

Side Project Planner Template

Give a personal software, writing, creative, community, or small experimental project a finish line that fits around the rest of life. Keep ideas without letting every idea expand the current scope.

PRINTABLE WORKSHEET

Outcome and audience

- ☐ Side project: _____
- ☐ Who it is for: _____
- ☐ Useful finished outcome: _____
- ☐ I will know version one is done when: _____

Scope guardrails

- ☐ Must include: _____
- ☐ Explicitly not included yet: _____
- ☐ Assumption to test: _____
- ☐ Current constraint: _____

Milestones and actions

- ☐ Milestone 1: _____
- ☐ Milestone 2: _____
- ☐ Backlog ideas: _____
- ☐ Next three actions: _____

Review and restart

- ☐ Completed or learned: _____
- ☐ Feedback or decision: _____
- ☐ Work to remove or defer: _____
- ☐ Next session starts with: _____

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