

A course built around your child's curiosity

A reusable parent-guided workflow for personalized homeschool units and after-school enrichment, usually ages 9-15. Choose the topic, schedule, academic connections, and materials; the generator helps turn those choices into a complete teaching pack.

1 / Tell the story of your learner

Start with what excites them, what they can do comfortably, and what your family hopes to get from the course. The guided interview asks a few questions at a time. Say "quick start" when you prefer suggested defaults.

2 / Shape the course

Review a recommended concept, weekly progression, time and supplies, and a real sample activity. Adjust the direction, then ask the generator to build the complete pack.

3 / Open the parent guide and begin

Download the learner materials and the separate parent/teacher guide. Print what you need. After trying a session, report what was fun, hard, or too long so the course can improve.

Every complete course includes

Printable PDFs of all instructional materials; a parent/teacher guide with session notes and answers; editable sources; a clear print plan. Select workbooks, long readings, hands-on work, and digital interaction to suit your family.

Open the included Pocket Lab sample to see the intended level of detail. It is an original one-week fashion-design mini-course with 8 learner pages and a 5-page adult guide.

Use it in ChatGPT or Codex

ChatGPT Work: one message

Paste this into a ChatGPT Work session: "Set up Course Studio from <https://github.com/leesalminen/course-studio>. Read the README and follow docs/CHATGPT-WORK-SETUP.md. Handle setup with the available tools, then start the guided parent interview."

If links cannot be opened, attach chatgpt/START-COURSE-STUDIO.md from the kit and ask it to follow that file. It includes the complete setup and workflow. The assistant should prepare the conversation and begin a short interview.

Codex: invoke the skill

Use \$course-studio to help me design a course for my child. Start the guided parent interview.

For a first installation, give Codex the repository setup request or ask its skill installer to install skills/course-studio from the repository. Reuse an existing installation.

Ready-made quick start

"Create a four-week fashion design course for an 11-year-old beginner who loves drawing. Two 45-minute sessions weekly. Integrate math, reading, writing, critical thinking, and creative thinking. Include full readings, a workbook, hands-on work, all PDFs, and a parent/teacher guide. Use household supplies. Choose sensible defaults and build it."

Tool availability

Actual PDFs require file-generation tools in the session. Artwork may need image generation. If tools are missing, the workflow must clearly identify incomplete exports and provide source content plus a continuation route. The starter kit itself is a reusable workflow, not a hosted application.

A useful first course, then a better one

Send friends the repository or starter kit

Share github.com/leesalminen/course-studio and the README's one-message prompt, or send Course-Studio-Starter-Kit.zip. Each family works in its own account. Keep private learner briefs and conversations out of the public kit.

Make the fit better

Describe actual reading and writing comfort, independence, supplies, and time. Learning preferences can guide choices without locking a child into a fixed learning-style label. Gender does not determine topics or ability.

What to ask after trying a session

"We enjoyed the building but the reading took too long. Keep the learning goal, split the passage into two days, and update the schedule and materials." Or: "The math was easy. Add a deeper measurement challenge without adding much time."

Ready here or installed for later

Setup loads the workflow for the current conversation and uses supported installation tools if available. A folder saved in a temporary workspace does not prove permanent installation. The assistant must say what it actually completed. Future sessions may need the setup prompt and your saved brief again.

Sources and fuller instructions

ChatGPT Work: [Official Work guide](#)

Skills: [Official skill guide](#)

Learning preferences: [EEF evidence summary](#)

README.md includes the complete package map and setup notes. The sample is original and has not been tested with a child. Use your first session as a chance to learn what fits, then revise.

Course Studio / version 1.0.0 / prepared for sharing and adaptation with friends