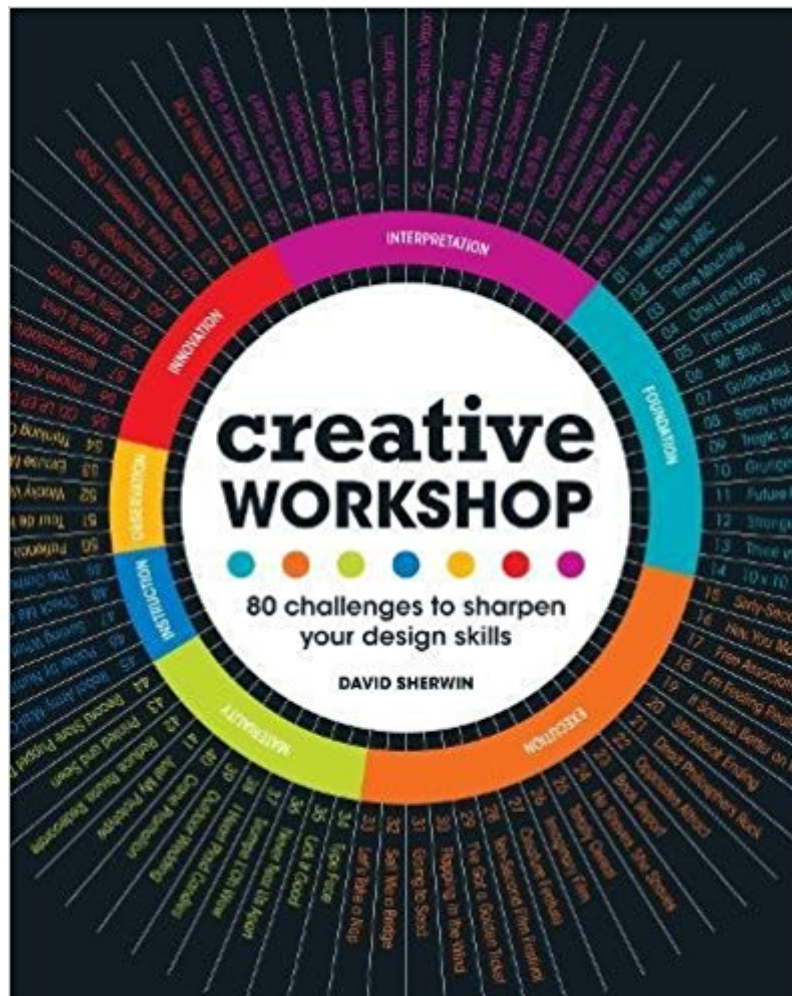


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# Creative Workshop: 80 Challenges To Sharpen Your Design Skills



## Synopsis

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 *Creative Workshop*, 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. This book 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.

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"This book will help you connect the eye to the brain to the hand, so you won't have to search for inspiration the next time you generate a design." --Michael Surtees, DesignNoted.com "This book strikes me as a collection of exceedingly useful exercises; not just as a means for practice and exploration, but useful to developing designers in discovering processes that work best for them. In that regard and others, much of what is offered here will serve designers throughout their careers." --Andy Rutledge, Principal and Chief Design Strategist at Unit Interactive "Creativity really is mostly perspiration, but it still starts with inspiration, and with this energizing book David Sherwin provides plenty of ways to spark that next great idea. *Creative Workshop* gives you a toolbox of methods for

everything from coming up with an idea to refining and executing it. Just like today's real world of design, the tools freely cross boundaries between graphic, product and interaction design. And because innovative ideas never happen in a vacuum, Sherwin gives each design challenge a clear goal, meaningful context, and some inspirational examples." --Adam Richardson, Creative Director at frog design and author of Innovation X

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Great book. Reminds me of taking art classes in college. This book forces you to do projects that you may not be comfortable with but will increase your artistic skills. Beautiful book.

I do a lot of in-house design for marketing material production. Since I work in-house, I regularly do "similar" work and wanted to grow my abilities and learn some new things. This book offers a nice change of pace and offers projects to make you better at designing and applying new concepts to your current work. The "Challenges" are a nice balance of fun and difficulty, whose end result can nicely expand a portfolio with a variety of work.

Very good book, inspiring if you are looking for ideas.

I have found this book to be a wonderful tool. Whether I need a warm-up before a client project or need some new ideas for a personal project, 'Creative Workshop' helps give me a running start. Beautifully and simply laid out, the book is easy to follow. I especially enjoyed seeing the

samples of other designers' takes on the challenges. The workshops truly made my brain think outside of the box!! highly recommend this book for beginner and advanced designers alike.

I am really liking this book. It gives you concrete exercises in design, which are timed, which really makes them more effective as each exercise must be COMPLETED in a short time. I have learned a lot doing these exercises and would like to buy a Volume 2 of this book!! I highly recommend this book.

Came fast! Great book

It's a great mental workout, you can do the challenges daily, or weekly, or whenever, but they're a nice workout to get your creative juices flowing. Don't expect to change the world with every project, but you'll see a noticeable difference between your first project and your last project, as far as quality, quantity, functionality, concept, etc. It's just a great book.

I am not so creative, and that is where this book comes in. It challenges your creativity. A friend swears by it!

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