

APPALOOSA!

Mobile App Prototyping Kit for Curious Grrls.

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Appaloosa! is a prototyping kit (stories, supplies, and source files) for empowering curious grrls to design & hack together their own mobile apps.

STORIES: Handbook (a zine)

The main part of the project is the handbook. It will include comics, essays, quotes, tutorials, and activities. It will be full of things to get grrls thinking, designing, making, and breaking things. It will also highlight other awesome women working with technology. It's broken into 4 sections:

- The Big Picture
- Imagination, Inspiration, Iteration
- Code, Communication, Culture
- References & Resources

SUPPLIES: Widgets & App

In the spirit of collage making and scrapbooking, these paper cutout “widgets” are meant to speed up the creative process of prototyping. It also encourages remixing from several sources. Diverse elements are easily brought together using the Appaloosa API (Adhesive Paper Interface). Also included is Prototapper, a simple app made in App Inventor, that lets you easily link screens to quickly create a tappable prototype on your phone.

SOURCE FILES: Code & Comps

One of the fastest ways for me to learn has been to look inside other people’s examples files. I like to see how things were made, tweak stuff, and build on top of them. So visual assets and source code are part of the kit and meant to be hacked on, recombined, and remixed. Visual source files will include things like png files, vector icons, and layered Photoshop comps for the widgets and projects in the handbook. Source code will be in the form of project files for App Inventor.