# Nature's Canvas

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Background

When it came to choosing a theme for my website Implementation, I wanted to adhere to three aspects:
- Minimalist
- Unique
- User Friendly

These elements brought me to the idea of a digital art gallery, satisfying the points above.

1. Most art galleries are very minimalistic, only highlighting the pieces on display and nothing else.
2. Displaying the artworks as if they are hung on walls and being able to move from one to another
3. Using the other points to make an intuitive navigation that doubles as a unique piece

Design Prototypes
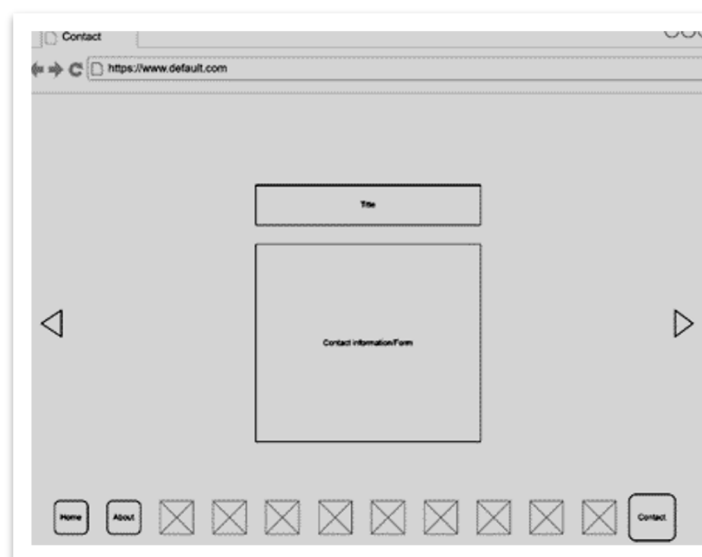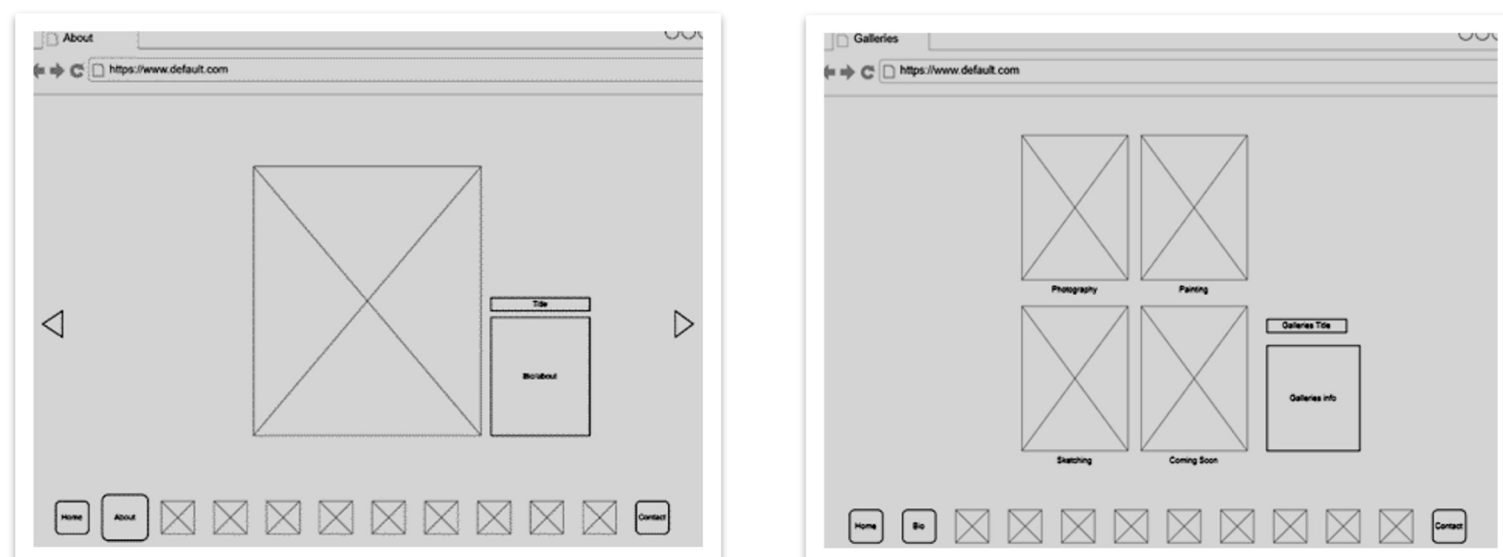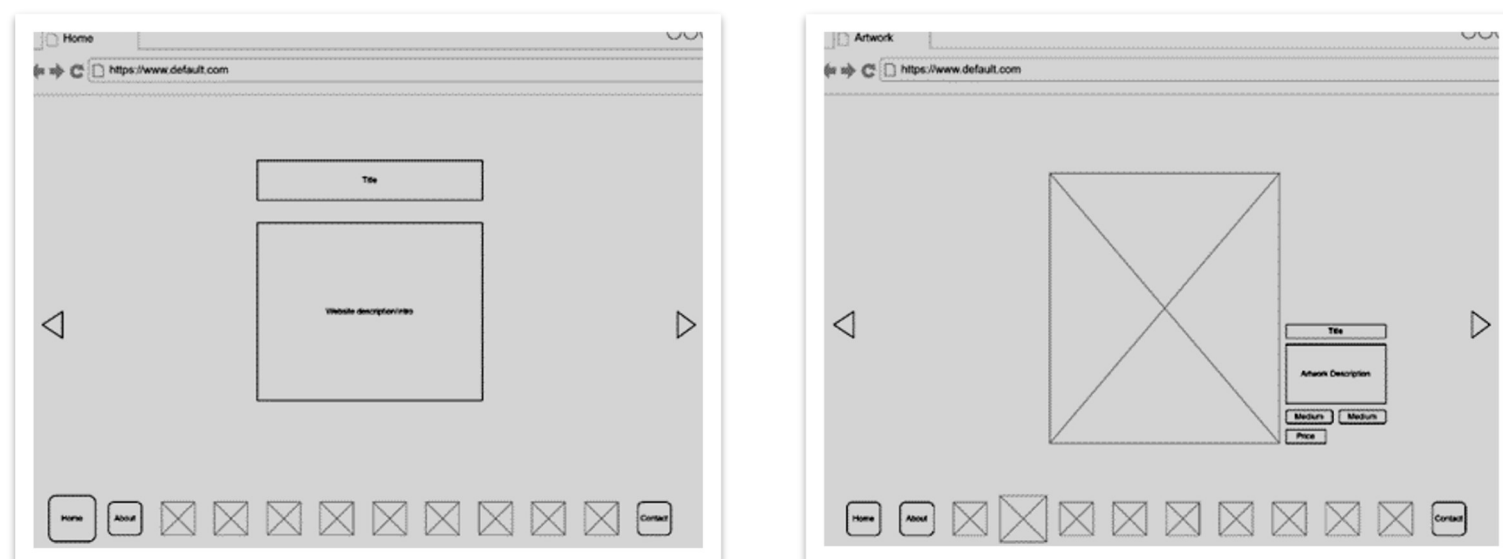
The designs for each page were very simple, keeping focus on the artworks

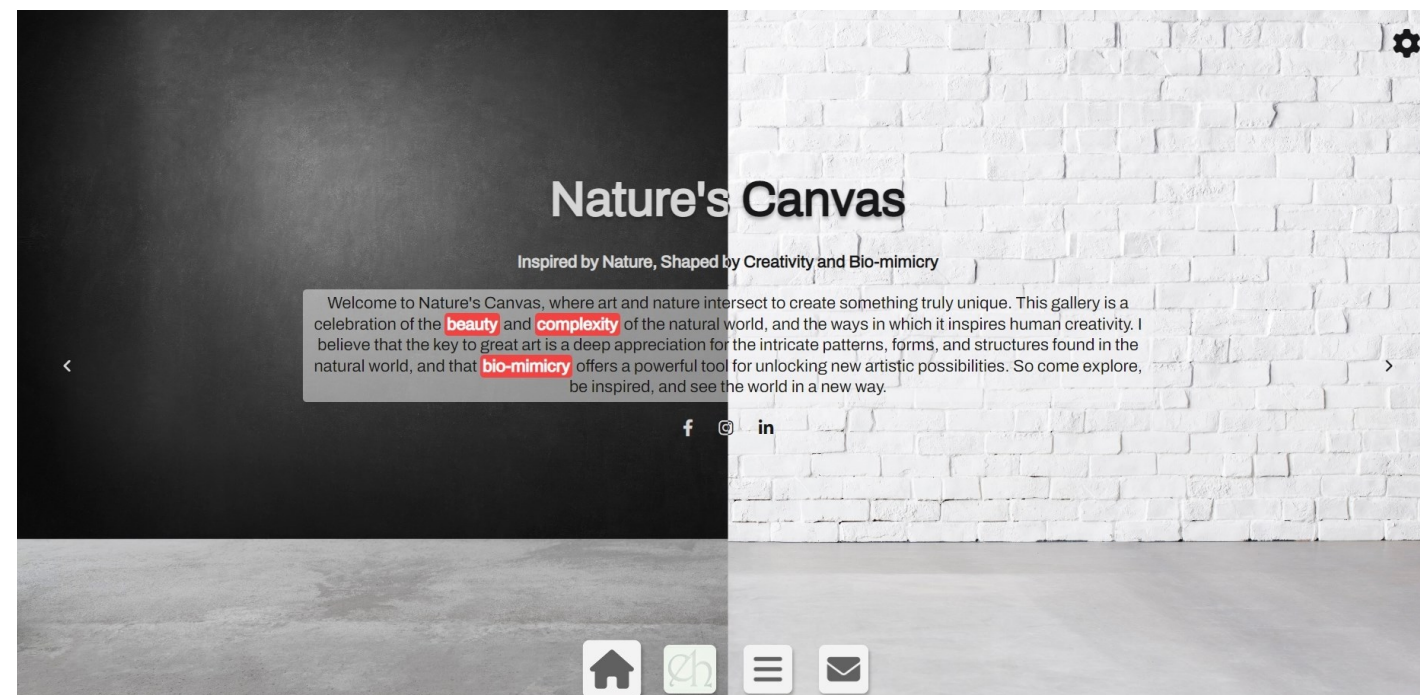Top left: Home page
Top right: Artwork page
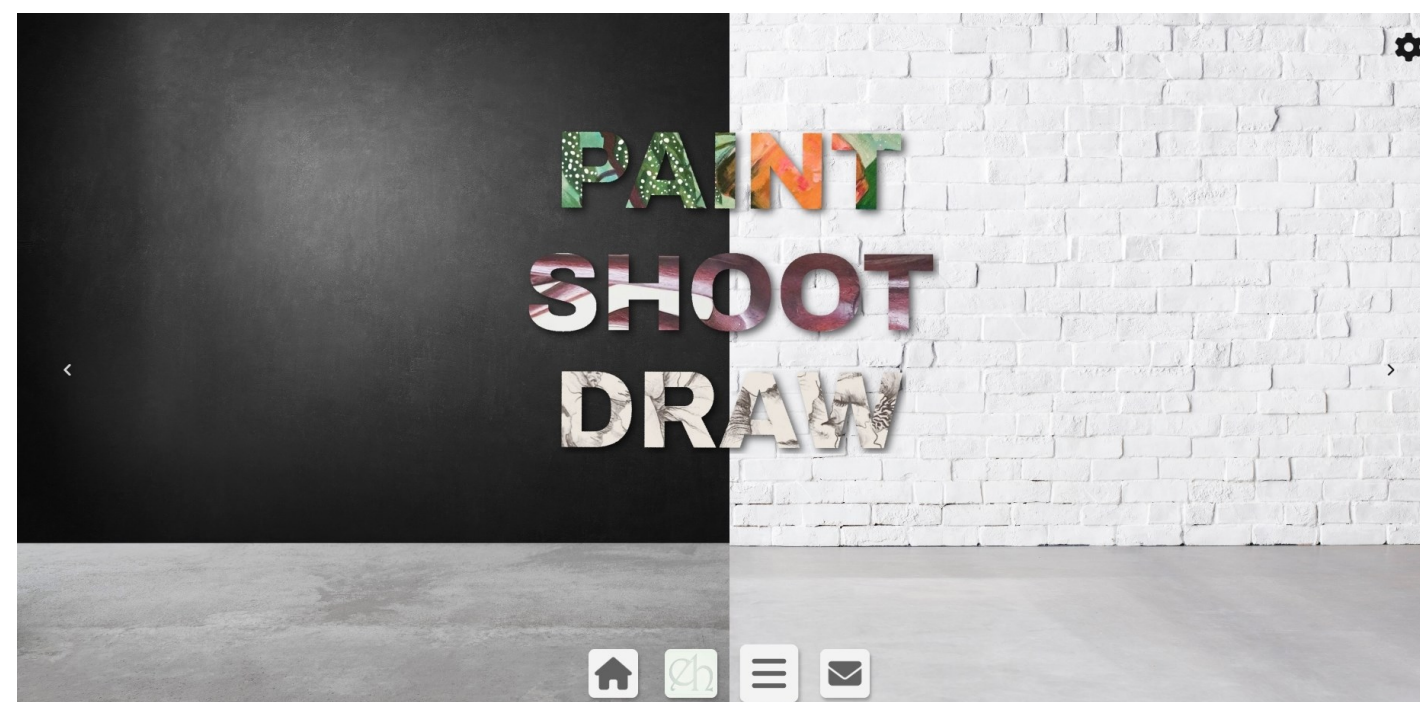Middle left: About page
Middle right: Galleries page
Bottom: Contact page

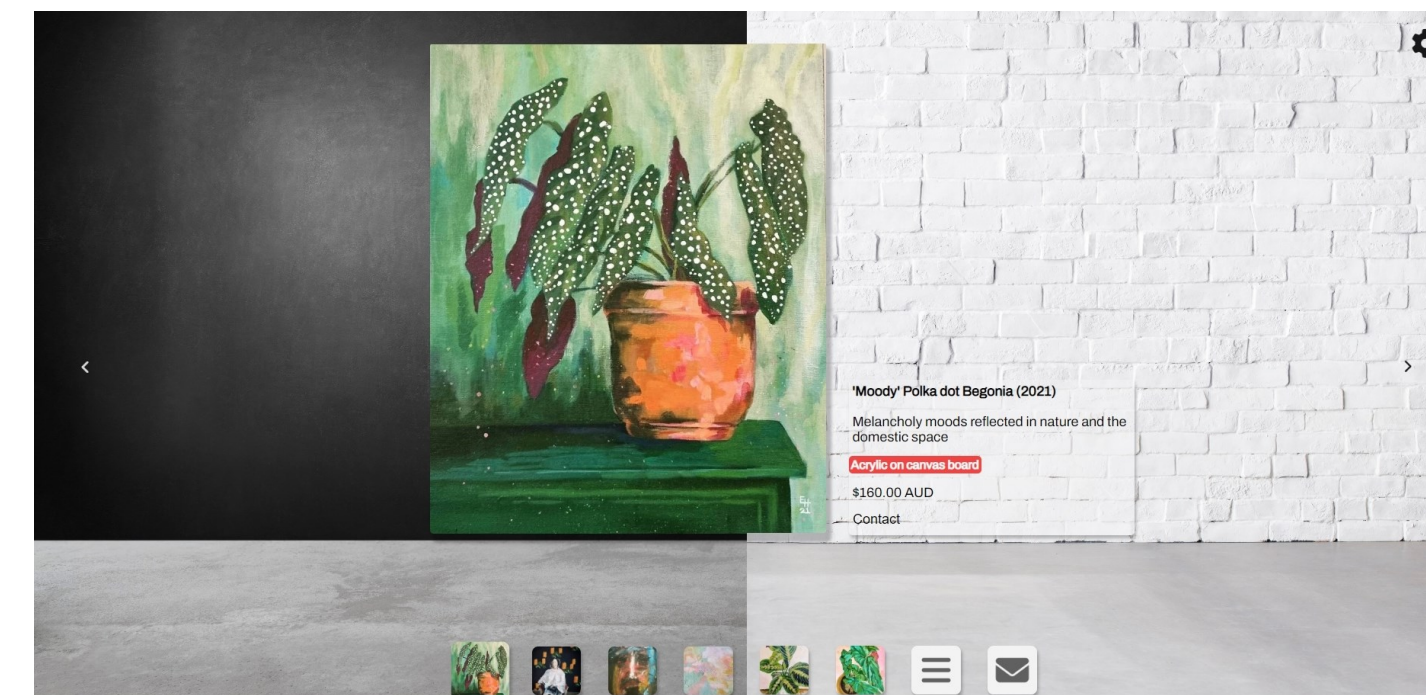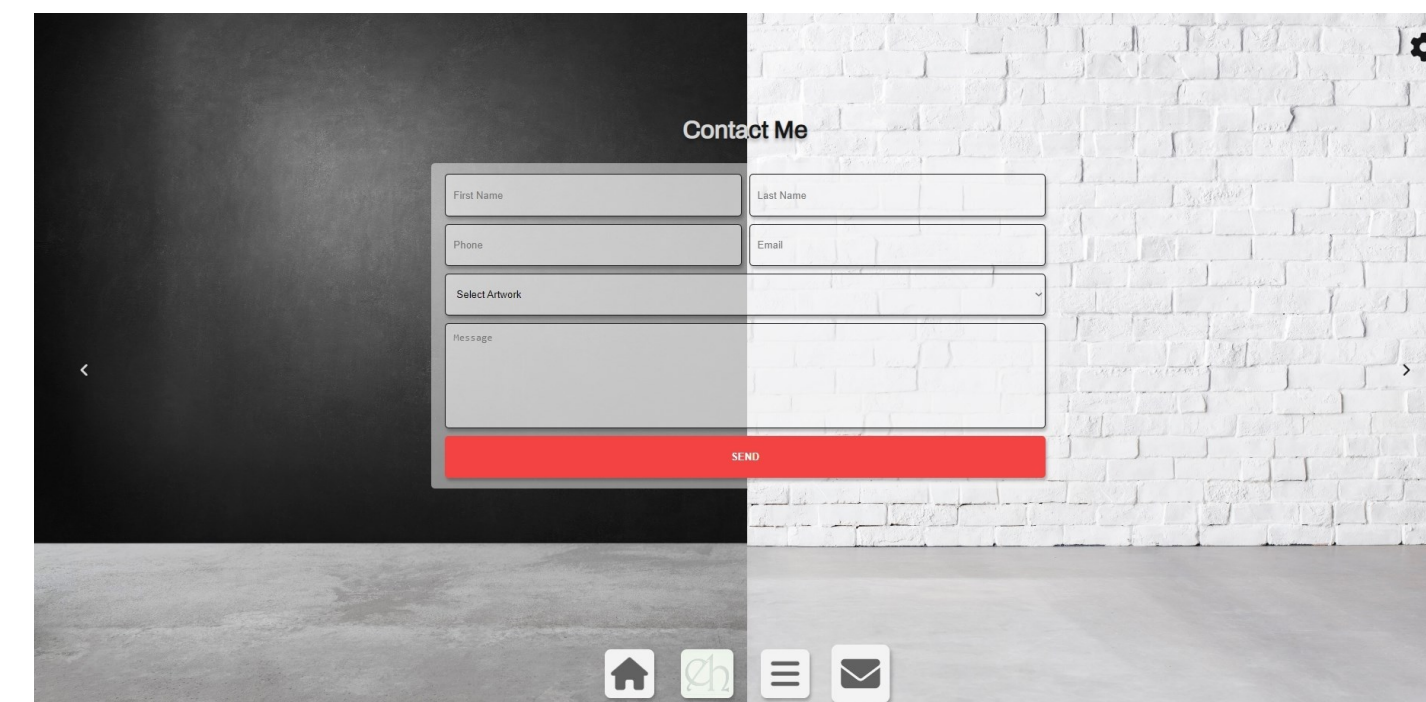## Desktop Site (Light and dark mode comparison)

Home Page

Artwork & About Pages

Galleries Page

Contact Page

Mobile Version

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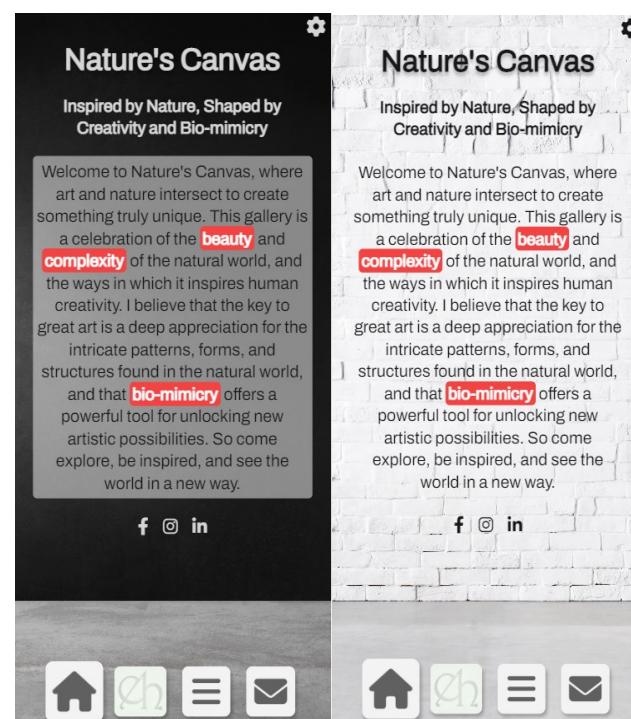
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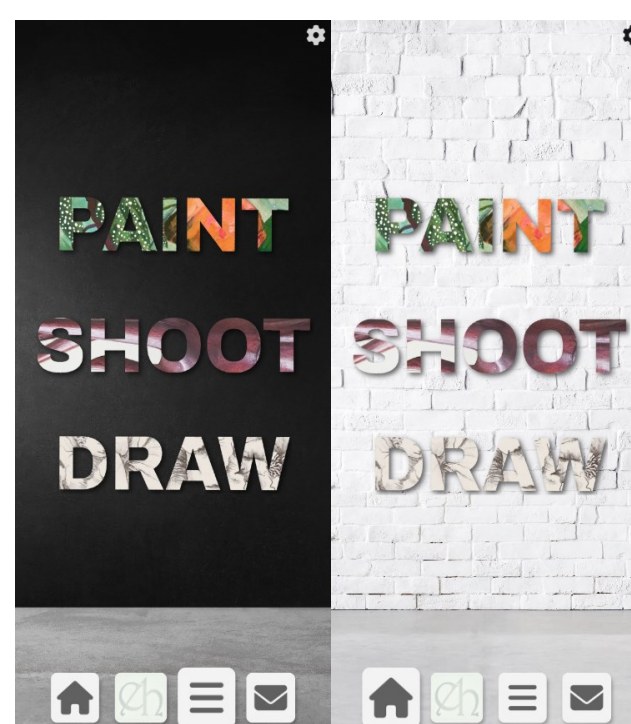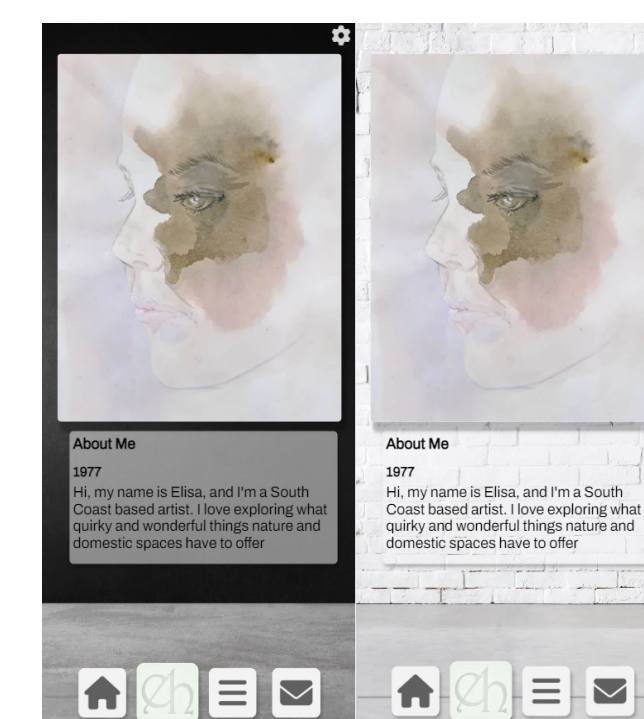
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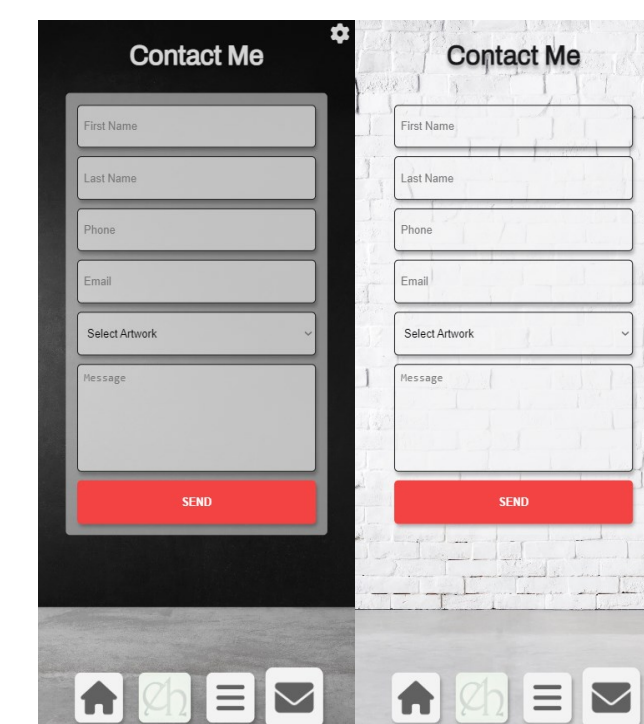
Navigation & Help

Side nav bar for site options

How to Navigate Dark Mode

How to Navigate Light Mode
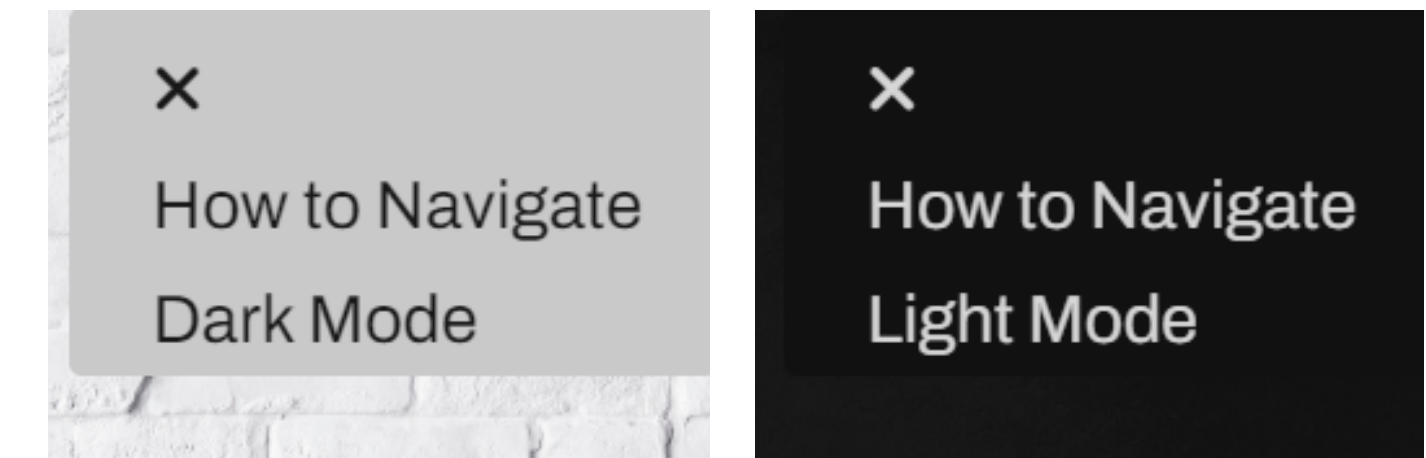
Animated site navigation guide

Step 1
Getting around the site is quite easy! You can use the arrows on the sides of the page, here...
NEXT

Step 2
Alternatively, you can use the nav bar along the bottom of the page
CLOSE
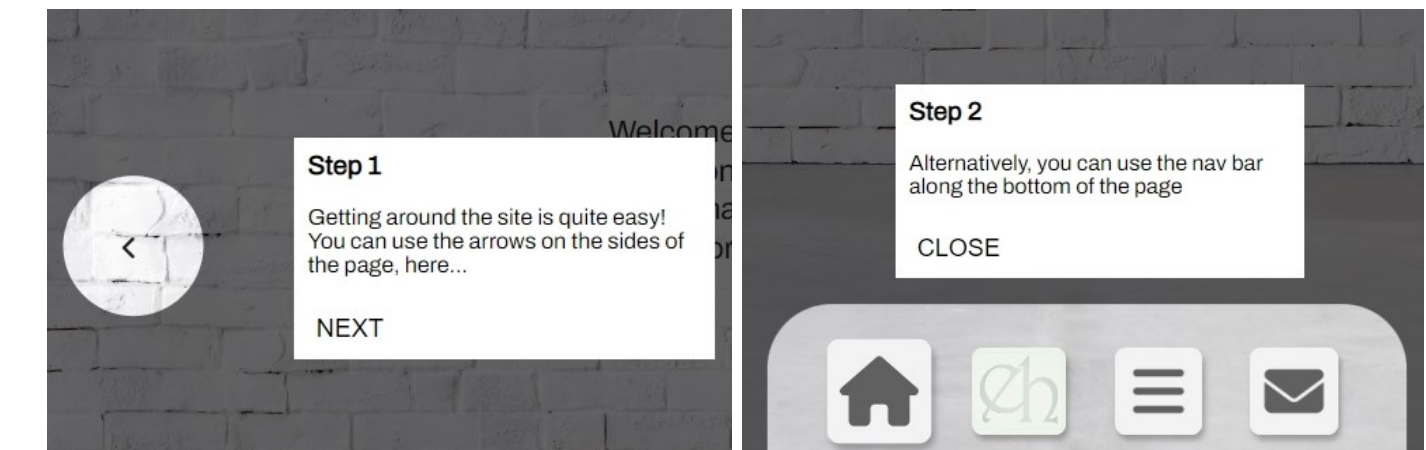
Main site navigation (active page enlarged)

Reflection

Challenges:

There were definitely a few challenges along the way:
- Horizontal scrolling
- Navigation bugs due to horizontal scroll
- Mobile Functionality

Thankfully through some research and prototyping several methods, I was able to get the desired result

What would I do differently?

One main change I would make is the layout of the mobile version. It could be more user friendly when navigating it

Major Changes:

The 'Galleries page' changed the most from the prototype. This was because it felt like it didn't stand out enough to be its own panel. Hence the new design which I'm quite proud of

Future Work

Taking what I've learnt from this project, I'd definitely find a way to incorporate some similar aspects in future personal websites, such as:
- Dark/Light mode
- Horizontal scrolling
- Unique navigation

As much as these aspects were difficult to code, I found that I enjoyed the results a lot and would definitely try using them again

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