

# INTERACTIVE ACTION PLAN



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# MY UNIQUE DESIGN

## ACTION PLAN



Have you ever heard the saying, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail"? This colloquialism contains a great deal of truth. Career Direct has developed this Action Plan to take all the "pieces of the puzzle" and utilize them in building a plan toward success — not worldly success, but success in the eyes of the Creator. He gave you these pieces so that you can live — and work — in your design.



# ACTION PLAN OVERVIEW

## MOVING FROM POINT A TO POINT B

The Action Plan provides a systematic method of compiling and comparing the most important factors in career decision making. It will move you from merely reading your assessment results to making career decisions. It will help you realize the relationship between the characteristics and requirements of a particular occupation and your unique design. This process can be used over and over again throughout your work life.



Your commitment to complete this Action Plan and act on it will determine the ultimate benefit you receive from the Career Direct process.

## STEPS TO CAREER-MATCHING

Here are the steps you'll take in the Action Plan to begin using your Career Direct Detailed Report:

1. My Strengths and Non-Strengths: Click to choose those that fit you well.
2. Career Focus: Determine your main Career Occupational focus area.
3. Brainstorming Occupations: List all potential occupations you want to explore.
4. Career Synthesis: Refine your Career Design fit.



## MY STRENGTHS AND NON-STRENGTHS WORKSHEET

### Strengths:

Below is a list of personality strengths based on the results of the Personality section of your assessment. Read through the lists below and click to choose strengths that describe you well.

- Helpful to others.
- Diplomatic in relating to others.
- Relies on logic more than emotions and enthusiasm.
- Comfortable operating alone rather than depending on group support.
- Focused and succinct in speaking.
- Strong task orientation; will drive toward getting results.
- Able to make tough decisions and hold people accountable.
- Able to confront when there is a problem.
- Flexible; willing to adjust for the situation.
- Can respond on the spot without extensive preparation.
- Operates from a generalist perspective.
- Supportive of others; a steady performer.
- Cautious and tends to avoid risks.
- Creative, imaginative, and original; good at coming up with new ideas.

## Non-Strengths:

Below is a list of personality non-strengths based on the results of the Personality section of your assessment. Read through the lists below and click to choose non-strengths that describe you well.

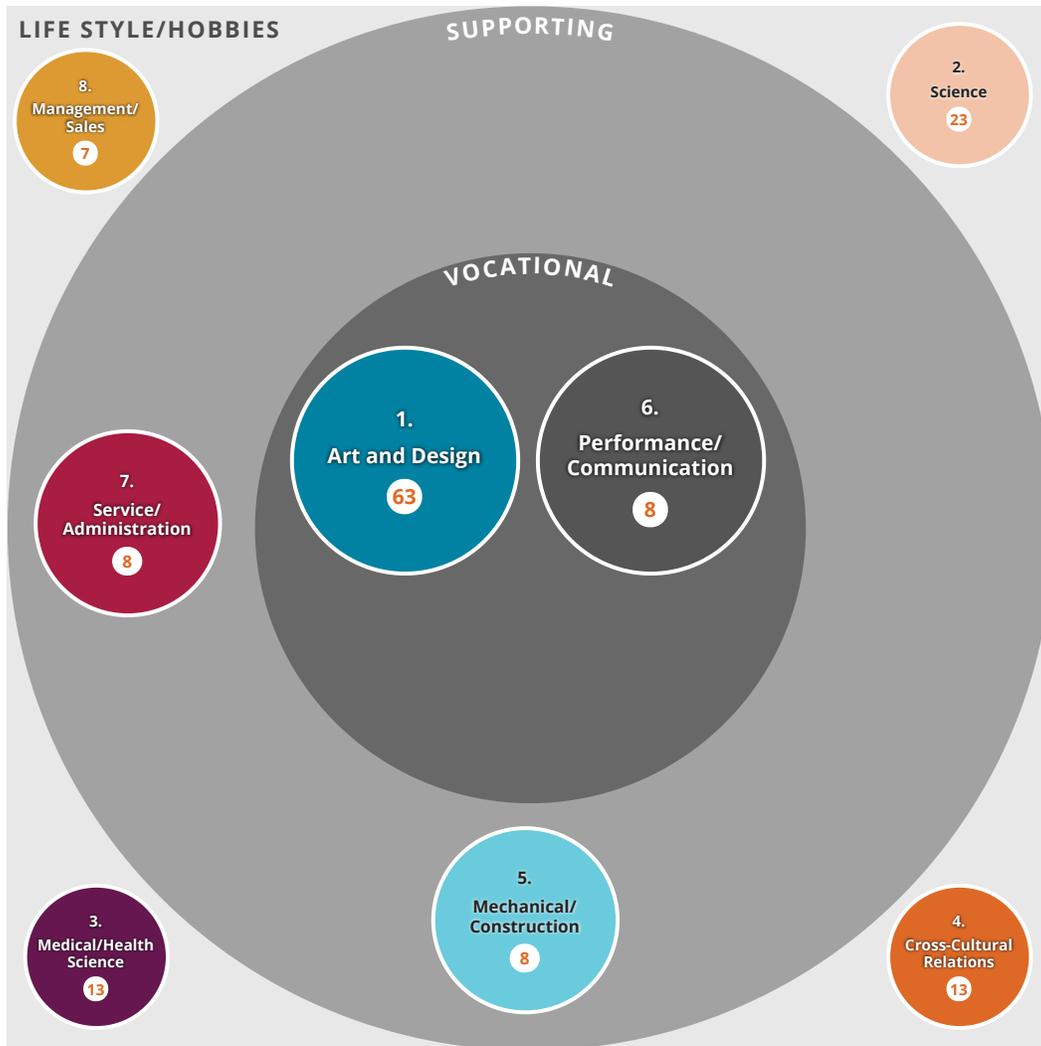
- Easily intimidated by others; tends to underestimate self.
- May withhold true opinions.
- Can come across as being too serious and unenthusiastic.
- Uncomfortable in group social activities; can appear unfriendly.
- Stressed by having to make small talk with strangers.
- Impatient; generally not a good listener.
- Can be insensitive to the needs of others.
- May tend to be overly critical.
- Can lack commitment toward goals.
- Can lack focus; tends to go from one thing or subject to another.
- May overlook important facts; jump to conclusions too quickly.
- Can be complacent and slow to initiate.
- Can be fearful of change and overprotective of self and others.
- Easily bored with established procedures.



## CAREER INTEREST FOCUS

Your Top 8 Interests are currently listed below in the Supporting Circle.

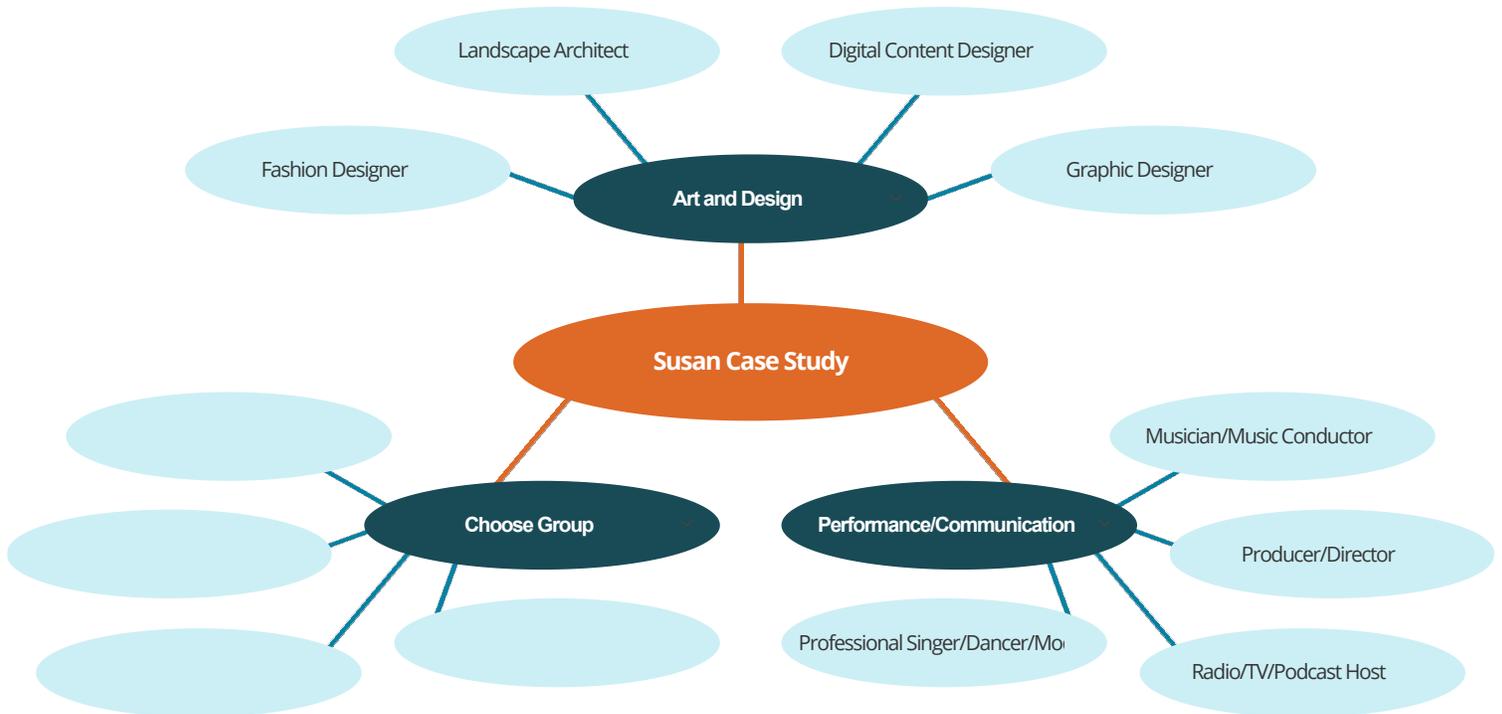
1. Click and drag each interest area that you think you would like to be the main focus of your career into the inner circle, the Vocational circle.
2. Click and drag any interest to the outside margin area that is a Lifestyle/Hobbies interest - those items, that you do not want to be any part of your workday.
3. The Supporting section should now have all those interests that you would like to be a part of what you do, but they aren't the focus of your work. You might think of them as the lens you look through as you are in your focus area. You might think of them as the lens you look through as you are in your focus area.
4. Click and drag the interests until you think the focus is clear!





## BRAINSTORMING OCCUPATIONS

1. Add and delete any suggestions in the outer ovals as needed, keeping them connected to the appropriate Vocational interest group. Your goal is to have a comprehensive list of occupations for researching as you evaluate their fit for your design.
2. As you add careers that fit your "Vocational", remember to keep in mind your Supporting interests. Doing so may help you eliminate some of the careers you are considering. If a career doesn't encompass your Supporting interest(s) as much as other careers you are contemplating, you may choose to eliminate it.
3. Use [O\\*Net](#) and other resources to find related occupations worth exploring. You can search by career cluster, vocational family, industry, or STEM.
4. As you continue to work through the Interactive Action Plan, reflect on these Career Groups and the specific occupations you have connected to them. You will be evaluating how they align to the different dimensions of your design.





# CAREER SYNTHESIS

Occupation

Fashion Designer

27.75/42 (66%)

**Personality Factors**

- Detached  Objective
- Unstructured  Indifferent  Spontaneous
- Improvising
- Introverted  Reserved  Quiet
- Cautious  Content
- Compliant  Pliable  Tactful
- Conforming/ Independent
- Innovative  Traditional / Clever  Imaginative

**Interests**

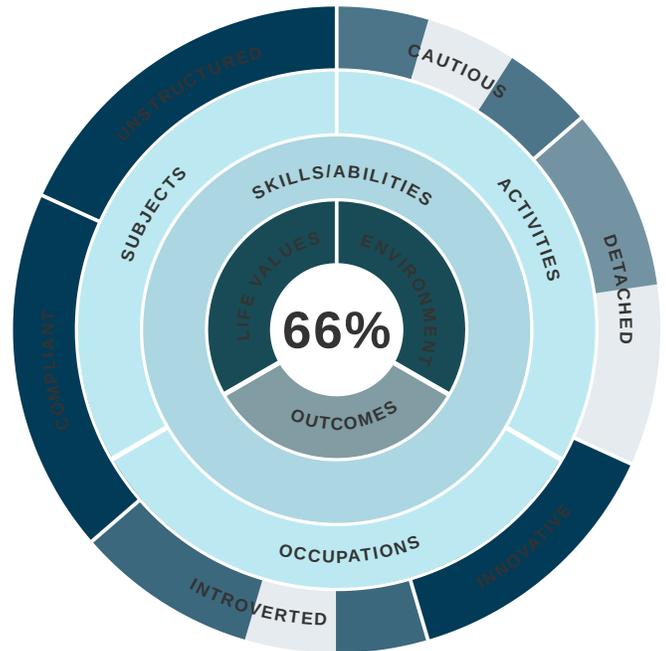
- Languages  Self-Employment  Art and Design
- Art and Design  Writing
- Art/Creativity  Performing

**Skills/Abilities**

- Artistic  Communication  Expressing

**Values**

- Flexible Hours  Independence  Harmony
- Equality
- Continuing Education  High Income
- Faith  Family  Friends  Aesthetics



**Personality Factors**

- Detached  Neutral
- Unstructured  Indifferent  Spontaneous
- Improvising
- Compliant  Pliable  Tactful
- Innovative  Imaginative

**Interests**

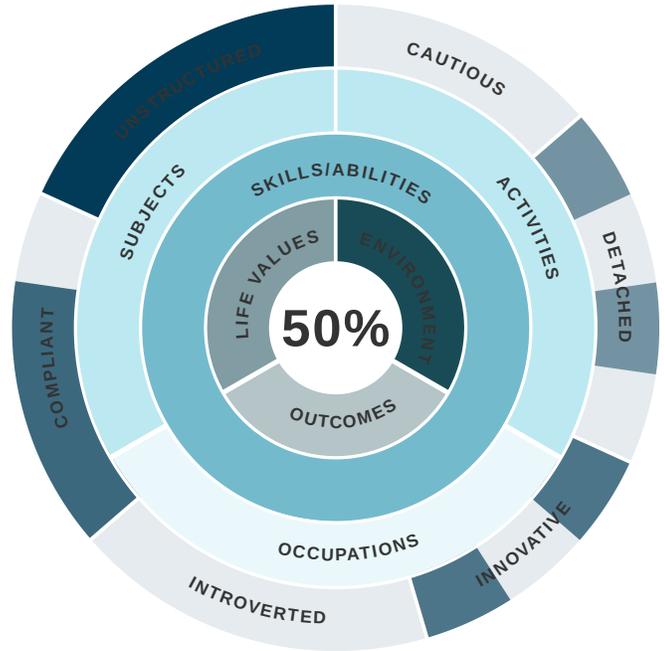
- Self-Employment  Art and Design
- Non-Profit/Social Services
- Art and Design
- Art/Creativity  Performing

**Skills/Abilities**

- Artistic  Communication  Expressing  Musical
- Athletic

**Values**

- Flexible Hours  Independence  Harmony
- Equality
- Career Progression
- Faith  Aesthetics





## TEST DRIVE AND CONFIRM THE FIT

If it looks good on paper, it's time to strategize your steps to confirm the fit.

**1. Do you know how to investigate career opportunities or education/training courses available for this occupation?**

Yes.  No.

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