

Dear Maker,

Welcome to your new Makerspace!

Your Makerspace sign is a declaration to all that here is a place to safely explore, create, invent, fail, succeed and ultimately learn things about themselves and the world.

Place your Makerspace in a classroom, library, workshop or community space. Talk to everyone about your Makerspace. Your Makerspace is the natural home for donations and grants. Be open to every opportunity to acquire supplies, support, users, expertise and community.

Now that you HAVE a Makerspace, you can stop worrying about starting and put your time and energy into growing your space.

Inside the fold of your Makerspace are free resources to start you out on your journey. Ultimately every Makerspace is different, reflecting your community needs and resources. You don't have to have every piece of gear or software. Start small and don't be afraid to learn with your Makerspace users.

The Mini Maker Notebook is a tool to encourage your makers to document and share their creations. Adding to the global sum of human knowledge is an important part of the makerspace process. You are not alone. You are part of a global community of makers and educators. Join the discussion on Twitter or in Google groups/communities, write a blog or post photos on Instagram/Pinterest, share designs on Thingiverse/Tinkercad.

This Makerspace is my gift to you. It is my attempt to spread the idea that students can and should learn by making.

All the best in the days ahead.
-Josh Ajima

P.S. Please feel free to contact me @DesignMakeTeach on Twitter. Visit my blog DesignMakeTeach.com for ideas about Making in the Classroom.