

Group Ideas

Take all the ideas your team came up with and put them up visibly on a wall. Take some time with your team to rearrange the ideas and group them into different categories, but do not name the categories yet. For each of the categories you create, put them on a separate Ideation Affinity Group sheet.

Ideate Again

Use this cluster's trends to ideate around that trend again. For example if you are designing a new wallet, and there are 5 distinct ideas that all have to do with digitalizing the wallet, try ideating around that specifically to generate more ideas.

Converge

From this cluster, what is your favorite idea? How might you pair it with an idea from another cluster to form a more cohesive solution?

Why

Affinity maps are a great way to organize your ideas in a meaningful way. These affinity maps will help you eliminate repeat ideas, sort through related ideas, and discover new ideas related to the trend.

What came before?

Ideation

Name

Create a category name that describes all data in this affinity group.

Understand Trends

Each cluster represents a trend in your ideas. Does this cluster's trend tell you about where these ideas are going? What are common themes?

What's next?

Ideation
Exploring an Idea
Dot Voting

Ideation Affinity Group Project

Group Title:

Trends
What does this cluster of ideas tell you about?

Ideas
Put all your ideas from sticky notes that pertain to a particular trend here.

New Ideas
Based on these trends, what new ideas do you have?

Favorite Idea
Out of all the ideas pertaining to this trend you have come up with, which is your favorite? Why?

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Tips

Don't create names for your affinity groups until after you are done making the groups.

You can use affinity maps anytime you have a large group of data points, it does not just have to be ideas.

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Trends

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New Ideas

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Favorite Idea

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Ideas

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