Three Easy Ways to Get Feedback/Votes

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We now offer three low-effort, low-maintenance ways to give your fans an easy way to vote for your designs, or to provide you with design feedback during the critique phase. Choose one, or choose them all. Each method offers you a unique way to spread the word about your designs and help your fans more easily support you.

Option 1: Voting Badge

A discreet, low-maintenance “vote for me badge” that you add to your website or blog.

Who can get one?

Any designer who has ever participated in a design challenge.

Unlike the “design badges,” which are specific to a design for sale on Minted, the voting badge is available to everyone in the community and only needs to be added to your website or blog one time. Conveniently, the badge automatically updates with your most recently submitted design, no matter which challenge you are participating in, so that your fans are just one click away from your most-up-to-date design rating page.

After you add the badge to your blog or website, you’ll be able to come back to your Design Studio page to see how many views your designs have received from the badge.

Why is it important?

Get feedback from fans and friends that helps you improve your design and get legitimate “real shopper” votes for your design.
How do you add it to your website or blog?

1. Login to your Design Studio page by clicking on the Design Challenge tab on the homepage, and then clicking on My Design Studio.

2. Click on the green “get voting badge” button.
You will see a window showing you a preview of the badge and a snippet of HTML code. Select and copy that code. **Note: Your most recently submitted design will always display in the badge.**
4 Paste the code into your website. If you use Wordpress, Blogger/Blogspot, or LiveJournal, keep reading for instructions on how to add a badge to each platform.

For Wordpress users, first login to your dashboard and find the “Appearance” section. Click on “Widgets.”

Drag a "Text Widget" from the “Available Widgets” section over to the “Sidebar”/"Widget Area” section on the right hand side of the page.

Paste the code into your widget area or sidebar and give it a title.

Click “Save” to display your new design badge.
Voila! Your new voting badge is in place and will update with every new design that you submit. No need to add it again after the close of the current challenge.

(keep reading for info on how to add a badge
to Blogger/Blogspot or LiveJournal...)
For **Blogger** or **Blogspot** users, login to your Dashboard, and click on the “Layout” tab and then “Page Elements.”

Find the link that says “Add a Gadget” and select “HTML/Javascript.”
Paste the code you copied into the “Content” box and give it a title.

Click “Save” to display your new design badge.
If you use LiveJournal, log in to your account and go to \url{http://www.livejournal.com/customize/}.

Note: If you have not upgraded your Livejournal software recently, you may need to use this link: \url{http://www.livejournal.com/customize/s1}.

On the right hand side, you will see your current theme. Click on “Customize your theme”.

If your theme supports sidebars, you will see a link on the left side called Sidebars.
Click the “Sidebars” link and you will see new options appear. Paste your code into the “Content of custom block (HTML is available)” field. Then click “Save Changes”.

Your voting badge should now be displayed in your sidebar and will constantly refresh to display your most recently submitted design.

(Please keep reading...)
Tip for all designers: You can also grab your voting badge from the confirmation page you see after submitting a design. It looks like this:

Get your minted voting badge

Use this badge on your blog or website to remind your fans to give you feedback during the critique phase, or vote for you to win. It will automatically update with your most recently submitted design, so add it once and you are good to go.

Badge Preview

Vote for my design on minted™

Copy the code below and paste it on your website

If you have problems getting this badge to display correctly on your website or blog please read the badge section in our FAQ.

(Coming up on the next page: Twitter Integration...
Option 2: Twitter Integration

Automatically tweet your designs when you submit to Minted.

Why is this important?

Promote your design and get fans, feedback, and votes.

1. Submit a design to a challenge. Click on the blue “sign in with Twitter” button that appears on your design submission confirmation page.
Twitter will ask you if you'd like to connect your Twitter account with your Minted account so that future submissions will be tweeted from your account. Click “Allow.”

Your Twitter account is now connected. Congrats!

A link to your design is now posted to your Twitter feed.
Option 3: Facebook Integration

The Facebook integration is a lot like the Twitter integration. Your design submissions will be shared with your Facebook friends on your profile and through your newsfeed.

Why is this important?

Promote your design and get fans, feedback, and votes

1. Submit a design and click on the blue “Login with Facebook” button on the confirmation page.

2. Click “Allow” when you see the Facebook window asking for permission.
You are now connected to Facebook. Future design submissions will automatically be shared through your newsfeed.

Let us know if you have any questions or feedback!

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