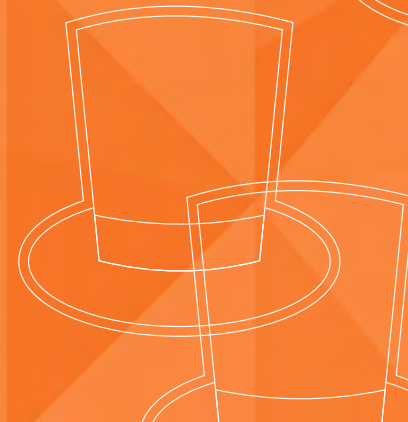


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# Six Thinking Hats

Generating ideas



**TOOL**

### What

Thinking hats allow a range of different viewpoints and perspectives to be brought into a discussion, whilst still keeping the focus on the issue at hand. It's a technique that can be used to encourage people to look at a problem from a number of different perspectives making what might be an overly complex issue a stimulating topic of conversation.

### Why

Structuring the conversation around these different viewpoints helps avoid debates around topics and instead helps create a meaningful discussion.

### How

Each hat is a different colour which indicates a particular viewpoint. In a group setting all members think using the same thinking hat, at the same time, on the same thinking challenge helping them focus on one viewpoint at a time.

## SIX THINKING HATS



The Black Hat is judgment - the devil's advocate or why something may not work. Spot the difficulties and dangers; where things might go wrong. Probably the most powerful and useful of the Hats but a problem if overused.



The White Hat calls for information known or needed. "The facts, just the facts."



The Yellow Hat symbolizes brightness and optimism. Under this hat you explore the positives and probe for value and benefit.



The Blue Hat is used to manage the thinking process. It's the control mechanism that ensures the Six Thinking Hats guidelines are observed.



The Green Hat focuses on creativity; the possibilities, alternatives, and new ideas. It's an opportunity to express new concepts and new perceptions.



The Red Hat signifies feelings, hunches and intuition. When using this hat you can express emotions and feelings and share fears, likes, dislikes, loves, and hates.

## USING SIX THINKING HATS, YOU AND YOUR TEAM WILL LEARN HOW TO

**LOOK** at problems, decisions, and opportunities systematically

**USE** Parallel Thinking™ as a group or team to generate more, better ideas and solutions

**MAKE** meetings much shorter and more productive

**REDUCE** conflict among team members or meeting participants

**STIMULATE** innovation by generating more and better ideas quickly

**CREATE** dynamic, results oriented meetings that make people want to participate

**GO** beyond the obvious to discover effective alternate solutions

**SPOT** opportunities where others see only problems

**THINK** clearly and objectively

**VIEW** problems from new and unusual angles

**MAKE** thorough evaluations

**SEE** all sides of a situation

**KEEP** egos and “turf protection” in check

**ACHIEVE** significant and meaningful results