







6 Hats Point of View

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A process that allows you to look at an idea from multiple points of view to refine and validate the idea. It is very systematic and follows 6 simple steps.

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Colored Hat	Think of:	Detailed Description	Results
White 	Just the Facts	The white hat is about data and information. It is used to record information that is currently available and to identify further information that may be needed	
Red 	Emotion	The red hat is associated with feelings, intuition and emotion. The red hat allows people to put forward feelings without justification or prejudice.	
Yellow 	Optimism	The yellow hat is for a positive view of things. It looks for benefits in a situation. This hat encourages a positive view even in people who are always critical.	
Black 	Judgment	The black hat relates to caution and the potential negatives of an idea. It is used for critical judgment. Sometimes it is easy to overuse the black hat.	
Green 	Creativity	The green hat is for creative thinking and generating new or additional ideas. It is also for validating and justifying the creativeness of an idea.	
Blue 	Overview	The blue hat is about process control. It is used for thinking about thinking. The blue hat asks for summaries, conclusions, and decisions.	