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS #2

Includes a materials list, labelled diagram, and at least a one paragraph description of the design. Your design must be water resistant, weather resistant, and environmentally friendly.

PARAMETERS #2

• You need to brainstorm ideas for retrieving “ghost gear”
• Your prototype must either be retrievable or your must demonstrate how your design is not harmful to marine life, should it become ghost equipment
• You can create a drawn prototype for your suggestions
• Your prototype must still serve its original purpose (to catch fish)
• Your prototype must be personal and allow you to distinguish your netting from another
• Students will work in groups of 2-3
DESIGN CHALLENGE 15: cont.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- Popsicle sticks
- Pipe cleaners
- String, twine, yarn
- Straws
- Rubber bands
- Paper clips
- Toothpicks
- Duct tape
- Scissors
- One large and one small block to test designs before going to the tub of water

RESOURCES

- https://www.ghostgear.org/

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

Originally designed for grades 3-5 but can be adapted to older students.

Curriculum links to:

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship
- Self-awareness and self-management
- Collaboration
- Communication

ADDITIONAL SUBJECT INTEGRATION

- Art - weaving, knots
- Social Studies - traditional First Nations culture (Hunting/Gathering practices)
- Environmental Science - stewardship, sustainability, water pollution, ocean fisheries
- Mathematics - interpreting statistics
- Sustainability & global citizenship
- Sustainable development goals

DESIGN CHALLENGE 16:
WHALE VS. BOAT: SOLVING A WHALE OF A PROBLEM

OVERVIEW

The number of whale strikes occurring in the Bay of Fundy has been significantly reduced by implementing many different mitigation methods over the past few years. Though there are fewer whale strikes than there once was, sometimes boat collisions with these large, majestic creatures are inevitable leaving our whales with sometimes fatal injuries. Your design challenge is to create and design a tool that boats can use to reduce the impact of whale strikes in the Bay of Fundy.

Recommended Experience: Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the WWF have photographs, interactive maps, videos and recorded whale calls at:


History: https://kids.kiddle.co/Whaling

DESIGN RATIONALE

Students will have an opportunity to consider the right whale population that lives in their neighbouring body of water, the Bay of Fundy. We want our students to understand how whales communicate, where they live, what they eat, and where we can find them throughout the Bay of Fundy. Students will consider how their design enhances the environment it is used in, rather than damaging the surrounding areas in which it is used. This contraption must be safe for all marine species in the Bay of Fundy and must not have a negative impact on the environment or the vessels.

PROBLEM SCENARIO

Whales are getting hit by boats/vessels travelling in the Bay of Fundy causing them to become injured, sometimes fatally. Your team has been selected to design a tool that can be used by boats/vessels to reduce or eliminate the frequency and impact of whale strikes.
SUCCESS DETERMINANTS

• Your designs will demonstrate that you have explored the areas within the Bay of Fundy where whale strikes occur and have considered the interrelatedness of sea life and sea vessels.

• Your design illustration communicates functionality

• You must use the provided materials, resources and tools.

• The materials cannot cause harm to living things in the water or harm to the sea vessel.

• Shows evidence of your group’s understanding of whale strikes and tools used to help reduce the impact on human and marine life.

• Show awareness of the various hazards and dangers (i.e. human, animal) that need to be considered

• Your contraption is well constructed from an engineering perspective as well as an environmental perspective.

PARAMETERS

• You can use items from the pantry and any of the tools that have been provided

• You can bring items from home to your group or for the shared pantry

• You must use your research and any prior knowledge of whale strikes and protection devices when designing your contraption

• Your prototype must fit on the vessel provided

• Your prototype must be able to withstand the forces of the water tank

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

Originally conceived with grade levels 2-4 in mind

ADDITIONAL SUBJECT INTEGRATIONS:

• Science (habitats, sound, materials & structures https://www.canadianwhaleinstitute.ca/habitats)

• Speaking and listening, reading and viewing, writing and representing

• Competencies
  + Citizenship (consider solutions to problems, environmental sustainability)
  + Communication (listen and interact respectfully, express ideas, respond to ideas of others, constructive dialogue)
  + Creativity and Innovation (gather information and collaborate to imagine, create and innovate, trial and error, divergent thinking)
  + Critical Thinking (inquire, make decisions and solve problems, demonstrate curiosity, inquisitiveness, creativity, flexibility and persistence, ask relevant questions, understand the value of other points of view)
  + Personal Career Development (learning and working in diverse environments, healthy personal relationships)
  + Technological Fluency (select and use digital and other technology)
  + Communication and critical dialogue

RESOURCES

• Kiddle - Encyclopedia for Kids: https://kids.kiddle.co/Right_whale

• Map of migration patterns for North Atlantic Right Whales (ocean.si.edu)

• Canadian Whale Institute (Whale Habitats)- https://www.canadianwhaleinstitute.ca/habitats


• https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/group/right-whales/

• https://www.whalingmuseum.org/learn/teachers/resources/reading-list
DESIGN CHALLENGE 17: MAKING A RUN FOR IT
AGRICULTURAL RUN-OFF IN OUR OCEANS

OVERVIEW
We all are consumers of food on a daily basis, but most of us do not consider how farms are affecting our waterways and the organisms that inhabit them. What are the environmental impacts of farms on our waterways? How does the runoff from farms affect the plants and animals in the streams, rivers and estuarine environments?

Recommended experience:
- Go outside of the classroom/school to find examples of erosion and runoff
- Demonstration of runoff
- Field trip to a conservation area (e.g. Eel River Bar Conservation area or Irving Nature Park Marsh)
- Local Experts: APEGNB (soils Engineers), ACAP, Eel River Bar, Project Webfoot/Ducks Unlimited

DESIGN RATIONALE
Soft shelled clams have been a staple for people along the shores in the Maritimes; however, their habitats have become increasingly contaminated, leading to diseases in the shellfish as well as being toxic to people. What else is being affected by these agricultural runoffs? Our agriculture industry needs some solutions to help prevent run-off of chemicals, that are widely-used in their industry, from finding their way into our fresh-water and marine environments.

PROBLEM SCENARIO
Your team has been selected to research ways to prevent runoff. Using your knowledge and the materials provided, recreate this mini eco-system, incorporating a way to minimize the runoff from the land into the water. Your system will be tested by a colourful (i.e. food colouring) rainstorm at the end of the challenge. For this activity, you and your team will consider the various runoff sources from farms, their impact on the shellfish industry. You will then design a way to prevent the agricultural runoff.

PARAMETERS
- Use materials provided including:
  - Tote box/ Rubbermaid bin
  - Water
  - Substrates: including rock, sand, mud, etc.
  - Use of any items in the pantry
  - Use of any of the tools
  - Plants, seedlings, tree seedlings
  - Lego blocks, rocks, cardboard, pebbles

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS
- Your design will be constrained within the tote
- Your design will include a farm and river/estuary
- Your team will use the design process to create your system
- Your design will include a detailed drawing of your system
- Your design will show awareness of the agricultural runoff cycle and how it is connected to our food web.
- Your team will explain the rationale behind the design of your system
- Your design will be tested by soaking the area with a coloured rainfall (from a watering can/hose) to see how well your design is preventing/minimizing runoff.

RESOURCES
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXZiiPxqMgY

ADDITIONAL SUBJECT INTEGRATIONS:
- citizenship
- communication
- sustainable development goals – food security
- critical thinking
DESIGN CHALLENGE 18: OCEAN DESIGN CHALLENGE

OVERVIEW

Shipping worldwide is a way of life. In fact, roughly 90 percent of dry, non-bulk manufactured goods are shipped in ocean containers. This includes machine parts, electronics, paper, tires, footwear, scrap metal, clothes, auto parts, toys, food, beverages, chemicals, textiles, furniture, and appliances. Often containers are lost during rough sea voyages. Weather systems and currents are important to understand for the best planning and delivery of shipped goods.

DESIGN RATIONALE

Container ships represent feats of engineering, as they must be designed for great capacity (be able to carry enormous loads), buoyancy (be able to float in ocean waters at different temperatures and with different loads), and stability (remain stable whether the seas are calm or stormy).

PROBLEM SCENARIO

You are part of a Ship Building Company that has been hired to redesign Cargo Ships. The goal is to have 0% loss of shipped materials. You need to design a container ship that will not lose its cargo during its voyage, but be strong and stable enough to handle the weather and water of an Atlantic Ocean voyage from Halifax to Argentina.

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS

The boat can stay afloat in a variety of circumstances:

- Your design can stay afloat in different situations and weather simulations (i.e. still water, blow by hair dryer or strong fan, rock dropped into the water), and with a huge load (add weights)
- Your design shows awareness of properties relating to buoyancy and stability
- Your design shows awareness of the properties of marine water

PARAMETERS

- You can use items from the pantry
- You can use any of the tools that have been provided.
- You can bring items in from home for your group or for the shared pantry
- Your prototype must be ready to be tested in the water
- Ideally, your prototype can be built using recycled materials
- Your prototype will not exceed 900 cm²
- Your prototype will be able to hold a minimum of 1000g (or some non-standard unit of measure)

RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

- Plasticine, Model Magic
- Plastic water/pop/juice bottles, old plastic duotangs or report covers
- Balsa wood, straws, popsicle sticks for framing
- Cardboard & water proofing options (plastic wrap, tin foil, etc)
- Crafting/decorating materials
- Duct tape, glue sticks, silicone
OCEAN DESIGN CHALLENGE cont.

RESOURCES

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE
Originally conceived with grades 5-6 in mind.
Curriculum links to;
- communication (critical dialogue)
- creativity and innovation
- critical thinking
- technological fluency
- math (surface area, volume)
- science (weather, currents)
- social sciences (how environment influences humans)
- economy (how shipping by water/air/rail relates to the cost of products we buy)

THE NEXT STEP AFTER DESIGN THINKING...

PRECISION BUILDING

This section of the Ocean Toolkit contains activities that have been designed with inverted outcomes from the previous Maker activities. Here, we have flipped the competency emphasis from divergent and creative thinking, to focus on skills relating to reading, convergent thinking, attention to detail, precision measuring and cutting, strategic collaboration and teamwork, process and structure, and interpreting a 3-D object from a 2-D illustration. Both sets of competencies are essential at different points in the full design process, to result in a product or solution that is consistent with the design intentions, and that is replicable.

With an emphasis on skills related to engineering and trades, the following activities tap into a different area of ability and competency that will challenge some students, and captivate others who are more inclined towards tasks (and eventually, work contexts) that are structured and ordered and oriented around a predictable outcome. In the world of bespoke design, creativity may be vital. But in the world of advanced manufacturing, efficiency, precision and predictability are the essential skills.
PRECISION BUILDING ACTIVITY 1:
BUILD YOUR OWN ARCTIC & OFFSHORE PATROL SHIP

SKILL-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

This activity is designed with inverted outcomes from the previous Maker activities. Where the other activities are designed to inspire divergent and creative thinking, resulting in infinite different ideas and designs – with none the same - this activity is designed to build and refine skills related to interpreting a design where the final products should all be the same or similar. This activity mimics advanced manufacturing processes where precision is essential. With an emphasis on skills related to engineering and trades, this activity taps into a different area of ability and competency relating to reading, attention to detail, precision measuring and cutting, structured collaboration and teamwork, process and structure, and interpreting a 3-D object from a 2-D illustration.

OVERVIEW

Shipbuilding is a team effort at Irving Shipbuilding’s Halifax Shipyard. It requires focus, precision, communication and cooperation from shipbuilders in many different roles working together to build the Royal Canadian Navy’s future fleet.

Using some of the latest technology combined with traditional manufacturing, the Halifax Shipyard team of welders, pipe-fitters, electricians, designers, engineers, quality inspectors, accountants, supply chain managers, and many more are working together every day to maintain and repair Halifax-class frigates, and build new Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships, and Canadian Surface Combatants. Now your class can build the STEM-class of ships.

Thanks to the Irving Shipbuilding team, Cortney Banks, Kayla Jackman, James Brunelle, Adele Scott and Joe McCarthy for their expertise and imagination developing this activity.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- shipsforcanada.ca
- techsporation.ca/videos

For more career pathways in the ocean industry, please visit:

- otcns.ca/careers
SKILL-BUILDING ACTIVITY: cont.

Members of the Irving Shipbuilding team have worked hard to develop this activity to mimic the process of shipbuilding on a small scale and inspire future shipbuilders. We encourage you to visit shipsforcanada.ca to watch updated videos of the latest progress at Halifax Shipyard.

This activity was developed in partnership with the Centre for Ocean Ventures and Entrepreneurship (COVE) coveocean.com. Irving Shipbuilding is proud to support COVE with over $6 million in National Shipbuilding Strategy Value Proposition investments for workforce related research, programs, and activities, as well as operational and program support to benefit small businesses in the ocean sector in Canada.

RATIONALE

This workshop is designed to combine technical skill building, reading engineering documents, and following exact direction as students participate in a collaborative problem-solving exercise. The goal is to simulate advanced manufacturing methods and materials management in a modern shipbuilding facility, demonstrating different career paths including skilled trades like welding, engineering, and project management. Students should produce the same end product by interpreting and following the same set of directions.

THIS ACTIVITY INVOLVES:

- reading authentic technical drawings (designed by a team of Engineers at Irving Shipbuilding)
- material cutting and shaping (to mimic metal fabrication),
- gluing (to mimic welding), and assembly of mega-blocks into a ship’s hull.

PROBLEM SCENARIO

BUILDING CANADA’S NEXT FLEET

In order to deliver the best ships to the Navy, and provide the best value to Canadian taxpayers, ships need to be built exactly as the technical drawings outline, on time, and on budget. These ships need to be completed to the best quality (water tight, stable, etc.) in the shortest amount of time, with the least amount of wasted materials.

Teams are encouraged to decide how best to tackle the project, by assigning specific tasks to each person (i.e. cutter, gluer, project manager, etc.) or by each individual assuming all of these roles for a single section, and then bringing the sections together. You can track progress by timing, finished product, and material used. If you assign a ‘cost’ to materials, you can try to work within a set budget.

This activity has strong curricular connections with technology education, reading and interpreting technical drawings, translating 2-D drawings into a 3-D model, and investigating connections between technology education and careers.

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS

• Students have demonstrated that they have successfully followed the technical drawings
• The final product looks like the intended design
• The structure floats for an extended period including when weight is added without taking on water.
• Students reflect on what did and didn’t work and where improvements can be made

PARAMETERS

• Divide students into groups of 3-5
• Students must work together and communicate to determine various roles and responsibilities among their groups
• Give students an allotted amount of time to complete the activity. 1 hour is recommended. If the plastic sheets are pre-cut the activity can be done in thirty minutes
• Students must research how ships are named, and properly name their structure
ACTIVITY EXTENSIONS

- **Careers.** Have students work in assigned roles throughout the project. Research the different careers and present back on how they contributed to the overall construction and assembly (e.g. welder, pipefitter, naval architect, project manager)

- **Project Management.** Include financial management by assigning prices to the materials, and a labour cost (per 10 minutes of labour), and a target budget and build time for students to work towards. Students are to build their structure with the least amount of waste and lowest possible budget. Any waste must be accounted for in the budget

- **Functionality.** Once the ship is assembled and launched, have students work to make it stable and balanced and able to carry an assigned load in the hull and on deck. Add requirements for the superstructure or deck use. Design and add a propulsion system

- **Reverse Engineer.** Build a simple vessel or structure in ‘blocks’ and then do drawings and work instructions for its construction and assembly. Can be done with uniform materials (i.e. lego) or non-uniform (i.e. recyclables, consumables)
CONSTRUCTION OF MEGA BLOCK 1

ACTIVITY
To construct the Stern Section of the STEM Class Ship - Mega Block 1

NOTES:
• Ensure optimal utilization of all materials to reduce waste.
• Ensure all cutting surfaces are protected when cutting materials with the use of a cutting board.

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS:
Permanent Marker  Clear Ruler
Exacto Knife   Cutting Board
Foam Board   Black Plastic Sheets
Scissors   Glue Gun
Canada Flag   Duct Tape

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS:
Definitions:
- Bulkhead - A dividing wall or barrier between compartments in a ship
- Deck - A structure approximately horizontal, extending across a ship
- Longitudinal - Situated along the length of the ship
- Port - The left side of the ship
- Shell - The outer most structure of a ship
- Stern - The back most part of the ship
- Superstructure - The part of the ship that rises above the hull
- Transverse - Situated across the width of the ship

Acronyms:
- DWG - Drawing
- FWD - Forward
- LKG FWD - Looking Forward
- LKG DOWN - Looking Down
- LKG PORT - Looking Port
- PS - Port Side
- STBD - Starboard
- TYP - Typical, meaning the same on both sides

STEPS:
1. Stern - Transverse Bulkhead
   1.1 Using Plan 1 (p.66) measure, mark-up and cut out section of Foam Board using an Exacto Knife to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.

2. Stern - Longitudinal Bulkhead
   2.1 Using Plan 2 (p.67) measure, mark-up and cut out section of Foam Board using an Exacto Knife to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.

3. Stern - Deck
   3.1 Using Plan 3 (p.68) measure, mark-up and cut out section of Foam Board using an Exacto Knife to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.

4. Stern - Shell
   4.1 Using Plan 4 (p.69) follow the ‘NOTES’ section to mark-up, cut and fold Black Plastic Paper using Scissors to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.

5. Stern - Assembly
   5.1 Using Plan 5 (p.70) follow the ‘NOTES’ section to assemble Transverse Bulkhead, Longitudinal Bulkhead, Deck & Shell to form Mega Block 1.
   5.2 Use glue gun to secure sections.

6. Mast Assembly
   6.1 Using Plan 6 (p.71) measure, mark-up and cut Black Plastic Paper using Scissors to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.
   6.2 Follow the ‘NOTES’ section to create the circular section of the Mast.
   6.3 Assemble as per drawing and use glue gun to secure.
   6.4 Install Flag as per drawing.
NOTES:
1. ALL DIMENSIONS IN CENTIMETERS
2. CUT ALONG THE LINES SHOWN IN PLAN VIEW 2.
3. MARK AN X IN THE CENTER OF THE THREE END SECTIONS.
4. FOLD ALONG THE FOLD LINES.
5. BRING THE END SECTIONS TOGETHER SO THAT THE X'S OVERLAP, WITH THE MIDDLE SECTION ON THE INSIDE.

*DRAWINGS NOT TO SCALE

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NOTES:
1. ALL DIMENSIONS IN CENTIMETERS
2. INSTALL TRANSVERSE AND LONGITUDINAL BULKHEADS ONTO THE SHELL AS SHOWN IN PLAN VIEW 1.
3. INSTALL DECK ON TOP AS SHOWN IN PLAN VIEW 2.

*DRAWINGS NOT TO SCALE
CONSTRUCTION OF MEGA BLOCK 2

ACTIVITY
To Construct Midship Section of a STEM Class Ship – Mega Block 2.

NOTES:
- Ensure optimal utilization of all materials to reduce waste.
- Ensure all cutting surfaces are protected when cutting materials with the use of a cutting board.
- Take note of the quantity required within the bill of materials section of the drawing attachments.

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS:
Permanent Marker  Cutting Board
Duct Tape   Foam Board
Clear Ruler   Black Plastic Sheets
Exacto Knife   Scissors
Glue Gun   Stapler

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS:
Definitions:
Bulkhead - A dividing wall or barrier between compartments in a ship
Deck – A structure approximately horizontal, extending across a ship
Longitudinal – Situated along the length of the ship
Port - The left side of the ship
Shell - The outer most structure of a ship
Starboard – The right side of the ship
Stern - The back most part of the ship
Superstructure - The part of the ship that rises above the hull
Transverse - Situated across the width of the ship

Acronyms:
DWG - Drawing
FWD - Forward
LKG FWD - Looking Forward
LKG DOWN - Looking Down
LKG PORT – Looking Port
PS – Port Side
STBD – Starboard
TYP - Typical, meaning the same on both sides

STEPS:
1 Midship – Transverse Bulkhead
1.1 Using Plan 1 (p.73) measure, mark-up and cut out section of Foam Board using an Exacto Knife to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.
1.2 Repeat step 1.1 to create a second Transverse Bulkhead section.
2 Midship – Longitudinal Bulkhead
2.1 Using Plan 2 (p.74) measure, mark-up and cut out section of Foam Board using an Exacto Knife to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.
3 Midship – Deck
3.1 Using Plan 3 (p.75) measure, mark-up and cut out section of Foam Board using an Exacto Knife to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.
4 Midship - Shell
4.1 Using Plan 4 (p.76) measure, mark-up and cut out section of Black Plastic Paper using Scissors, to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.
4.2 Measure, mark-up and fold section of Black Plastic Paper to exact measurements stipulated on the drawing to form the shape indicated.
5. Midship - Assembly
5.2 Using Plan 5 (p.77) follow the ‘NOTES’ section to assemble Transverse Bulkhead, Longitudinal Bulkhead, Deck & Shell to form Mega Block 2.
5.3 Use glue gun to secure sections.
6 Superstructure Assembly
6.1 Using Plan 6 (p.78) measure, mark-up and cut Black Plastic Paper using Scissors to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.
6.2 Follow the ‘NOTES’ section to form the structure indicated on the drawing.
6.3 Use glue gun to secure.
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**Notes:**
1. All dimensions in centimeters
2. Drawing not to scale

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**Notes:**
1. All dimensions in centimeters
2. Drawing not to scale
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NOTES:
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2. INSTALL TRANSVERSE AND LONGITUDINAL BULKHEADS ONTO THE SHELL AS SHOWN IN PLAN VIEW 1.
3. INSTALL DECK ON TOP AS SHOWN IN PLAN VIEW 2.

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NOTES:
1. ALL DIMENSIONS IN CENTIMETERS
2. FOLD ALONG FOLD LINES, AND CUT SECTIONS AS SHOWN.
3. ONCE FOLDING AND CUTTING IS COMPLETE, BRING THE ORANGE CIRCLES TOGETHER WITH THE MIDDLE SECTION INSIDE.
4. BRING THE BLUE CIRCLES TOGETHER, WITH THE INNER TRIANGLES ON THE INSIDE AS INDICATED.
5. DO THE SAME WITH THE OTHER SIDE (PINK CIRCLES).

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CONSTRUCTION OF MEGA BLOCK 3

ACTIVITY
To Construct Bow Section of a STEM Class Ship – Mega Block 3.

NOTES:
• Ensure optimal utilization of all materials to reduce waste.
• Ensure all cutting surfaces are protected when cutting materials with the use of a cutting board.

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS:
Permanent Marker   Clear Ruler
Exacto Knife       Cutting Board
Foam Board         Black Plastic Sheets
Scissors           Glue Gun
Duct Tape

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS:
Definitions:
Bulkhead - A dividing wall or barrier between compartments in a ship
Deck – A structure approximately horizontal, extending across a ship
Longitudinal – Situated along the length of the ship
Port - The left side of the ship
Shell - The outer most structure of a ship
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Acronyms:
DWG - Drawing
FWD - Forward
LKG FWD - Looking Forward
LKG DOWN – Looking Down
LKG PORT – Looking Port
PS – Port Side
STBD – Starboard
TYP - Typical, meaning the same on both sides

STEPS:
1. Bow – Transverse Bulkhead
1.1 Using Plan 1 (p.81) measure, mark-up and cut out section of Foam Board using an Exacto Knife to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.

2. Bow – Longitudinal Bulkhead
2.1 Using Plan 2 (p.82) measure, mark-up and cut out section of Foam Board using an Exacto Knife to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.

3. Bow – Deck
3.1 Using Plan 3 (p.83) measure, mark-up and cut out section of Foam Board using an Exacto Knife to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.

4. Bow - Shell
4.1 Using Plan 4 (p.84) follow the ‘NOTES’ section to mark-up, fold and cut Black Plastic Paper using Scissors to the exact measurements stipulated on the drawing.

5. Bow - Assembly
5.1 Using Plan 5 (p.85) assemble Transverse Bulkhead, Longitudinal Bulkhead, Deck & Shell to form Mega Block 3.
5.2 Use Glue Gun to secure sections.
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NOTES:
1. ALL DIMENSIONS IN CENTIMETERS

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LONGITUDINAL BULKHEAD

10.5

6

4

SECTION
LKG PORT

PLAN VIEW
LKG DOWN

TOP

FWD
NOTES:
1. All dimensions in centimeters
2. Draw fold lines and cut lines.
3. Cut along cut line.
4. Bring the corners marked with a circle together to overlap, with the middle section, the middle section should be on the outside. First, staple these 3 points together, then glue.

3D VIEW

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NOTES:
1. All dimensions in centimeters
2. Trim bottom part of bulkheads to suit curvature of the shell if needed.
3. Trim the deck to suit the curvature of the shell.

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*FABRICATION DRAWING BOW - SHELL*
**FINAL ASSEMBLY**

**ACTIVITY**
Final Assembly of all Three Megablocks to Form the STEM-Class Ship for the Royal Canadian Navy.

**NOTES:**
- Following Assembly, ship will be launched.

**MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS:**
Permanent Marker
Clear Ruler
Exacto Knife
Cutting Board
Foam Board
Black Plastic Sheets
Scissors
Glue Gun
Duct Tape

**DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS:**

**Definitions:**
Port: The left side of the ship
Super Structure: The parts of a Ship other than Mast, built above its Hull and Main Deck
Shell: The outer most structure of a ship
Mast: A long pole that rises vertically from a ship

**Acronyms:**
DWG - Drawing
LKG DOWN – Looking Down
LKG PORT – Looking Port
FWD – Forward

**STEPS:**
1 Assembly
1.1 Using the Plan (p.87) follow the ‘NOTES’ section to assemble STEM Class Ship 1.
1.2 Use Glue Gun to secure sections.
1.3 Use Duct Tape to seal edges.

**FINAL ASSESSMENT:**
Once the vessel is assembled, place it in water and ensure it floats. Leave it in the water and add weight (washers, sandbags, etc.) to each side and section to test the balance of the ship and confirm it is watertight.
PRECISION BUILDING ACTIVITY 2: BUILD YOUR OWN COAST GUARD FISHERIES SCIENCE VESSEL

OVERVIEW

Have your students visit nss.seaspan.com to learn more and to see updated videos of the construction progress at Seaspan Shipyards.

DESIGN RATIONALE

The design of this workshop is to combine technical skill building with literacy and engineering as students participate in a collaborative build project that simulates advanced manufacturing and materials management in a modern shipbuilding facility.

The purpose of this workshop is for each student to have the same product at the end. Where other activities encourage creativity, this workshop encourages students to go through a specific process, follow directions and come up with the intended product.

PROBLEM SCENARIO

The Canadian Coast Guard needs new ships to enable it to support critical scientific research and ecosystem-based management initiatives. The new Offshore Fisheries Science Vessels are research vessels with special equipment that will allow the Coast Guard to monitor the health of fish stocks, understand the impacts of climate change, and support research that allows us to better understand the ocean environment.

For this activity, your team needs to decide how to tackle the project. You could choose to assign separate tasks to each person (i.e. blue print reader, cutter, welder/gluer, project manager, quality control person) or by each person performing all the tasks for a section of the ship.

SUCCESS DETERMINANTS

You will know if you have been successful when:

• Your team can demonstrate you have successfully followed the technical drawings;
• Your final product looks the way it was designed;
• Your ship includes appropriate personalization, including a name;
• Your ship structure floats;
• Your team can reflect on what you did that worked, what didn’t work, your process, and provide suggestions for where you might make improvements.

PARAMETERS

• Members of each group must work together to complete the activity;
• Groups will be given a budget to purchase materials;
• Groups must build their structure with the least amount of waste. Any waste must be accounted for in the budget;
• The ships must float and conform to the design specs provided;
• Groups must create a design panel that illustrates their approach, successes, challenges and recommendations.

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

• Plastic coated foam board (6mm thick)
• Paper towel or toilet paper roll (or something similar)
• Scissors
• Cutter (i.e. X-acto or Olfa knife with replaceable blades)
• Cutting board to protect table surface
• Hot glue gun (1 per group)
• Glue sticks
• Standard pencil
• Markers
• Ruler
• Scotch tape

DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS:

Aft - Towards the back of a ship
Bow - Front area of a ship
Bulkhead - Vertical surfaces on a ship - like the walls of a house
Deck - Horizontal surfaces on a ship - like the floors of a house
Design waterline - Level at which a ship normally floats
Forward - Towards the front of a ship
Hull - Main body of the ship which floats in the water
Longitudinal – Things that are oriented along the length of the ship
**Activity Extensions:**

- **Careers** Have students work in assigned roles throughout the project. Research the different careers and present back on how they contributed to the overall construction and assembly.

- **Project Management** Include financial management by assigning prices to the materials, a labour cost (per 30 minutes of labour), and a target budget and build time for students to work towards.

- **Functionality** Once the ship is assembled and launched, have students add weight (ballast it) to adjust the way it floats, and experiment with the ship’s vertical centre of gravity (roll it and sink it).

- **Reverse Engineer** Build a simple vessel or structure in ‘blocks’ and then do drawings and work instructions for its construction and assembly. Can be done with uniform materials (i.e. lego) or non-uniform (i.e. recyclables, consumables).

- **Name the Ship** There is a policy for naming Coast Guard Ships (http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/Publications/Ship-Naming-Policy) your group must come up with a unique name that follows the guidelines. Explain the name choice to the class.

- **Ballast** Have students draw the design waterline (DWL) marks on the hull as shown in the activity extension resources. The DWL indicates the optimal water level for the boat to float safely and move efficiently in the water. Next, have students ballast the ships using sand to make them float at the DWL. Have them track and chart the amount of sand they use.

**Note:**

For detailed Activity Extensions & Worksheets, please visit: https://coveocean.com
NOTE:
SHELL PLATE TO BE MADE FROM PLASTIC COATED FOAM BOARD OR ANOTHER WATER RESISTANT AND FLEXIBLE MATERIAL.
APPLIES ONLY TO PARTS 1, 2, 3, 4.

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**PART No.17**

**PART No.18**

**PART No.19**

BEND 90°

BEND 90°
NOTE:
HOT GLUE ALL CONNECTION POINTS

NOTE:
BEND AND FORM ALL SHELL PARTS TO FIT.

NOTE:
TAPE MAY BE USED IN THIS STEP TO ASSIST WITH THE FORMING/FITTING OF SHELL PLATE TO STRUCTURE.
NOTE:
HOT GLUE ALL EXPOSED SEAMS ON HULL EXTERIOR.
FULL SEAL REQUIRED.
NOTE:
BEND 90° AT FORM LINES

BENDS MAY NEED TO BE SCORED BY KNIFE TO ACHIEVE FULL 90°

NOTE:
HOT GLUE ALL CONNECTION POINTS
NOTE:
ACCESS REQUIRED TO BELOW DECK COMPARTMENTS. DO NOT GLUE DECK DOWN TO HULL ASSEMBLY.
FACILITATOR GUIDE FOR STUDENT'S DESIGN THINKING

**Design Challenge:** Title of your chosen Design Challenge

**Items Needed:**
- Copies of the Design Challenge
- Copies of the Fillable Student Workbook (p.68) and Placemat (p.70) printed on Tabloid (11x17) paper
- Pencils for each student
- Participant kit

1. Make sure you have all the students in your group at your table or workstation.
2. Make sure you have your participant kit – there is one per group. Contents of this kit should NOT be shared with the students until Section #4 Build a Prototype of this Design Thinking process.
3. Make sure you have a digital timing device.
4. Read the Design Challenge to your group. Ask the students if there are any terms, words, or ideas that need clarification.
5. Hand a copy of both the Workbook and Placemat to each student. Make sure everyone has a pencil.
6. Ask the students to fold the Workbook into a booklet. The Maker Day host will show you how.
7. Ask the students to read the first page entitled Your Task.
8. Ask if there are any questions about the task. Review the following sections from the Design Challenge: Success Determinants and Parameters.
9. Ask the students to answer the three questions in their Workbook (5 mins)
   1. What is the purpose of the design challenge?
   2. What do the key terms mean?
   3. Why is the challenge important?
10. Briefly discuss their answers.

11. Turn to Section #1 Gain Empathy. Discuss briefly what empathy is and how it is different from sympathy. Ask the student to do Part A - Write 3-5 questions you can ask people to learn more about them as users of the challenge. They can write these questions in their Workbook. (5 mins)
12. Now, ask them to pick a partner at their table and use their questions to interview that person. Part B asks them to record the responses in words on Section 1 on their Placemats and Part C ask them to sketch on the back page of their Workbook after their interviews. (5 mins for each interview, 3 mins to record and sketch)
13. Turn to Section #2 Define the Problem. Have the students identify who they are designing their component for – Section A. Then have them complete Section B - What is your person’s need? Remind your group to complete Section #2 on their Placemats by recording who they are designing for and what that person may need that will have to be considered in the design. (3 mins)
14. Turn to Section #3 Brainstorm. Stress the points in bold in their Workbooks - DEFER JUDGEMENT, GO FOR VOLUME, ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME, BE VISUAL, THINK HEADLINES, BUILD ON THE IDEAS OF OTHERS, STAY ON TOPIC, ENCOURAGE WILD IDEAS
15. Ask them to start by sketching 6 ideas of their own. These are to be detailed sketches. (10 mins)
16. Once the brainstorm sketching is done, ask the students to share their sketches with their partners from Section #1 Gain Empathy. The students ask for feedback on their sketches. The students record the feedback on Section #3 on their Placemats (leaving some room to add their modified sketch [#17 below]). (5 mins for each person to share and receive feedback)
17. Based on the feedback, ask the students to modify 1 of their sketches that they would like to take to the prototype stage. This modified sketch is added to Section #3 on the Placemat. (5 mins)
18. Turn to Section #4 Build a Prototype in the Workbook. Discuss the difference between a prototype and a working model. Discuss the reason(s) why building is important. Everyone takes turns and shares Sections #2 and 3 on their Placemat. Then the group negotiates which ideas/sketch they think they would build collectively into a prototype. When a sketch is agreed upon (might be one person’s sketch or a combination of the group’s ideas), show the contents of the participant kit. Discuss whether the selected sketch needs to be modified because of either the materials in the kit or other thoughts/ideas the participants have. If the sketch changes, make sure the group re-sketches the design. Record the group’s design (words and sketch) on #4 of their Placemats. (approximately 10 – 15 mins)

19. Check out the pantry and tool crib with your group, and then start to build your group’s prototype. (2 – 3 hours)

20. Prepare for the Gallery Tour … make sure each student has a finalized sketch of the prototype. During the gallery tour, one student stays with the prototype and answers questions, the other students tour and explore the other groups’ prototypes. Make sure you have a plan for the students to trade off in terms of who is touring and who is staying back. (30 mins)

21. Following the Gallery Tour, have the group discuss the Table in Section #5 in their Workbooks (likes, changes, questions people had, new ideas). This is the group reflection. After the discussion, have students sketch an improved prototype version in Section #5 on their Placemats individually. (5 mins)

22. Turn to Section #6 Reflect. Each student answers the questions and records them on their Placemats in Section #6.

23. Make sure you clean up your table and area and return all items that are reusable to the pantry and tool crib. Congratulations on a job well done!
Your Task
Insert the overarching goal/task for the chosen designed challenge

Answer These Questions:
1. What is the purpose?
2. What are the key terms?
3. Why is this important?

1. Gain Empathy
The 1st step of a design process is to gain empathy so you can better understand how people work to solve a problem.

Interview tips: Ask why questions / encourage stories / don’t be afraid of silences / don’t suggest answers to questions

We try to gain empathy through conversations.

A. Write 3 -5 questions you can ask people to learn more about them as users of the design product.
B. Now, use those questions to interview someone at your table. Record their responses in Section #1 on your placemat.
C. Sketch some ideas gained from your conversation. Look for interesting details. Sketch your ideas on the back page of your booklet.

STOP! TAKE A MOMENT & COMPLETE SECTION #2 ON YOUR PLACEMAT.

2. Define the Problem
A. Before coming up with solutions, we need to pick the person you want to help with a better design. This person could be someone you actually know or a combination of different people.

B. What is your person’s need? We think of needs as being verbs like to help, to feel, etc.

My person needs

STOP! TAKE A MOMENT & COMPLETE SECTION #2 ON YOUR PLACEMAT.

3. Brainstorm
DEFER JUDGEMENT GO FOR VOLUME
ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME
BE VISUAL THINK HEADLINES
BUILD ON THE IDEAS OF OTHERS
STAY ON TOPIC ENCOURAGE WILD IDEAS

On the back of your placemat, sketch 6 ideas for your contribution to the design challenge.

Once you have brainstormed, shared your ideas with your partner from #1. Ask for their feedback. Capture their ideas on your placemat.

STOP! TAKE A MOMENT & COMPLETE SECTION #3 ON YOUR PLACEMAT.

4. Build a Prototype
What is a prototype?
You build a physical prototype or version of your ideas to make your ideas better and visual.

Why build?
You build to share your ideas & to test out how your ideas look, feel, & work.

Build Tips: Keep it simple – prototypes are not supposed to be perfect. Learn from the process to make your ideas better.

At your table, share your ideas and negotiate which one that your entire table will prototype.

STOP! TAKE A MOMENT & SKETCH YOUR GROUP’S IDEA TO PROTOTYPE ON YOUR PLACEMENT, SECTION #4.

5. Share Your Prototype - Gallery Tour
It’s time to test your idea and share it with others. Fill out the chart below based on the comments you have heard during the Gallery Tour.

+ Likes

Δ Change

? Questions

New Ideas

STOP! TAKE A MOMENT & DRAW AN IMPROVED VERSION OF YOUR PROTOTYPE.

6. Reflect
What did you learn by doing this activity?

Which step of this activity was your favorite? Why?

How has this activity affected your thoughts about the design challenge?

What steps would you take to improve on what you have been challenged to complete?

CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done!

STOP! TAKE A MOMENT & COMPLETE SECTION #5 ON YOUR PLACEMAT.

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1. EMPATHY
2. DEFINE
3. IDEATE
4. PROTOTYPE
5. TEST
6. Placemat - print on one TABLOID-sized page