

PADLET: GETTING STARTED

Padlet is an online bulletin board where users can create, share and collaborate on digital content. Once a Padlet board is created, users can post to the board and share a variety of files including links, photos, videos, screen recordings, etc. Padlet boards can be added to Canvas where students can contribute, share content, discuss ideas, and brainstorm on specific topics, projects, or assignments. Padlet can be used in a variety of ways but here are a few ideas to get you started.

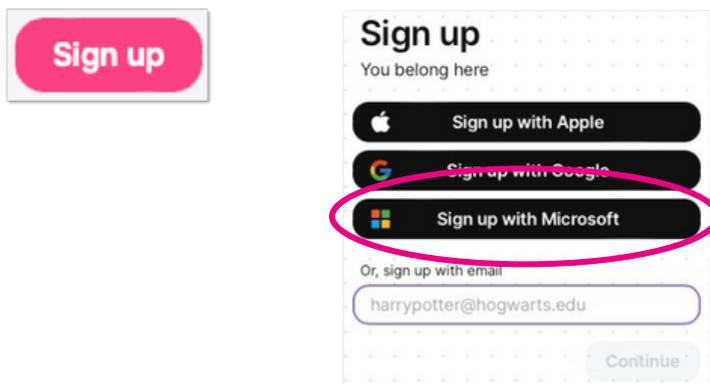
- **Brainstorming:** Give students a topic or prompt to discuss or a project in which they have to brainstorm. Share the board and let students share their ideas and comments.
- **Live question banks:** Let your students post questions. You can share the board during a live synchronous session or within an asynchronous module in Canvas.
- **Gather student work:** Gather student work, all in one place. Use it for articles, research, or showcasing student-generated projects.
- **Concept maps:** Create thinking or mind maps where students can visualize processes or workflows.
- **Peer assessment:** Let students add two 'tops' and one 'tip' on the Padlet board of their fellow student who just finished presenting. Tops are things the student did well and a tip is something the student could improve on for next time.

This guide walks you through all the necessary steps for creating your free Padlet account, creating a Padlet board, and adding a Padlet board to your Canvas course.

Create a Padlet Account

1

Click the **Sign up** button at padlet.com. Sign up using your Microsoft account. This is available free of charge for USF faculty.



2

Go through the sign up process.

Please note: You are limited to creating 3 Padlet boards with a free account.

How will you be using Padlet?
This will allow us to give you a better onboarding experience.

- For personal projects**
Create and share travel itineraries, photo albums, and more.
- I'm a student**
Engage in classroom activities and collaborate with classmates.
- I'm a teacher**
Manage classroom material and engage with students through collaboration.
- With a team**
Collaborate with my colleagues on a visual knowledge base, discussion board, and more.

Select a plan
Our plans cover a variety of different needs. Select the one that fits best.

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Create a Padlet Board

1

Once you are logged in to your account, you may need to choose **+Make** to get the choices, or it may come up by default, depending on the last thing you did when in your account. You will have the options to make a blank board or one created with AI. For the purpose of this tutorial, we will select **Blank board**.

Home / Gallery / Learn / Join **+ Make**

Start from scratch

- AI recipes
- Recipes

Blank board
Wall, Canvas, Timeline, Grid, Stream, Map
[See examples](#)

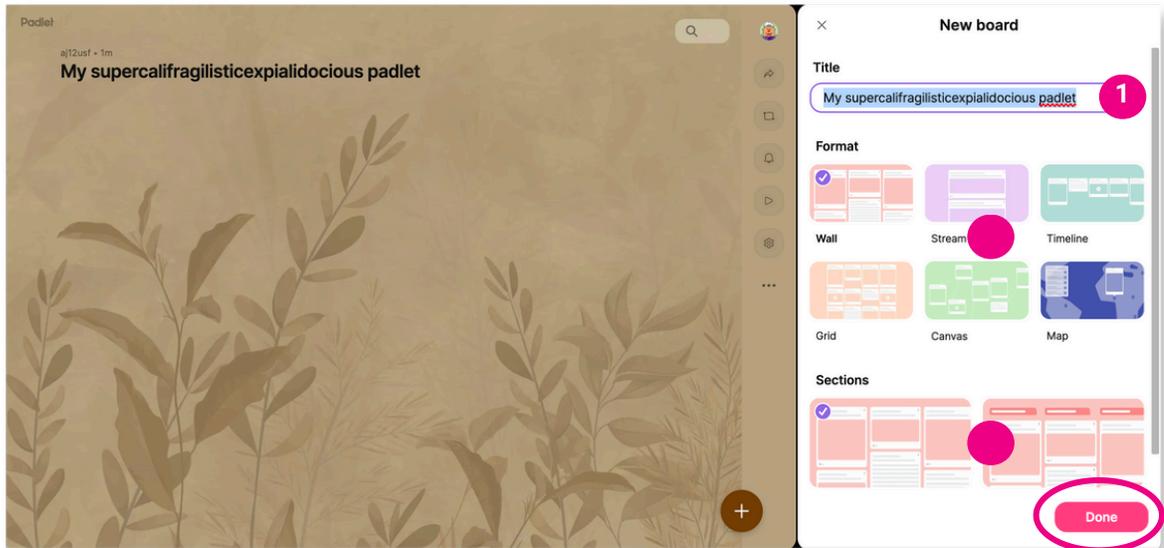
Blank sandbox
Draw, create, and play in real-time with others
[See examples](#)

AI recipes BETA

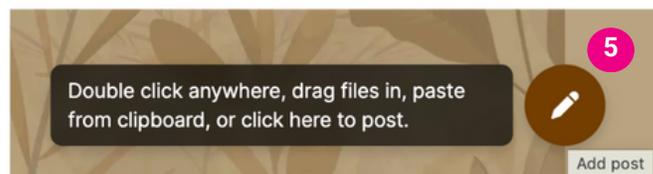
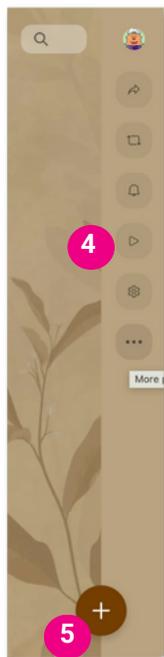
- Discussion board New
- Class activity creator New
- Lesson plan
- Ideas for class activities
- Timeline of events
- Reading list
- Map of historical events
- Assessment polls
- Rubric
- Custom board

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Once the blank board has been created, you'll see a panel on the right side of the screen where you will have the option of adding a title (1). You can then select a format (2) and add sections (3). Select **Done**.



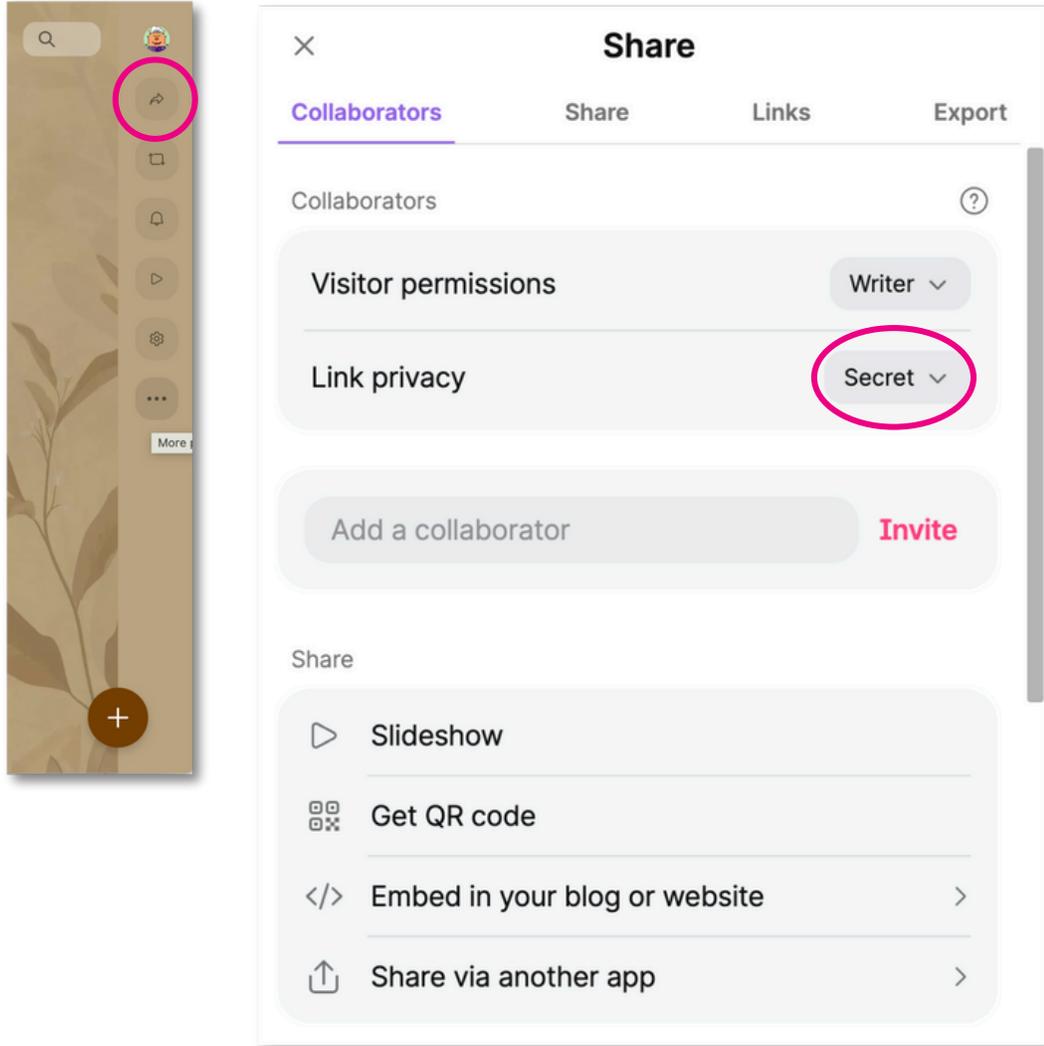
Once Done is selected, the panel will close and you will see your **option icons** at the right edge of the board (4). You will also see a **+ icon** (5) at the bottom right, which, when clicked, allows you to add content to the board.



Embed Your Padlet into a Canvas Page

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In the options menu, choose the **Share icon** (the arrow icon at the top) to take you to your sharing options.

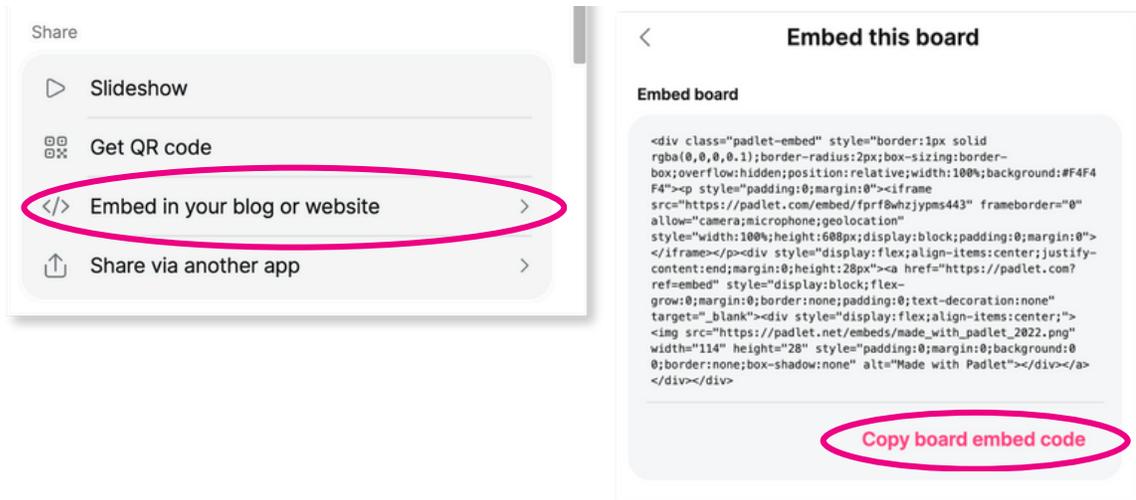


DON'T MISS

Under **Link Privacy**, make sure it is set it to **Secret**.

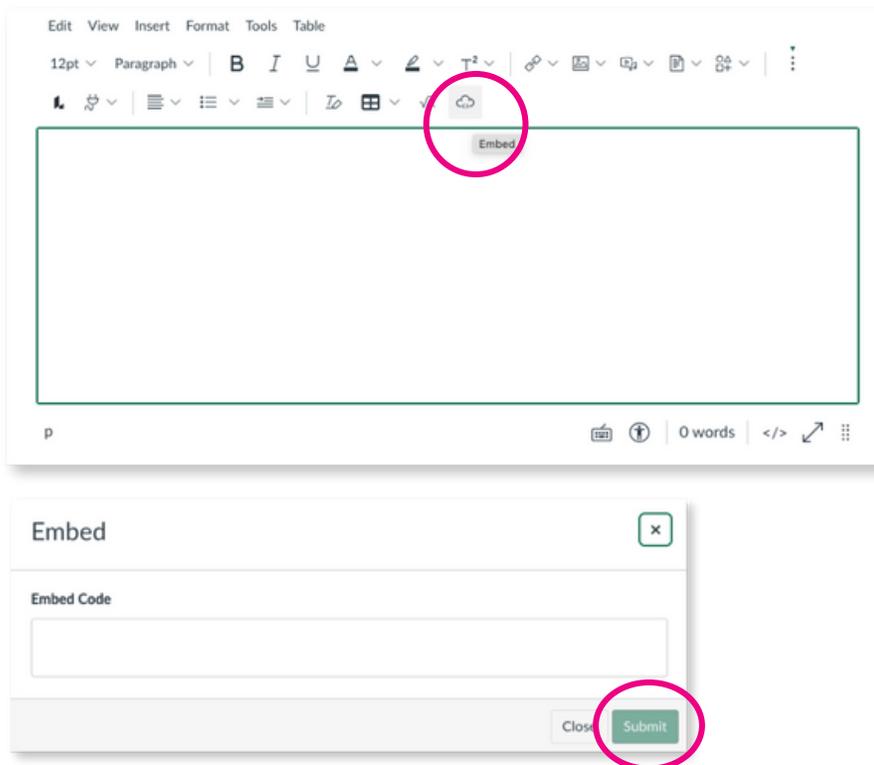
2

Go back to the Share panel and scroll down to select **Embed in your blog or website**. A panel will open with the embed code. Select **Copy board embed code**, and the code will be copied to your clipboard.



3

Navigate back to your Canvas page, Assignment, or Discussion that you will add your Padlet to. Select **Edit**. Once the **Rich Content Editor** appears, select the **Embed icon** (looks like a cloud). You may have to choose the 3 dots at the end of the row of icons to see it. When the embed box opens, paste the embed code into it and choose **Submit**.



4

Your Padlet is now ready for students to interact directly on the Canvas page.

