

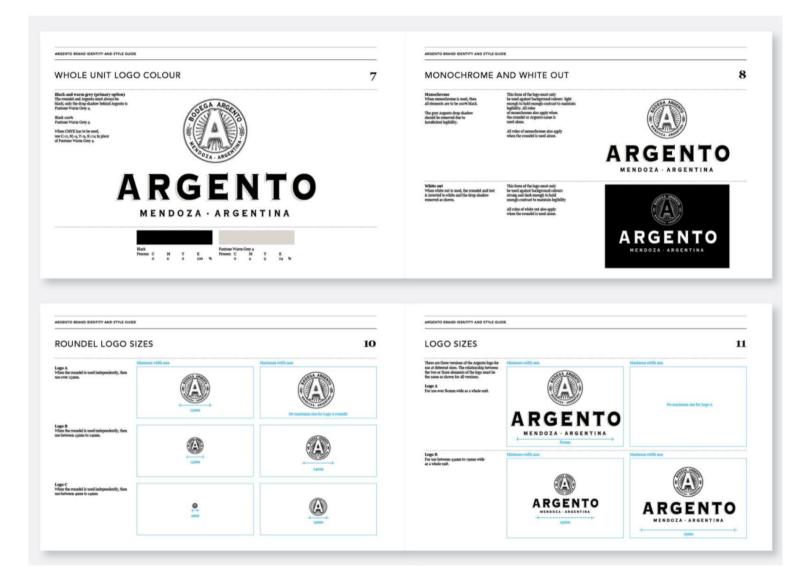
CREATE YOUR STYLE GUIDE

WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DISCOVER

- What the heck is a style guide and why you need one
- My 5-step branding process
- How to bring it all together and create your style guide

WHAT IS A STYLE GUIDE?

- A style guide is a document where you summarize the style elements of your brand, including your logo, the colors and fonts you use.
- Without a style guide, it's easy for your brand to become a little "all over the place".
- Your style guide is a concrete way to hold up everything you do in your marketing communications to a consistent standard.







DEFINE YOUR TONE OF VOICE

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"BRANDING IS WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT YOU WHEN YOU'RE NOT IN THE ROOM."

- JEFF BEZOS





TASK

Choose 3 words how you want your ideal customer to feel when he or she comes across your website.



CREATE A MOOD BOARD



DREAMS CAN COME TRUE IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO PURSUE THEM.











Positive - Calm - Free - Inspired - Blissful

HOW TO CREATE YOUR MOOD BOARD

- You can create a secret board on Pinterest or collect images from the web in a folder and copy them into a document.
- Have a look at your images and see if a theme appears. Are there certain colors that you're drawn too? Special elements or styles?
- Edit your board until you only have images that reflect you and your brand and that show what you want your audience to feel.
- Brownie points if you print it out and put it on your wall!



PICK YOUR BRAND COLORS

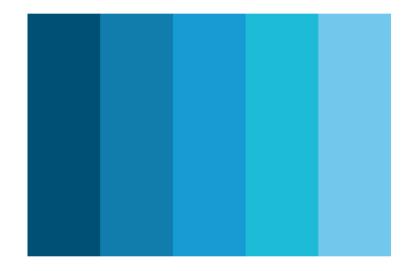
HOW TO CHOOSE A COLOR SCHEME

- Choose the right dominant color for your website and brand.
- Combine complementary colors to create your perfect color scheme.
- Choose some background colors.
- Keep it simple.

YOUR DOMINANT COLOR

- The dominant color is your brand color like the fire engine red for Coca-Cola.
- This color will help bring out certain emotions or feelings when people arrive on your website – just like passion, excitement, boldness and love for Coke.
- This is the color that you want your audience to remember when they think of you.
- Only use your dominant color in a limited number of places where you want your website visitors to pay attention to

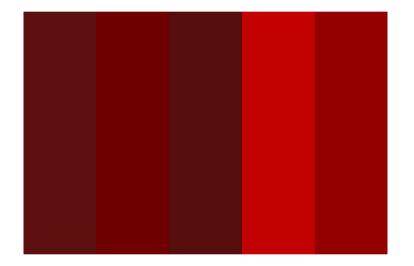
BLUE



- Represents trust, security, stability, peace and calmness
- Often used in businesses to create sense of security and trust in the brand
- Preferred color by both men and women



RED

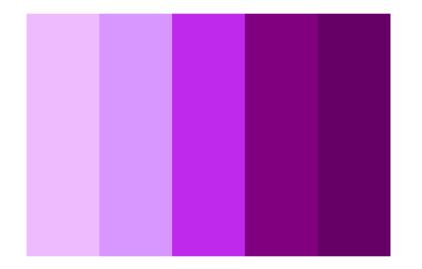


- Represents passion, energy, urgency, excitement, vibrancy and danger.
- Often used to create urgency for people to buy. Effective in triggering strong emotional reactions.

Coca Cola Hall

• Restaurants use it to stimulate appetite.

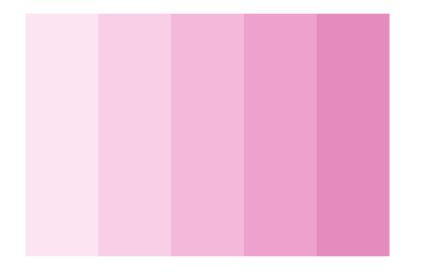
PURPLE



- Represents royalty, wealth, success and wisdom
- Often used in beauty and anti-aging products
- Purple has a soothing and calming effect on people



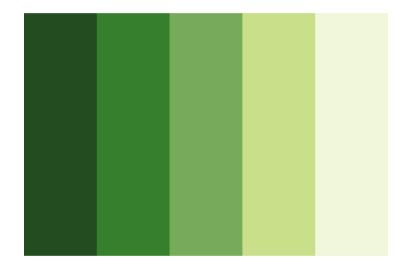
PINK



- Represents feminine, sweetness, innocence, fertility and romance
- Often used to market to women and young girls



GREEN



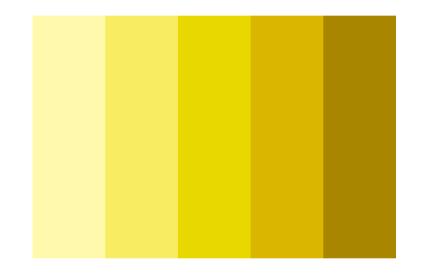
- Represents wealth, health, tranquility and nature
- The easiest color for the eye to process, so it has a relaxing effect
- Green is the No. 2 most preferred color by both men and women





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YELLOW

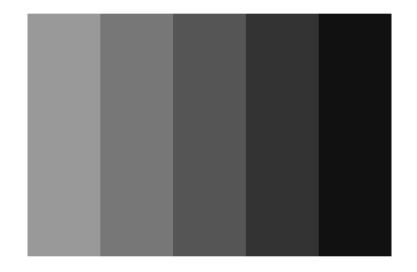


- Represents youthfulness, optimism and cheerfulness.
- Often used to grab the attention of the audience.
- Yellow can put strain on the eyes and is difficult to contrast with white, so use it sparingly.





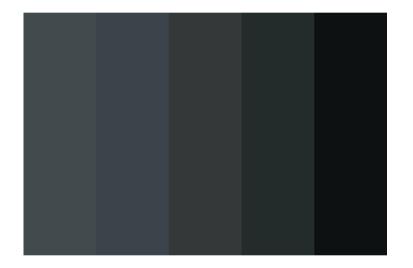
GREY



- Represents simplicity, calm, futuristic and logic
- Lacks emotion and is associated with technology, precision, control and competence



BLACK



- Represents power, luxury, sophistication and elegance
- Often used to market luxury brands and also more masculine brands like gyms



YOUR ACCENT COLORS

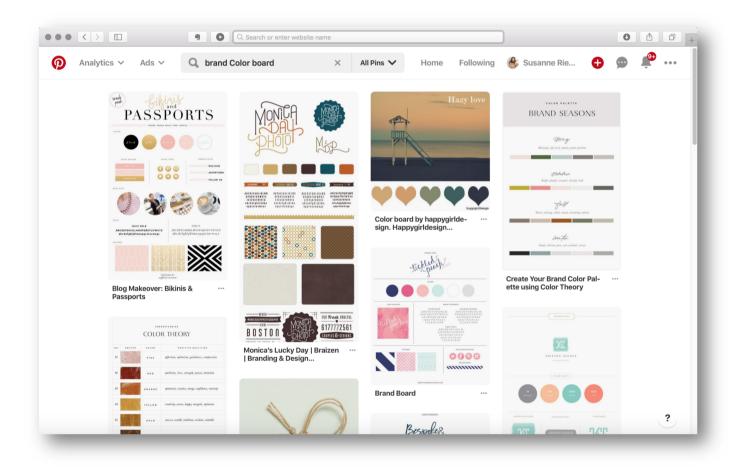
- To make your design more interesting, you need accent colors to highlight attention-worthy parts like subtitles or buttons.
- These are content items that are not the main focal points of your website, but you still want them to stand out.
- Try to limit yourself to 2 accent colors. If there are too many accent colors, they will create too many focal points that may confuse your visitors.
- You can also choose a color to use for your copy, like black or a variation.

YOUR BACKGROUND COLORS

- Choose 2 background colors that compliment your main colors.
- The focus should be on your content or products. The background color is only a backdrop to help make the content more visible and readable – never choose a background that makes your text hard to read.
- I recommend very light background colors like white and a soft grey or pink.

TOOLS TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR COLORS

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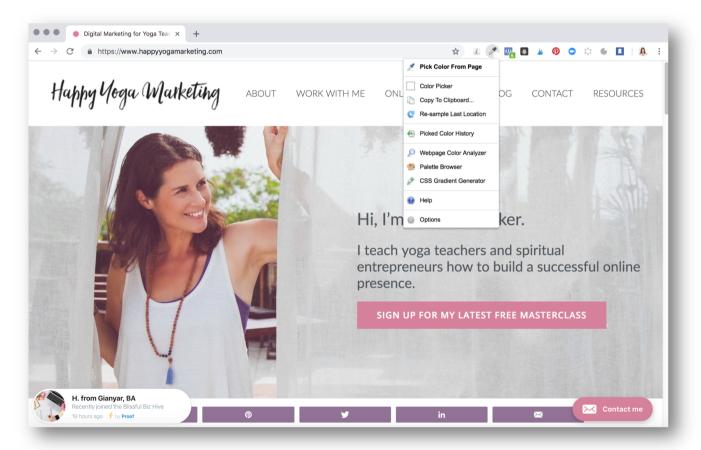


FIND MORE COLOR SHADES



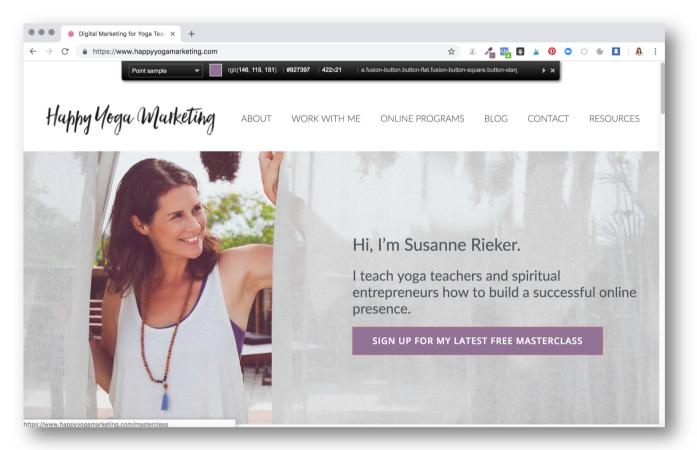
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PICK COLORS FROM OTHER WEBSITES



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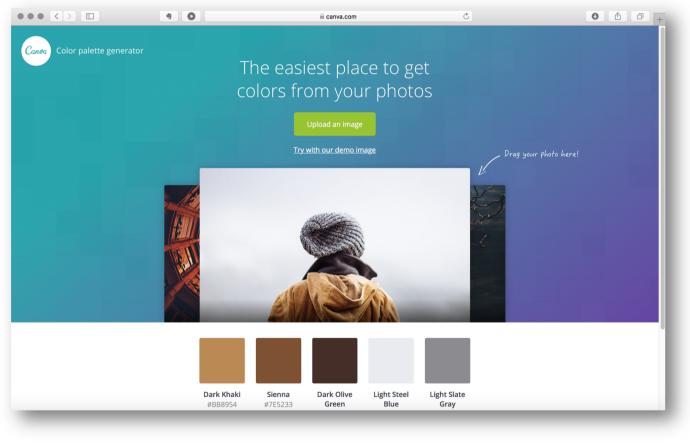


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WHAT IS A HEX CODE?

- A hex code is a way of specifying color using hexadecimal values.
- The code starts with a pound sign (#) and is followed by six hex values or three hex value pairs (for example, #AFD645).

UPLOAD AN IMAGE TO CANVA



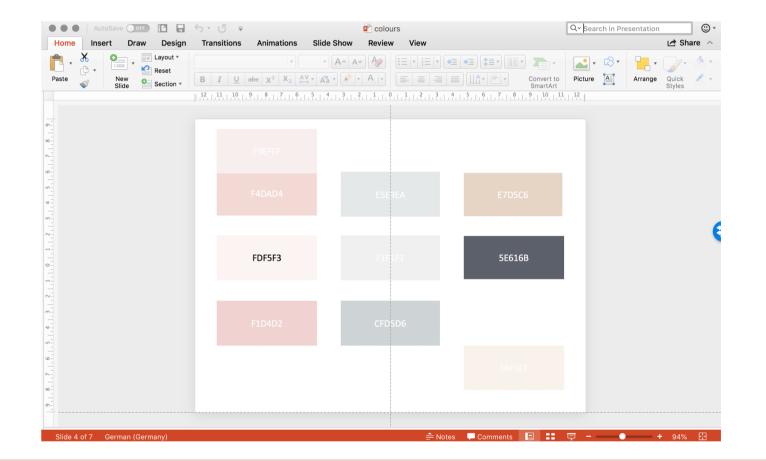
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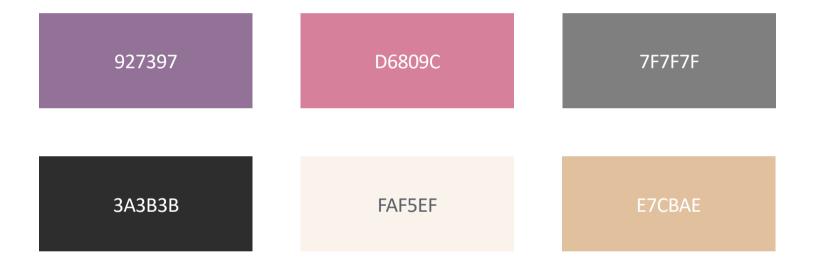
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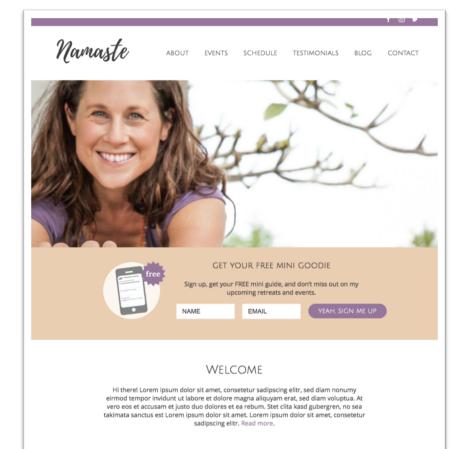
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SAVE YOUR COLORS IN ONE DOCUMENT









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CHOOSE YOUR FONTS

THE FONTS YOU NEED:

- 1. A font for headings. This can refer to the font in your headlines, your post titles, and perhaps any text that you put on top of your images.
- 2. A font for subheadings. This font should pair well with your heading font and can be used in less important heading areas, such as your widget titles or as a subheading on your images.
- 3. A font for your body copy. This is the font you use for your copy on your pages and anywhere else where you include multiple lines of text.

CHOOSE FONTS THAT ARE EASY TO READ

- In general, Sans Serif fonts (such as Arial and Verdana) are easier to read online than Serif fonts (such as Garamond or Times New Roman).
- Use **comic fonts** or fonts that look like hand-written very sparingly.
- Choose a versatile font for your copy that comes in a variety of weights (such as regular and **bold**).

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Open Sans: Far far away, behind the word mountains, far from the countries Vokalia and Consonantia, there live the blind texts.



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Lato Lato Italic

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Droid Serif: Far far away, behind the word mountains, far from the countries Vokalia and Consonantia, there live the blind texts.



WHERE TO GET FONTS

- Canva has a lot of fonts to choose from and you can also upload your own (though not on the free account).
- Google Fonts are free and open source and you can use them in most WordPress themes.
- Font Squirrel in another option to get free fonts.
- Creativemarket.com is a cool shop to get accent fonts.



CHOOSE YOUR LOGO (OR CREATE IT YOURSELF)

CHOOSE YOUR LOGO

- Your logo should reflect your brand's identity and purpose, not just your personal taste and preferences.
- Be aware where you want to use your logo. On a flyer, you'll have a lot more space than in a header on your website. Don't forget to test your logo on small screens like your mobile phone can you still read the text?
- I recommend keeping your logo clean and simple even if you like to have a more flourishing touch elsewhere.

OPTION #1 GET A DESIGNER

GET A DESIGNER

- To find a designer, ask around between your friends, in Facebook groups, or have a look on a platform like etsy.com for designs you like and contact the designer directly.
- To get the best results, prepare a detailed brief for the designer with examples of logos you like and what you want and don't want. Include your mood board and as many details about you and your background as possible.
- Be careful! This is the most expensive option and you have no guarantee that you'll actually love what you'll be getting!

OPTION #2 BY A PRE-MADE LOGO

BUY A PRE-MADE LOGO

• For as little as 20\$ you can get a beautiful logo that's handdesigned and customized for you on Etsy or Creative Market.







Examples from etsy.com

OPTION #3 CREATE YOUR OWN LOGO

BUY A PRE-MADE LOGO

- You can use Photoshop, Illustrator or canva.com to create a beautiful logo by yourself.
- I simply used a font I bought on CreativeMarket.com to develop my logo with Canva.com.

Happy Yoga Marketing



CREATE YOUR STYLE GUIDE

CREATE YOUR STYLE GUIDE

- Create one document where you put all your brand elements together so you can see them in one place:
 - Your logo
 - Your fonts
 - Your colors
 - Photos / inspiration / icons / textures...

I created a canva template that you can use to create your own style guide, you'll find the link below the video. Here's how it works:

- 1. Login to your canva.com account (or sign up)
- 2. Open the design by clicking the link below
- 3. Click on "File" in the top menu
- 4. Select "Make a copy". This will open a new window with the copy of this design saved to your account
- 5. Start editing.
- 6. Download as PDF or JPG.

LET'S REVIEW

- Branding is not only about your logo, colors and fonts, but about creating an emotional impact on the people who come to your website. It's about a feeling you convert.
- There's no need to overcomplicate things.
- Choose colors you like, fonts that are good to read and a simple logo and you're good to go.

THANK YOU

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