

White Hat
Data, facts,
information known
or needed

Black Hat
Difficulties, potential
problems, why
something may
not work

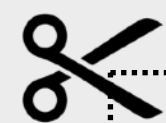
Blue Hat
Manage process,
next steps,
action plans

Red Hat
Feelings, hunches,
instinct and
intuition

Yellow Hat
Focuses on
positive outcomes
benefits of
solutions

Green Hat
Creativity,
solutions,
alternatives,
new ideas





Six Thinking Hats is a system designed by Edward de Bono as a tool for group discussion and individual thinking involving six metaphorical hats, each with an associated persona. The method provides a way for ensuring diverse thinking and avoiding default modes when approaching things.

White Hat

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

Black Hat

The Black Hat is judgment — the devil's advocate or why something may not work. Spots difficulties and dangers

Blue Hat

The 'control' hat. Used to manage process, next steps and action plans

Red Hat

Signifies feelings, hunches and intuition. When using this hat you can express emotions and feelings and share fears, loves, and hates.

Yellow Hat

Symbolizes brightness and optimism. Under this hat you explore the positives .

Green Hat

Focuses on creativity; the possibilities, alternatives, and new ideas.

"Creativity involves breaking out of established patterns in order to look at things in a different way."

Edward de Bono

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