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***PURSUING A
PASSION PROJECT:
STRUGGLES AND
SUCSESSES***

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HELLO!



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1.

***WHAT IS A PASSION
PROJECT?***

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***A PASSION PROJECT IS
A PROJECT PURSUED
SOLELY BECAUSE YOU'RE
PASSIONATE ABOUT IT
(AND NOT ABOUT THE
MONEY)***

2.

THE BIG IDEA

A combination of tiny,
baby ideas

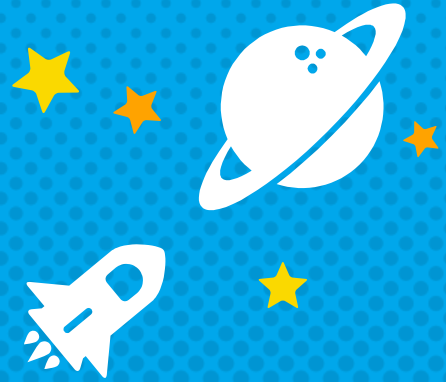
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BECOMING A DATA SCIENTIST



BIG **IDEA!!**

Why not make a podcast for
underrepresented groups in tech!?!



3.

TESTING THE IDEA

Can I even do this??

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BETA EPISODE 1




4.

***GOING INTO
PRODUCTION***

Let's get started! (For real this
time)

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ePhoto 6 X 9 Ft Muslin Backdrop Backgrounds W028
★★★★★ 5 customer reviews

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The screenshot shows the Amazon Prime website interface. At the top, the Amazon Prime logo is on the left, and a search bar with the word "Electronics" is in the center. To the right of the search bar are links for "Departments", "Browsing History", "Sarah's Amazon.com", "Today's Deals", "Gift Cards", "Registry", "Sell", and "Help". Further right are links for "EN", "Hello, Sarah", "Account & Lists", "Orders", "Prime", and a shopping cart icon with "0" items. Below the top navigation bar is a secondary navigation bar with categories like "Camera & Photo", "Deals", "Best Sellers", "Interchangeable-Lens Cameras", "Lenses", "Point-and-Shoots", "Sports & Action Cameras", "Camcorders", "Photography Drones", "Security Cameras", and "Accessories".

The main content area features a product listing for the "Fancierstudio Background Stand Backdrop Support System Kit 8ft by 10ft wide By Fancierstudio TB30". The product image shows a black metal stand with a horizontal bar and a backdrop. The Fancier logo is visible on the stand. To the left of the main image are three smaller thumbnail images. Below the main image is a link that says "Click to open expanded view".

The product title is "Fancierstudio Background Stand Backdrop Support System Kit 8ft by 10ft wide By Fancierstudio TB30". Below the title is a star rating of 4.5 stars and "948 customer reviews | 216 answered questions". The price is listed as "\$32.99" with a Prime logo and a checkmark. Below the price is a promotional message: "Get \$40 off instantly: Pay \$0.00 upon approval for the Amazon.com Store Card." The status is "In Stock". A countdown timer says "Want it Monday, Nov. 6? Order within 9 hrs 39 mins and choose Two-Day Shipping at checkout. Details". Below this is a note: "Sold by Fancierstudio and Fulfilled by Amazon. Gift-wrap available." A list of features includes: "2 x Heavy Duty Backdrop Stand able to extend to 8ft Height", "4 x Section Bar = 10ft wide", and "1 x Backdrop Stand Carrying Case".

Below the features is a link for "Used & new (3) from \$30.52" with a Prime logo and a checkmark. There is a link to "Report incorrect product information." and a note: "This item's packaging may indicate what is inside. To cover it, select Ship in Amazon box on the checkout page." At the bottom of the product listing is a link to the "Electronics Gift Guide: 'Tis the season for shiny, new tech".

On the right side of the product listing is a sharing section with "Share" and icons for email, Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest, along with "1K+ Shares". Below this is a quantity selector set to "1". Underneath is a section for "Add a Protection Plan:" with two options: "3-Year Accident Protection for \$7.50" and "2-Year Accident Protection for \$4.17". Below the protection plan options are two buttons: "Add to Cart" and "Buy Now".

Below the buttons is a link to "Turn on 1-Click ordering for this browser". At the bottom right is a "Ship to:" section with the address "Sarah Withee - Kansas City - 64114" and a dropdown arrow. Below the address is a button labeled "Add to List". At the very bottom right is a small link that says "Add to your Flash Deals".

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6 pack

LimoStudio 6 PCS Black Nylon Muslin / Paper Photo Backdrop Background Clamps, 3.75 inch, AGG1242

★★★★☆ 541 customer reviews

Price: \$6.99 ✓prime

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Sold by KimOutlet and Fulfilled by Amazon. Gift-wrap available.

- Contents: [6 pcs] Backdrop Support Spring Clamp
- 3.75 inch Long
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- Multi Functional: Photo Studio / Woodwork / Artwork
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Roll over image to zoom in

5.

***PURSUING THAT
PROJECT WHEN YOU
HAVE NO ENERGY TO
PURSUE IT***

... now what?

WHEN YOU HAVE NO MORE ENERGY...

- × Write down EVERYTHING you were working on
- × Store things not where you expect to find now, but LATER
- × Give yourself permission to rest

6.

***GOING INTO
PRODUCTION... AGAIN***

Picking up where I left off

1.

GOING INTO THE FUTURE

Let's start with the first set of slides

8.

THINGS I'VE LEARNED

There were SO many...

THINGS I LEARNED...

- × Side projects should be about passion, NOT “something I have to do”

THINGS I LEARNED...

- × The worthwhile projects are a TON of work!
- × (Good support networks help you keep your momentum, though)

THINGS I LEARNED...

- × “Failure” isn’t necessarily permanent

THINGS I LEARNED...

- × What's the end goal?

Focus on THAT

9.

CONCLUSION

The end!

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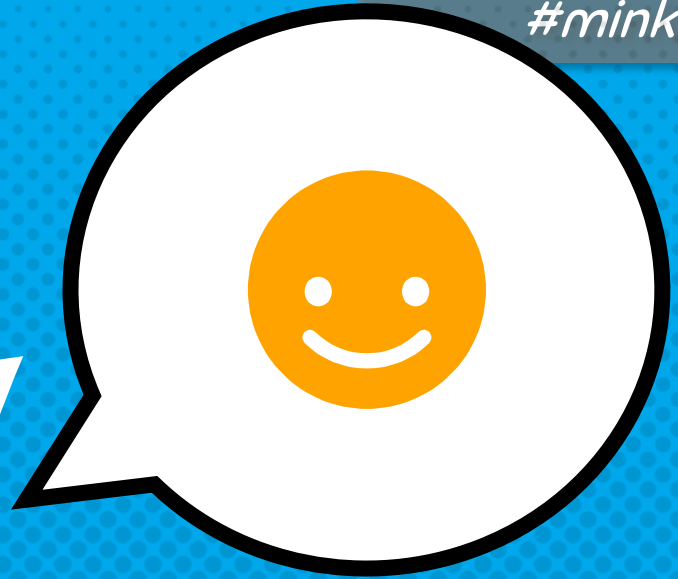
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THANKS!



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