## INFLUENCING THROUGH DESIGN

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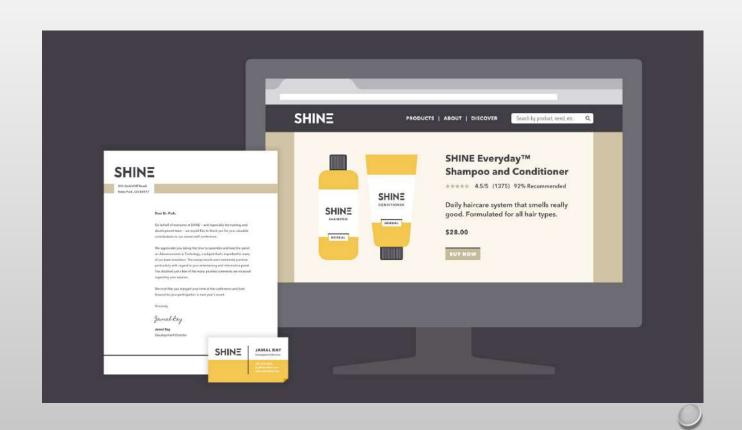
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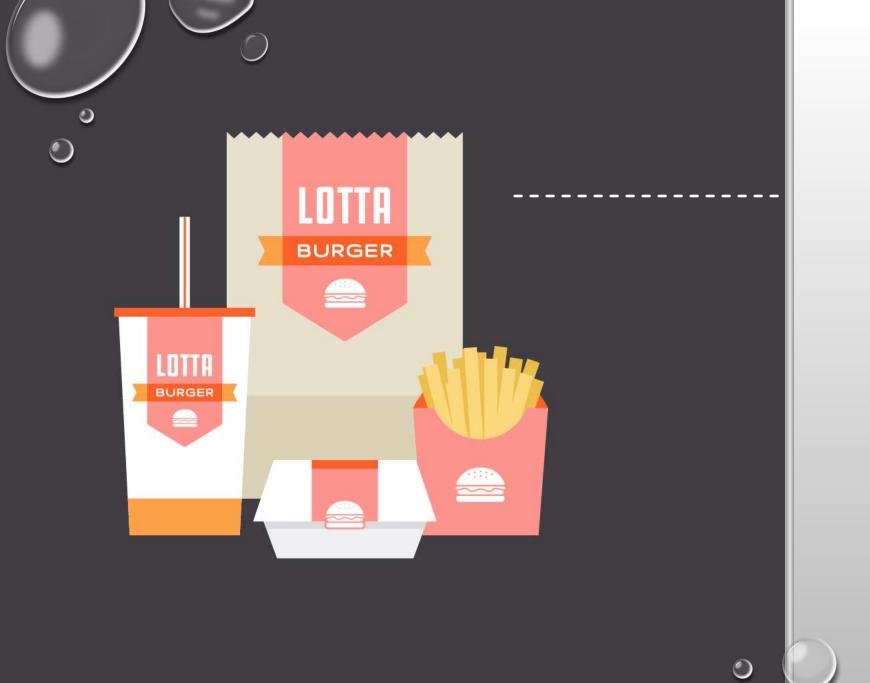




BRANDING ARE ALL AROUND US.
LOOK CLOSELY, AND YOU'LL FIND
THEM ON WEBSITES, PRODUCT
PACKAGING, AND DIFFERENT TYPES
OF ADVERTISING.

EVEN PERSONAL ITEMS, LIKE
DOCUMENTS AND BUSINESS CARDS,
BEAR SOME FORM OF IDENTITY.





SIMPLY PUT, **BRANDING** IS WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK—ABOUT YOU, YOUR COMPANY, YOUR PRODUCT, OR YOUR SERVICE.

VISUAL IDENTITY IS WHAT THAT BRAND LOOKS LIKE, FROM YOUR LOGO TO YOUR COLOR CHOICES AND SO MUCH MORE.





### APPETIZER

Miss Scarlet Beet & Feta Tart

### SOUP & SALAD

Mr. Green House Salad Mrs. White Bean Minestrone

### MAIN COURSE

Colonel Mustard-Crusted Salmon Roast Duck in Professor Plum Sauce

#### FEATURED COCKTAILS

Mrs. Peacock Martini The Revolver



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# VISUAL IDENTITY

VISUAL IDENTITY IS KIND OF
LIKE A **PREVIEW** OF YOUR BRAND.
EACH PART OF YOUR DESIGN IS A
CLUE THAT TELLS THE VIEWER
WHAT THEY CAN EXPECT. YOUR
AESTHETIC CAN BE TRADITIONAL,
MODERN, OR A LITTLE MORE OUT
THERE—EVERY BRAND IS DIFFERENT.

NO MATTER WHAT, ALL OF YOUR DESIGN ELEMENTS WORK TOGETHER TO SHOW EXACTLY WHAT YOUR BRAND IS ABOUT.

Some companies use an actual **style guide** to keep their brand looking consistent. If you're just getting started with design, it's OK to take a more casual approach.





The main components of visual identity are logo, color, typography, and images.



## **LOGO**

A LOGO IS WHAT IDENTIFIES
YOUR BRAND USING A PARTICULAR
MARK, TYPE DESIGN, OR BOTH.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE LOGOS
TEND TO BE SIMPLE—SOMETHING
VIEWERS WILL RECOGNIZE AND
REMEMBER.





EVERY ELEMENT OF YOUR LOGO
CONTRIBUTES TO YOUR **BRAND**IDENTITY, INCLUDING YOUR FONT
CHOICE, COLORS, AND OTHER
IMAGERY.

CHANGE EVEN ONE OF THESE ELEMENTS, AND IT CAN HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON THE WAY YOUR BRAND IS PERCEIVED.





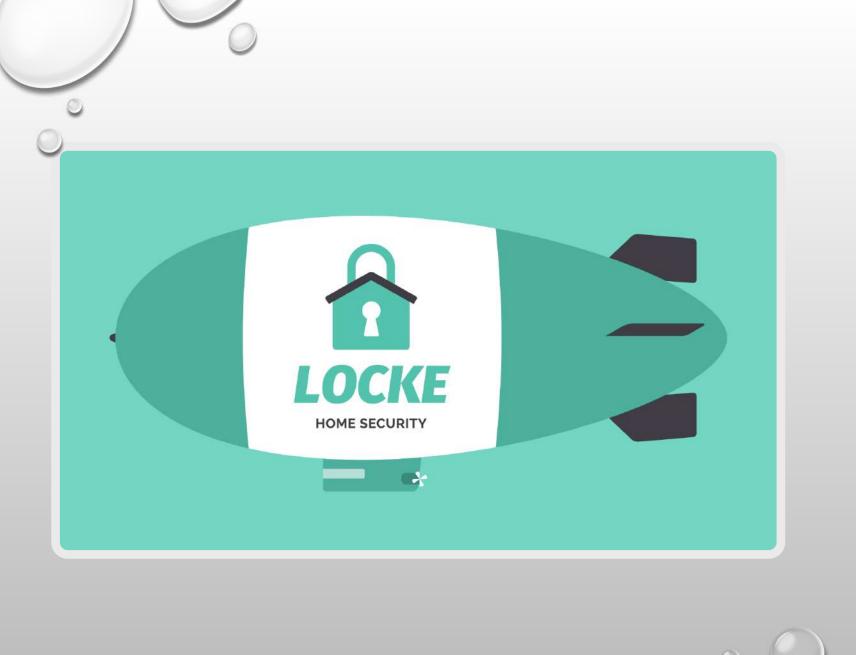
IN PRACTICE, LOGOS ARE EVERYWHERE. YOU'LL FIND THEM IN CORPORATE SETTINGS, AS WELL AS OUT AND ABOUT, REPRESENTING SMALL BUSINESSES, FREELANCERS, AND OTHER ENTREPRENEURS. A LOGO IS A LOT LIKE A LITERAL **BRAND**— IT'S HOW PEOPLE COME TO RECOGNIZE YOU AND IDENTIFY YOUR PRODUCT OR SERVICE.







THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT
TO USE IT WISELY. A LOGO
THAT'S PIXELATED, DISTORTED, OR
TOO SMALL TO READ COULD
GIVE VIEWERS THE WRONG
IMPRESSION. BELOW, YOU'LL
FIND SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF
LOW-QUALITY FILES.



TO COMBAT THIS, KEEP A

MASTER DIGITAL COPY THAT'S

SHARP, HIGH IN QUALITY, AND

LARGE ENOUGH FOR ANY

PROJECT. THIS WAY, YOU'RE

PREPARED FOR ANYTHING THAT

MIGHT COME ALONG, WHETHER

IT'S A SMALL PRINT JOB OR

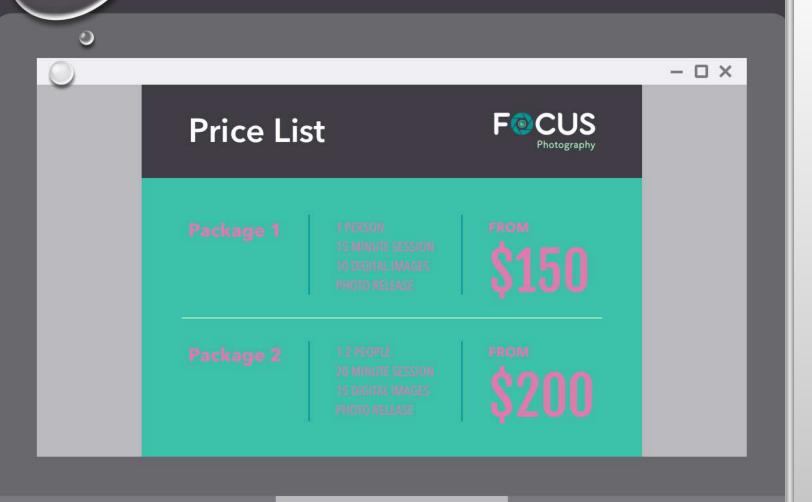
SOMETHING MUCH, MUCH

BIGGER.

## Color



BRAND IN A VERY POWERFUL WAY. NOT ONLY DOES IT MAKE A STRONG IMPRESSION ON THE VIEWER, BUT IT ALSO CREATES A SENSE OF UNITY WHEN USED ACROSS MULTIPLE PROJECTS OR PLATFORMS.



AVOID COMMON PITFALLS,
LIKE COLORS THAT VIBRATE OR
DISTRACT VIEWERS FROM YOUR
WORK. FOR INSTANCE, IN THE
IMAGE BELOW, THE TEXT
CLASHES WITH THE
BACKGROUND, MAKING IT
DIFFICULT TO READ.



MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE

NEUTRALS IN YOUR COLOR PALETTE,
LIKE BLACK, GRAY, WHITE, OR OFFWHITE. THIS WAY, WHEN YOU DO
USE YOUR BRAND'S COLORS, THEY
REALLY STAND OUT.





### **TYPOGRAPHY**

ASPECTS OF IDENTITY, BUT IT CAN BE SURPRISINGLY **EXPRESSIVE**. ALL IT TAKES IS A DIFFERENT FONT, AND YOU CAN SUBTLY (OR NOT SO SUBTLY) CHANGE THE ENTIRE FEEL OF YOUR BRAND.



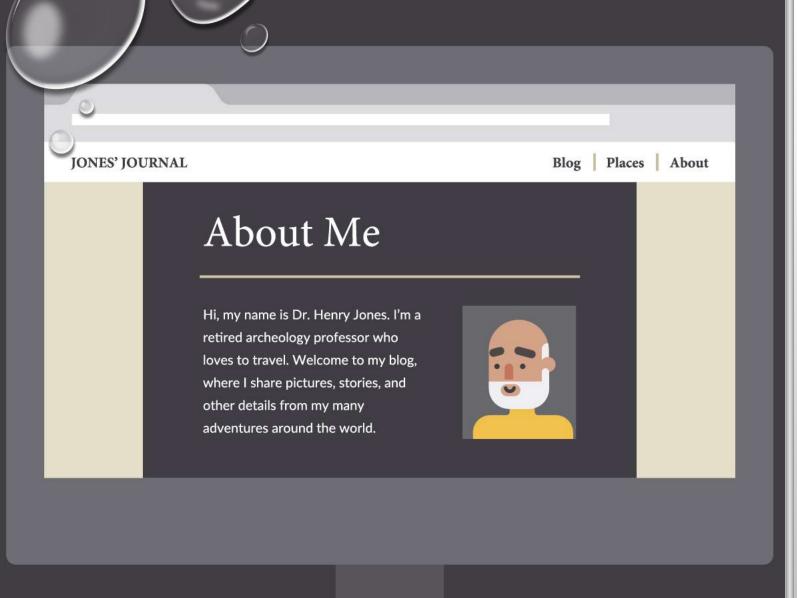


MOST BRANDS CHOOSE TWO
TO THREE FONTS—OFTEN
INSPIRED BY THE LOGO—FOR
BASIC, EVERYDAY USE. CREATIVE
FONTS SHOULD ALSO BE
CHOSEN WITH CARE AND
SHOULD BE A REFLECTION OF
YOUR UNIQUE VISUAL IDENTITY.



THERE ARE CERTAIN FONTS THAT PROFESSIONALS KNOW TO **AVOID**—FONTS THAT WERE ONCE
POPULAR BUT THAT ARE NOW
CONSIDERED OUTDATED AND
OVERUSED. THE FONTS BELOW ARE
NOTORIOUS EXAMPLES.

Chalkduster ALGERIAN Courier Comic Sans Impact Jokerman Carple Brush Script Papyrus Kristen ITC Bradley Hand Breeding Cowboys



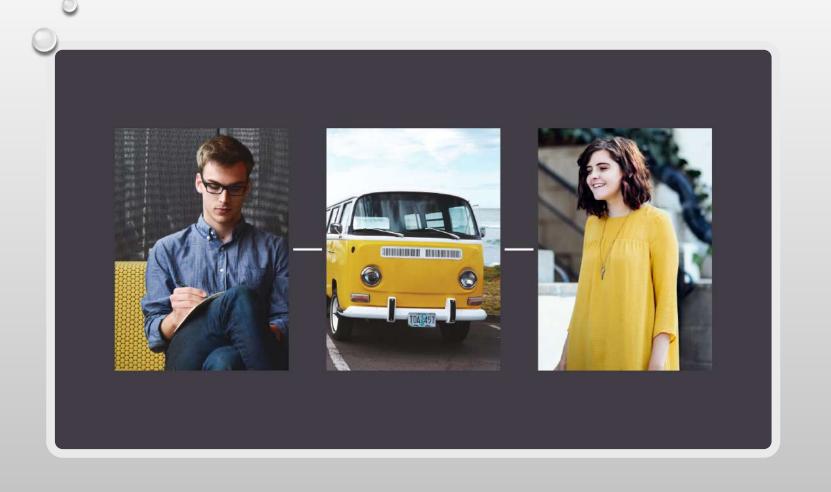
WHEN IN DOUBT, A MORE

TIMELESS, UNDERSTATED FONT
IS LESS LIKELY TO DETRACT FROM
YOUR MESSAGE. YOUR FONT
CHOICE SHOULD COMPLEMENT
YOUR BRAND, BUT STILL BE
CURRENT AND PROFESSIONAL.

## **Images**



IMAGES ARE A HUGE PART
OF BUILDING A UNIQUE
IDENTITY. EVERY PHOTO,
GRAPHIC, ICON, AND BUTTON IS
A CHANCE TO SHOWCASE YOUR
BRAND AND SHAPE THE WAY IT'S
PERCEIVED.



IN PROFESSIONAL SETTINGS, IMAGES ARE USUALLY CREATED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE BRAND; FOR INSTANCE, PICTURES IN A CATALOG OR GRAPHICS IN AN APP. IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF THIS, YOU CAN GET SIMILAR RESULTS BY CHOOSING **IMAGES WITH A SUBTLE** THROUGH LINE; FOR EXAMPLE, A SIGNATURE COLOR OR SIMILAR STYLE.



REMEMBER TO AVOID IMAGES
THAT FEEL GENERIC OR
OBVIOUSLY STAGED. THIS IS
DIFFICULT IF YOU'RE RELYING ON
THIRD-PARTY STOCK, BUT THERE
ARE WAYS TO SET YOUR BRAND
APART.





AVOID IMAGES THAT LACK **CONTEXT** OR APPEAR FREQUENTLY IN **OTHER BRANDS' DESIGNS**.

LOOKING AT THE IMAGE. SOME VIEWERS MIGHT FIND IT OFF-PUTTING DUE TO THE FORCED POSE AND ARTIFICIAL BACKGROUND. INSTEAD, CHOOSE IMAGES THAT
SEEM **GENUINE** AND THAT FEATURE
AUTHENTIC PEOPLE, PLACES, AND
THINGS. THE BEST IMAGES ARE THE
EMBODIMENT OF YOUR UNIQUE
POINT OF VIEW. THEY REPRESENT
HOW YOU WANT TO BE SEEN WHEN
PEOPLE THINK ABOUT YOUR BRAND.





VISUAL IDENTITY ISN'T JUST A
MARKETING TOOL. IT'S A WAY OF
LOOKING AT DESIGN THAT REMOVES A LOT
OF THE GUESSWORK. WITH A CLEAR
VISION OF YOUR BRAND, YOU KNOW
EXACTLY WHAT COLORS, FONTS, AND
IMAGES TO USE. YOU CAN CREATE
CONSISTENT WORKS THAT VIEWERS WILL
REMEMBER.

