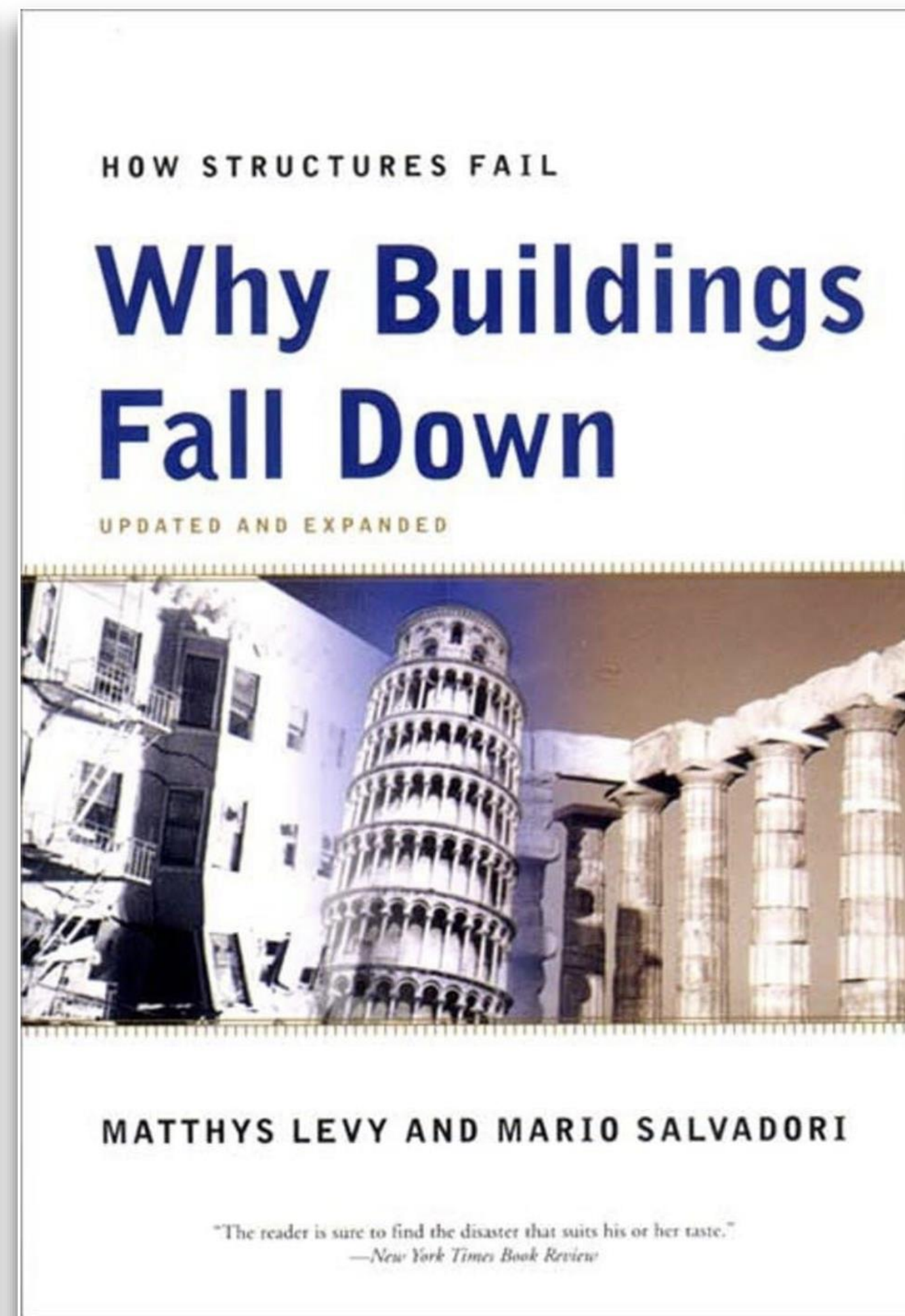
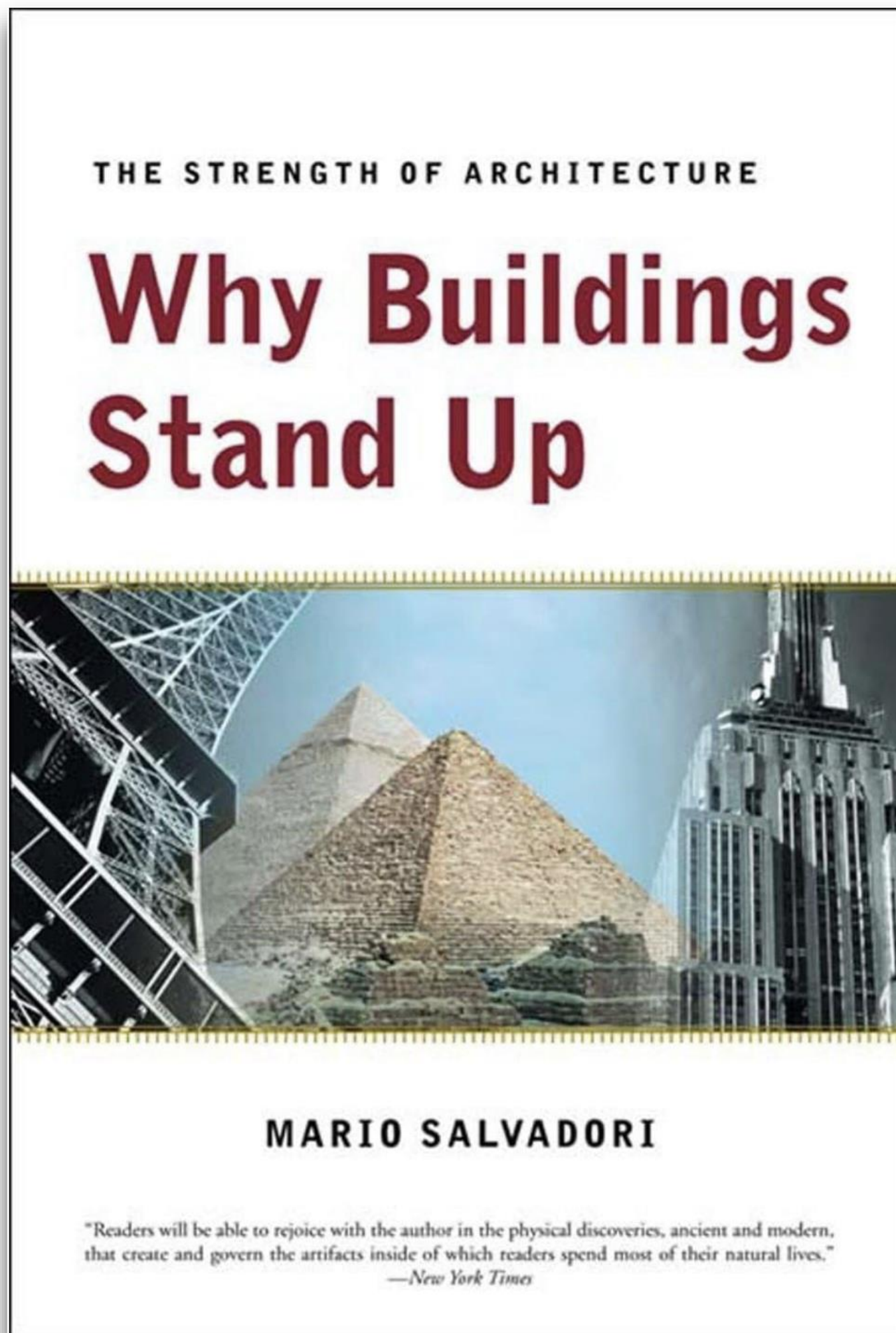


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**Research and Evaluation Must Go On**

**RH McLaughlin, June 2025**

# The Life of a Framework



To the memory of my mother-in-law, Judith Bookman, who, upon receiving on her ninety-second birthday the first copy of *Why Buildings Stand Up*, said matter-of-factly: "This is nice, but I would be much more interested in reading why they fall down."

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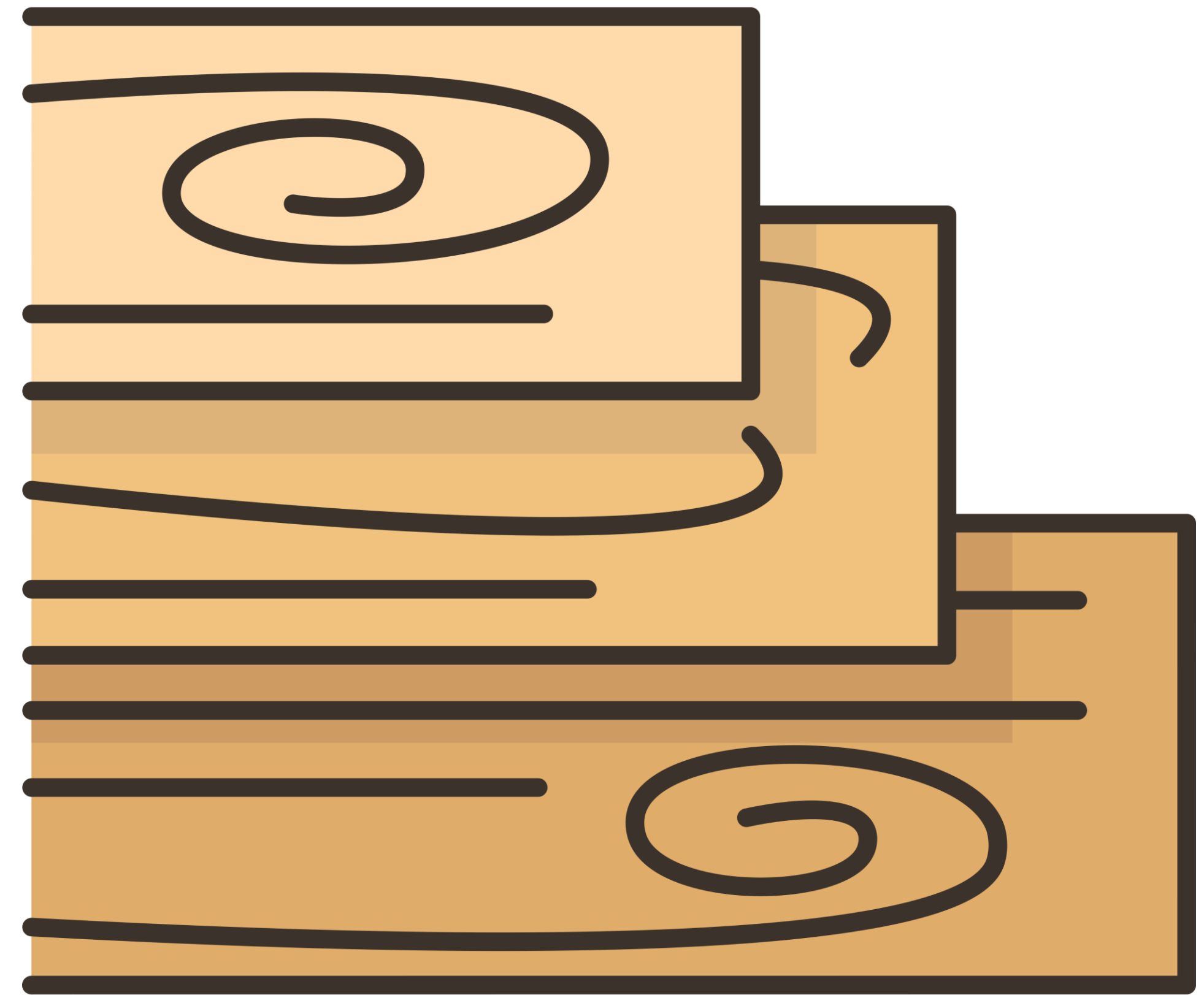
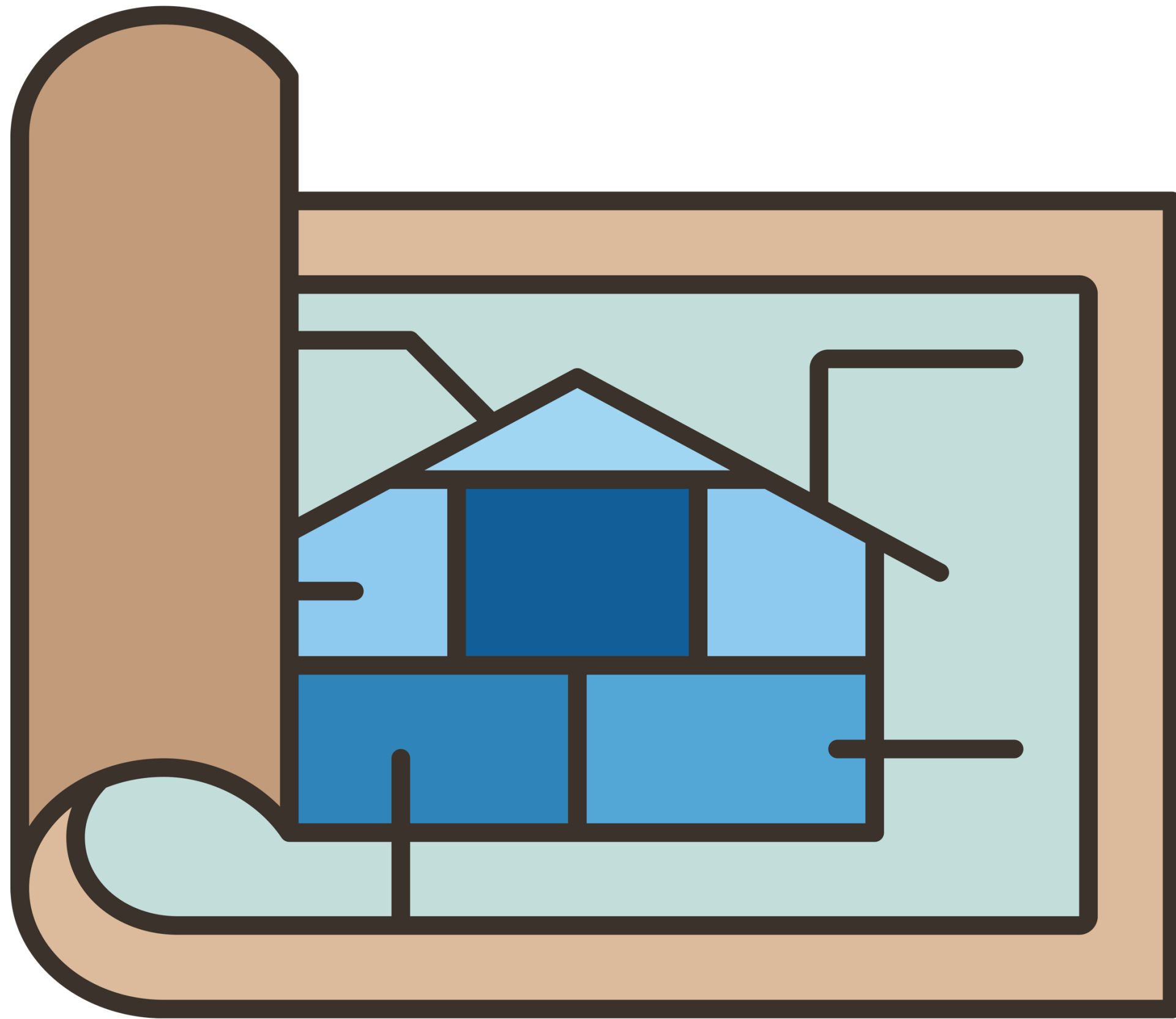


# **Work (is always) in Progress**

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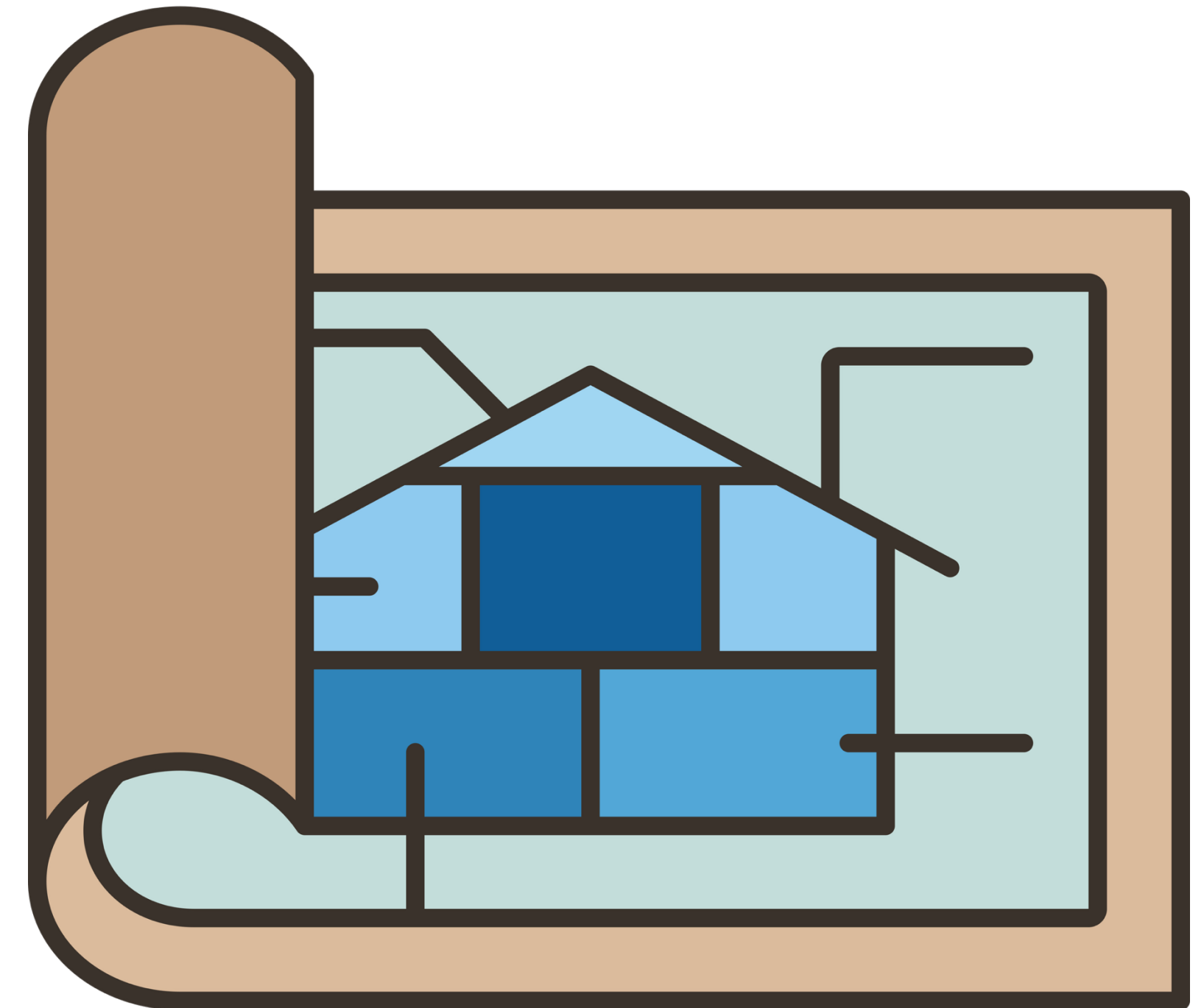


# What Composes a Framework?: Plans & Materials



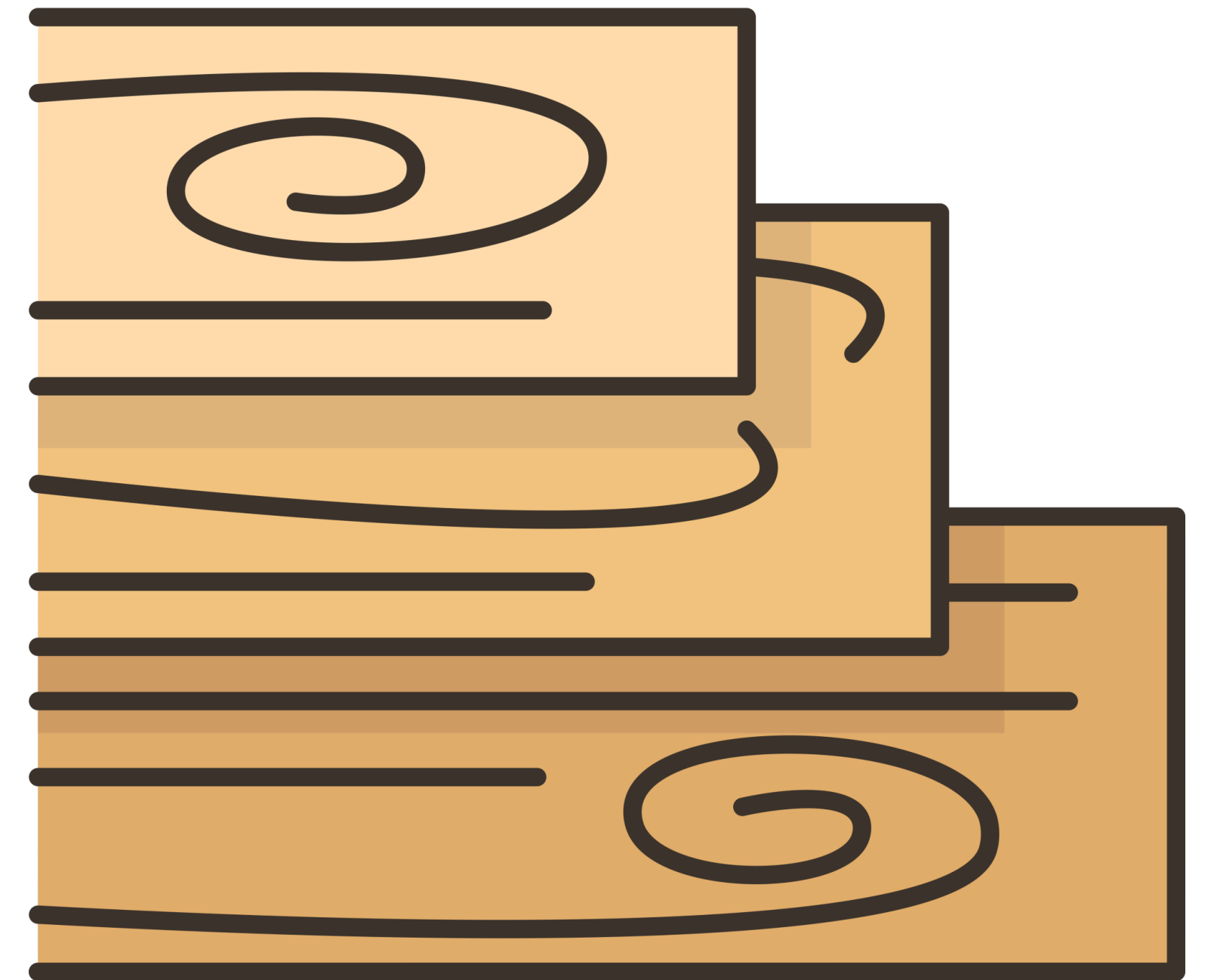
# What Composes a Framework?: Plans & Materials

- Core principles
- Evaluation and Research Projects: Summary of ethical considerations
- Conception of topic or problem
- Statement of project
- Specification of aims &/or objectives
- Characterization of project (&/or components) as evaluation, demonstration, or research
- Determination of data resource needs
- Specification of data management plan
- Development of Protocol, selection of collaborators, preparation of funding proposals
- Self-assessment of ethics of data access and use
- Submission for approvals/permissions & clearances
- Data collection (including linkages)
- Quality assessment, improvement, and control
- Analyses & interpretations
- Preliminary project outputs
- Student/participant/stakeholder (data custodian) feedback, reflection, and critique



# What Composes a Framework?: Plans & Materials

- UCT Policy Commitment
- Informed Consent Template Builder
- Template Project Commitment to Students Engaged in Evaluation &/or Research Activities
- Sample Request for Participation (Interview)
- Template Data Request Letter
- Best Practices Guidance for Institutional Units regarding Student Data





# Access, Use, and Implementation

- Making the framework available
- Confirming the framework has relevance
- Ensuring the framework has value
- Creating a community of use
- Envisioning implementation
- Reflecting on impact

