

01 / BUYING PAUSE

Try Before You Buy

A one-page decision for every hobby kit, class and piece of equipment.

Do the cheap test first

- ☐ Borrow from a friend, library or community tool library.
- ☐ Book one class with materials included.
- ☐ Rent or use shared studio equipment.
- ☐ Buy a small consumable sample, not a full system.
- ☐ Use what you own for two short sessions.

The purchase filter

- What problem will this item solve in my next three sessions?
- Where will it live, and what recurring supplies does it require?
- Can I return, resell, repair or share it?
- What is my total cost after shipping, tools and class fees?

02 / DECISION

A small experiment beats a cart

Use this before the beginner kit becomes a new storage problem.

Compare three routes

FREE / BORROWED

Actual cost: \$_____ Next date: _____ Friction: LOW / MED / HIGH

ONE SESSION / CLASS

Actual cost: \$_____ Next date: _____ Friction: LOW / MED / HIGH

OWNED SETUP

Actual cost: \$_____ Next date: _____ Friction: LOW / MED / HIGH

Buy only after the second session

- I enjoyed the activity itself, not just the idea of it. YES / NO
- I can name when I will use the item next. YES / NO
- The purchase fits an amount I can comfortably spend. YES / NO

My decision: BORROW AGAIN / BOOK A CLASS / BUY ONE ESSENTIAL / MOVE ON

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