



Playboard 3: Mix It Up!

Although all the Playful By Design principles are important, some might be at the forefront of your mind at the moment. This may be for many reasons. But still, you could ask yourself: is it time to shift your focus?

Aim: Identify which Playful by Design principles are in focus for you at this moment in time, and reflect on your current priorities.

You will need: Playful by Design principle cards, sticky notes and pen (digital or physical).

Instructions

Step 1: Lay the full deck of Playful by Design principle cards out side by side, horizontally, as if they are sliders on a mixing deck, and draw (or imagine) a vertical line above each of the cards (see below).

Step 2: Reflect on which design principles are occupying most of your attention at this moment in time.

Step 3: Place the principles that are occupying most of your attention at the top of their line and those that get less attention lower down.

Note: Those Playful by Design principle cards that you placed higher up could be seen as 'louder' in your current stage of design, while those lower down may still be playing in the background but they are 'quieter', drawing less attention from the design team.

Step 4: Reflect on the spread of cards and the reasons behind this. Do you need to shift your focus or priorities now or in the future?

Optional Step: Now that you have worked out which Playful by Design principles are getting more or less attention, you can use the icons on the principle cards to identify relevant prompt cards. Reflect on children's experiences by using the 'Why?' prompt cards. Consider alternative approaches to the design of your product, and explore the ways design decisions shape possibilities for play using the 'What if...?' prompt cards. Plan ways to improve the features and functionality of your product with the 'How?' prompt cards. The Q&A playboard will help you record your ideas.



Watch the animated guide

