

Brainstorm & idea prioritization

Use this template in your own brainstorming sessions so your team can unleash their imagination and start shaping concepts even if you're not sitting in the same room.

- 10 minutes to prepare
- 1 hour to collaborate
- **2-8 people** recommended



Need some inspiration?

See a finished version of this template to kickstart your work.

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Before you collaborate

A little bit of preparation goes a long way with this session. Here's what you need to do to get going.

① 10 minutes

Team gathering

Set the goal

Define who should participate in the session and send an invite. Share relevant information or pre-work ahead.

Think about the problem you'll be focusing on solving in

the brainstorming session.

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productive session.



Define your problem statement

What problem are you trying to solve? Frame your problem as a How Might We statement. This will be the focus of your brainstorm.

(†) 5 minutes

PROBLEM

BUDGET OVERRUNS:ONE OF THE MOST SIGNFICANT
CHALLENGES IS STAYING WITHIN BUDGET. CONSTRUCTION:
DELAYS DUE TO WEATHER, PERMITISSUES, MATERIAL
SHORTAGES, OR UNFORESN PROBLEMS CAN BE FRUSTRATING
AND DESIGN CHALLEGES, CONTRATOR AND SUBCONTRATOR
ISSUES, PERMITTING AND REGULATARY HURDLES, QUALITY
CONTRROL, ENVIRONTION, MENTAL CONSIDERATTIONS, MATERIAL
AVAILABILITY, TECHNOLOGICAL INTEGRATION, EMOTIONAL
STRESS.



Key rules of brainstorming

To run an smooth and productive session





Encourage wild ideas.





Listen to others.



Go for volume.



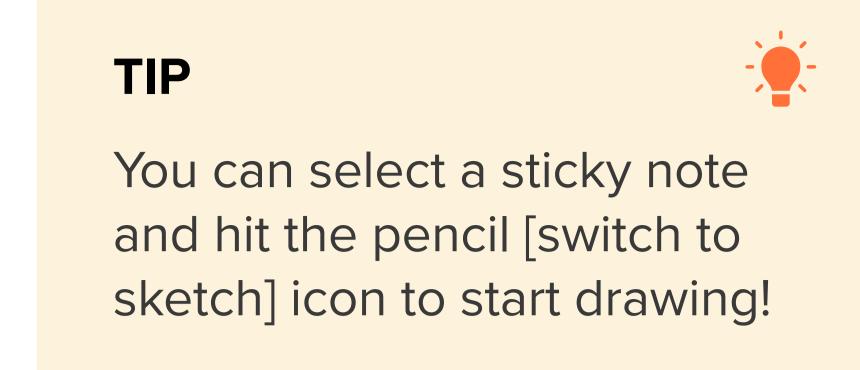
If possible, be visual.



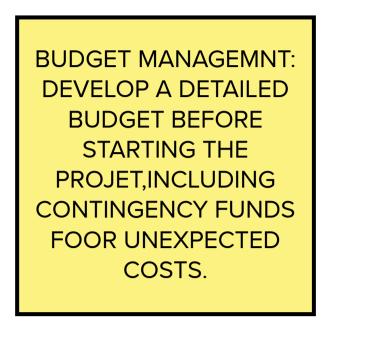
Brainstorm

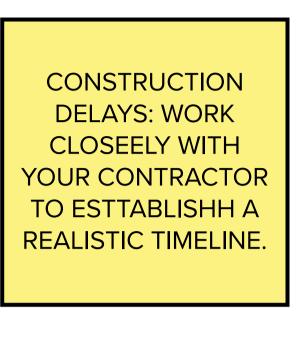
Write down any ideas that come to mind that address your problem statement.

① 10 minutes



Person 1

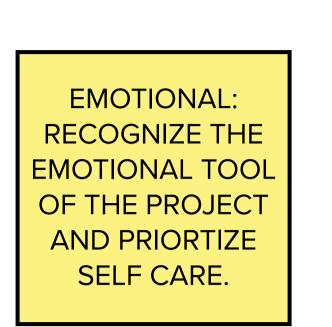


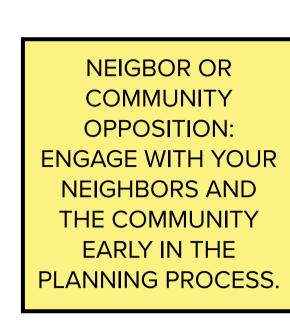




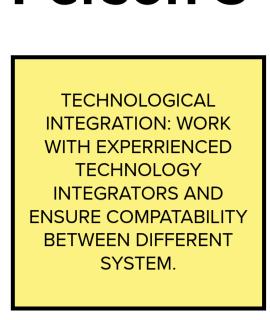


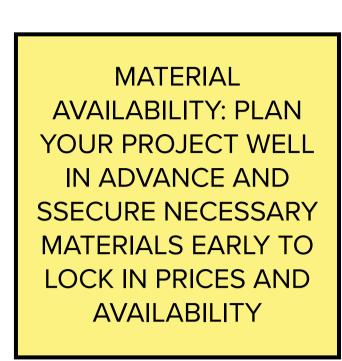


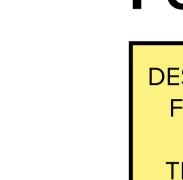


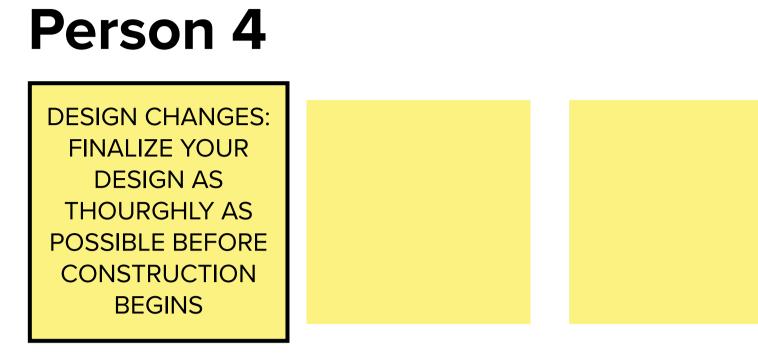


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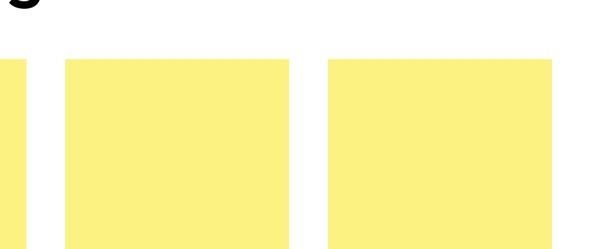








Person 5



Person 6

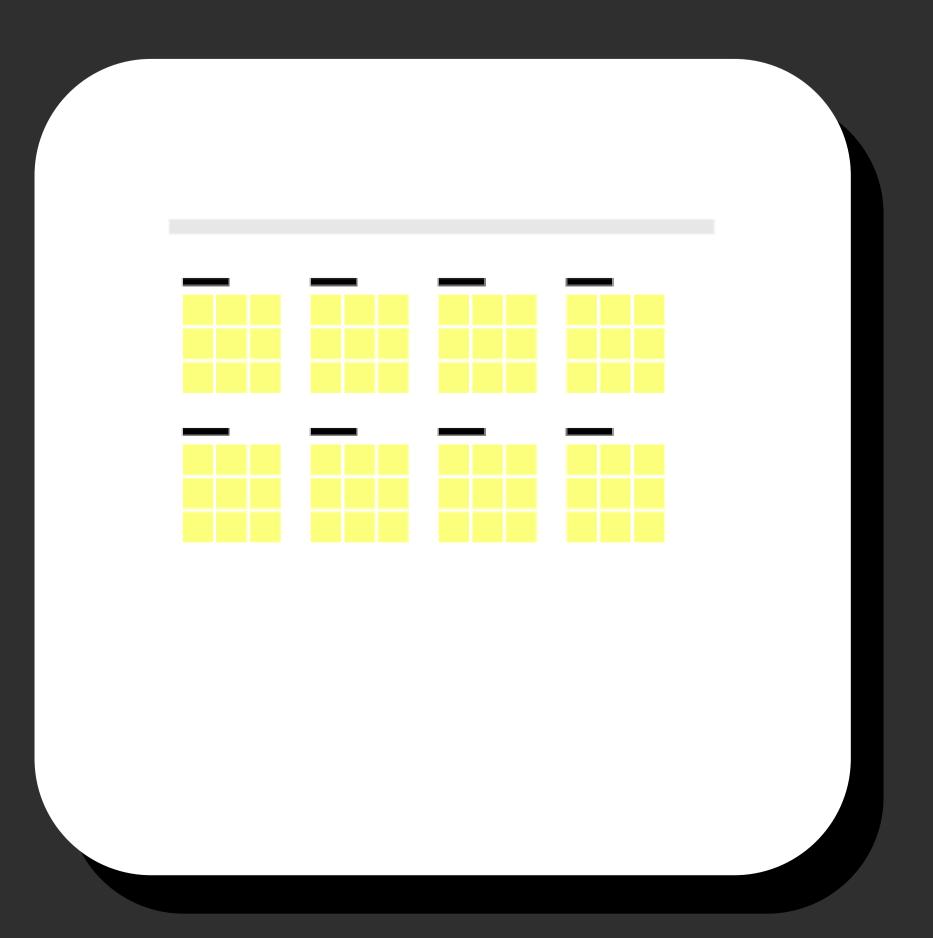


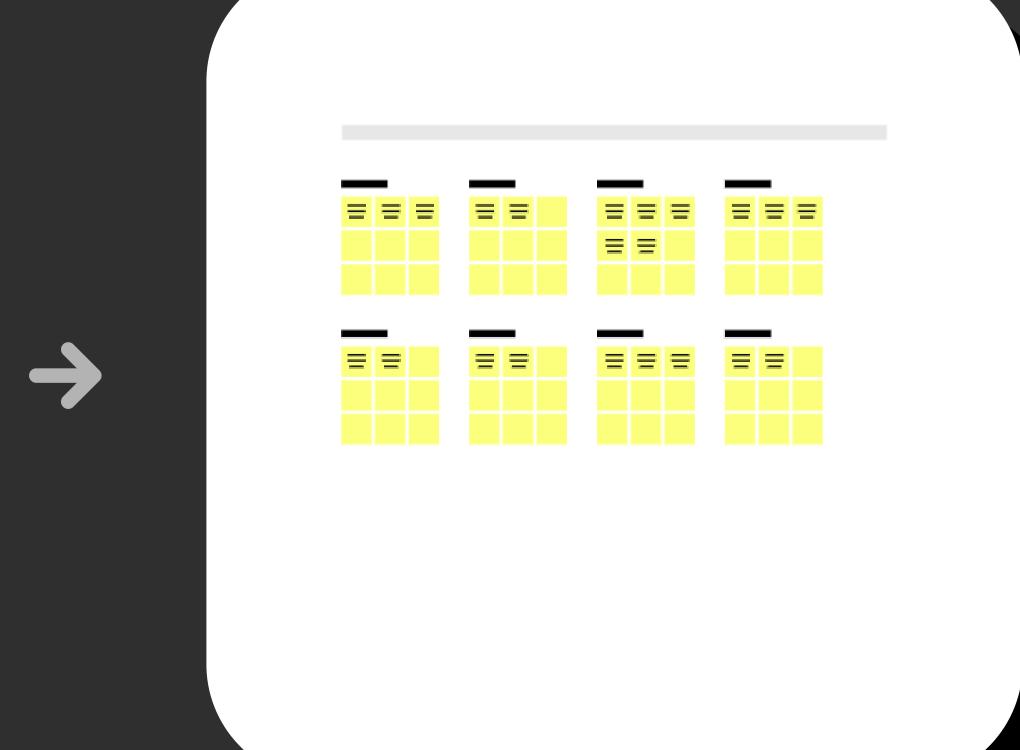
Person 7



Person 8





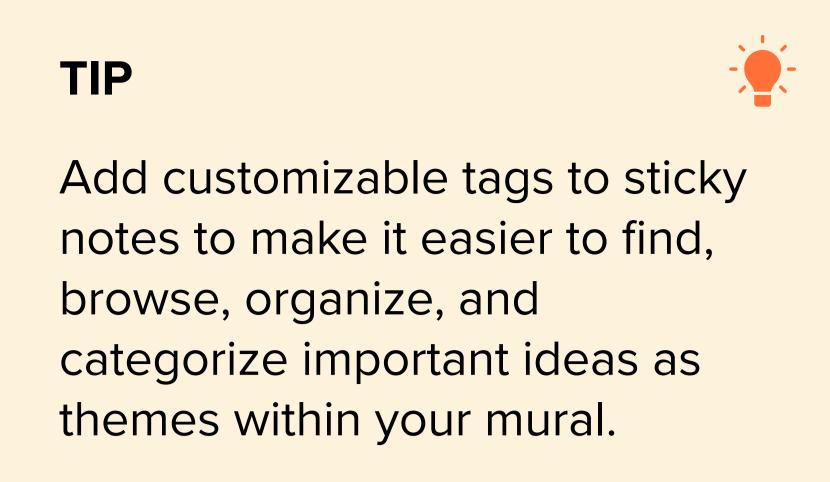




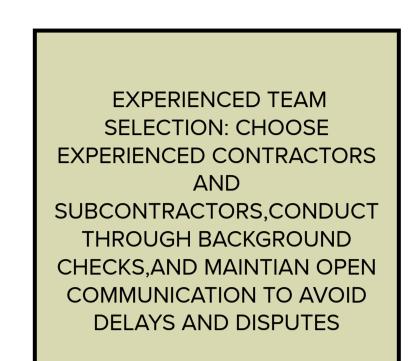
Group ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. Once all sticky notes have been grouped, give each cluster a sentence-like label. If a cluster is bigger than six sticky notes, try and see if you and break it up into smaller sub-groups.

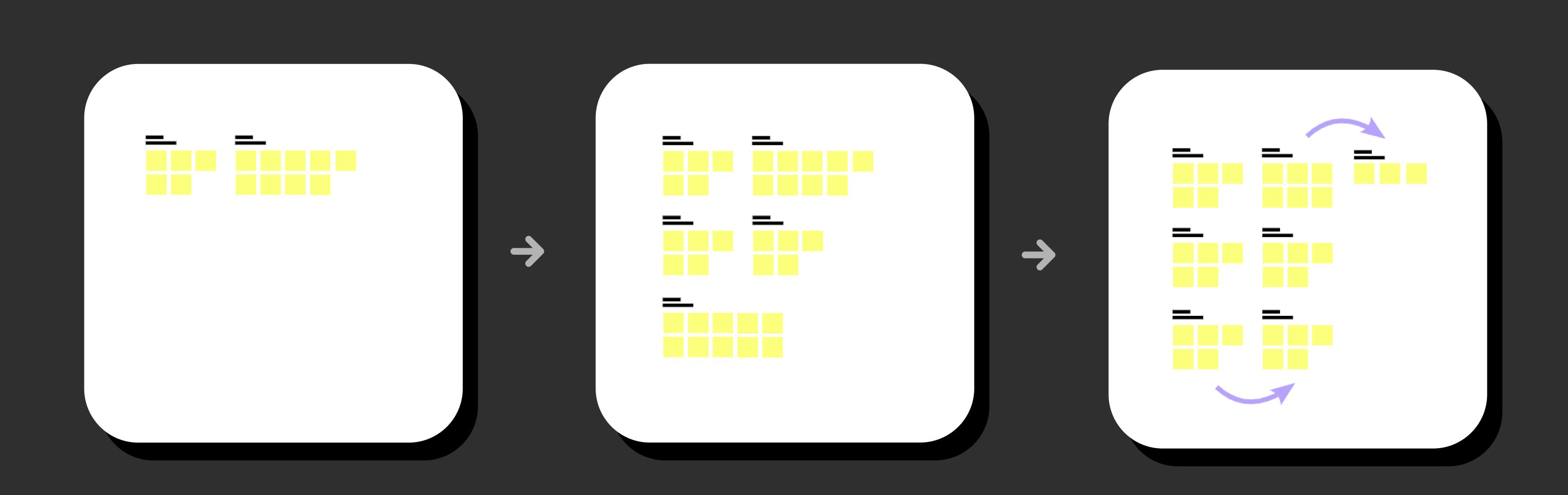
① 20 minutes



EFFECTIVE BUDGET
MANAGEMENT: CREATE A
DETAILED BUDGET WTH A
CONTINGENCY FUND TO
ADDRESS UNFORESEEN
COSTS AND CREFULLY
TRACK EXPENSES
THROUGHOUT THE
PROJECT.



COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING:
INVEST TIME IN
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING,
INCLUDING THROUGH
DESIGN AND REGULATORY
RESEARCH, TO MINIMIZE
SURPRISES AND NAVIGATE
PERMITTING AND
REGULATORY HURDLES
SMOOTHLY





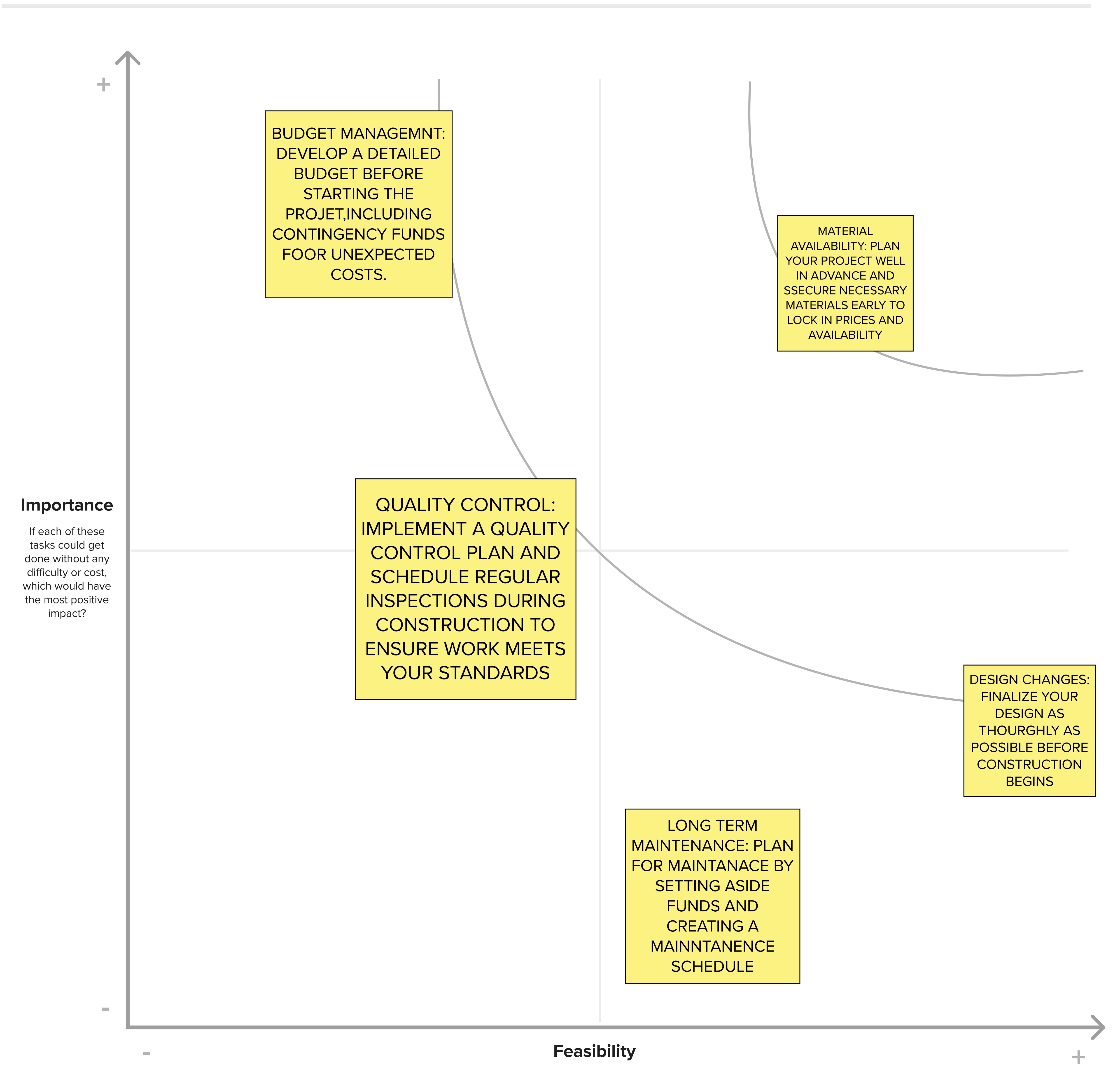
Prioritize

Your team should all be on the same page about what's important moving forward. Place your ideas on this grid to determine which ideas are important and which are feasible.

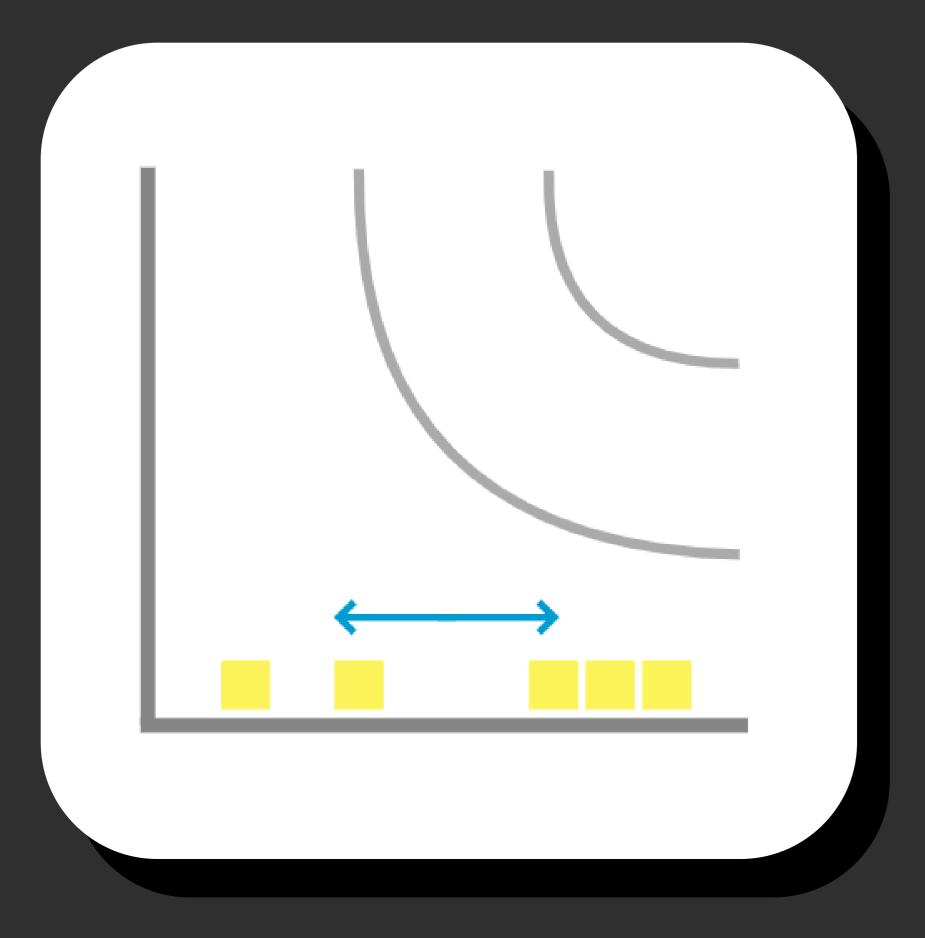
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TIP

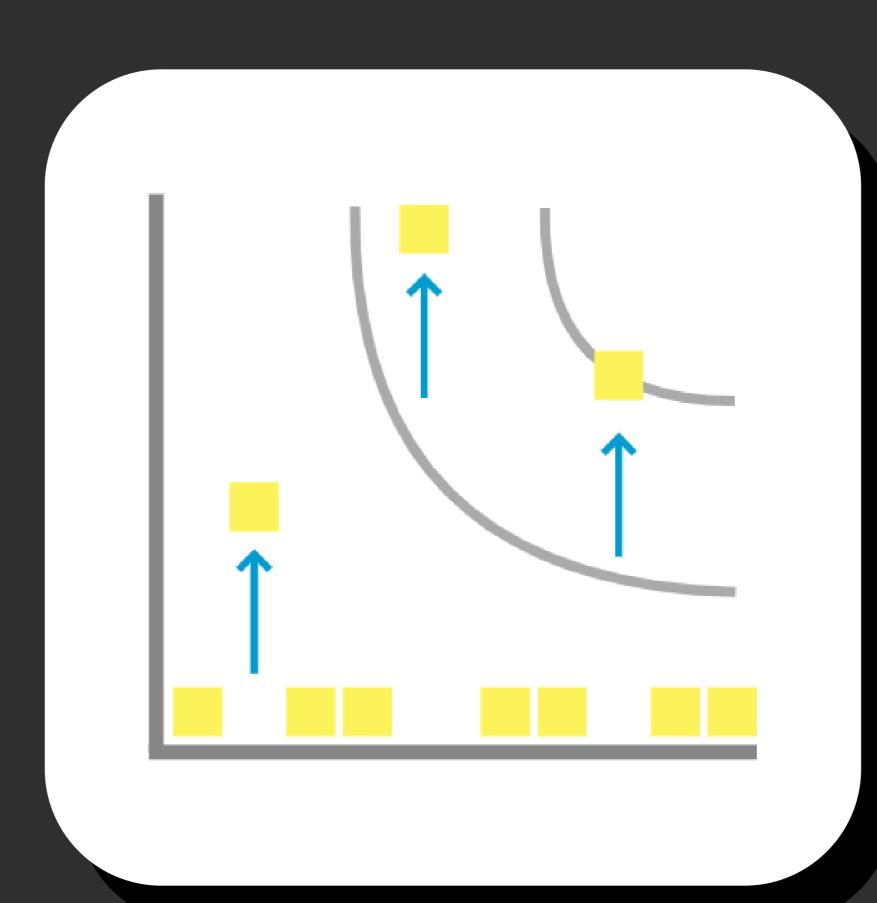
Participants can use their cursors to point at where sticky notes should go on the grid. The facilitator can confirm the spot by using the laser pointer holding the **H key** on the keyboard.



Regardless of their importance, which tasks are more feasible than others? (Cost, time, effort, complexity, etc.)











After you collaborate

You can export the mural as an image or pdf to share with members of your company who might find it helpful.

Quick add-ons

Share the mural

Share a view link to the mural with stakeholders to keep them in the loop about the outcomes of the session.

Export the mural Export a copy of the mural as a PNG or PDF to attach to emails, include in slides, or save in your drive.

Keep moving forward



Strategy blueprint

Define the components of a new idea or strategy.

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Customer experience journey map

Understand customer needs, motivations, and obstacles for an experience.

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Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & threats

Identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) to develop a plan.

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