

Create paper wireframes

Video: Welcome to week 3

1 min

Video: Explore common layouts for website home pages

7 min

Reading: Learn more about common website layouts

10 min

Ungraded Plugin: Identify the website layout

30 min

Video: The basics of wireframes

9 min

Reading: Learn more about wireframes

10 min

Practice Quiz: Activity: Begin paper wireframes for your website

1 question

Reading: Activity Exemplar: Begin paper wireframes for your website

10 min

Plan responsive web pages

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Week 3 review

Activity Exemplar: Begin paper wireframes for your website

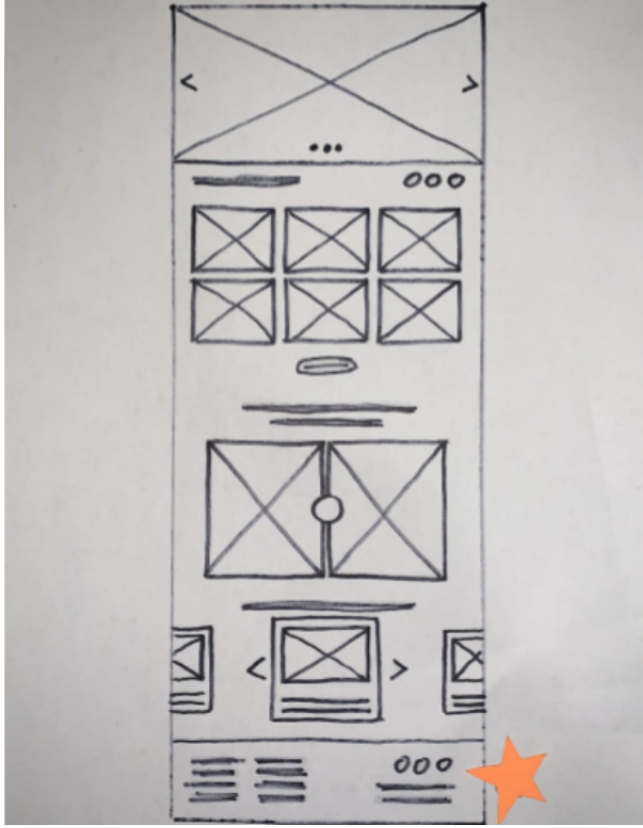


Exemplar

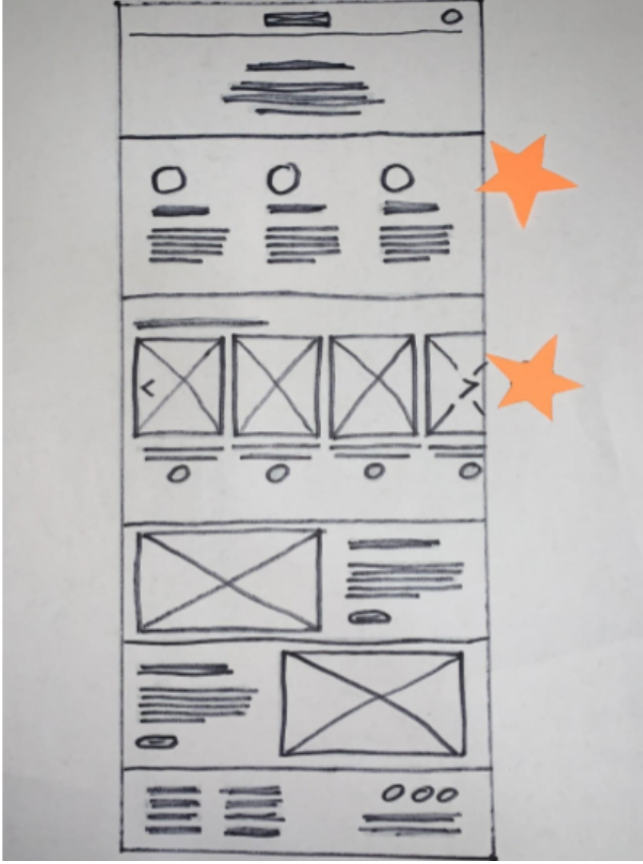
Below is a completed exemplar of four versions of the initial layout for the homepage for an online clothing store called Tee's Shirts. After we placed stars next to our favorite elements in each wireframe, we combined them into one wireframe (see Sketch 5).

The exemplar is a completed version of the activity we asked you to do earlier in the exercise. They are for the **desktop** version of the website. You can compare the exemplar to your work.

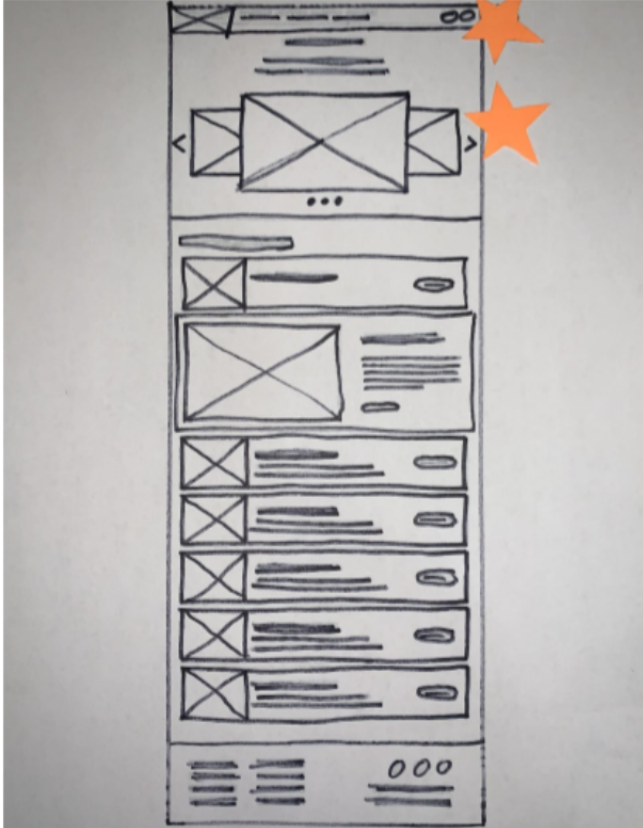
Sketch 1 (Desktop version #1 of the homepage and starred section):



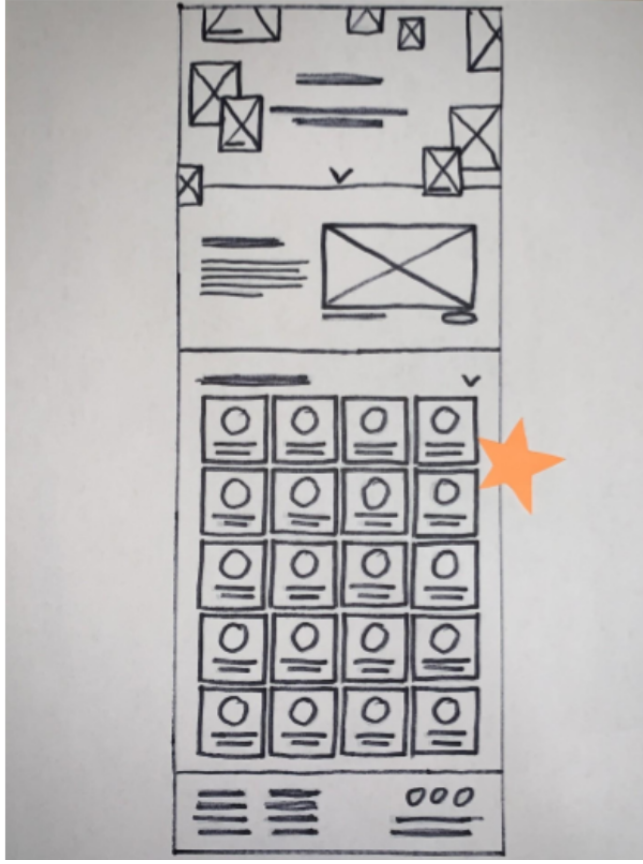
Sketch 2 (Desktop version #2 of the homepage and starred sections):



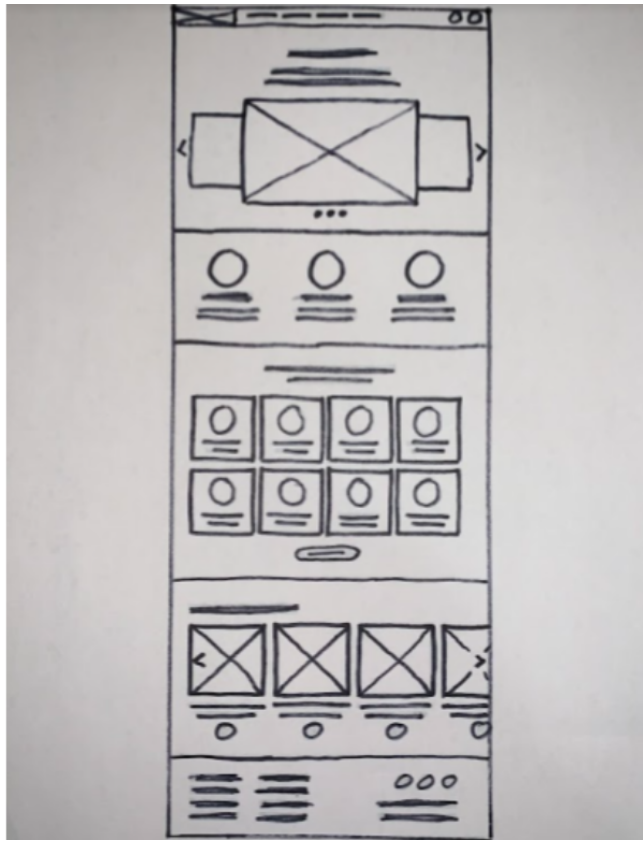
Sketch 3 (Desktop version #3 of the homepage and starred sections):



Sketch 4 (Desktop version #4 of the homepage and starred sections):



Sketch 5 (Homepage wireframe with best of the four combined sketches):



Assessment of exemplar

Here's how we created the four sketches for our wireframes.

Step 1: We drew large rectangles on four sheets of paper to represent a different version of the homepage.

Step 2: We filled in lines to indicate text, and rectangles with Xs to indicate large images or pictures, and circles to indicate logos or buttons like calls-to-action.

Step 3: We sketched a few designs and indicated our favorite modules or sections by placing a star next to them.

Step 4: We combined our favorite sections to create the wireframe of our homepage.

Step 5: We repeated Steps 1-4 to build out wireframes for all the other pages of the website.

Now compare your paper wireframes to the matching exemplar above. As you compare, ask yourself:

- Did you create four versions of the homepage wireframe?
- Did you create placeholders for visual elements that will be added in later?
- Did you analyze the wireframes and decide on the best designs?
- Did you create a final homepage design with the best elements from the first four wireframes?
- Did you repeat the same process to create the wireframes for the other pages of the website?

What was useful to you when you did this activity? What would you like to do differently next time? Take this feedback with you as you continue to progress through the course.

Mark as completed

