


Brainstorm & Prioritize Ideas



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Template



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



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.

 10 minutes

A

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


B

Set the goal
Think about the problem you'll be focusing on solving in the brainstorming session.

C


Learn how to use the facilitation tools
Use the Facilitation Superpowers to run a happy and productive session.

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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


How might we [your problem statement]?





Key rules of brainstorming


To run a smooth and productive session


 Stay in topic.

 Encourage wild ideas.

 Defer judgment.

 Listen to others.

 Go for volume.

 If possible, be visual.

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Brainstorm

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

10 minutes

TIP
You can make it a sticky note or a 3x5 index card. Don't be afraid to use the sticky note!

ROHIT

Create a clear set of criteria that you'll use to evaluate and prioritize ideas.

These criteria can include potential impact, feasibility, cost, alignment with company goals, and time sensitivity.

Assign scores to each idea based on the criteria. Use a numerical scale, such as 1-5, or a simple "high," "medium," and "low" ranking system.

PRABHA

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Assign scores to each idea based on the criteria. Use a numerical scale, such as 1-5, or a simple "high," "medium," and "low" ranking system.

You can create categories like "Quick Wins," "Long-term Projects," or "Innovations" to further prioritize ideas within each group.

Group ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas with stakeholders similar or related topics 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 can break it up into two or three groups.

20 minutes

TIP
Allocate sticky notes to a single cluster. If a cluster is too large, break it up into two or three groups. If a cluster is too small, combine it with another cluster.

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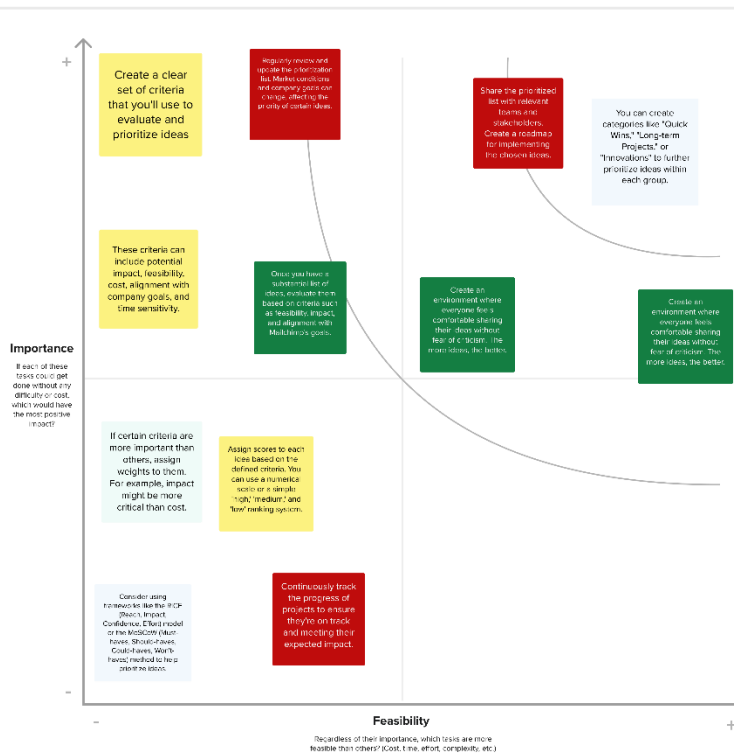
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Prioritize

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.

20 minutes

TIP
Participants can use their sticky notes to place ideas on the grid. The facilitator can confirm the spot by using the laser pointer holding the H key on the keyboard.



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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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