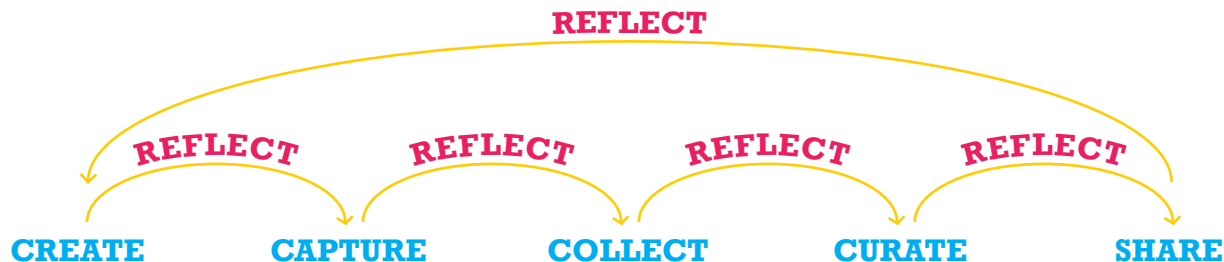


Open Portfolios: Journey Map

	WHY	HOW	CHALLENGES	SOLUTIONS
CAPTURE	Documentation of learning and making serves as a powerful tool for reflection, sharing, and promoting. Capturing the process, steps, mistakes, decision points, environment, collaboration, and successes can provide evidence of skill development and competency.	Set up ways in which images, video, words, sketches, and audio clips can be captured in real-time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembering to capture while in the flow Not wanting to interrupt the process of making Capturing moments of collaboration, whether on group projects or individual ones Feeling unmotivated to document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up easily accessible, automated, and clearly visible documentation stations Set aside dedicated time in making process
COLLECT	Collecting assets on multiple devices with collaborators enables them to be accessible, searchable, and more easily managed.	For digital assets, develop shared file systems, such as Google Drive or Dropbox.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple people collecting assets on multiple devices Deciding how to organize, access, and search assets Figuring out how to get all assets in one repository 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a central hub accessible by all Establish file-naming and organizational conventions early on
CURATE	The process of curation allows youth to have agency over the display of their work. They're deciding what to share, how to share, and what it presents of their identity and self. Portfolios are a great way to tell a coherent story.	Select which artifacts/assets to weave together into a coherent narrative. This may manifest itself as a blog post, online portfolio, photo album, or video, depending on platform of choice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having too much material to work with and sift through Not knowing the audience well enough to consider their perspectives and needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the most compelling aspects to highlight Be creative and develop a narrative Consider the interests of the audience
SHARE	Receiving real-world feedback can be encouraging, validating, and useful. Youth can share portfolios with prospective higher education institutions and employers, as well as family, friends, and the public.	Share works on outward-facing platforms such as Squarespace, YouTube, and SoundCloud, and participate in events such as Maker Faires or local festivals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takes courage to put oneself out there Not all feedback is useful or constructive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ease into feedback by sharing with small group of peers Create a culture of positivity and constructive feedback



Reflection is an important companion to every step in the journey—and it even leads to more creation!

What's involved in creating an open portfolio? This overview helps to situate all the pieces to consider, whether it's the practical actions needed to document learning or bigger questions related to motivation and authentic audiences. For a deep dive, see *A Practical Guide to Open Portfolios* and our full Research Briefs Series at makered.org/opp/publications