Do you know the idiom ‘back to the drawing board’?
Do you know what ‘back to the drawing board’ means?

When we say ‘back to the drawing board’ we mean that our original plan hasn’t worked so we’ll have to go back to the start and create a new plan.

Another phrase that means the same thing is: ‘back to square one’.
Origins: the story

A drawing board is a board used by architects to prepare designs and blueprints for their work. So if you return to the drawing board, you return to create a new plan, as the first one didn’t work.

This phrase originated in World War II to describe how a plan or design had failed and a new one was needed.

American newspapers began using this phrase as early as 1947 and by 1966 it was used as a title in a TV series called Get Smart, and later in several books.
Examples

1. Don’t dwell on mistakes, go back to the drawing board.

2. I rejected their proposal so they’ll need to go back to the drawing board if they want to keep my business.
Consider

• When have you had to go back to the drawing board?

• Why did you go back to the drawing board?
• How did you feel about going back to the drawing board?

• When might it be useful to go back to the drawing board?
• Are there any times that we should avoid going ‘back to the drawing board’?