

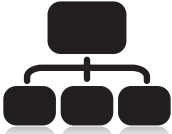















Your Guide and Worksheet for Applying The Complete Method of Creative Decision Making (SM-14)

Stages of SM-14	Space for Your Comments and Notes
<p>1 Curious Observation</p> 	<p>Be alert. What decisions are needed? Be skeptical. Prevent trouble.</p>
<p>2 Is there a Problem?</p> 	<p>Define the decision carefully. Real purpose? Urgent? Present in form of question.</p>
<p>3 Goals and Planning</p> 	<p>Break the decision into sub-decisions. Set goals and plan ahead.</p>
<p>4 Search, Explore and Gather Evidence</p> 	<p>Search the library and the internet. Follow leads. Explore all angles. Build files.</p>
<p>5 Generate Creative and Logical Alternatives</p> 	<p>Search for ideas. Read publications to trigger your imagination. Consult others.</p>
<p>6 Evaluate the Evidence</p> 	<p>Chart and rate evaluations of you tentative solutions. Compare and test them.</p>
<p>7 Make the Educated Guess (Hypothesis)</p> 	<p>Choose the best solution as your working hypothesis. Make predictions to be tested.</p>

The four shaded stages (#2, 5, 6 and 8) represent the short SM-14 model for decision making (continued).

<p>8</p>	<p>Challenge the Hypothesis</p> 	<p>Test. Experiment. Control the variables. Attempt to falsify.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Reach a Conclusion</p> 	<p>Communicate results. Can others test and confirm your conclusion?</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Suspend Judgement</p> 	<p>Keep an open mind. Be ready to accept new evidence. Knowledge is forever changing.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Take Action</p> 	<p>Submit your solution to peer review or take other appropriate actions.</p>
<p>Supporting Ingredients: Used at all the preceding stages of SM-14</p>		
<p>12</p>	<p>Creative, Non-logical, Logical and Technical Methods</p> 	<p>Use all types of action methods at all stages to actually accomplish results.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Procedural Principles and Theories</p> 	<p>Follow those used by professional researchers, but "anything (ethical) goes."</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Attributes and Thinking Skills</p> 	<p>Be honest and a good team worker. Communicate. Use creativity. Reason logically.</p>