

# The Open Source Designer's Toolbox.

Recommended Techniques and Tools for Open Source Designers.

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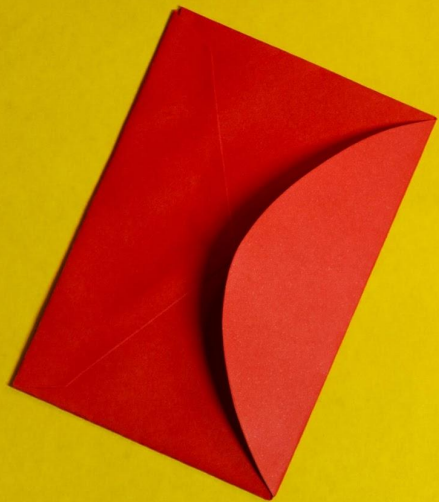
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“ **Open Source Design** involves introducing creative, problem-solving processes to projects that are free and open to read, modify and share. ”

- Abigail Makolo



# Communicate

Overcome barriers by learning to participate in the open source community.

Build an identity that will help get your ideas accepted and integrated.

# Engage

Become a part of the community, not just a contributor.

Attend events, give feedback, suggest improvements.







# Contribute

Explore **good first design issues** and other design tasks.

Heuristic evaluation, empathy mapping, designing personas and sticker sheets/design systems, branding, graphics design, etc.

# Document

Present and document design deliverables effectively.

Adopt design labels, frame design challenges, use issue threads, document ideas, annotate sketches.





# Explore

Take advantage of free and open source tools, resources and libraries.

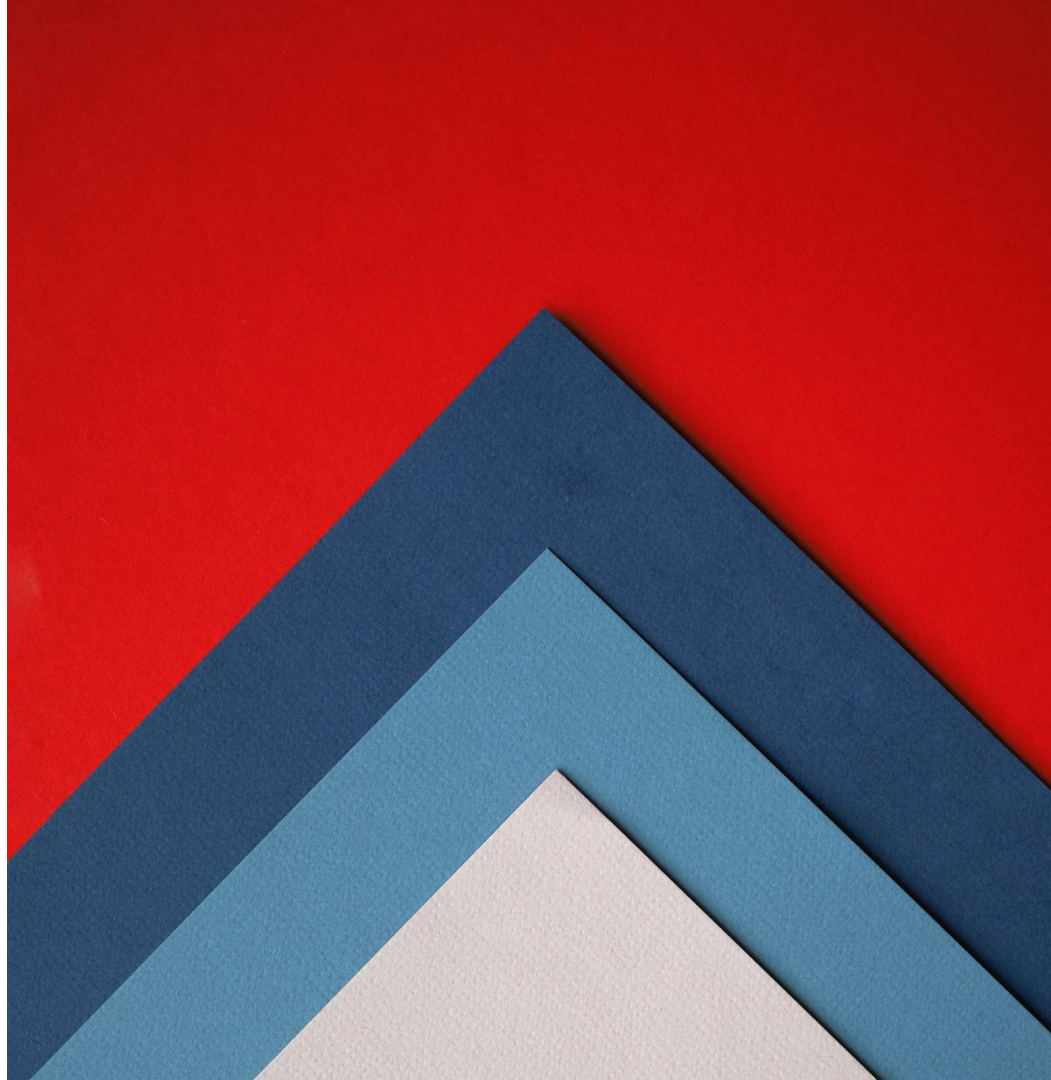
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# Grow

Advance your open source design career.

Open source internships, advocate for OSD, organize workshops, expand your portfolio.







# Tools

Pen/Pencil & Paper

Draw.io

Figma/Adobe XD

Penpot

The Pencil Project

InkScape

Blender

GIMP

Synfig

# Reads

Barriers Faced by Newcomers to  
Open Source Projects: A Systematic  
Review

Barriers for Designers

10 Usability Heuristics

Untools - Tools for Better Thinking

Checklist Design

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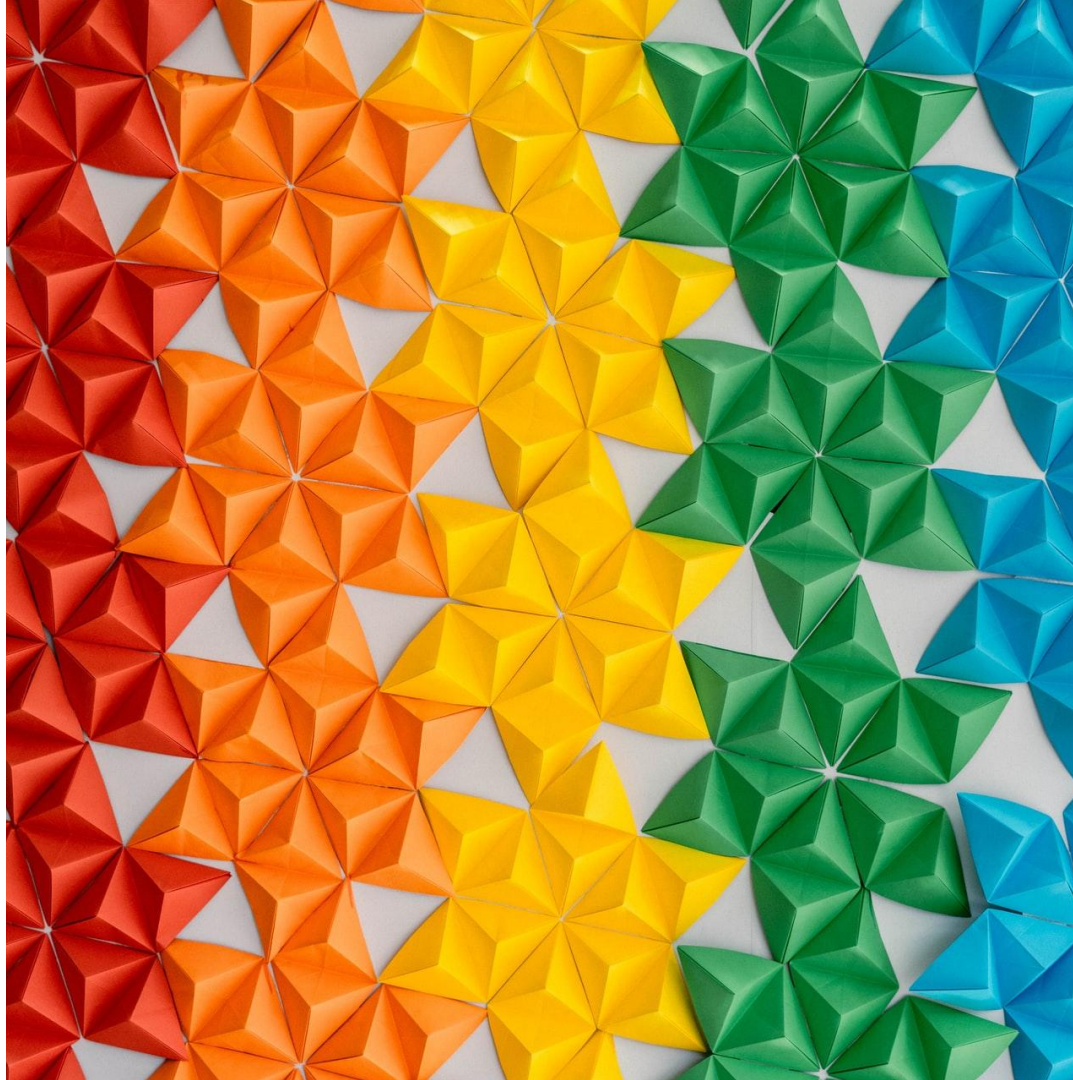
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## Resources

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# Thank You

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