

Dot Voting

Description

Dot voting is a simple tool used to democratically prioritize items or make decisions in a group setting. It is an easy, straightforward way to narrow down alternatives and converge to a set of concepts or ideas. In dot voting, each individual in a group is given a number of “dots” that can be each assigned to an alternative which is part of a set of alternatives.

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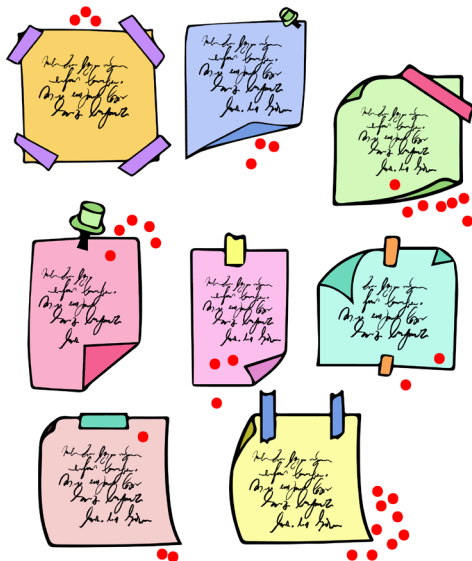
🕒 5-15 mins

👤 1-5 people

Materials & Prep

Dataset (existing post-its)

Voting dots



Access Online Toolkit



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Process

Step 1. Gather Materials. Your materials will depend on what is voted on, and what you use to vote. Post-Its help bring ideas to life and help others see things in different ways. For voting, dot stickers are most commonly used due to their flexibility yet markers can be also used.

Step 2. Specify voting constraints. Before the vote, remind individuals the purpose and value of the voting exercise. Tell participants how many votes they will have.

Step 3. Vote. Participants should place their votes quietly. Conversation should not resume until all participants have placed their vote.

Step 4. Calculate outcome. Once all individuals have voted, participants can converge and discuss the outcome and why they have voted for particular options or assess next steps now that a collective ranking has been achieved.

Step 5. Potentially narrow and revote. If you have a tie among top options or further prioritization is needed, the group can vote again to establish a clear winner.