RED

ORANGE





Red color is considered to represent feelings of romance and it's universally used to show excitement passion and anger. You can use red in logo design if you want to transmit feelings of power, energy, passion, love and seduction through your brand, and if your business is loud, playful, youthful and modern red color is a good option for your logo as it makes you stand out from the crowd.

Red is a great brand color because it's easy to use to catch the viewer attention as unconsciousness red is the first color we see when we are babies besides black and white and we have the ability to see this color better than others to make us easier to identify fruits on the trees at the same time that when humans are emotional their faces turn red.

These factors make red a strong primary color for your logo design as it's easy to identify and many restaurants and food brands use it to stimulate the appetite of their customers, you also can see using red color for marketing campaigns to stimulate feelings of urgency.

You can use red alone for your logo design or you can pair it with white, black or other neutral colours to create your brand color scheme. Some popular brand that uses red for their logo design are Coca Cola, Netflix and YouTube. If your brand stands out for playful and innovative traits then you might think about using orange for your logo design, as this color evokes feelings of cheerful, friendly and enthusiastic. Orange is also a good option for your brand color if you want to stand out of the crowd as it is a very energetic color and can attract the viewer attention.

But be careful on what tone of orange do you use for your brand logo as very bright tone of orange can be little harsh for the eye that is why many brands prefer to use peachier tones for their brand logo to avoid that negative effect on the eye and preserve the eye-catching effect of orange.

Orange is a warm color in the middle of red and yellow and it is usually associated with change and for that reason, many brands that want to be associated with feelings of freshness, exciting and friendly companies choose orange for their logo design.

If you choose orange as your main logo design color you can combine it with a nice neutral color to balance the contrast, and it's perfect for entertainment, food and beverages and energetic brands as you can see orange logo examples in brands like Sound cloud, Fanta or Firefox.

YELLOW







Yellow is a warm color really bright that usually is used for brands who want to transmit to their audience feelings of friendliness, cheerful and happiness through their brand colors. Yellow color can be associated with summer and sunshine and if your business wants to transmit youthful energy go with yellow logo design.

If you have seen my post about color theory, you would know that yellow is a primary color in the subtraction color system and interesting fact is that yellow was one of the first colors humans were able to mix and use on their painting.

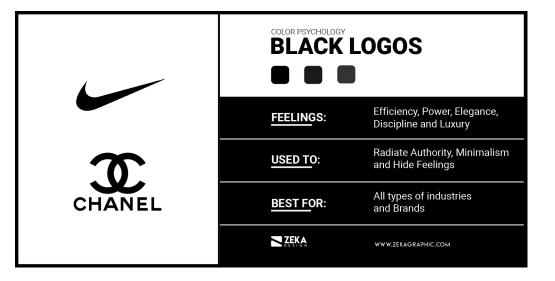
If you are planning to use yellow color for your logo take care that it also can suggest bargain or cheap products, feelings that are not suitable for high-end brands, in that case, I would recommend you better go with gold colors for your logo as it can be associated with power and luxury. Some famous brand using yellow or gold for their logos are McDonald's, Cadbury and Rockstar Gaming The interesting fact about green color is that is the color which human eyes are most sensitive and human can easily differentiate most shades of green, usually, green logos are associated with growth and new life if we talk about color psychology at the same time that can transmit feelings of harmony, rest and balance.

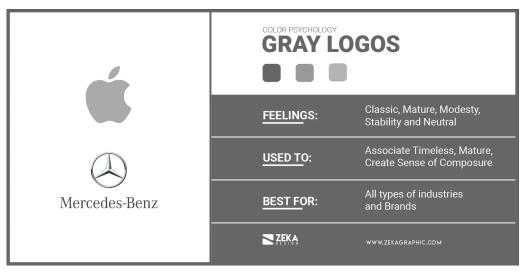
Most of the plants are green and that fact made this color associated with nature and environment being a green logos a good option for environment-friendly brands and products, as you can see many vegetarian, vegan and eco-friendly brands using green as main brand colors.

The green color in logo design is also associated with different traits depending on the culture, as for example in the US it's associated with money and wealth because it's the color of money. Some famous brands using green logos are Animal Planet, Starbucks and Lacoste.

BLACK







Technically black isn't a color as it is the absence of light, but we will refer it as a color to make it easier, as black logos are always been used and it's very popular among luxury brands as it represents feelings of efficiency, prestige, power, sophistication, elegance, luxury, protection and seduction.

Regard the color you choose for your brand logo is always recommendable for any brand and identity design project to include a black version of your logo as it will make it easier to include your logo in different designs in a more minimalist way without distracting the viewer from design.

Black logos are serious and strong and it's the perfect choice if your brand wants to be associated with luxury. Black color in logo design is very popular for luxury, fashion, IT and equipment brands and some famous brands using black logos are Chanel, Nike or Louis Vuitton. Grey logos are in the middle between the absence of light (black) and full light (white) and its a great color to have in mind for your logo if you want to be associated with mature, classic and serious attributes. Grey color in logo design can be associated with feelings of professionalism, dignity, classic, modesty and stability.

By another hand, grey logos also can be associated with boring and ordinary logos because the lack of color, that is why take care about that fact when using grey color in your logo design, and you can use the fact that grey is not warm or cold, and is not masculine or feminine, as it's a completely neutral color and you can use it as a good brand personality trait.

Grey color in logo design is very popular among equipment, transport, IT, finance and hi-tech companies because it makes them feel serious, professional and credible, by another hand if your brand is about food an beverage grey will not be the most suitable color for your brand. Some famous brand using grey logo examples are Apple, Audi or Mercedes.



PURPLE





Blue color as we have seen previously is one of favourite colors for marketers and brands as it is associated with trustworthiness and seriousness key attributes for any company. Usually, blue logos are associated with feelings of calm, control, logic, honesty, trust, security and confidence and can help to establish trust between your brand and the viewer.

By another hand there are two problems with blue logos, the first one is due to the popularity for blue logos as many brands have used it for their brand colors, that is why if you are planning to use blue for your logo you will need to find a way to stand out from the rest and you can try to experiment with different shades of blue. The second problem that blue logos have is the fact that is a cold color that can make your brand look cold and unfriendly and can be a problem depending on the feelings you want to transmit with your brand colors.

As mentioned blue logos are associated with trust and confidence, that is why is a very popular color for finance, IT, equipment, energy, healthcare and transport brands and some famous brand using blue logos are Facebook, Twitter and Skype, so if your company is focused on IT take the blue color present for your brand color palette. Historically purple and violet colors are associated with royalty and luxury, that is why if your brand is focused on luxury products then think about a purple logo for your brand. Purple is also associated with feelings of spirituality and can be associated with creativity, extravagance, fantasy, mystery, calm and sophistication.

Purple logos are really powerful to drive viewer attention and make your brand feel more luxurious especially when it's combined with gold, also purple color works great for packaging design, think about Cadbury chocolate, by only looking at their purple packaging you associate it with good quality chocolate.

In modern logo design, there are not many brand using violet logos and it worked very well for those brand who have implemented violet logos, so if you want to go outside the box and outstanding from your competitors think about a violet logo or if you want to give a luxury feel to your brand purple is your color!, some famous brand using purple logos are as mentioned Cadbury, Yahoo and Twitch.



BROWN





The pink color is used for brands that want to be associated with feelings of hope and inspiration as in color psychology pink is associated with calmness, fantasy, dreams, comfort, childhood and reassuring.

As interesting fact in Japanese culture pink color is associated with spring as it's the color of the blossoming sakura and this fact makes pink used in branding that wants to be associated with sweetness and transmit feelings of fantasy.

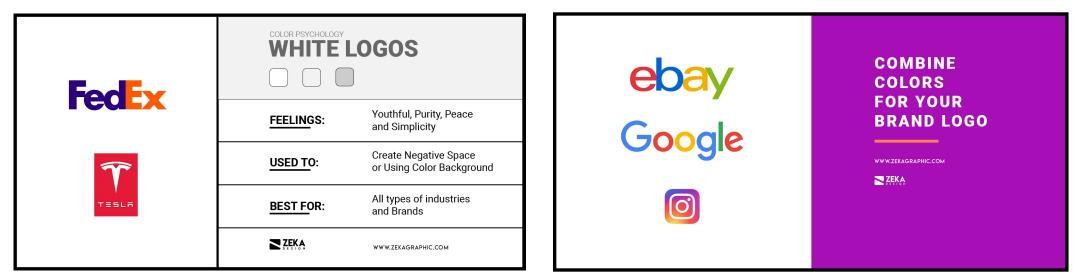
In modern logo design pink is a really popular color that makes your brand look youthful and luxurious and it's used for baby brands, desserts and toys factories. In the other hand pink color also can be associated with feelings of immaturity and playfulness that could not work well for some niches. Some examples of famous brands using pink logos are dribble, Dunkin Donuts and Adobe Indesign. Brown color in logo design it's not very popular for many brands as many people have associated it with rotting and decay, but by another hand, brown color can be associated with rugged, masculine and serious traits, and if your brand personality traits are these one brown logos is an option you might have in mind.

The fact that not many brands use brown logos can make your logo stand out easily from your competitor depending on what niche is your brand. Brown color can transmit feelings of strength, mature, safe and can make your brand associated with down-to-earth trait. Brown color also makes your brand look vintage and hand-made.

Brown logos are also a good option for brands that are associated with ecoawareness and organic products that want to avoid using green and brand which sell brown color food as coffee or chocolate, that is why brown is a popular color for companies in agriculture, food, family products and transport and some famous brand using brown logos are Nespresso, UPS and m&m's.

WHITE





With white color happens the opposite as black, as technically white is not a color and it's the absence of color, but if we consider white as a color in logo design, then it can be associated with youthful and economical feelings. White logos can express feelings of sincerity, cleanliness, purity, peace and simplicity.

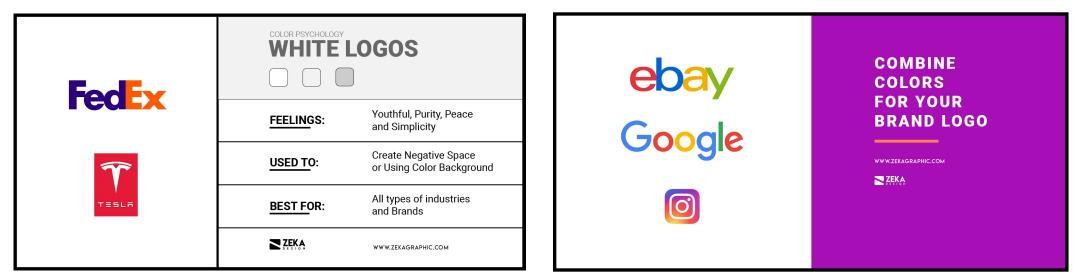
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