



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



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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.

 **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

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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 an smooth and productive session



Stay in topic.



Encourage wild ideas.



Defer judgment.



Listen to others.



Go for volume.



If possible, be visual.

Brainstorm

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

 10 minutes

TIP



You can select a sticky note and hit the pencil [switch to sketch] icon to start drawing!

RAJABHAVANI.B

USE DATA ANALYTICS TO INFORM DECISION Universities can leverage data analytics to gain insights into student performance, research funding and other key metrics. This data can help inform decision related to program development, resource allocation and student support services.

RADHAKRISHNAN.M

SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS Universities can gather input from stakeholders such as students, faculty and alumni to understand their needs and perspectives. This input can be gathered through surveys, focus groups, meetings and other means.

KIRUTHIKA.S

PROMOTE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION Universities can make decisions that promote diversity and inclusion such as hiring more diverse faculty and staff, creating programs that support underrepresented groups and adopting policies that promote equity and inclusivity.

PURATCHIMANI.C

EMPHASIZE SUSTAINABILITY Universities can promote sustainability by integrating sustainable practices into research and operations, reducing waste and promoting eco-friendly practices. This can include energy conservation, waste management and carbon footprint reduction.

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Group ideas

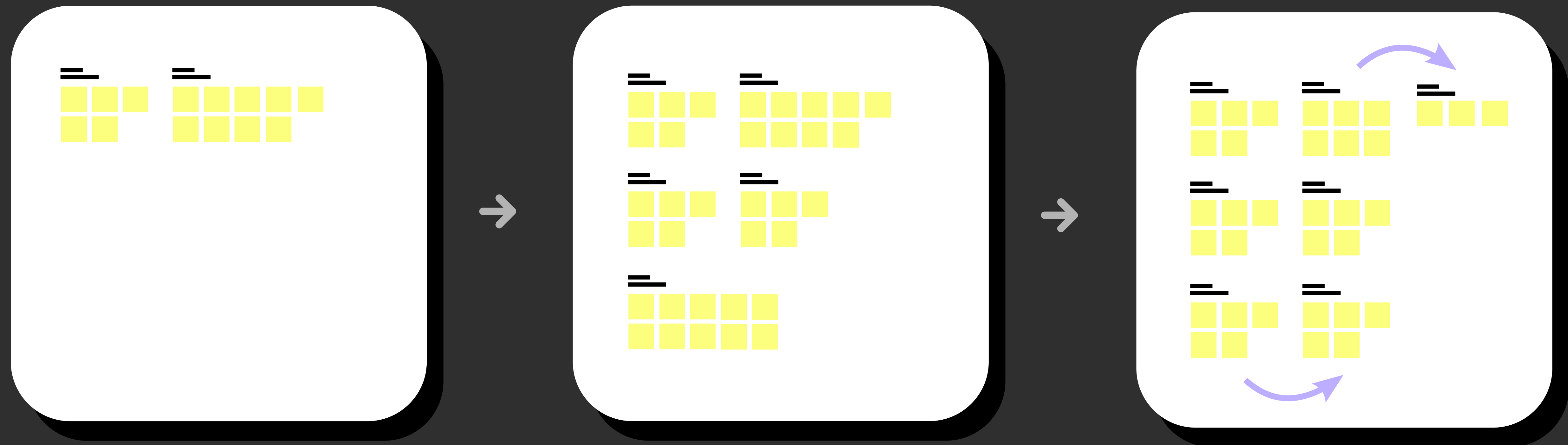
Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. Once all sticky notes have been grouped, give each cluster a sentence-like label. If a cluster is bigger than six sticky notes, try and see if you and break it up into smaller sub-groups.

🕒 20 minutes

TIP

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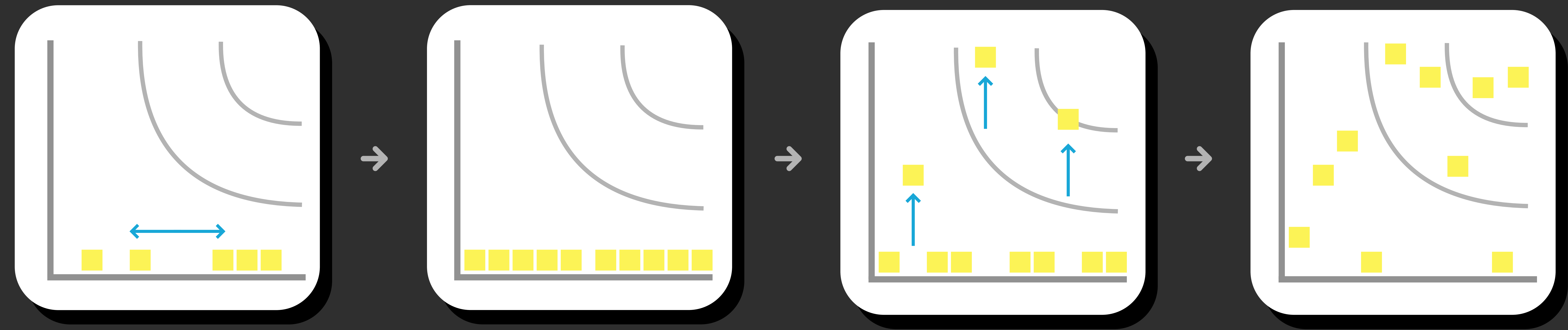
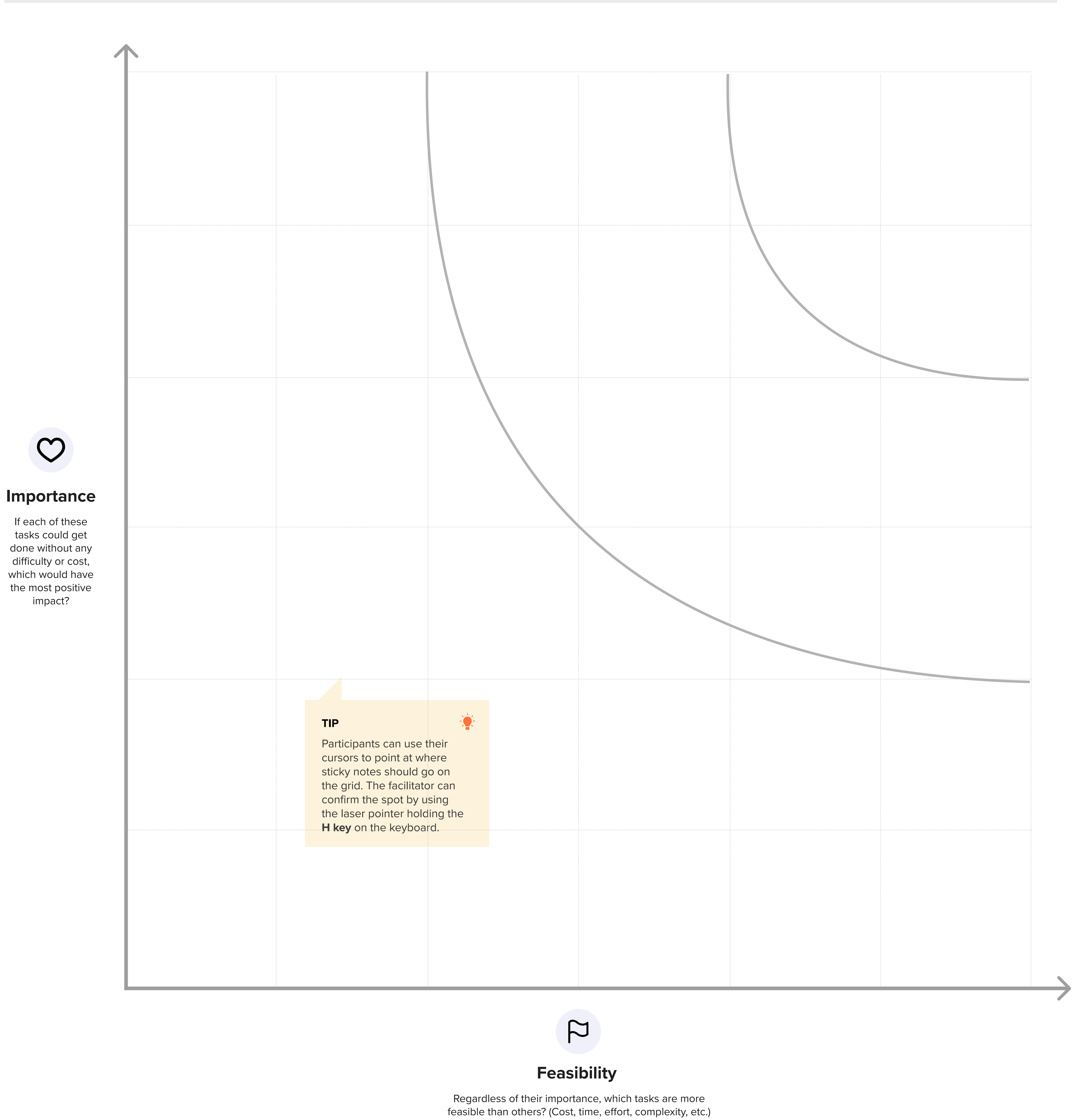
Add customizable tags to sticky notes to make it easier to find, browse, organize, and categorize important ideas as themes within your mural.



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





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

- A

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

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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