Top 15 DSA Strategy Mistakes to Avoid

1. Solving blindly without building intuition
Identify the pattern before coding.

2. Memorizing solutions instead of understanding transitions
Focus on why ideas fail and succeed.

3. Not maintaining a Mistakes Log
Track repeated errors to avoid repeating.

4. Finishing patterns but not mastering them
Mastery means solving Mediums without hints.

5. Overloading yourself with too many patterns per day
Take a revision-only day every 4 days.

6. Rushing to complete instead of learning deeply
Focus on quality, not speed.

7. Not doing timed practice
Timed Medium + Hard sessions are essential.

8. Ignoring constraints
Always check input size and complexity.

9. Watching solutions too early
Think at least 45 minutes before checking hints.

10. Not re-solving failed problems
Re-solve after 3 and 10 days.

11. Forgetting edge cases
List edge cases before coding.

12. Losing confidence after bad days
Progress is a staircase, not linear.

13. Avoiding Hard problems
Attempt one Hard daily.

14. Ignoring handwritten templates
Rewrite templates daily.

15. Doing everything alone
Discuss or write editorials weekly.