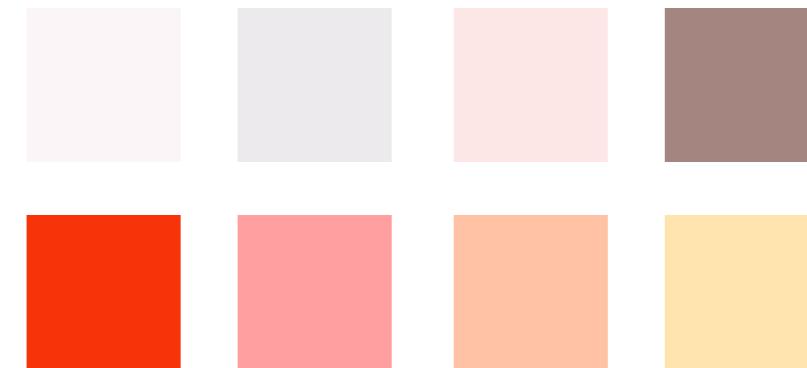


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Colour Scheme



Fonts

Heading

Londrina Outline

Sub-Heading

Palanquin

Button/Link

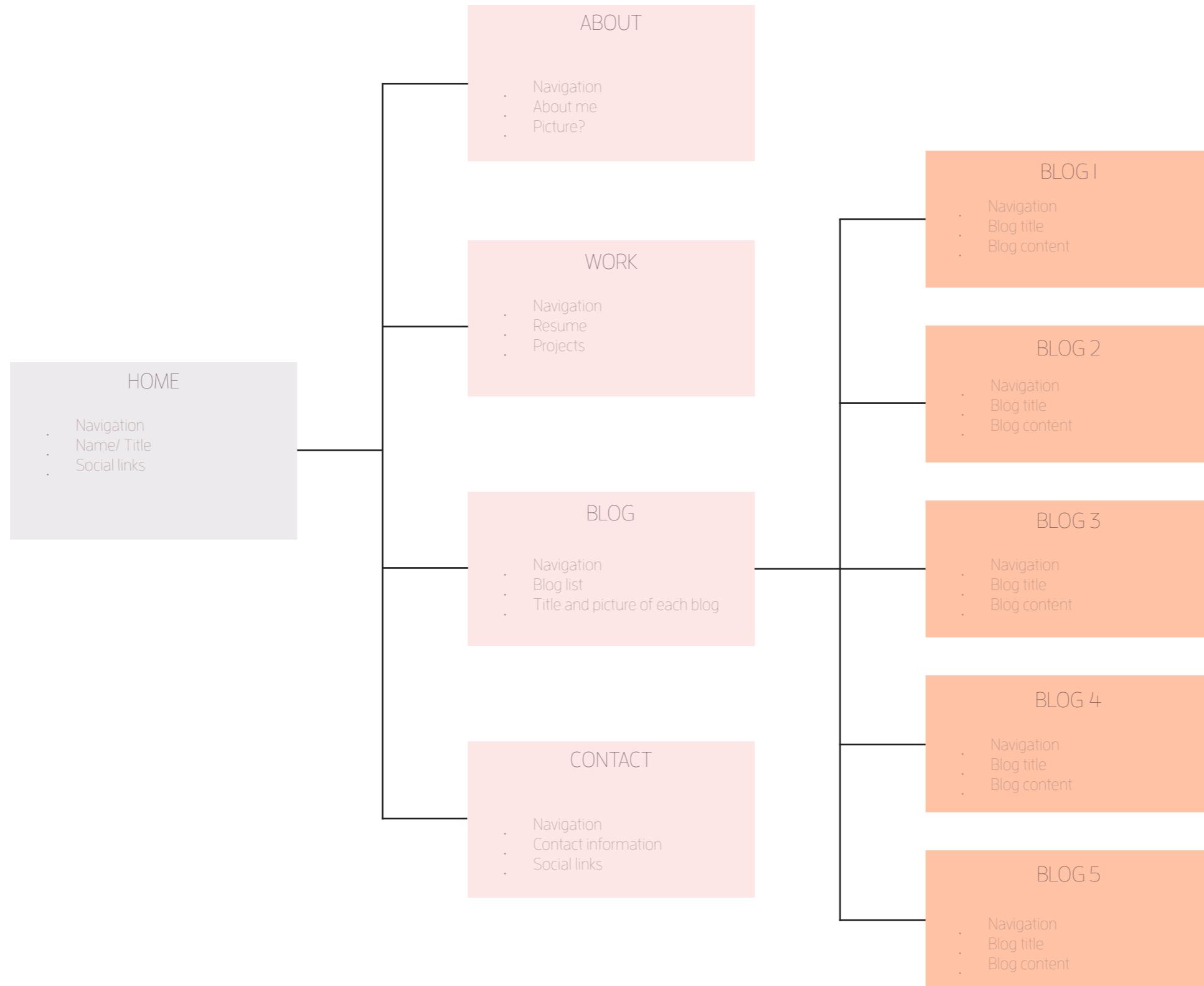
Londrina Shadow

Body

Lekton

I played around with a variety of fonts on Figma and Google Fonts whilst doing my initial mock ups. I knew I wanted to layer my first and last name so finding a font with an outline was a priority so both would still be visible. Once I'd found that, I played around with other fonts, focusing on what would blend well and could be used for minor headings and the body of the text as I already had the hero font.

Site Map



Wire Frames

Mobile



Wire Frames

Browser



Components



Navigation

- Hamburger menu on all pages bar homepage
- Name acting as home page icon when not on home-page
- Want to change hamburger icon to a couple Polaroids to mirror the menu on home-page



Work Section

- Text link for CV download
- Projects section with placeholder images for future use
- Will try make these responsive to increase in size and layout at different widths



Blog Section

- Polaroid for each blog post link - will use Flex-box to make responsive

Blog Post

- Include place-holder images of other blog posts as 'related' for additional navigation to other blogs from blog post section

Footer

- Fixed with Social Media icons

Build Process



So Far..

- Researched other websites for inspiration
- Chose color scheme from imagery
- Used Figma to get a idea of the basic home page layout.
- As I wanted to use Polaroids for my navigation, I decided to start using html and css to build the home-page first and make sure I could make it responsive for mobile to web.
- I first made separate html sheets and started my initial style-sheet with sass
- Once I got the basics of my navigation working I completed the wire frames for my remainder pages
- I sourced the social link icons for my footer
- Separated initial scss stylesheet into components as focusing on building remainder pages of website
- Began focusing on my hamburger menu and formating my other pages in scss.

Build Process

Complications

So many...

- Making the Polaroids responsive and ensuring they'd keep their ratio was really hard as I built them in css without any images and wanted to ensure they wouldn't be impacted by differing screen ratios.
- Creating the stack of Polaroids .I had wanted to use flex box but in order to keep the Polaroid ratio and stack them vertically, I had used absolute so flex box wouldn't work on certain elements.
- Making the font responsive to a point and on a gradient as I wanted the font larger on mobile but smaller on desktop
- Centering my content below 700px - (the point at which I changed my Polaroids from responsive to a set width & height).
I'd used padding to keep the ratio of the Polaroids and then switched to a fix width & height at 700px which caused the Polaroids to exceed the size of the parent. The padding was part of the parent, so the overall content was being centered by the now smaller parent and the normal hacks to center the child weren't working consistently when trying to keep the site responsive.

So my problems were pretty much anything to do with the Polaroids.

Favourites

- Using Figma; it felt like an embracing hug for what was at times a hellish nightmare after.
- Playing around with the clamp element, it was super useful for adjusting the slope at which my elements would increase in size and make the website fully responsive.
- Overcoming obstacles: it's all been super frustrating (especially being told there was an easier option once I'd fixed it) but having something finally work is an amazing feeling.
- I got to understand flex-box a bit more and what it can & can't do and how it responds to other requests.
- Using box-shadows; they give me flash backs of Wordart but I enjoyed adapting existing options and I think it added necessary depth as my content is visually very simple..

To be continued..