52 Traits of Being Creative

Practicing, developing, enhancing any of these 52 human traits will increase your skills of creative thinking.

Abstract – the concrete in abstract ways **Adaptable** – be adaptable, try new ways **Breakthrough Thinking** – strive to do things in new ways

Change of Context
Combination of Ideas/Facts/Situations

Curious – never lose your sense of curiosity

Diverge – think many ideas not just accept the RIGHT ANSWERS

Elaborative – see, feel, hear, smell, taste, touch details

Energetic – become passionate about ideas

Fantasize – use your imagination
Fantasy Life – dream, pretend, imagine
Feelings, Emotions, Senses – use them all
Flexible – think about things from many
perspectives, points of views, paradigms
Flexible Thinker – think through many
others' minds, professions, occupations
Fluent – never stop with only 1 or 2 or 3
ideas, always generate a dozen ideas, a
dozen dozens of ideas (144)

Future oriented – think about what will, might, may happen in a week, month, year, 10 years (

Humor, unique sense of – experiment with several forms or senses of humor **Humor, varied sense of** – try many **Humorous Perspective** – deliberately look at things humorously

Idealistic

Imaginative

Independent – think for yourself as yourself

Ingenious – strive for the best ideas Learning, always – learn new every day Movement & Sound – consider all senses, change senses in problems

Multiple Idea Combinations – generate many more ideas by combining ideas
Non-Conforming – chose to be you
Not motivated by money – find what is truly of value and meaning to you
Observant, highly – continue looking until you truly see

Open-Ended – keep your thinking and options open, do not seek closure immediately

Openness - resist early completion, keep experimenting

Original – strive to be original to think and fell original

Passionate about your work
Perceive the world differently
Perspective – internal, look from micro to
macro and beyond

Perspective – use Macro and Beyond (see from larger, even more larger)

Provocative viewpoint – take unusual points of view to explore options and ideas **Question Asker** – ask, ask, ask, ask and ask some more

Richness & Colorful Detail in your thinking and communicating
See Possibilities not just answers
Self-Knowledgeable – continually study and reflect on you and your life
Self-Actualizing – continually explore for your unique strengths, gifts, talents, abilities

Sense of Destiny – what might yours be Sensitive – strive to see, hear, smell, taste, touch, walk in the shoes of others Severely Critical – self, work, life focus Specific Interests – focus on yours, find or create them for you. Do not try to be wellrounded.

Synthesize – concretely and intuitively **Tolerant of Ambiguity**, accept multiple answers to same ideas

Unusual Viewpoints – take many often **Visualize** – see, draw, sketch ideas in images or models