

SIX THINKING HATS

White Hat

Information - We have, we need, how to get it

- What are the facts?

Black Hat

Critical Thinking: checking for evidence, logic, feasibility, impact fit, weakness.

- What is wrong with this?

Red Hat

Emotions, Feelings, Hunches, Intuitions -- Non-filtered, non-justified.

- What are my feelings about this?

Yellow Hat

Why an idea will work, likelihood.

- What are the good points or benefits?

Green Hat

Action, Explanation, Forecasting, Design - Hypothesis, Speculation, Provocation + Lateral Thinking

- New ideas. What is possible?

Blue Hat

Defining Focus and Purpose. Setting out of a Thinking Plan or Agenda. Making observations and comments. Deciding the next step. Thinking about Thinking.

- What thinking is needed?

Remember:

- **You can put or take off one of the hats. When you put on a hat, play the role attached to that hat.**
- **You can ask someone else to put on a hat, take off a hat, or switch hats.**
- **Use (short) time limits for using each type of hat.**
- **Never personalize the hats.**

Source:

"Six Thinking Hats" by Dr. Edward de Bono. Little, Brown.

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