Toolkits

What is an Educational Toolkit?

Educational Toolkits are discrete packages of learning materials and/or instructions that enable learners to follow a 'course' of learning.

> **Toolkits — generally speaking — will provided a learner with almost* everything they need to learn.**

*Caveat — just as a TV chef might assume that you have 'staples' such as salt in your kitchen, the toolkit creator *might* assume that you have certain 'household essentials' to hand. However, we should try to avoid making any *assumptions* about learners in terms of what they may or may not *have* — thus, a toolkit really must be *comprehensive*.

Following *Make Gold*, we can break the components of a Toolkit down as follows:

1. Materials (a finite set of adaptable resources)
2. Instructions (a set of guidelines on how to 'use' the materials)

Insofar as a toolkit is a set of instructions, it suggests a "goal" — that is something that will be learned, or accomplished. In this sense, 'toolkit' has come to be associated with everything from government-led media campaigns and to climate change protest strategies.

See:
https://theprint.in/theprint-essential/what-is-toolkit-document-key-to-tech-era-protests-that-has-landed-disha-nikita-in-trouble/605926/

Examples of Educational Toolkits

Here are few examples of <u>Educational Toolkits</u> – (not neccessarily *artists*' toolkits):

The Art Assignment, USA https://www.theartassignment.com/episodes/assignments	**ABC Learning Design Toolkit**, University of Edinburgh https://media.ed.ac.uk/media/Learning%20Design%20and%20the%20ABC%20Toolkit/1_u50jv549
Toolkit Video content for the **Open Studies Arts Hub** a free resource from the University of Edinburgh's Centre for Open Learning https://media.ed.ac.uk/channel/Open%2BStudies%2BArts%2BHub%2BResources/166100861	Scottish Government's **Equality and Equity Toolkit,** Scotland https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learning-resources/equality-and-equity-toolkit/
Agile Working Toolkit (University of Strathclyde), Scotland https://www.strath.ac.uk/whystrathclyde/peoplestrategy/agileworking/	Scottish Government's **Early Level Play Pedagogy Toolkit**, Scotland https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learning-resources/early-level-play-pedagogy-toolkit/
Art Educator's Toolkit, National Visual Arts Standards, USA https://www.arteducators.org/learn-tools/art-educator-toolkit	**TES Head of Art Department Toolkit** (a commercial toolkit), The Times Educational Supplement, England. https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/the-head-of-art-toolkit-11325256

Civicus Protest Resillience Toolkit https://civicus.org/protest-resilience-toolkit/
The Toolkit https://thetoolkit.wixsite.com/toolkit/about
Real New Forest https://www.realnewforest.org/education-toolkit/

What is an Artists' Toolkit?

An Artists' Toolkit often resonates with the artist's own practice but may remain discreet from it. This is to say that an Artists' Toolkit *could* be concieved a work of art in its own right, or, simply, be a *package of learning materials* and/or instructions* from which an art work might be created by a 'learner'.

As such, it can help to think of Artists' Toolkits as 'scores'. Just as music may be scored for a musician to play, so might an artistic practice be scored as a Toolkit for learners to play.

The Artists' Toolkits commissioned by Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop might be thought of in this way.

Artists' Toolkit 2021: Images and Video

Click on this image to see a slideshow of the Artists' Toolkit ⬆

This workshop — led by the artists Debjani Banerjee and Naomi Garriock — took place on Thursday 7th October September 2021 in the Courtyard Studio space of Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop | 21 Hawthornvale, Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop, Edinburgh, GB EH6 4JT

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Here is a workshop that Naomi Garriock previously ran for the CAT programme which also takes the form of a Toolkit:

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