How to Make It in America

A lot goes into what makes America great. A big part is our thriving economy, its entrepreneurial spirit, and the maker magic it encourages. Do you have a great idea for product, and want to bring it to market? We want to see it happen, and it made in America.

Ours is not a comprehensive how-to. *(For those, you should seek out the experts.)*

But here are a few resources to get you started:

**To begin, you’ll need to map out your idea. Find a designer.**
- Core77 Design Directory
- Industrial Designers Society of America
- Upwork

**Next, you’ll need a model. Have a prototype prepared.**
- Browse ThomasNet
- Job Shop
- Browse IndustryNet

**With a well-documented design and a prototype in hand, make this idea yours. Apply for a patent.**
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Need a patent attorney?

**Ready to scale up production? Find a domestic manufacturer.**
- Maker’s Row
- ThomasNet
- IndustryNet
- NAICS directory