

Getting Started Strategies

Paper prototype

Get crafty, explore possibilities, explain your idea, and get feedback.

Visualize

What steps do I need to get my end product?

Create a checklist

Write a plan, break it into small steps, and make a checklist. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Team up for accountability

"Here's what I want to get done today..."
Schedule check-ins with a partner and keep each other motivated.

Remix an existing project

Can you find something to mod or trickout?

Be inspired by others

Look for projects that bring you joy, delight, and wonder. What do you like about it? How might it inspire your work?



Getting Unstuck Strategies

Ask an expert

Who looks like they know what they're doing?

Break it down

If the problem seems overwhelming, break it down into simpler steps. Solve the simpler problem.

Look it up

Distill the problem to 5 words or less e.g. "Unity move object", "unity platformer jump"

Still can't find what you're looking for?

Post to a forum.

Compromise

What I'm doing might be a little beyond me. Is there a simpler solution?

Talk it out

Walk someone through what you're trying to do step by step.

Take a break

Have a stretch, move around, and come back to it.



Going Further Strategies

Alpha test

Have a friend test your project to find issues and bugs.

Seek feedback

Find someone to give you feedback on what worked, what didn't, and ideas for features.

Reflect

How closely does your project resemble your original plan?
What did you learn in the process?
What is unique and creative about your project?
What might you add with more time?

Polish

Does the project run without errors?

Is all functionality present and operating as expected?

Are the code and hierarchy peat &

Are the code and hierarchy neat & commented, using correct conventions?

Pitch your project

Create a one-minute 'elevator pitch' for your project. Why did you make it? What makes your project unique? Why should someone experience it?

Help a friend

Who looks like they could do with some support?