

Make Up Your Mind: Project Brainstorm

Step 1. Fill in the first two columns of the grid below. You can work with a partner to fill in the first column, but make the middle column your own personal favorites! It's OK to be silly.

15 things the world needs or big problems to solve (in the next 100 years or so)	15 things I like to make, do, or buy	15 themes of Maker Faire
<i>example: places for a billion people to live</i>	<i>example: chocolate</i>	<i>electronic music</i>
		<i>alternative energy</i>
		<i>art cars</i>
		<i>bicycles</i>
		<i>cars</i>
		<i>crafts</i>
		<i>electronics</i>
		<i>knitting</i>
		<i>musical instruments</i>
		<i>photography</i>
		<i>pinball</i>
		<i>robots</i>
		<i>rockets</i>
		<i>sewing</i>
		<i>sustainable food</i>
		<i>wood working</i>

Step 2. Pick five combinations that include one item from the first column, one from the second column, and one from the third column. (They don't have to be in the same row, though!) Is there a Maker project you could create that puts the three things into one? In our example, you could put together "places for billions to live", "chocolate" and "electronic music" by composing *The Chocolate Factory Where I Live: A Sonata for Synthesizers*. Or maybe a commercial jingle about houses made out of cacao tree bark. Let your imagination soar. The crazier the idea, the better the Maker project of the future!