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*80 Challenges to Sharpen Your Design Skills* Simon and Schuster  
 Unwind and get creative as you learn all about watercolor painting--one of the fastest-growing activities for everyday adults who are looking for a hobby to easily relax and relieve stress! *Modern Watercolor Botanicals* is a comprehensive guide for all skill levels--beginner to advanced--that teaches everything you need to know about watercolor using easy-to-follow diagrams, pictures, and instructions. Learn how to paint and advance your skills using pieces of beautiful, traceable artwork, including detailed wildflowers, shade tropical leaves, eucalyptus wreaths, and more. Lessons in *Modern Watercolor Botanicals* include: • Instructions for every skill level: beginner, intermediate, and advanced • Easy-to-follow diagrams, pictures, and instructions • Each lesson builds upon skills learned in the previous lessons • 15 pieces of traceable artwork to paint, no drawing experience

required! • Lessons that promote focus and mindfulness and help you reduce stress through the enjoyment of the artistic process • All you need to know to create frame-worthy masterpieces and thoughtful gifts • Prompts, challenges, and ideas to take your creativity to the next level Author Sarah Simon (@themintgardener), a Seattle-based artist who leads sold-out watercolor workshops across the U.S., shares everything she teaches her students in this book. She also answers some of the most common questions from watercolor artists at all levels: • What tools do I need? • How do I mix interesting colors? • How do I create shape, movement, and definition in my piece? • How do I find my own creative style? Delve into *Modern Watercolor Botanicals* to develop your skills and form your own unique artistic approach to the world of modern watercolor! **The House on Mango Street** Simon and Schuster  
 When undertaking a new project, the first thing that must be decided on is the layout. Organized so as to encourage creativity, serendipitous discovery, and inspiration, *The Layout Look Book* is

a great guide for both amateur and professional designers. The book includes techniques that can be used to enhance any layout, as well as insights into the factors that helped make each layout an effective piece. The styles covered in the volume range from traditional to cutting edge, and will enable any designer to become a more creative thinker and produce fantastic work.

**52 Activities to Spark Your Creativity** Watson-Guptill

Trying to give your blog extra visual impact? Need a new look for a personal, business, or community project? With this beginner's guide to graphic design, you'll be able to do this and much more. There have never been more opportunities to promote yourself online or in print, but to succeed you need to master the art of visual communication--combining the building blocks of type, image, and color into an appealing and accessible message. *Graphic Design for Everyone* is your guide right from the start of the process, showing you how to define your brand, your message, and your audience. Learn the basic principles and language of design and how to use the building blocks successfully. Find out how to create a brand plan, discover how a typeface sets the mood, and learn to use color theory for maximum impact. Gain inspiration from real-life examples in a wide range of styles, and workshops that help you focus on the right solutions for you. Once you've learned the basics, turn to the ten design projects to help you create your own designs. From business stationery to a printed brochure and online store, each project shows you how to assemble your design toolkit and use it for stunning results. And to complete the process, there's plenty of practical advice on publishing online, dealing with printers, and hiring professional designers. Whether you're a complete newcomer to design or ready to build on what you know, *Graphic Design for Everyone* is the only resource you'll ever need.

*Creative Workshop* Simon and Schuster

Idea Index kick-started a revolution in graphic design books, unique in size, feel—and most important—wealth of ideas. *Layout Index* is the next step, a compendium of layout idea-generators that will help designers explore multiple possibilities for visual treatments each time they turn the page. The visual and textual suggestions are divided into eight major areas, including newsletters, flyers, posters, brochures, advertising, stationery, page layout, and Web pages.

*Creative Strategy and the Business of Design* Rocky Nook, Inc.

Presents a multifaceted model of understanding, which is based on the premise that people can demonstrate understanding in a variety of ways.

**Graphic Design Portfolio-builder** BIS Publishers

Instructive and enlightening. Fun, too. *D30* is a workout book. In addition to dozens of readily applicable tips, tricks and informational tidbits, *D30* contains thirty exercises designed to develop and strengthen the creative powers of graphic designers, artists and photographers in a variety of intriguing and fun ways. What will you need to begin? Not much. Most of the book's step-by-step projects call for setting aside an hour or two, rolling up your sleeves and grabbing art supplies that are probably already stashed somewhere in your home or studio--things like pens, drawing and watercolor paper, India ink, paint, scissors and glue. Digital cameras and computers are also employed for several of the exercises but--and this should be welcome news to those readers who spend their days looking at computer monitors--the majority of the book's activities make use of traditional media to illuminate creative techniques and visual strategies that can be applied to media of all sorts. Thumb through the book (or look at the samples posted on [JimKrauseDesign.com](http://JimKrauseDesign.com)) and see for yourself!

**A Five-Step Guide to Creating Unforgettable Photographs**

Rockport Pub

*The Business Skills Every Creative Needs!* Remaining relevant as a creative professional takes more than creativity--you need to understand the language of business. The problem is that design school doesn't teach the strategic language that is now essential to getting your job done. *Creative Strategy and the Business of Design* fills that void and teaches left-brain business skills to right-brain creative thinkers. Inside, you'll learn about the business objectives and marketing decisions that drive your creative work. The curtain's been pulled away as marketing-speak and business jargon are translated into tools to help you: Understand client requests from a business perspective Build a strategic framework to inspire visual concepts Increase your relevance in an evolving industry Redesign your portfolio to showcase strategic thinking Win new accounts and grow existing relationships You already have the creativity; now it's time to gain the business insight. Once you understand what the people across the table are thinking, you'll be able to think how they think to do what we do.

*Graphic Design Handbook* Rockport Pub

This book identifies the 13 main challenges designers face when they talk about their work and provides communication strategies so that a better design, not a louder argument, is what makes it into the world. It is a fact that we all want to put great design into the world, but no product ever makes it out of the building without rounds of reviews, feedback, and signoff. As an interaction or UX designer, you've felt the general trend toward faster development, more work, and less discussion. As we spend time crafting, we become attached to our own ideas and it gets all too easy to react to feedback emotionally or dismiss it, when we should be taking the time to decode it and explain or adapt the design. *Communicating the UX Vision* helps you identify the skills and behavioral patterns to present your work in more persuasive ways, and respond more constructively to feedback from coworkers and stakeholders. Learn presentation tips that make stakeholders and other departments take your designs more seriously Uncover valuable techniques to make feedback sessions more productive Understand how to improve empathy with business stakeholders and learn to speak their language better Discover how to better understand your behavior and identify your personal anti-patterns

**Nicely Said** National Academies Press

Don't just take a picture, make it. Using a proven five-step process - Pitch, Prepare, Shoot, Edit and Deliver - readers will develop the same successful, reliable working methods that earn influence and delight audiences, regardless of what genre you're working in.

**Modern Watercolor Botanicals** John Wiley & Sons

Offers advice on real-world practices, professional do's and don'ts, and business rules for those in the graphic arts.

**Drawdown** Pearson Education

Don't Wait for Inspiration to Strike Whether you're facing a new logo project or you've reached a block in your current work, *The Logo Brainstorm Book* will inspire you to consider fresh creative approaches that will spark appealing, functional and enduring design solutions. Award-winning designer Jim Krause (author of the popular *Index* series) offers a smart, systemic exploration of different kinds of logos and logo elements, including: Symbols Monograms Typographic Logos Type and Symbol Combinations Emblems Color Palettes Through a combination of original, visual idea-starters and boundary-pushing exercises, *The Logo Brainstorm Book* will help you develop raw logo concepts into presentation-ready material.

**Universal Methods of Design** Penguin

The bestselling coming-of-age classic, acclaimed by critics,

beloved by readers of all ages, taught in schools and universities alike, and translated around the world—from the winner of the 2019 PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature. *The House on Mango Street* is the remarkable story of Esperanza Cordero, a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Told in a series of vignettes—sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous—Sandra Cisneros' masterpiece is a classic story of childhood and self-discovery. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers.

*The Logo Brainstorm Book* A&C Black

Have you ever struggled to complete a design project on time? Or felt that having a tight deadline stifled your capacity for maximum creativity? If so, then this book is for you. Within these pages, you'll find 80 creative challenges that will help you achieve a breadth of stronger design solutions, in various media, within any set time period. Exercises range from creating a typeface in an hour to designing a paper robot in an afternoon to designing web pages and other interactive experiences. Each exercise includes compelling visual solutions from other designers and background stories to help you increase your capacity to innovate. *Creative Workshop* also includes useful brainstorming techniques and wisdom from some of today's top designers. By road-testing these techniques as you attempt each challenge, you'll find new and more effective ways to solve tough design problems and bring your solutions to vibrant life.

**A Few Minutes of Design** John Wiley & Sons

*Push the Limits of Your Creativity Creative Grab Bag* captures the spirit of exploration and innovation—inside, you'll find inspiring work from 101 artists from around the world. Ethan Bodnar asked each artist to take on a task outside the realm of their normal work. Each task was randomly selected from a grab bag. The result is a collection of work brimming with creative energy. In this book, you'll find short biographies of the artists, examples of their typical work, their thoughts on the creative process, and images of their completed creative task. Here's a sampling of the creative grab bag tasks: Design a Building Make a Self-Portrait Make Art like a Child Design a Brand Create Visual Statistics Illustrate a Memory Illustrate Your Day Create a Collage Create a Sculpture Design a Book Cover Design an Album Cover Create a Photo Essay Photograph Strangers Design a Skateboard Design a Pair of Shoes Make a Wallpaper Pattern Design a Typeface Create an Animation Design a Character *Creative Grab Bag* also features tear-out cards, so you can do the creative challenges yourself. Work together or in a group, and push the limit—you'll break out of your routine and take your work into uncharted territory. PLEASE NOTE: Tear-out cards are NOT included with the ebook version of this title

*13 Anti-Patterns That Block Good Ideas* Morgan Kaufmann

*The Graphic Design Exercise Book* provides a series of challenging design briefs that reignite a designer's creativity while also imparting new skills. Whatever their age or experience, graphic designers like to be creatively challenged, and may also want to broaden their skill-base in order to break into new and lucrative areas of the design industry. A range of industry insiders share their specialist knowledge by way of briefs that stretch the imagination and encourage the development of new skills across a range of genres, including logos, packaging, branding, identity, promotion, publication design, music graphics, and web design. Organized much like a recipe book, each brief lists the required materials and equipment so that designers can pick and choose. Interviews and in-progress work is included, while a number of fully realized projects illustrate the possible outcomes. *The Graphic Design Exercise Book* is a must-have addition to *Interactive Front-End Web Development* Harper Collins

What do you do if you are lagging in the morning? You probably grab a cup of coffee for that extra boost of energy. Throughout the day, you are asked to be creative, to come up with new and better ideas. So what do you do when you need a creative jolt for your brain? Now you can turn to *Caffeine for the Creative Mind*. This collection of short, focused creative exercises is just the boost you need get your brain working. Inside, you'll find: Over 250 brain-stretching exercises. The exercises are brief, fun and are meant to evoke creative, thought-provoking responses. Get your brain moving by engaging in an exercise at the start of your day or stop and do one whenever you need a creative jolt. "I Tried It" testimonials. From illustrators to photographers to professors, real people give feedback on specific exercises they've tried. They also offer more suggestions for how the exercises can be used, changed or reworked to become even more useful. Interviews with prominent creative people. See how the people who are in charge of building and maintaining creative environments—studio heads, designers, shop owners, illustrators and animators—view the importance of creativity in their everyday lives. The only thing keeping you from reaching a new level of creative thought is inaction. With this stimulating book, you'll learn how to focus your creative attention in short, definable ways. *Caffeine for the Creative Mind* is your springboard for coming up with solutions that challenge you to alter your perspective—and begin generating ideas at the highest possible level!

*Thirty Days of Creative Design Exercises & Career-Enhancing Ideas* Vintage

*Universal Methods of Design* provides a thorough and critical presentation of 100 research methods, synthesis/analysis techniques, and research deliverables for human centered design, delivered in a concise and accessible format perfect for designers, educators, and students. Whether research is already an integral part of a practice or curriculum, or whether it has been unfortunately avoided due to perceived limitations of time, knowledge, or resources, *Universal Methods of Design* will serve as an invaluable compendium of methods that can be easily referenced and utilized by cross-disciplinary teams in nearly any design project. *Universal Methods of Design* : dismantles the myth that user research methods are complicated, expensive, and time-consuming ; creates a shared meaning for cross-disciplinary design teams ; illustrates methods with compelling visualizations and case studies ; characterizes each method at a glance ; indicates when methods are best employed to help prioritize appropriate design research strategies. *Universal Methods of Design* distills each method down to its most powerful essence, in a format that will help design teams select and implement the most credible research methods best suited to their design culture within the constraints of their projects.

**Powered by Design** White Lion Publishing

*The first step-by-step guidebook for successful innovation planning* Unlike other books on the subject, *101 Design Methods* approaches the practice of creating new products, services, and customer experiences as a science, rather than an art, providing a practical set of collaborative tools and methods for planning and defining successful new offerings. Strategists, managers, designers, and researchers who undertake the challenge of innovation, despite a lack of established procedures and a high risk of failure, will find this an invaluable resource. Novices can learn from it; managers can plan with it; and practitioners of innovation can improve the quality of their work by referring to it. *The Creativity Challenge* "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

Master the 3 C's of Head-Turning Design! Cover your basics with the book that covers everything from typography and color to layout and business issues! Jim Krause, author of the popular

Index series, guides you through the understanding and practice of the three elements every successful visual design must have: Components: Learn how to get the most out of the photos, illustrations, icons, typography, linework, decoration, borders and backgrounds you use within your design. Composition: Practice combining the components of a design in a visually appealing way by using the principles of placement, grouping, alignment, flow and spacing to create a pleasing, cohesive design. Concept: Utilize the intangible elements of theme, connotation and style to present and deliver your message in a way that will wow your clients every time. Whether you're a new, mid-level or experienced designer who is brainstorming ideas or finalizing your presentation, this handy-to-use, take-it-with-you book will instruct and inspire you to new heights of creativity.

**Second Edition** HOW Books

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