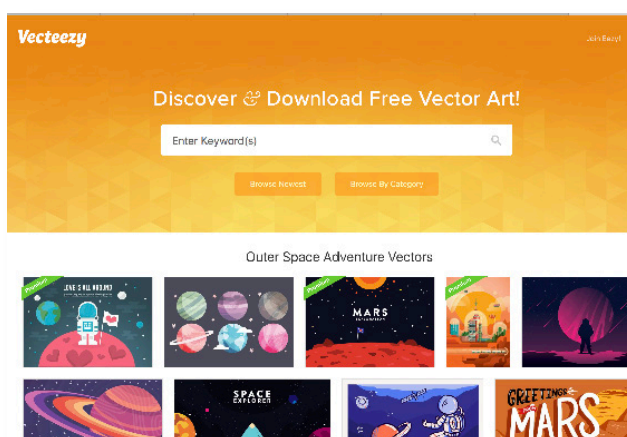


## RESOURCE LIST

### Illustrator Free Vectors

*Make sure you check the licenses for each vector graphic. Vector graphics with a Creative Commons license are free to use for any project without having to give a credit or a reference.*



#### **Vecteezy.com**

*A great resource for vector graphics including illustrator swatches, vector objects and vector textures.*

#### **Vectorstock.com**

*Another great resource for vector graphics.*

#### **Freevector.com**

#### **Brusheezy.com**

*A great place to find Illustrator brushes.*

### Photoshop Free Resources

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#### **Brusheezy.com**

*This is also a great place to find Photoshop brushes too.*

#### **GraphicBurger.com**

*This is also a great place to download Mock-ups you can use in Photoshop to place your designs and graphics on mugs, t-shirts, signs or just about anything.*

#### **Pexels.com**

*Almost all of the photos available on this website have an open license (Creative Commons), meaning you can use these on both commercial and personal projects. You can find many free textures to use here for Photoshop.*



## FONTS

*Make sure you check the licenses for each font. Most fonts you will find Online will tell you how you can use them. Some do not allow them to be used in logos, while others are open for commercial and personal use.*

### **Dafont.com**

*My go-to website for finding fonts. When you download the font, check the folder; they come with an additional document that details the license for the font.*

### **FontSpace.com**

*Another great free font resource. This website details the type of license the fonts have with a little more clarity.*

### **Fontsquirrel.com**

*This website also has the option to purchase some fonts.*

## Font Manager

*Font base is a great free font manager for Windows or Mac. Adobe creative cloud has some great font management features, but sometimes when you have 100's of fonts installed having a good way to manage all of those fonts is a great idea.*

### **Fontba.se (Free)**

*<https://fontba.se/>*

## Font Finder

*Have you ever seen an awesome font and wondered what it was? This is a great website to upload a snapshot of that font and it will find the closest match in its database. A website I use often to find fonts for clients when they really want to use a font they found.*

### **Whatthefont.com**

### **Adobe Capture CC**

*This one is new and produced by Adobe and is free to use for Adobe CC subscribers. You can hold up your phone and scan anything that has a font/type, on the screen or printed paper to locate a close match.*

*<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/adobe-capture-cc/id1040200189?mt=8>*

## COLOR

### Color.Adobe.com

*You can import a photo and create a color palette out of it. Or, just create a color palette using the color wheel options.*

### Coolers.co

*This one helps to automatically generate a color palette as well as show you popular color themes.*

## PHOTOS

*Make sure you check the licenses for each photo. Photos with a Creative Commons license are free to use for any project without having to give a credit or a reference to the photographer.*

### Pixabay.com

*Similar to Pexels and might even be owned by the same company.*

### FreePhotos.cc

*This website has a smaller pool of photos, but they are different than the above two libraries.*

## Design Book Recommendations

*It is great to supplement any graphic design training with a few good books. Some books I have either read or have had strongly recommended by some of my favorite designers over the years. Feel free to send your own suggestion of a great design book, I will be happy to add it here for other students.*

### Great suggestions in this article

<https://www.creativebloq.com/graphic-design/books-graphic-designers-11135231>

### Graphic Design School:

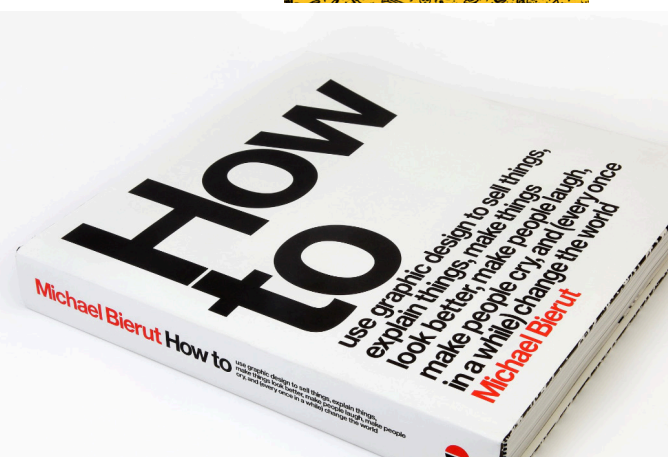
The Principles and Practice of Graphic Design

### Burn Your Portfolio

by Michael Janda

### How to...

by Michael Bierut



## FINDING INSPIRATION

*I highly recommend the following websites for finding design and layout inspirations.*

### Behance.net

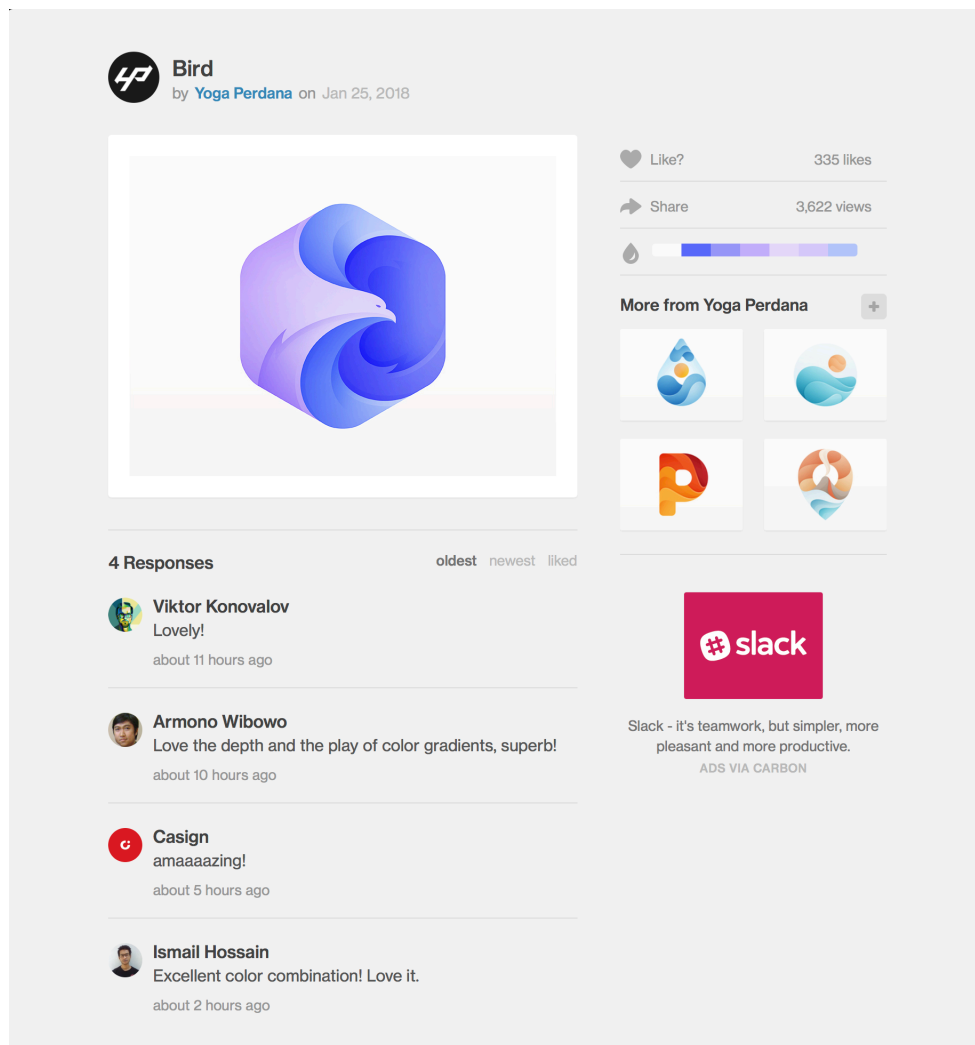
*This is THE website where all of the best creative minds gather. Wonderful portfolios of work, which inspired several of my own design projects.*

### Logopond.com

*Need logo design inspiration? Look no further.*

### Dribbble.com

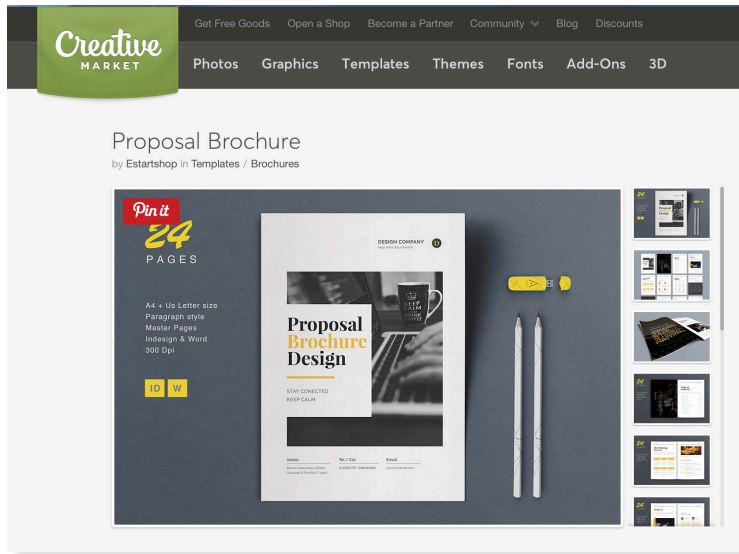
*That is not a typo, the website name has 3 "B"s in the title. A great website for inspiration and one of the industry's most popular websites.*



*Dribbble.com*

## PAID Resources

*Sometimes purchasing a paid resource is necessary to achieve a certain look or find just the right photo for your project. Listed here are some of the paid resources I use frequently.*



*CreativeMarket.com*

### istockphoto.com

*This is a great place for PAID photos. Paid stock photos do tend to have a higher quality, so sometimes they are necessary to purchase. The lower tier photos start at around **\$12** per photo.*

### Creativemarket.com

*This website is full of wonderful paid resources that you can use with Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator or InDesign including: Brushes, Icons, swatches, vector graphics, photos and templates.*

### MyFont.com

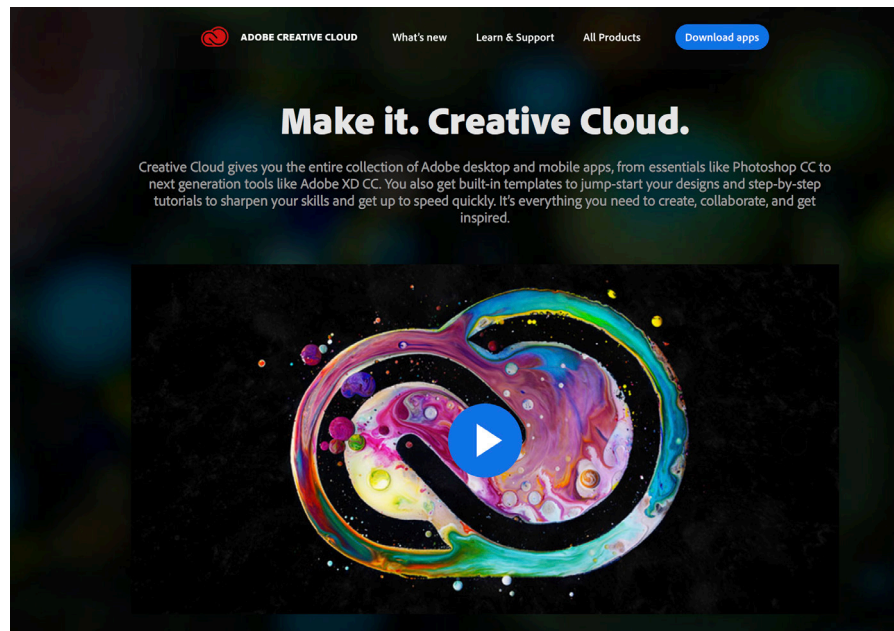
*If I ever need to purchase a font for client work or personal work, this is a great website to purchase full usage rights on fonts.*

### Adobestock.com

*Currently Adobe Stock is **\$29.99** for a monthly subscription. You may only need a subscription if you plan to purchase more than 10 stock photos per month.*

### Adobe Creative Cloud

*Currently the Adobe Creative Cloud is **\$52.99**, but there are special discounts for students and teachers, so check and see if you qualify.*



*Adobe.com*



A photograph of three people sitting at a wooden table in a cafe or office setting. A woman in the center is wearing sunglasses and smiling while looking at a laptop. A man on the left is looking at the laptop, and a man on the right is typing on the keyboard. The table has a coffee cup, a book, and some other items on it. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and greenery.

# HEALTHY HABITS FOR GRAPHIC DESIGNERS

*Graphic Design can involve long periods of sitting and fine hand movements. These articles will help you be aware of your posture and ways to take frequent breaks to keep yourself healthy.*