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Six Thinking Hats

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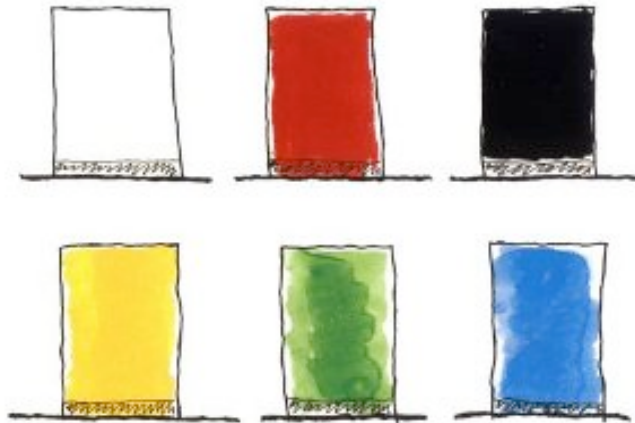
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INTRODUCTION

The Six Thinking Hats is a simple, effective parallel thinking process that helps people be more productive, focused, and mindfully involved. For more information, go to the “Propose” stage of the Shape resource.



NOTES

You and your team members can learn how to separate thinking into six clear functions and roles. Each thinking role is identified with a coloured symbolic “thinking hat.” By mentally wearing and switching “hats,” you can easily focus or redirect thoughts, the conversation, or the meeting.

White hat

Calls for information known or needed. “The facts, just the facts.”

Red hat

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

Yellow hat

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

Black hat

The judgement - 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.

Green hat

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

Blue hat

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

USEFUL LINKS

- http://www.debonogroup.com/six_thinking_hats.php