

Workshop: Designing an Android Task App (Material 3)

Duration: 60 Minutes **Prerequisites:** Figma Account (Free) **Goal:** Build a production-ready "To-Do" screen using Google's official Material 3 Kit.

Check out the material site: <https://m3.material.io/get-started>

Phase 1: Environment Setup (0-10 Mins)

Goal: Get the library ready without breaking the original file.

1. Open the [Material 3 Design Kit](#).
2. Click "Open in Figma" to duplicate it to your drafts.
3. In the left sidebar, locate the **Pages** section. Click the + icon.
4. Name the new page **My Workspace**.
5. **Crucial Step:** On the left sidebar, click the **Assets** tab (next to Layers). This is where Google's pre-coded components live.

Phase 2: The Scaffold (10-20 Mins)

Goal: Define the screen boundaries and navigation.

1. **Create Frame:** Press **F**. In the right sidebar, choose **Android Large** (360x800).
2. **Rename:** Double-click the frame name (top left of the rectangle) and rename it **TasksScreen**.
3. **Status Bar:**
 - In the **Assets** search bar, type "Status Bar".
 - Drag the component onto your frame. Move it to the very top.
4. **Top App Bar:**
 - In **Assets**, search "Top App Bar".
 - Drag the **Small** version onto the canvas below the Status Bar.
 - **Customize:** Select the App Bar. In the right sidebar (Properties), find the text input "Headline" and change it to "**My Tasks**".
 - **Cleanup:** In the properties, toggle "Trailing Icon" to **False** (toggle off).

Dev Tip: In Jetpack Compose, this setup is your **Scaffold** with a **TopAppBar**.

Phase 3: The Task Item (20-35 Mins)

Goal: Create a reusable row using the Design Kit.

1. **Find Component:** In **Assets**, search for "List Item".

2. **Drag & Drop:** Drag the **Standard** list item onto your canvas (place it anywhere for now).
3. **Configure Properties** (Right Sidebar):
 - **Leading Element:** Switch to **Icon** or **Checkbox** (if available in the dropdown). If not, select the generic icon in the list item, looking at the Layers panel, and swap it for a Checkbox icon.
 - **Headline:** Change text to "Complete Lab 4".
 - **Supporting Text:** Change text to "Due: Today, 5pm".
 - **Trailing Element:** Toggle to **False/Off**.
4. **Style:**
 - Click the List Item.
 - In the **Fill** section (Right Sidebar), change the color to **Surface Container High** (use the color styles library).
 - In the **Corner Radius** (top right), type **12**.

Phase 4: The List (35-50 Mins)

Goal: Use Auto Layout to simulate a RecyclerView/LazyColumn.

1. **Duplicate:** Select your customized List Item. Press **Ctrl + D** (Win) or **Cmd + D** (Mac) 4 times so you have 5 items.
2. **Group:** Select all 5 items.
3. **Auto Layout:** Press **Shift + A**. This creates a flexible container.
4. **Spacing:**
 - In the Auto Layout menu (Right Sidebar), set the gap (vertical spacing) to **8**.
 - Set **Horizontal Padding** to **16**.
 - Set **Vertical Padding** to **16**.
5. **Placement:** Drag this entire group into your **TasksScreen** frame, right below the App Bar.
6. **Responsive Sizing:**
 - Select the Auto Layout group. Set Width (top right) to **Fill Container** (or manually resize to 360 width).
 - Select the 5 items *inside* the group. Set their Width to **Fill Container**.

Dev Tip: Auto Layout is exactly how **Column** works in Compose. The "8" spacing is your **Arrangement.spacedBy(8.dp)**.

Phase 5: The FAB & Constraints (50-55 Mins)

Goal: Add the primary action button.

1. **Search:** Look for "FAB" in Assets. Select **FAB > Primary > Standard**.
2. **Place:** Drag it onto the **TasksScreen**.
3. **Position:** Place it near the bottom right.

4. **Constraints:**

- Select the FAB.
- In the **Constraints** section (Right sidebar), set Horizontal to **Right** and Vertical to **Bottom**.
- Ensure it visually sits about 16px from the right and bottom edges.

Phase 6: Inspection (55-60 Mins)

Goal: Extract data for coding.

1. Switch to **Dev Mode** (Toggle the `</>` switch at the top right of Figma, or simply click on an element and hold **Ctrl/Cmd** to see measurements).
 2. Click on your Task List group. Note the padding (**16px**).
 3. Click on the Background color of your App Bar. Note the hex code or token name (e.g., **Surface**).
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Submission

Take a screenshot (or export as a image) of your Figma frame and upload it to dropbox on the link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/7JFFMjtdrZK5Bgh3pav>