

Trello Board

I decided to use the Trello Board instead of the Gantt Chart because Trello seems to be a more visually motivating option. I find planners with more color and interactive functions to be a lot more motivating for me and that's how I made my choice. Trello seems to follow the Kanban workflow which makes it easy to feel productive. The way you can have a list for when you're working on something and for when you're done with them makes it easy to keep track of what you're doing as well.

The lists I made were divided into design, HTML/CSS and a to do's for some different things. Each of the lists have their own cover color to more easily keep track of what category they belong to as well as being more fun to work with. One of the reasons I didn't want to have so many different lists was also so it would all fit on the screen without having to scroll. That being said the list itself will be scrollable. I know you can have checklists in the cards which makes it easier to keep the cards shorter, but when you have to do several tasks inside of a card for it to be considered done then it can easily feel like you're not doing as much. That's why I prefer having them in individual cards, of course when we get the entire semester project and the Trello board gets updated with a bit more details then it's likely I might change that idea.

Getting to play around with colors and power-ups also made it a lot of fun to do the planning itself. I made the labels different colors depending on what list they are in. The lists I made all have red labels to signify not started, when you drag them over to doing the labels turn orange to signify in progress and in the done list the labels turn green meaning finished. The power-ups I got were one that lets you star cards that you want to focus on and the countdown that shows you how many days are left on a task. The cards needed to be dated as well for them to show on the calendar so I did that as well. It's so much easier to plan your timeline when you can see them in a calendar and have all the tasks visible. From there you can just drag and drop them where you want the timeline to be

The dates I made only have a due date and no start date because I want to start on a task when I'm ready, not when the calendar says I do. If I'm ready ahead of time I don't want an excuse to relax and if I'm behind I don't want to needlessly stress myself. I set timelines for when I want to be finished with a task, but I want to update the tasks with more detail once we get the entire semester project and maybe do some changes on the timelines as well. It's also likely that I make some changes along the way if I feel the need for it.

<https://trello.com/b/h4i2SBCA/semester-project-1>