

Agile Design Systems Checklist

Define Tokens (no output)

- Audit: Get an overview of existing tokens from CSSstats.com
- Colors (brand, neutrals, interface/feedback, themes, etc)
- Fonts (display, body, code, small print, etc)
- Spacing & Sizing (margins, padding, font sizes, border sizes, etc)
- Other (motion, sound, timing, icons, etc)

Define Patterns (component-types)

- Audit: Take screenshots of existing patterns (e.g. buttons or inputs)
- Define the API: What is hard-coded, custom, or optional?
- Typography (headings, paragraphs, lists, blockquotes, etc)
- Sectioning (backgrounds, lists, cards, borders, etc)
- Links & Inputs & Controls (buttons, forms, tooltips, etc)
- Layouts (pages, grids, navigation, etc)

Define Components (reusable & specific)

- Audit: Take screenshots of existing components (e.g. logins or breadcrumbs)
- Define the API: What is hard-coded, custom, or optional?

Testing & Documentation

- Test functionality & regressions (automated)
- Test usability & accessibility (manual)
- Inline & generated documentation (e.g. Herman, Storybook, etc)

Test for Success

- Is the design system staying up-to-date?
- Is the design system easily accessible to the full team?
- Is the design system documentation integrated into the developers' workflow?