

# A MANIFESTO FOR YOUNG MAKERS

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## MIX IT UP

**Work** outside of your area of interest and comfort zone.  
**Experience** as much as you can with a diversity of people and groups.

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## DO THE MATH

**Learn** to work with numbers. Apply what you learn as possible - whether you are **MAKING** something or managing money. Extra points for learning the metric system.

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## PUT YOURSELF OUT THERE

**Attend** meetups. **Speak** in public. Join the debate or drama club. Share your ideas. Find your voice. Build your global network. **Engage**.

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## TRAVEL UNKNOWN PATHS

Develop a **new skill**. Learn a foreign language. Play an instrument. Grow or Cook your food. Learning is a lifelong adventure.

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## BE PRESENT AND ACTIVE

Get and stay **involved** in community groups – be it community service or special interest groups. You will pick up new skills, collaborators and mentors along the way.

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## GET HANDS ON

**Work with** as many physical **tools** as you can. This is necessary for learning and making. Include technical, design and fabrication tools in this process.

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## BE EMPATHETIC

**Listen** and **Learn** from others and keep your “receptors” open. Your lens on the world will come through in your work. Ask lots of questions. **Share. Collaborate.**

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## FAIL FORWARD, FAST

**Make mistakes** and learn from them. Give yourself permission to **PLAY** and to **FAIL**. Then move on. **Mistakes = information.**

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## ITERATE

**Tweak** and **adjust** your projects – you are never done. It is key to remember that **the process** is just as important as the finished product.

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## TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

There are **rules to follow** and **rules to bend**. **Trust** your instincts. Sometimes you just need to say **NO**.

**THIS IS YOUR JOURNEY IN LIFE. REMEMBER TO GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION TO ENJOY TO RIDE!**