How To Design For Your Brand In Canva.

Poppie Pack



some see a weed some see a wish.

wednesdayforwishes.org/donate

COMBINING typefaces for impact

ORCHARD

STYLE GUIDELINES





4 9 4 B 6 0 AGED BLUE

#7B6962 Shingle grey

F B F A F B STONE WHITE



OVERVIEW

This guide will show you how to design for your brand in Canva. You will learn how to:

GET STARTED WITH CANVA

How Canva works as a platform. An introduction to using Canva for your brand.

BRANDING ELEMENTS

Learn the key elements that make a consistent brand, including colors, fonts, imagery and assets.

IMAGES + FILTERS

Create custom filters to give your images a unique edge. Get started with our selection of pre-set options.

COLORS

Get inspiration from our beautiful collection of color palettes and learn how to apply them to your own designs.

FONTS

One of the hardest parts of designing is pairing fonts. We give you a headstart with great font pairs to use in Canva.

BRAND KITS

See how we've combined all the essential brand elements to create three different case studies that'll inspire you.

RESOURCES

Create your own brand kit using our remixable templates. We've also assembled a number of other resources.

INTRODUCTION TO CANVA

Amazingly simple graphic design.

Canva is a online design platform that makes it easy for everybody to create beautiful graphics. You can design almost anything in Canva; from social media graphics to posters, and business cards to presentations.

Upload your own images or take advantage of Canva's library of more than 1 million stock images and elements.

Create your own design from scratch or customize the beautiful layouts available in Canva. There are plenty of design styles to choose from and it's easy way to get started.

Create a new design at **canva.com**



Start a new design on the Canva homepage and easily access all of your existing designs.



Choose from thousands of inspirational layouts to quickly get started when you're designing.

BRAND ELEMENTS

Apply these four branding elements consistently to your designs to create a unique brand style.



COLOR

One of the most vital components to graphic design is color. Limit your brand's choice to 3-4 colors. Ensure you have at least one light and one dark tone for contrast.



IMAGES

An image speaks a thousand words. Images are a great way to reinforce your style and visually represent your brand ideals. Images with copy space will let your text breathe.



FILTERS

Filters are an excellent way to give your graphics a unique flavor. Apply a consistent filter across all of your imagery for a cohesive brand style.

BIG & BOLD



Use the typeface Open Sans for your body copy.

FONTS

Pick 2-3 fonts for your brand. Combine contrasting fonts such as a sans serif and a serif — for maximum impact. Canva has hundreds of fonts to tailor to suit your brand.

DESIGN IN PRACTICE

The following section will explain the different components of designing for your brand, from color and typeface choices, to applying consistent style filters to all your imagery.

Design is not just what it looks like and feels like. Design is how it works. - Steve Jobs





IMAGES + FILTERS

Consider the tone of your brand, as you have with the typography and the color palette, and apply the same to your images. Here, we have created different filter styles with a breakdown of what each one represents.





VINTAGE

"70s-inspired photo filters are in high demand. They echo beaches, salty skin and general summer bliss. In this image, the brightness has been decreased, to soften the blue sky and create warmer tones. Lowering the contrast takes the edge off the hard gleam in the palm tree. Adding a bit of x-process, inflects green tones into the sharp blue, imitating an aged photograph. **Filter Code: 4653796466009a**



VISTA

Make the still blue of lakes and rivers gleam by increasing contrast and saturation. This helps the shadows become more prominent and separates the colors by darkening specific hues **Filter Code: 5482a464661873**







MONOCHROME

Get the full effect of shapes and forms by applying monochrome to your image. This doesn't necessarily mean that you have to make it black and white; monochrome simply means shades of one color. Toggle the contrast and brightness sliders to achieve the optimum effect for the features within your image. **Filter Code: 42a50564480064**







SHARPEN UP

Create detail and texture in your image by decreasing the blur. This is a great way to get the full texture of elements in your photo. The veins in the leaves (often hindered by the effects of a slow shutter speed) are now brought to life. **Filter Code: 656565650b0064**





0 FILTER CODE # 77a06464640064

CREATE CONTRAST

With objects that are textural, such as twine and pine cones, the contrast should be increased to accent the blends. This feature also helps the layers of objects offset each other by defining the lightest and darkest areas within your image. The saturation in this image has been adjusted to enhance the natural hues in each object. Filter Code: 77a06464640064





HIGH SATURATION

In food photography, keep your objects luminous and intense by increasing the saturation and adjusting the x-process. This will also help enhance the separation between colors. Filter Code: 64649264640064

FILTER TIP Make the still blue of lakes and rivers gleam by applying contrast and saturation. This helps the shadows become more prominent and separates the colors by darkening specific hues.



COLOR

How to create clever color combinations for your brand and apply them to your designs.

COLOR BREAKDOWN

"The purest and most thoughtful minds are those which love color the most." - John Ruskin

GREEN

Green traditionally represents freshness and the environment, a natural color choice for any brands related to the living world.

BLUE

Often used with technology brands, the color blue is associated with security, loyalty, integrity and harmony.

RED

Passion, emergency, sexuality and lust are the emotions most often associated with the color red. In eastern cultures, red is the color of good luck.

PURPLE

Purple stands for independence, individuality and inspiration. You will see this color used to represent spirituality and magic.



YELLOW

Yellow represents happiness and joy. The warmth of this color stimulates mental activity and is said to capture more attention than any other hue.

ORANGE

Friendship and adventure are represented by the color orange. You will notice that a common visual representation of sports will include something orange.

PINK

Romance and love are celebrated in pink, this hue also relates to nurturing and compassion. It is known to bring out the empathetic qualities in people.

GRAY

They say this tone is known as impartial, being not one or the other. It's commonly used as a neutral color that has no major emotion attached to it.

THE COLOR WHEEL

Designed in 1666 by Sir Isaac Newton - the color wheel is the basic compass used for combining colors, a visual representation of color theory.

BRIGHT

Bright colors are found on the outer edge of the color wheel. They are high-saturation and described as a "hue", the pure spectrum of the color (red, blue, yellow etc).

PASTELS

Pastel colors are the lightest, and most diluted version of each color, and are located in the center of the color wheel. These tones have the lowest saturation.

MIDTONES

These colors are your midrange tones. They have an impact without over dominating, and can be considered a little muted as they lack the vibrance of bright colors, and the calmness of pastels.



COOL TONES

These are colors that have blue tones in them. They evoke calm and tranquil emotions.

WARM TONES

Warm tones represent energy and vibrance. They contain red and orange tones.

BRIGHTNESS SLIDER

The brightness slider is the tool which allows you to lighten or amplify the tone of your hue.

HEXADECIMAL CODE

The six-digit code which represents the exact color by specifying the values of each hue.

COLOR GROUPS

Choosing colors has some science to it. Here is a breakdown of some of the main color groups, and how they are established based on their location within the color wheel. Remember this is a guide; the best way to find colors is to experiment with different palettes and combinations.

ANALOGOUS

These colors sit next to each other on the color wheel. Because they are so similar in hue, create contrast by using different tones.

COMPLEMENTARY

These colors are opposite each other on the color wheel. This high contrast application creates a vibrant pairing and a strong visual effect.

SPLIT COMPLEMENTARY

This group is easier to work with than complementary colors. It is made up of two similar colors along with one contrasting hue.

TRIAD

Colors that sit in an even triangle across the color wheel are the triad group. A successful balance of these hues is when one color dominates over the other two.

MONOCHROMATIC

A monochromatic color palette is when all shades are of the same color. It is commonly misrepresented as tones of gray, however its true definition is tones of the same hue.

"There are colors which cause each other to shine brilliantly, which form a couple which complete each other like man and woman." - Vincent van Gogh



CHOOSING BRAND COLORS

Choosing the right colors for your brand might seem like a daunting exercise. Find out which colors represent your industry or reflect the emotion you want your brand to convey. Experiment by playing around with different schemes by plucking hues from photos, and creating mood-boards to see how the colors work together, or don't. Try creating a template with a photo grid. Insert images with interesting colors and collect the dominant hues you like from the photograph to form a palette. It's important to ensure you choose a collection of colors with enough contrast so that they will work well when applied as backgrounds, elements and overlaying type.

Color combinations can come from anywhere, from the tones in nature, to the facades of buildings. Use a color dropper tool to create some beautiful palettes of your own. Here we have collated some nice options to inspire you.



GONBING typefaces for impact

FONTS

How to create and apply effective font combinations to develop a typographic style for your brand. Typefaces have personality too. Different typefaces symbolize moods. Therefore, the fonts you choose should represent your business, becoming a visual footprint for your brand.

Typography is one of the most interesting and exciting parts of graphic design. Different typefaces represent different personalities, so the ones you choose to for your business will create a visual footprint for your brand. Just as certain colors work well together, there is a science behind font pairing also. Some type combinations work better together than others. A sans serif and serif pairing is a nice option, as the opposing styles will create pleasing contrast. You can use a more detailed or elaborate typeface (like Sifonn or Sacramento) as a header, these are often called display fonts. Remember, you don't have to use different typefaces to get a dramatic effect: use light, bold and italic versions from the same family for versatility.

SUSHI BAR	HIGH STREET	LUMBERJACK	BIG & BOLD
Kaushan Script OPEN SANS BOLD Use the typeface Source Sans Pro Regular for your body copy.	Playfair Display <i>Playfair Display Italics</i> Use the typeface Playfair Display for your body copy.	NORWESTER ECONOMICA BOLD Use the typeface Archivo Narrow Regular for your body copy.	ANTON SIX CAPS Use the typeface Open Sans for your body copy.
WOODWORK	ART DECO	OKTOBERFEST	GRAND OPENING
Alfa Slab ALEO BOLD Use the typeface Aleo Light for your body copy.	SIFONN OUTLINE SIFONN Use the typeface Josefin Sans for your body copy.	GERMANIA ONE HAMMERSMITH ONE Use the typeface Source Sans Pro for your body copy.	LEAGUE GOTHIC ROBOTO CONDENSED Use the typeface Lora Regular for your body copy.

GELATO BAR	GEOMETRIC	ENGAGEMENT	CONDENSED
Use Raleway Regular for your body copy.	Montserrat Bold MONTSERRAT REGULAR Use Montserrat light for your body copy.	QUANDO QUANDO Use Quattrocento for your body copy.	OSWALD REGULAR Use Archivo Narrow for your body copy.
MAGAZINE	FRENCH BAKERY	1940	COCKTAIL HOUR
Abril Fatface ECONOMICA BOLD Use Libre Baskerville for your body copy.	Parisienne MONTSERRAT BOLD Use Montserrat Light for your body copy.	Sacremento LEAGUE GOTHIC Use the typeface Josefin Sans Regular for your body copy.	ROBOTO REGULAR Use the typeface Roboto for your body copy.
ORGANIC PRODUCE	FASHION	PERFUMERIE	INDUSTRIAL
ARVO COUSTARD Use Sanchez Regular for your body copy.	BODONI BOLD <i>Bodoni Italic</i> Use Quattrocento Regular for your body copy.	LIBRE BASKERVILLE Libre Baskerville Italic Use the typeface Libre Baskerville for your body copy.	AILERON HEAVY BOBOTO CONDENSED Use the typeface Aileron Regular for your body copy.

CASE STUDY SECTION

Now that we've demonstrated the elements that make up a brand's identity, we will run through four case studies. They have been created in Canva to show how to easily implement a style guide.



Design can be art. Design can be aesthetics. Design is so simple, that's why it is so complicated. – Paul Rand

COLLECTION GUIDELINES

OP

CASE STUDY ONE

Object Product – Home ware Company

We've created Object Product, a home-wares and product company that sells Scandinavian style furniture and objects. They've distinguished themselves for their beautiful and functional Nordic products. Given this cool and calm aesthetic, the strategy behind OP is to create a stylish and easy shopping experience.

THE LOGO

The geometric monogram inside the circle is a typical minimalistic symbol, which is part of the Scandinavian style. The O and P have been tightened together using letter spacing to symbolize the way furniture and items in a house combine to make a home. Enclosing your logo inside a shape is extremely functional. It means you are able to place it with ease no matter what the background.

THE COLOR PALETTE

Colors can produce an emotional response, therefore the colors you choose for your products should be selected with care. The palette below has outlined a rationale behind the color choice of each category. This home ware company has color coded its category sections to easily identify with their audience what each piece of marketing material is about.

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THE TYPOGRAPHY

The font combination chosen for this brand is Sifonn and Josefin Sans, both art-deco style sans serifs. The clean and sharp edges of the typefaces represent the equally crisp edges and structure of the products sold at Object Product, while also fitting with its contemporary aesthetic. Sifonn, with its heavier weight, is a suitable typeface for headings and call to action messaging. Josefin Sans is a finer font, and works well for body copy and subheadings.

THE IMAGES

The filter used for Object Product is low contrast and high saturation. This creates a shallow depth of field, making the objects in the image seem flat, allowing the photograph to act as a background. Another vital component to all the photographs used is that it has been shot from a bird's eye view (flat high angle), to showcase the products laying flat. This also creates a more one dimensional effect which better acts as a background than angled photographs.

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TYPOGRAPHY

SIFONN Primary Typeface

JOSEFIN SANS(BOLD) Secondary Typeface 1

JOSEFIN SANS Secondary Typeface 2

TREATMENT

HEADINGS Sifonn to be used for title and headings.

SUBHEADINGS

Josefin Sans Bold caps to be used for all subheadings.

Bodycopy Josefin Sans Bold caps to be used for all bodycopy. IMAGERY



FILTER CODE: 7E32A764640075

This filter is low contrast and high saturation. The benefit of this is that it creates a shallow depth of field, allowing the imagery to act as a flatter style background but keeping the colors strong and warm.

Its Twitter posts use a color overlay on top of the background image which helps the collection category stand out and enhances the white type.



Left: A Twitter post in action. Right: Three different posts using different category colors and imagery.

Object Product has used the color overlay effect for their social media posts. This application serves the minimal text on these graphics. It offsets well the background from the type and allows the category name to be full focus.

THE EDIBLE

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SIGNAGE

HOW BRAND IDENTITY IS IMPLEMENTED IN A STORE.

PLANTATION

THE CRAFTED

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CASE STUDY TWO

Wednesday for Wishes - Charity Foundation

Wednesday for Wishes is a charity foundation that supports less privileged children. Every child brought up in a loving home with the luxuries of choice has wishes granted, but the same is not said for those less fortunate. Wednesday for Wishes raises money to help grant the wishes of children that are orphaned, homeless or unwell. It is a humanity focused not-for-profit with a dream for a better world.

THE LOGO

The "Ribbon of Infinity" has been created to represent the idea that a wish does not go away until it is granted. Both ends of the ribbon get smaller, but one always sits off the page as if never ending. The logo can be used in any of the brand colors but always at 80% opacity.

THE TYPOGRAPHY

Montserrat has been chosen as the brand typeface. It's a very neutral and unpretentious sans serif that is easy to read and stands out well when scaled. There are three weights that are applied to different parts of text, and all copy is placed in lowercase, this is the brand making a statement. This choice represents their lack of interest in hierarchy or levels of importance, only their brand mission.

Design is in everything we make, but it's also between those things. It's a mix of craft, science, storytelling, propaganda, and philosophy. — Erik Adigard



COLOR PALETTE

The Wednesday for Wishes foundation has a soothing palette made up of soft colors. These colors have been muted with a subtle transparency to represent the opaque thistles of a dandelion. The dandelion is a common symbol within brand imagery and is associated with making a wish.

THE IMAGES

The image style chosen for Wednesday for Wishes is made up of decreased brightness, a purple tint and heavy x-processing. The combination of these effects makes for a soft and whimsical effect. In terms of the content, Wednesday for Wishes choose wild dandelions as a theme in marketing material, as they are synonymous with the analogy of wishes. There is also a subtle transparency applied to the images to enhance style and tone of the brand.

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DESIGN IN PRACTICE

Here is a collection of Wednesday for Wishes collateral. The poster has more detailed information in order to drive potential new supporters. From a design perspective, you will see that the text wraps around the dandelion for emphasis. The social media posts take a more simplistic approach. It's vital to include your tag-line and a call to action within your graphic. If you are creating a Facebook Cover or Twitter Header, there is an avatar on the left hand side. It's important to compose your design to the left as opposed to the other graphics which have been right aligned. The logo is already in your profile picture, so it isn't necessary to include it in the design of your cover.

From top left: Poster, Social Media Posts and Facebook Cover.

wednesday for wishes.

it's your chance to help a young one's wish come true. on wednesday we will grant the wish of a child without the privilege of a loving home.

donate today.

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ORCHARD STYLE GUIDELINES

CASE STUDY THREE

Orchard – Fresh Produce

The McGrath family has been building Orchard, their fresh foods company, for 57 years. They deliver consistent quality to their customers, and continue to improve season to season. Orchard uses no pesticides or genetic enhancers on their produce. They pride themselves on their organic methods, from the growth of its fruit and vegetables to their packaging and delivery. The "Paper Bag Promise" of 100% natural food that was installed by the Orchard pioneer still lives today.

THE LOGO

THE COLORS

The team at Orchard are firm believers in "you are what you eat". Orchard's logo is symmetrical, representing the natural balance and order that's found in nature. The logo serves as a guarantee to customers that the company is committed to supplying food in its most natural form. Orchard will nourish and connect your family with the goodness of the earth.

Because Orchard doesn't believe in artificial adjustments or modifications, the same rules apply to their branding. Therefore, the colors chosen for their color palette are tones drawn from the first products that original founder, Terry McGrath grew: blueberries, pumpkins and eggplant.

Orchard's logo is symmetrical, representing the natural balance and order that's found in nature.

LOGO

COLORS

OPTION 1



MODERN BOTANICS

The team at Orchard are firm believers in "you are what you eat". Orchard's tree logo is symmetrical, the two halves reflecting each other. This represents the benefits of using, eating and cooking with the produce we grow at Orchard. **It will nourish and connect your family with the goodness of the earth.**



FRUITFUL PALETTE

Because Orchard doesn't believe in genetic modifications to food, the same rules apply to its branding. The colors chosen for Orchard's color palette are tones drawn from the first products that Terry McGrath (Orchard's Founder) grew: blueberries, pumpkin and eggplants.

PUMPKIN

THE TYPOGRAPHY

Orchard uses two typefaces: Raleway Heavy and Source Sans Pro. Raleway Heavy, with its bold and geometric style, is used for titles and headings. Source Sans Pro has been chosen as a secondary typeface for its easy-to-read quality. An added benefit is how its narrow form contrasts nicely with Raleway.

THE IMAGES

The filters used for Orchard's imagery are slightly desaturated, suggesting that the products are free of genetic modifications. fruits and vegetables. This finish gives the content an organic and untouched feel. Increasing the brightness enhances the element of freshness. Adjusting the brightness also ensures that when the dark color overlay is applied the produce doesn't get lost.

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TYPOGRAPHY

FONTS

RALEWAY HEAVY Heading and Title Case

SOURCE SANS PRO

SOURCE SANS PRO BOLD Smaller text and body copy

Mr Dafoe

Break out text for posters

TREATMENT



HOME OF FRESH PRODUCE 11pt | +370 letter spacing

This is Orchard's body copy text. 11pt | 0 letter spacing







IMAGES

ORGANIC FRESHNESS

The filters used for Orchard imagery are slightly desaturated using a subtle transparency, suggesting that the products are free of genetic modifications. There is also a color overlay applied to enhance text legibility. **This finish gives the content an organic and untouched feel.**



ORCHARD

HOME OF FRESH PRODUCE

Blueberries

The berry with powerful antioxidants as well as a multitude of health benefits is back in season, come and get your Orchard fresh blueberries today.

\$4 PER PUNNET | \$14 PER BOX



ORCHARD HOME OF FRESH PRODUCE

Avocados

Avocados are an excellent source of protein low in sugar. They help nourish your skin and also have fiber for healthy digestion.

\$4 EACH | \$20 PER BOX

ORCHARDFRESH.COM



Rich in vitamins B1 and B6 and potassium - egglplants are a seasonal family favorite.

\$5 EACH | \$25 PER BOX

ORCHARDFRESH.CO

The team at Orchard offer weekend tours around the farm to educate people on the importance of organic horticulture. Orchard's Facebook page is used as a resource for follow up information.

Posters designed to celebrate seasonal fruit using the feature typeface, Mr Dafoe.

FRESH FACTS

Beetroot - *the natural rehabilitation.* Beetroot contains betaine, a substance that relaxes the mind and is used in other forms to treat depression.

ORCHARD

FRESH FACTS

Swiss chard - the nutrition explosion. It's an amazing source of vitamins K, A, and C, as well as a good source of magnesium, potassium, iron, and dietary fiber.

ORCHARD

The "Paper Bag Promise" of 100% natural food that was forged by the Orchard pioneers still lives on today.

Orchard's social media space is utilized as an educational forum to encourage customers to learn about the health benefits of the different fruit and vegetables sold at the market. This is also an excellent learning portal for children. There are printable fact cards, and on weekends there are guides who offer tours on the farm educating people on the importance of organic horticulture.

From top left: Printable fact cards, the Orchard Facebook Page featuring cover image and profile picture.



RESOURCES SECTION

CANVA REMIX LINKS TO START YOUR OWN BRANDING JOURNEY.

Click on these images to create and save your own version of all the brilliant designs you have seen in this book. Adjust the designs as you please, create new color palettes and challenge your type combinations using these useful templates.



Color palette



Poster

FRESH FACTS Swiss chard - the nutrition explosion. An amazing source of vitamins K, A, and C, as well as a good source of magnesium, potassium, iron, and dietary fiber.

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