

ED'S PROJECT PLANNER

One step at a time. You've got this.

THE JOB

What is it, and when is it due?

1. BREAK THE BOULDER INTO ROCKS

Write each little piece on its own line. Cross one off every time you finish it.

2. WHEN WILL I WORK ON IT?

Pick real times, not "later." Fifteen or twenty minutes at a time, with a break to move around in between.

3. STUFF I NEED

Check it against the directions. Twice. Ed did not do this and it cost him a carpet.

4. MY FOCUS TOOLKIT

Tick the ones you'll use. Set yourself up the way you'd set up for your favorite game.

- ☐ Games and screens in another room
- ☐ Set a timer I can see
- ☐ Clear off my desk
- ☐ Water and a snack ready
- ☐ Move around on every break
- ☐ Start with the part I actually like

5. MY REWARD WHEN I FINISH

IF I GET STUCK

Look at just the next step. Cover up the rest.
Promise yourself only five minutes. Then start.
Take a break BEFORE you melt down, not after.
Ask for help. That's a smart move, not a fail.

BEFORE I HAND IT IN

- ☐ I left one extra day before it's due.
- ☐ I checked it against the directions.
- ☐ I tested it once, so a surprise can't wreck me.

BREAK THE BOULDER

Cut these out. One job per strip. Pin them up where you'll see them.

HOW ED DID IT

Write ONE small job on each strip — small enough to finish in a few minutes. Don't write "build volcano." That's not a job, that's the whole thing. Pin them up. Pull one down every time you finish it. When the board is empty, you're done.

WHICH PART WENT WRONG?

When it doesn't work, don't ask "why am I bad at this?"

WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD HAPPEN

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED

WHICH PART WENT WRONG (JUST THAT ONE PART)

WHAT THE DIRECTIONS ACTUALLY SAY ABOUT IT

WHAT I'LL CHANGE, AND WHEN I'LL TRY AGAIN

REMEMBER

Ed crashed on the same turn about forty times before he beat that level. He didn't quit — he was mad for ten seconds, and then he figured out which part.

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