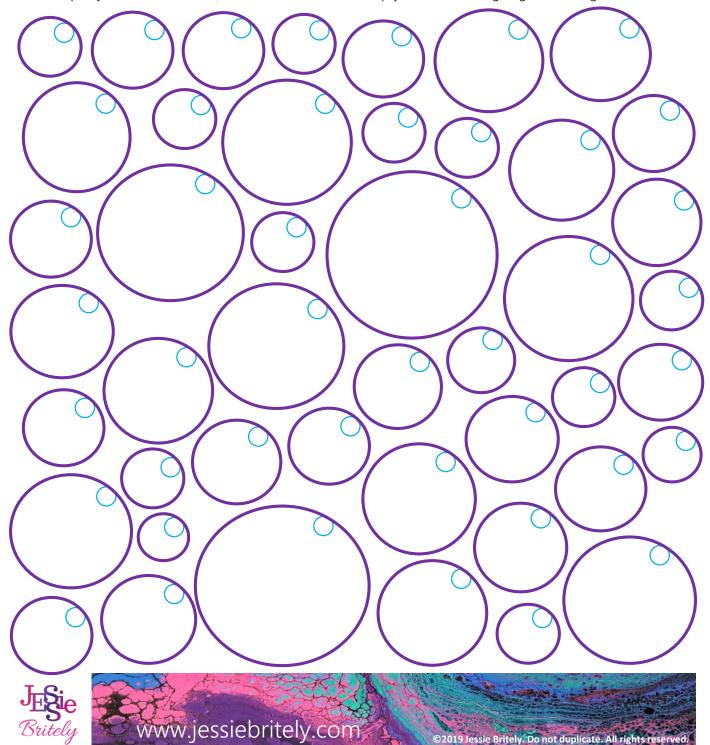
Collecting Dots Workbook

Before you go *connecting* the dots, you've got to know what dots you've **collected**. When we try to think about what we're good at or what could be a potential new career we tend to get stuck in tunnel vision thinking about our formal experience or education and rarely think outside the boxes of our resume or diplomas and degrees. Well, not today. Today we look at EVERYTHING that makes us, US.

Fill out each of these purple dots with every single accomplishment, award, challenge, checked bucket list item, trophy, fun summer job, class/certification, achievement, recognition, completed project, or life experience that has greatly contributed to who you are today. I mean every SINGLE thing! Set a time for 20 minutes and DO NOT stop any sooner than that! (Leave the lil blue circles empty for now, we're going to be using those later!



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Now, we're gonna go back and QUANTIFY our dots. . .

Award each dot **points** based on the following criteria:

If the event/activity/accomplishment was fun, award 2 points

If it was **fulfilling**, award **3** points

If you were/are good at it, award 1 points

If it earned you income, award 2 points

The most points a dot should have is **8**. Write these numbers in the little blue circles in their respective purple dots.

Once you've totaled up all of your dots, look for and write down the 4 dots with the highest total points

below.
Some trends I notice are
Some surprises I notice are
Some things that make me happy about this are



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Those dots with the highest numbers are where we're going to look forward for a bit of inspiration. Below is a mind map set up for you to brainstorm different ideas inspired by your top 4 responses to the first page. Write your top four responses, one each, in the center circles of the below 4 mini mind maps. Then in each branched bubble write down any idea you have that is remotely similar and could earn you money.

