

# CPT Customize Printed T-Shirts

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# Project overview



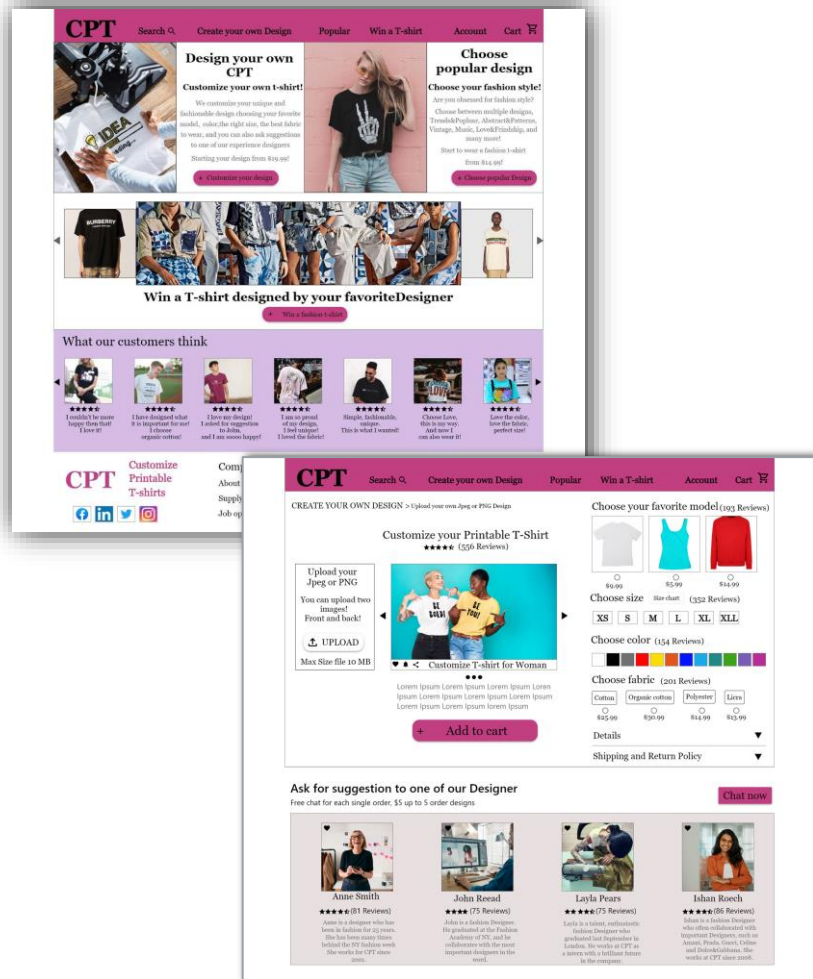
## The product

CPT Customize Printed T-shirts is a Website for customers who want to make their own t-shirts, upload their designs, order the right size, and choose the fabric they want for a good price. We need to create the path for the main user experience while the customer chooses to proceed with their own design, upload the file without any issue, make the actual order flow, and understand what challenges they have the most during the process.



## Project duration:

February 2022 to March 2022



# Project overview



## The problem:

Customer wants to make their own printed t-shirt to be always fashionable and unique. They are not happy with the cheap fabric, and they want to be able to have options when choosing the t-shirt.



## The goal:

To understand better the challenge the users face the most for ordering their designs: upload images, choose the model of the t-shirt, color, size, material and finish the task to the checkout process. We would also like to understand if they are interested in the possible feature of the website and ask one of our designers to consult their doubts.

# Project overview



## My role:

Ux designer who is designed the app from the first concept to the delivery.



## Responsibilities:

Conducting interviews, paper and digital wireframing, low and high-fidelity prototyping, conducting usability studies, accounting for accessibility, and iterating on designs.

# Understanding the user

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- User research
- Personas
- Problem statements
- User journey maps

# User research: Summary



I did my research by interviewing five people from 18 years old to 40. Participants are online shoppers with a love for the fashion style, who like to be trendy all the time and very unique. Some of them used to browse or buy online clothes once per week. Two males, two females, and one nonbinary individual. One participant is a person with a visual impairment. The study is accessible for use with a screen-reader and a switch device considered people from different cultures, countries, ages, gender, and race. All of them live in city center and authorized me to record their answers. I asked nine open-ended questions. I created Empathy Maps, I evaluated what they said, what they thought, what they felt, and what they did about that. In most of them, the biggest concern was the poor material when you buy online, the wrong size you get and the frustration to return the package, and the concern to be unique and fashionable all the time.

# User research: Pain Points

1

## Poor Fabric

They would like to be able to choose the fabric of the t-shirts as well. Most of the common t-shirts fabrics fade colors after a few washes.

2

## Size Description

Most of the size they order are wrong. Customers get frustrated, so they would like to have a size chart and be able to read review when choosing sizes.

3

## Upload image process

They are concern the uploading process is too complicated, or the data limit is not enough when uploading images.

4

## Payment

Customers they are afraid to put their credit card as payment only. They want to be able to choose their payment methods and feel secure.

5

## Be unique & trendy

They want to feel unique and fashionable every day.

# Persona: Melanie Krause

## Problem statement:

Melanie is a busy professional Interior Designer and fashion style lover who needs to buy good quality printed t-shirts with famous art pictures or customized her design on it because she wants to wear fashionable clothes and be unique every day.



**Melanie**

**Age:** 30

**Education:** Master degree

**Hometown:** Chicago

**Family:** Single

**Occupation:** Interior design for a kitchen brand

*"I want to wear something durable with good quality, that represents me, that make me feel unique and fashionable."*

## Goals

- Wearing something unique and fashionable
- Wearing good quality t-shirt to avoid discolors material and smell on poor material
- She would like to buy organic and eco friendly materials
- Buying t-shirt that fits as description, no fake measurements sizes

## Frustrations

- She gets frustrated when the material is poor and cheap
- She gets frustrated when the colors on the t-shirt after few washes fades
- She gets frustrated and super annoyed when the size she purchased fits different from the description

Melany works as an Interior Designer for an Italian Kitchen brand in a showroom in Chicago. She works Monday to Saturday from 9 AM to 9 PM. She loves design and fashion, and she likes to be updates on the last trendy and popular fashion styles. She does a lot of online shopping because she doesn't have time to go in person. She watches fashion weeks and read fashion magazines. She likes the idea to customize her clothes to represent herself with her prints, or famous piece of art or patterns so she look unique every days. She gets frustrated when she spend money for poor material clothes, when after a few washes the print fades, and she gets mad when the sizes never fit as she was expected.

# User Journey map

Mapping Melanie help me to understand better what are the actual users actions. What are the tasks he need to do to achieve his goal, what he feels and how the process can be improved to help the user having a better experience.

## Persona: Melanie Krause

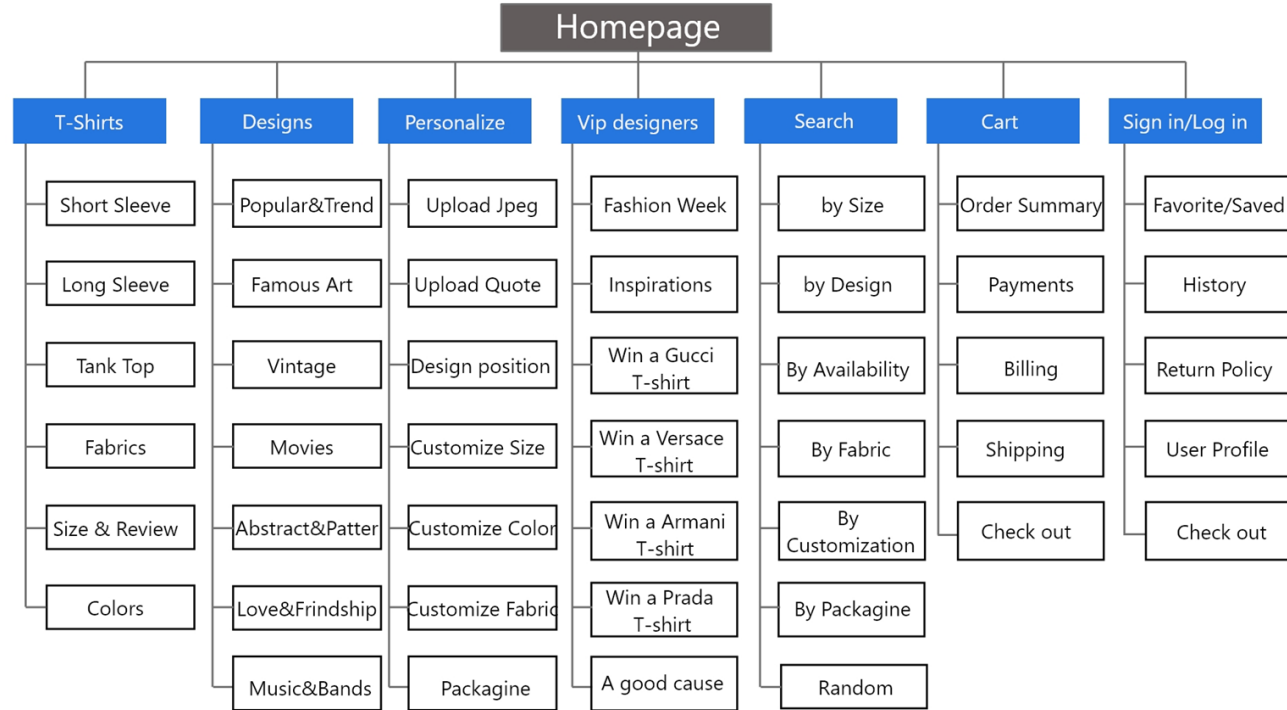
Goal: Purchase a good quality material t-shirt with in a unique style

ACTION	Brownes the T-shirt catalogue	Choose a T-shirt	Choose Material & Size	Choose print	Check out
TASK LIST	Tasks A. Browne's new trendy t-shirts B. Sort by price C. Search for print she may like	Tasks A. Scroll to the t-shirt page B. Select available t-shirt to check out C. Click the add to the cart button	Tasks A. Sort t-shirt by size B. Check if the measurement fits your body size C. Choose organic cotton D. Click the add button	Tasks A. Click the upload your own jpeg print B. See how it looks like on the t-shirt C. Click the add button	Tasks A. See cart B. Check out & Payment C. Choose payment methods D. Pay
FEELING ADJECTIVE	-Enthusiastic -Emotional -Eager -Impatient -Overwhelmed by the trendy styles	-Excited -Optimistic -Impatient -Overwhelmed by the quantity of t-shirts	-Cautious -Impatient -Excited -Hopeful -Overwhelmed by size description -Overwhelmed by materials	- Happy - Excited - Impatient - Fashionable - Unique	- Satisfied - Relieved - Impatient - Hopeful - Optimistic
IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES	-Ability to select multiple filters - Clear information flow	-Big and easier button for the add to cart, colorful -Clear information Architectural -Minimal design	-Ability to select multiple filters -Having a chart in cm and inches - Reading customers reviews about sizes -Easy add to the cart button	-Ability to upload a jpeg file -Ability to browse multiple prints -Ability to select multiple filters if choosing to add popular print	-Security payment -Easy big button -Minimal Design

# Starting the design

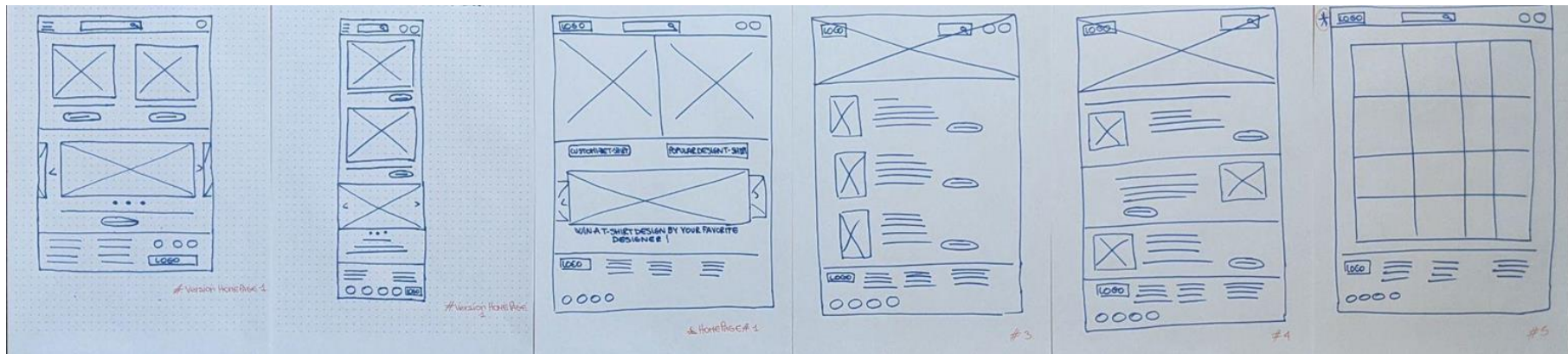
- Sitemap
- Paper wireframes
- Digital wireframes
- Low-fidelity prototype
- Usability studies

# Sitemap



I thought to design a website page where the user feels familiar and confident navigating it. I have started to build the website structure. It's a Hierarchy map, a parent-child map, which starts from the homepage to the main content categories.

# Paper wireframes



I took some time to try different interactions for the Homepage of the CPT Website on paper to ensure that the elements on the digital wireframe would be well-suited to address the user point. These are five examples of the possible home screen with a few possible screens on the right, and a mobile and tablet version for the Home page on the left.

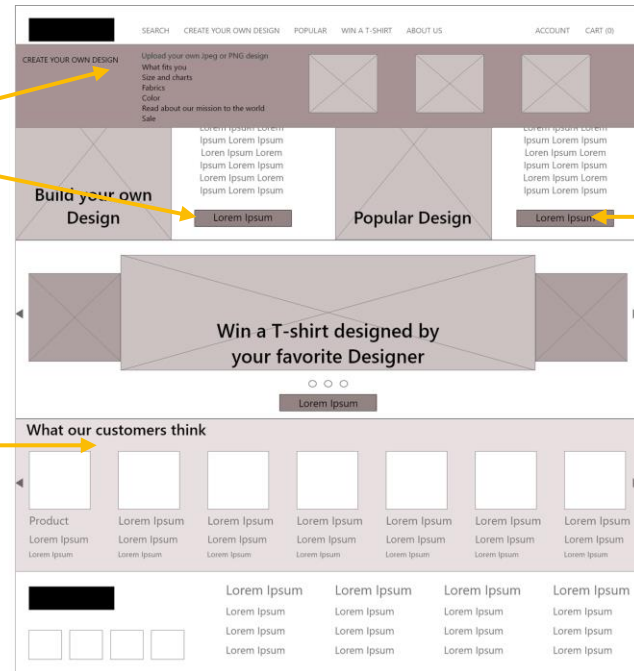
# Digital wireframes

This is the Digital Homepage of the CPT.

I designed the possibility for customers overwhelmed by the navigation process, the possibility to reach the customization from two different point. They also have the possibility to see what's new on the fashion style to be trendy and unique all the time. They also can read already reviews from the past customers.

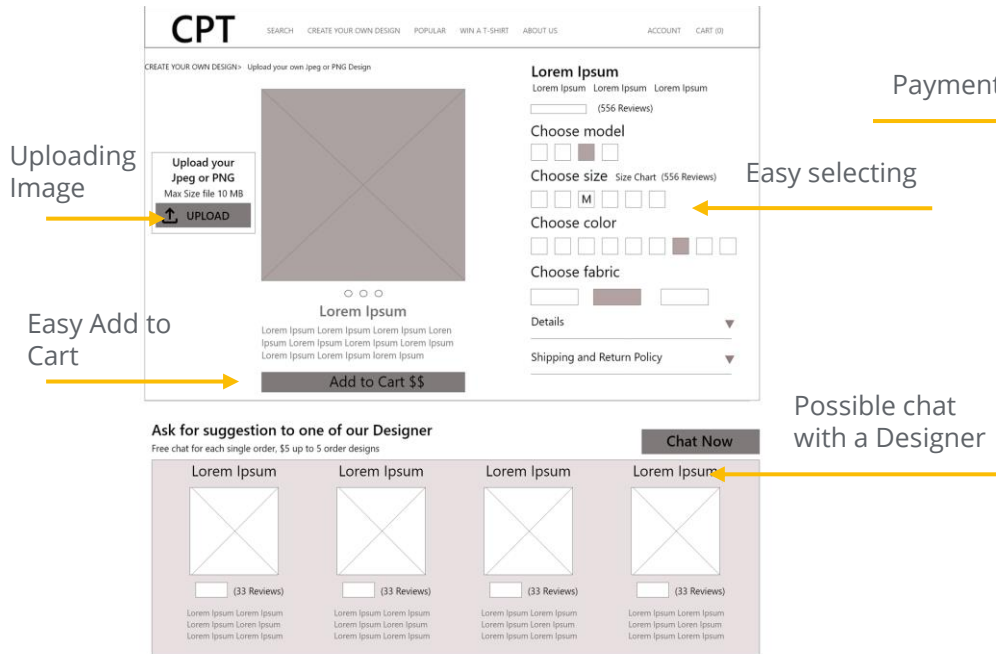
Reaching the customization goal from multiple point

Already from the Homepages, customers can immediately read reviews experience on purchases

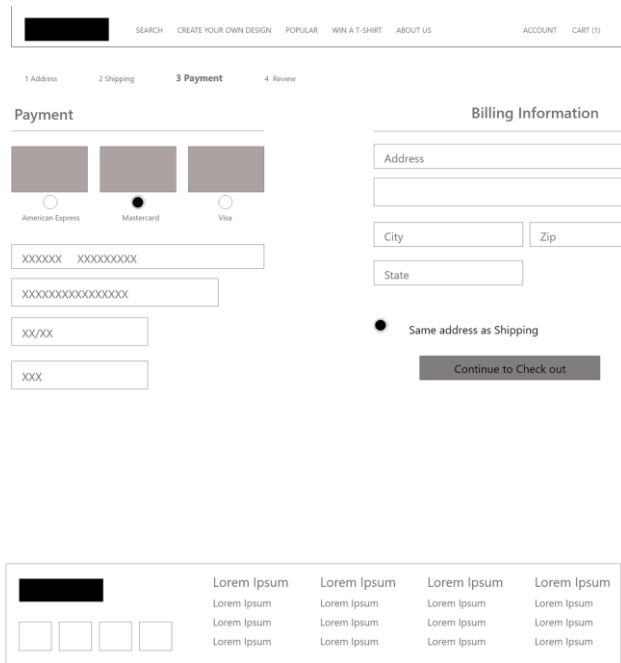


Customers want to know or have the possibility to look into fashionable style

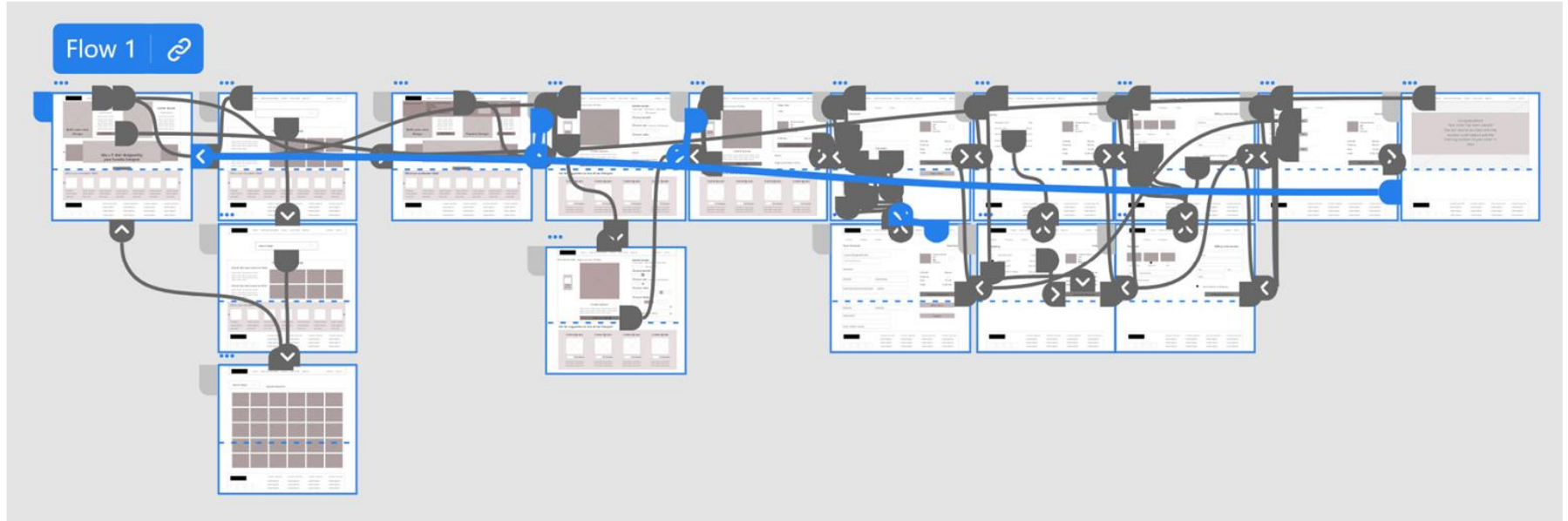
# Digital wireframes



the application form



# Low-fidelity prototype CPT Customize Printed T-Shirts



View the link of the [Low-Fidelity Prototype CPT Customize Printed T-shirt Website](#)

# Usability study: parameters



## Study type:

Unmoderated usability study



## Location:

United States, remote



## Participants:

5 participants



## Length:

20-30 minutes

# Usability study: findings

Write a short introduction to the usability studies you conducted and your findings.

## Round 1 findings

- 1 Users want to see the prices more clearly
- 2 Users wants an easy navigation to upload images of their design
- 3 Users wants more payment options

## Round 2 findings

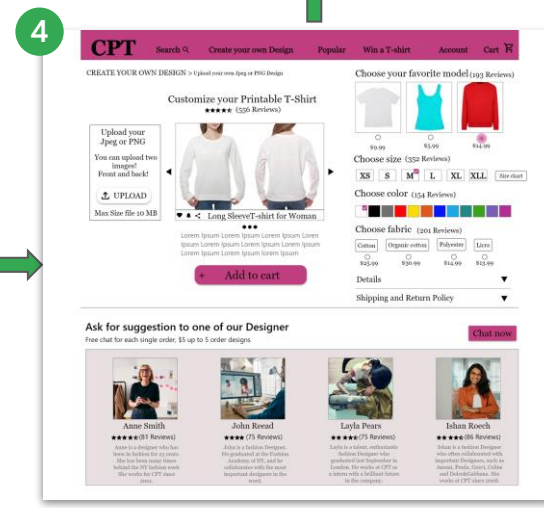
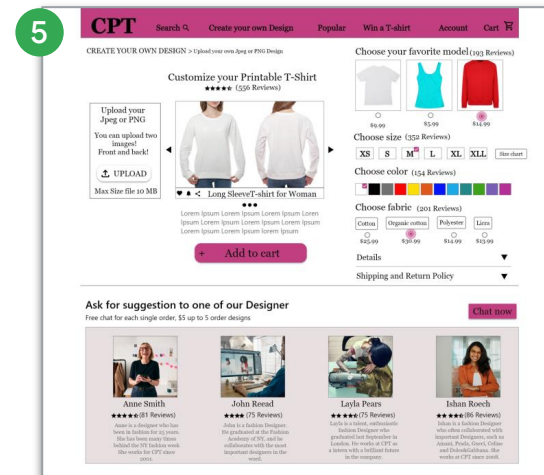
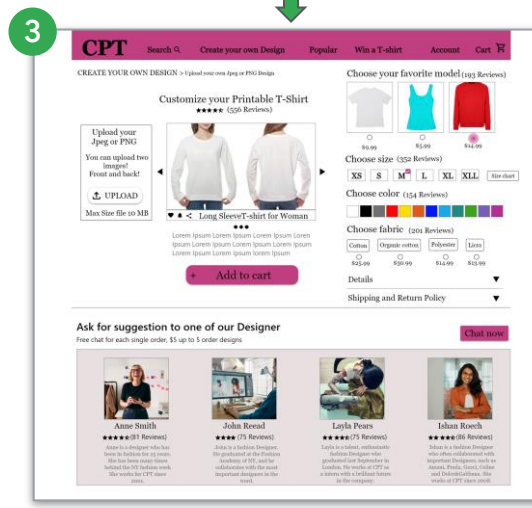
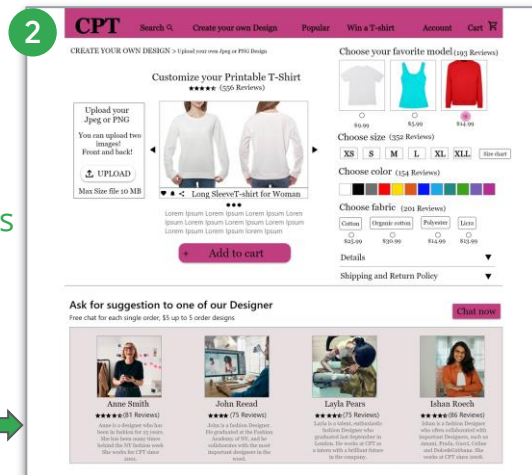
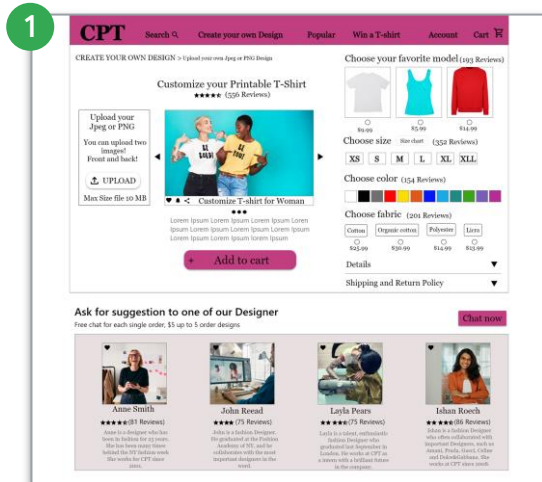
- 1 Users want to sign in, register or continue to checkout as guest
- 2 User would like to use the chat for suggestions to designer if cheap
- 3 Users wants Upload image button bigger and specify limit data storage

## Refining the design

- Mockups
- High-fidelity prototype
- Accessibility

# Mockups

## After usability study The Selection Process



1. Customize printable t-shirts page
2. Choose your model
3. Choose your size
4. Choose your color
5. Choose the fabric and add to cart

2



Order and upload their own design is a crucial path for the users. This is how it was before the usability study and after.

2

Upload image on the back

# Mockups

Before the second usability study, users had no choice that fill out the information to continue the checkout. They couldn't sign in, register or continue to checkout as a guest. After the study, the users can now sign in, register or continue as guest with possible coupons incentive.

## Before usability study checkout process

This mockup shows a checkout process with a top navigation bar containing links for SEARCH, CREATE YOUR OWN DESIGN, POPULAR, WIN A T-SHIRT, ABOUT US, ACCOUNT, and CART (1). Below the navigation bar is a progress indicator with four steps: 1 Address, 2 Shipping, 3 Payment, and 4 Review. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Your Account', contains form fields for Email, Password, Address, Name, Surname, City, State, Zip Code, and Phone. The right column, titled 'Summary', displays a product image, product name, color, size, and fabric, along with a subtotal, shipping, taxes, and a total. At the bottom of the summary column are buttons for 'Continue to Check', 'Return Policy', and 'Support'.

This mockup shows an updated checkout process with a top navigation bar in a pink color scheme containing links for CPT, Search, Create your own Design, Popular, Win a T-shirt, Account, and Cart. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column, titled 'Sign in', includes a welcome message, a coupon incentive, form fields for Email and Password, a 'Sign in' button, a 'Forgot your Password?' link, and social login options for Google and Facebook. The middle column, titled 'Register', includes a registration incentive, form fields for Email, Password, and Confirm Password, checkboxes for terms and conditions and a robot check, and a 'Register' button. The right column, titled 'Check out as a Guest', includes a message about the coupon incentive, a checkbox for a newsletter subscription, and a 'Continue to Checkout' button. The bottom of the page features a footer with the CPT logo, links to Customize, Printable, and T-shirts, and a grid of links for Company Info, Help & Support, and Customer Care.

After usability study check out process, sign in, register and continue to checkout as guest

# Mockups

These are the next steps to the finishing tasking, choose the shipping method and the payment method. Participants were concern. Before the usability study they had the possibility to choose between credit cards only. Now customers have the possibility to choose between different options.

## Before usability study Payment process

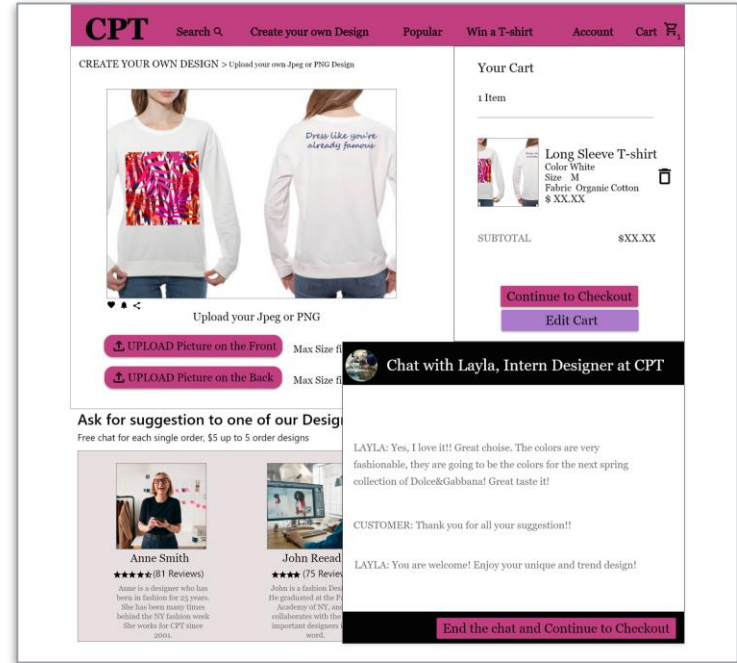
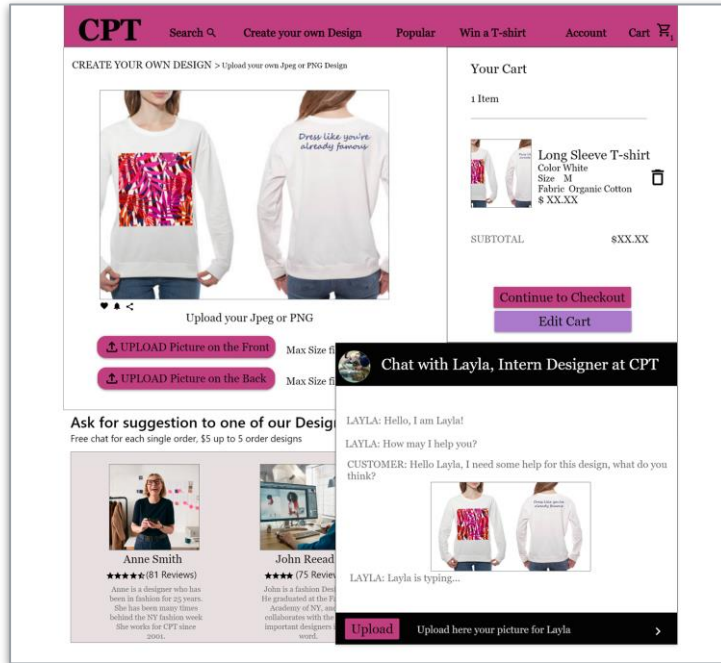
This mockup shows a payment page with a navigation bar at the top containing links: SEARCH, CREATE YOUR OWN DESIGN, POPULAR, WIN A T-SHIRT, ABOUT US, ACCOUNT, and CART (1). Below the navigation bar, a progress indicator shows four steps: 1 Address, 2 Shipping, 3 Payment (active), and 4 Review. The main content area is divided into two sections. The left section, titled 'Payment', features three credit card icons: American Express, Mastercard (selected), and Visa. Below these are four input fields for card details: a 16-digit card number (XXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX), an expiration date (XX/XX), and a three-digit security code (XXX). The right section, titled 'Billing Information', contains input fields for Address, City, and State, followed by a radio button labeled 'Same address as Shipping' and a 'Continue to Check' button. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with a logo and four columns of placeholder text (Lorem Ipsum).

This mockup shows an updated payment page. The navigation bar is pink and includes the CPT logo, a search icon, and links: Search Q, Create your own Design, Popular, Win a T-shirt, Account, and Cart. The progress indicator shows four steps: 1 Address, 2 Shipping, 3 Payment (active), and 4 Review. The main content area is divided into three sections. The left section, titled 'How would you like to pay?', displays eight payment options in a grid: American Express, Mastercard, Visa, PayPal, Google Pay, Venmo, and two additional options (Pay Pall, Google Pay, Venmo). The middle section, titled 'Summary', shows a list of items: Long Sleeve T-shirt, Color White, Size M, Fabric: Organic Cotton, and a price of \$XX.XX. Below this is a table with the following data: Subtotal (\$XX.XX), Shipping (---), Taxes (\$X.XX), and Total (\$XX.XX). At the bottom of the summary section are four buttons: Continue to Checkout (pink), Edit Cart (purple), Return Policy (white), and Support (white). The footer is pink and contains the CPT logo, a link to Customize Printable T-shirts, and three columns of links: Company Info (About CPT, Supply Chain, Job opportunities), Help & Support (Shipping Info, Return Policy, How to track your order), and Customer Care (Contact Us, Payment, Help & Support). Social media icons (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram) are also present.

## After usability study Payment process

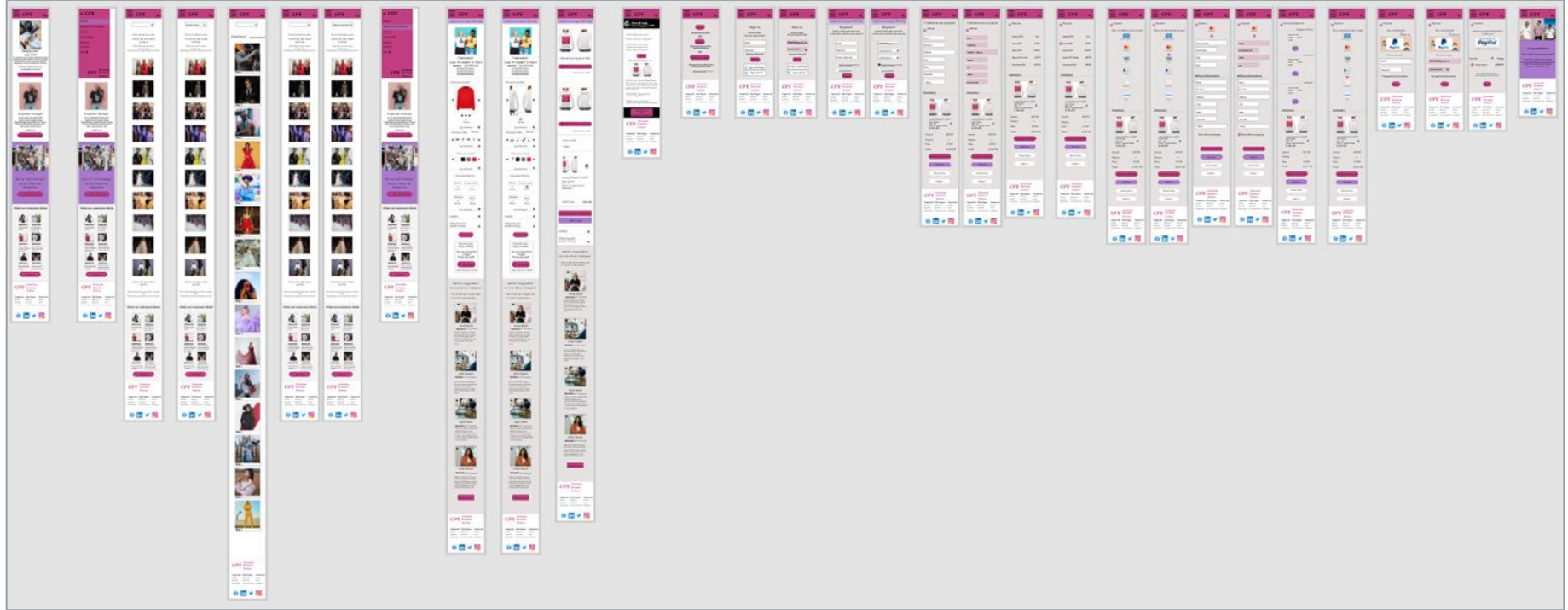
# Mockups

During the first usability study, customers were sceptical about the chat. They were not sure because it would be expensive or too long for the process. I specified the price (if applicable) and at what point of the process is helpful.

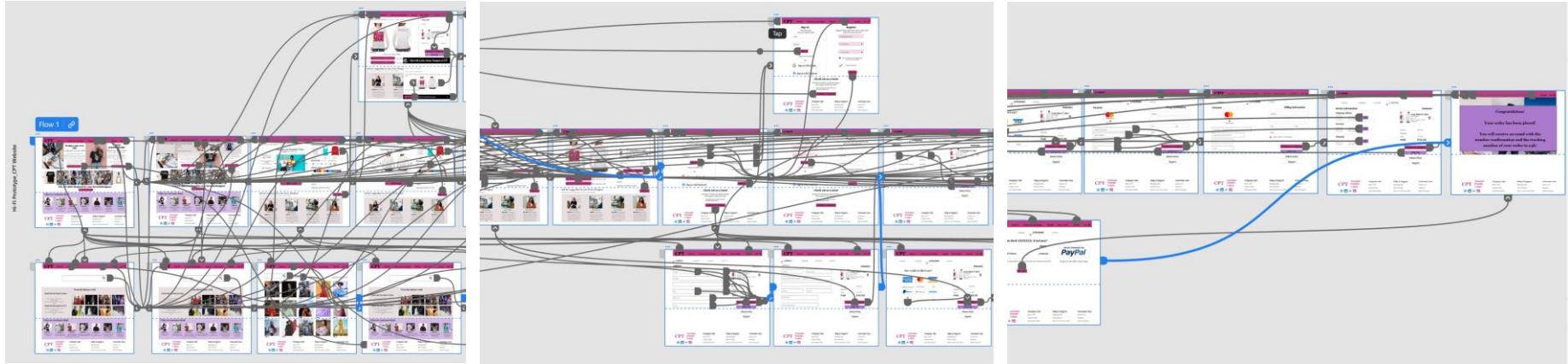


After usability study - Ask for suggestion to a designer at CPT - chat

# Mockups for Mobile Version



# High-fidelity prototype



## High - Fidelity Prototype CPT Customize Printable T-shirts Website

The High-Fidelity Prototype Flow is a zoom of the connected screen that shows how dense is the connection between all the them. Users can navigate back and forth from all over the screens.

# Accessibility considerations

1

To guarantee accessibility, I used icons and text hierarchy to make navigation easier.

2

To guarantee the accessibility, I considered typical and popular gesture to click the buttons.

3

To guarantee accessibility, I consider using high contrast colors from the Homepage through the entire flow. All the buttons have recognizable colors and shades to be more intuitive to click on it.

## Going forward

- Takeaways
- Next steps

# Takeaways



## Impact:

The website is an easy customizations process of user's designs. They are able to finish the process and make their own unique design.

*"I like to be fashion all the time. Sometimes buying famous designs clothes could be expensive. I want to look awesome when I go to work, when I hang out with my friends, even when I go to the supermarket. I mean, I can choose my design, my size, and more important even the fabric I want, I would definitely use this website."*



## What I learned:

During this process, I learned how important it is to emphasize the users. Making the first usability study reminds me that there are always biases, and recognizing them is a step to go over them. I learned what the users really want, why they make purchases online, what they fear and think. I iterated my design multiple times to be front-and-center for the users' needs.

# Next steps

1

Conduct a third usability studies to confirm if the pain points users experienced have been effectively addressed.

2

Conduct more user research to determine any new areas of need.

3

Go deeper in details, possible filters to adjust picture when uploading images for customization

# Let's connect!



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