My Personal Project

For my Personal Project, I chose to create a doll inspired by an animated movie called "Coraline". I thought about the steps necessary to complete the product and compared them to my abilities. My product would've been some sort of a skill-expanding experience, considering reaching more steps in the area of manual dexterities. I wanted to learn to combine different techniques and make them work together, e.g a clay element with a linen element. Making a doll is also related to creating its clothes, which meant I had to obtain the knowledge of fabrics and their usage. The clothing should've been easy on the eye, so I had to make sure I developed a reasonable aesthetic with it. That also led to another point - colors. I wanted them to go well with each other in a thoughtful way, so that everything was connected in one whole. Because the doll was going to be humanoid, I needed to review my knowledge about human anatomy to keep the right proportions of the body.

I wanted this experience to make me improve my manual skills, as well as my creativity and sense of aesthetics. While choosing the theme of my project, I mostly cared about doing something completely new, yet involving the abilities I already have. That helped me broaden my mind and master my skills. I had set high expectations for myself at the very beginning, so not being able to do everything correctly upfront upset me a lot. However, the final product turned out to be a success - it managed to fulfill all of my success criteria.

FASHION LINE

T-SHIRT with sewn in jeans corset

jeans leg & white T-shirt from second shop

SKIRT

my grandmother's old elegant shirt

My personal project was all about learning how to sew and design clothes. I chose this topic because I wanted to do something that I was really interested in and that I would enjoy. A Personal Project is a long-term project, so choosing a topic that interests you will make you stick with it and have fun.

One of the most important elements was well-executed research. Thanks to many forms of help, tutorials, youtube videos, books, etc. I was able to gain knowledge from various sources and then convert this knowledge into skills. Learning how to sew requires practice, so I had to allocate my time very well so that I could try sewing something else before sewing the final products. In addition, meeting with the supervisor and adhering to deadlines is important when making a product and report. Having spoken to my supervisor about my recent progress, we were able to improve it and change the mistakes I had made.

LONG DRESS

old fabric from second-shop

SKIRT with a matching TOP

midi skirt from second shop, beautiful pattern

# Learning how to customize a pair of jeans
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For my Personal Project I decided to aim into something that would help me pursue my passion of sewing and altering clothes. I chose jeans because they seemed the most universal, meaning I could have altered them on many levels and as a piece of clothing, jeans are extremely versatile. The learning goal was to learn how to express myself through fashion and different works on fabric for example embroidery or painting. Before the whole process I knew very little about the basics of sewing and other disciplines of working on textile. I had to first read about how highly accomplished designers started with their projects and what was their way of projecting their imagination onto pieces of clothing. I also looked at many similar products and finally came up with the design for two pairs of trousers that contradicted each other - one with a more floral pattern and the other one focusing on lyrics. I wanted to include different methods of altering clothing like embroidery, sewing and painting as that would really be more exciting not only to look at but to learn. The process of gathering elements, learning about the actions I was to perform on the jeans and actually doing them took me a lot longer than I initially thought, but the outcome was satisfying. I had no problems with fulfilling the success criteria I had previously set up for myself and the making, even if time consuming, was going smoothly, because of the steps I had carefully planned before. I conditioned myself to put my mind to the preparation, so the ultimate product would come as close to the idea as possible. In the end I consider my Project a success. I have achieved my goals of learning about the things listed previously and I have created two pieces of clothing that are an illustration of myself and are very much something I wear and use.

While I was thinking about topics for my Personal Project I came up with my final subject fairly quickly. Herbalism has always been somehow close to my heart. My mother would always try to accompany any medication with herbs when I was sick, my great great great grandmother happened to be a herbalist and I, myself, grew interested in the topic as the time passed by.

On the other hand, I've been wanting to do something handmade for the past few years, always admiring people who run small businesses, making jewelry, things from clay, resin or crocheting etc. The little details of aesthetics they create as well as the overall aim to just make others happy with the stuff they make has always made me want to try making something on my own too. These two aspects interblended when I found out my close friend was suffering from disturbed sleep and difficulty falling asleep. That's when I started doing research on products that could possibly help with that to give her as a Christmas gift. Eventually, I've become familiar with herbal "pillow sprays" by coming upon a website "hyggenights.com", which is a Polish, rather small company, persistently selling blends of herbs, pillow sprays, soya candles and blends of oils. I immediately perceived their ideas as brilliant while doing some research on their mists' ingredients, their functions and how aesthetically pleasing they keep their products and website.

It turned out that making a pillow spray as such is possible on my own; therefore, I knew that Personal Project would be a great opportunity to learn more about this topic, including its process and obtainment.
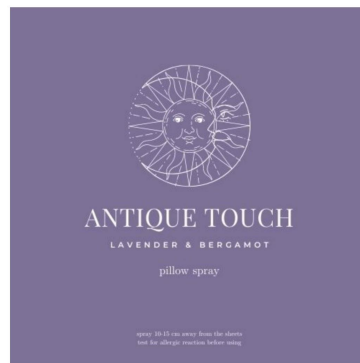
ANTIQUE TOUCH

LAVENDER & BERGAMOT

Soft and touching composition of bergamot and lavender natural oils was made to give you the feeling of a healing garden somewhere in the Ancient Greece. Its' herbal and calming scent is perfectly put together in order to help you fall asleep with ease and sleep peacefully at night.

The end product:

My final product is an online presentation made in Google Slides, regarding ways of earning money online as a teenager. It consists of 23 slides, which present:

- Introduction - the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on e-commerce and vocabulary;
- Body - detailed descriptions of 21 methods on how to gain income online;
- Summary - general tips on how to succeed with an online business;
- Bibliography - source record, which I used in order to complete my project.

Additionally, under each slide I included notes with all of the main points, which I wanted to discuss. I settled on writing them, in case anyone wanted to go back to my presentation to look for information or revise it on their own.
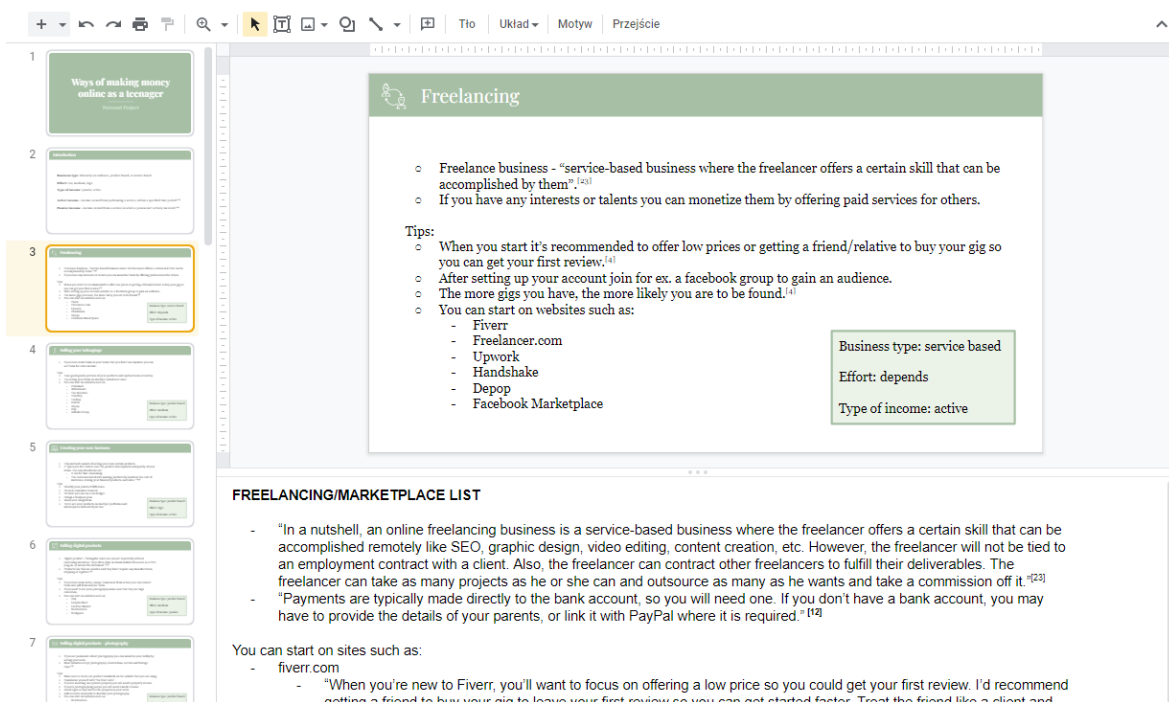
Learning goals:

For my project I stated myself two learning goals. The first one being gaining more knowledge about starting an online business and ways of earning money online. Since I wanted to expand my knowledge on this topic it was important that I also familiarized myself with phrases commonly used in e-commerce. Therefore, my second goal was widening my vocabulary in terms of e-commerce.

Product evaluation:

I consider my end product as very successful. It fulfilled all of my stated success criteria at a high level. However, it had some minor drawbacks - the language I used was probably too sophisticated and my presentation was too extensive. Those factors may have caused some viewers to get confused during the presentation.

Excerpts from my end product:

Ways of making money online as a teenager

Personal Project

Business type: driven by an audience, product based, or service based

Effort: low, medium, high

Type of income: passive, active

Active income - income earned from performing a service, within a specified time period.[21]

Passive income - income earned from a service in which a person isn't actively involved.[22]

Selling digital products

- Digital product - "intangible asset you can sell repeatedly without restocking inventory. They often come in downloadable files such as a PDF, plug-in, or interactive document."[15]
- Products like this are scalable and they don't require any manufacturers, shipping or logistics.[15]

Tips:
- If you have some notes, essays, homework from school you can convert them into pdf form and sell them.
- If you want to sell your photography make sure that they are high resolution.
- You can start on websites such as:
  - Etsy
  - GraphicRiver
  - Creative Market
  - Shutterstock
  - Studypool

Business type: product based

Effort: medium

Type of income: passive

Dropshipping

- Dropshipping - a business model which relies on using other people's services and providing it to customers for a higher price and keeping the profit to yourself.[8]
- The supplier stores, packages, and ships the product to your customers on your behalf.[4,15]

Tips:
- Ethically make sure that you aren't overcharging - stick to a certain range.
- Keep in touch with your customers.
- Use website statistic analysers.
- Run ads for your products.
- You can start on sites such as:
  - Fiverr
  - Oberlo
  - Shopify

Business type: product based

Effort: medium

Type of income: active

Personal Project

Miron Nowak

My personal project product is a website on which I posted 5 articles about rhetoric, global politics and speeches of politicians such as Martin Luther King, Barack Obama and Gretha Thunberg.

My website is a perfect source of information for anyone who wants to explore the world of politics from a different, more scientific approach.

I did not focus on the content of speeches - I analyzed them and as a base for analysis I used 3 pillars of speech and 7 rhetorical devices, all of which I explained in my introduction article.

However, you don't have to be interested in politics at all in order to understand my articles, so feel free to read my work no matter what your interests are.

Link to the website: https://mironnowak46.wixsite.com/my-site