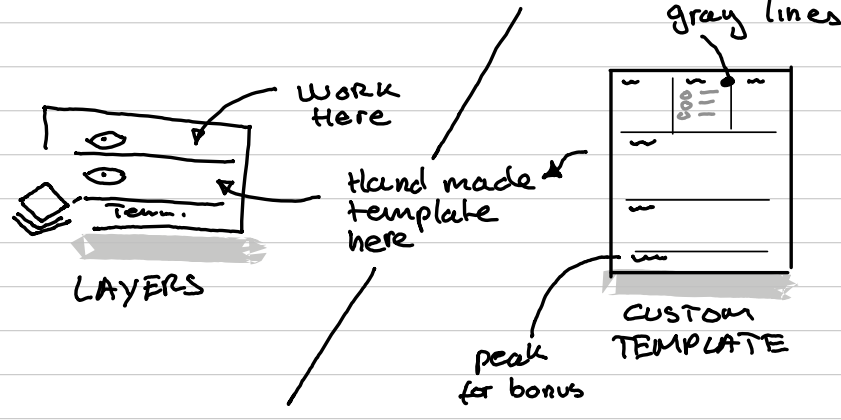


How I manage templates in a simple way on my Remarkable tablet?

In this tiny article I share how the layer feature helps to create good custom templates on templates on the Remarkable tablet and which of the official templates I find useful.



Custom templates

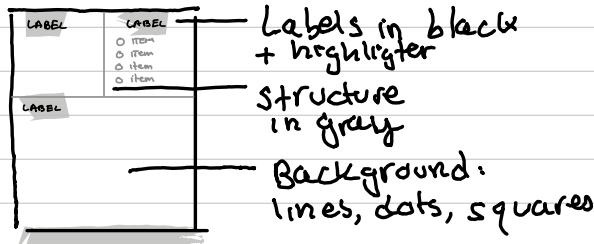
There is no official support for custom templates in the OS of a Remarkable tablet. There is apparently a way to "hack" the tablet to make it happen, but that setup feels a bit overkill.

There is a simpler hack: creating templates by hand with multiple layers.

1. Draw your template

First you need to draw your own template. I like to do that by using as a background either a "small lined" or "small grid" official template as a basis. It makes it easier to have straight lines.

Then I draw the structure of the template with gray lines and use black text for the labels.

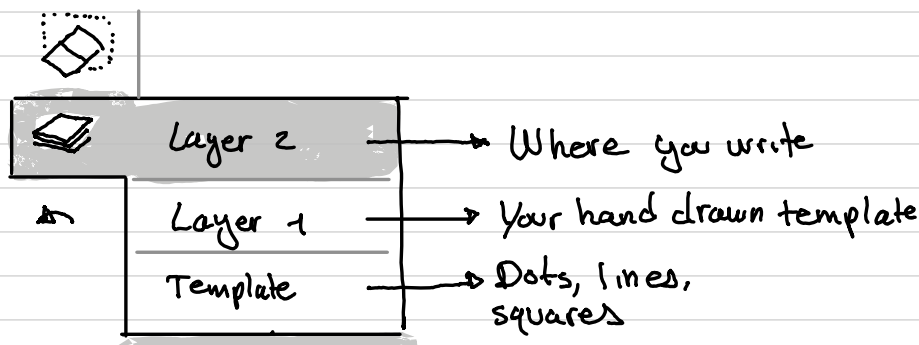


My template styling

2. Add a layer

The most important thing is to then add a new layer from the sidebar.

So when you'll erase text or drawings it will erase only what you've added on top of your template and not the template itself.



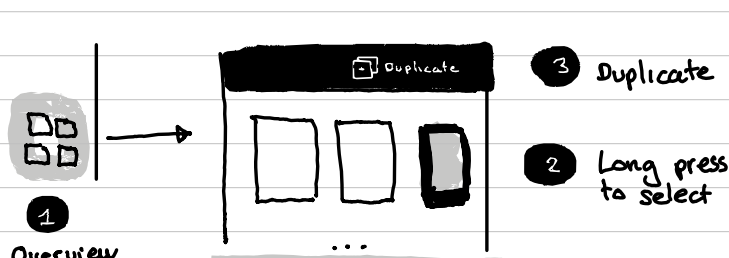
The layer system

3. Duplicate

In the sidebar you can click on the four squares icon to see all the pages of a notebook.

Then long press on your new template and finally hit "duplicate" in the top bar.

You now have a template ready to use.

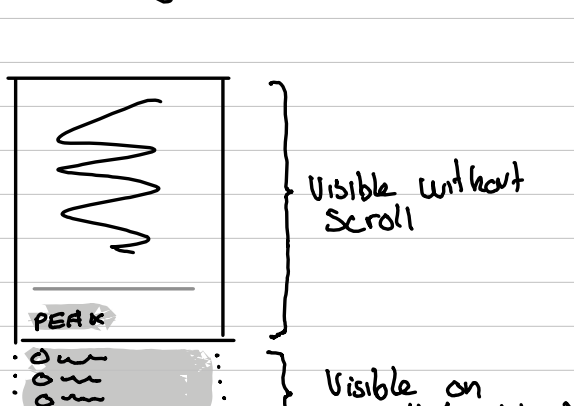


4. Tips for better templates

I like to keep my templates within a notebook at the end of the notebook so that they are easy to find.

Additionally as you can scroll down in a page I like to use this feature in my templates with what I call a "peak section".

For example in my daily planner I have right at the edge a section for tasks for the next day.



The peak system in my templates

The official templates I actually use

Default templates

There are three default templates I use pretty often:

1. Lined small: for writing, like for this blog post.
2. Dots small: for drawing and mapping.
3. Grid small: for creating templates, graphs and other stuff when I want everything to be well aligned.

rM methods templates

From the template library called "rM methods" I use at the moment only the "meeting notes template".

I've tried a few other ones but I still prefer to create my own templates for things like briefings, daily planner or week overview.

Backstage of this article

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