



## BASIC BRANDING PACKAGE:

**Logo file types** (ideally, Color and B&W versions):

**Raster files:** (pixel based files)

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|--|--------------------------------|
| • jpg, hi res (300 dpi, at least 3" on the short side)     | basic print quality            |
| • jpg, lo res (72 dpi, 3-5" on the short side)             | online quality                 |
| • pdf, CMYK, 300 dpi (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black)        | high quality "4 color" print   |
| • pdf, RGB, 300 dpi (Red, Blue, Green)                     | high quality print             |
| • gif and/or png* (300 dpi, at least 3" on the short side) | print - supports transparency  |
| • gif and/or png* (72 dpi, 3-5" on the short side)         | online - supports transparency |
| * file with transparency if applicable to your logo        |                                |

**Vector file** (one of the following):

- ai, eps, can be used to edit or recreate other file types  
(vector based pdf or bmp IF they have been created AND saved as a vector file)

### Colors:

Hex #	web specific, embeds in code
RGB	print, online and consumer computer programs (Canva, MS Word, Pages, iphoto, etc)
CMYK	professional programs and printing

**Use "eye dropper" tool in most programs that have a color picker:**

MS Word, Adobe Pages, as well as Photoshop, and other image editing programs

**Online color pickers and palette generators:**

<https://image-color.com/>

<https://redketchup.io/color-picker/>

<https://www.canva.com/colors/color-palette-generator/>

The above programs and color pickers can also translate from RGB to CMYK to HEX color codes.

## Fonts:

otf and ttf files      they can be shared and installed on any computer (depending on licensing)  
Ideally, keep a copy of your font sets in your branding folder also

### Free font resources:

[www.google.com/fonts](http://www.google.com/fonts)  
[www.1001fonts.com](http://www.1001fonts.com)  
[www.dafont.com](http://www.dafont.com)

Upload a jpg image here to help determine what font is in it  
[www.whatthefont.com](http://www.whatthefont.com)

Use any word processing program to determine font, style, color, etc.

And always consider what the font (and the color) "says as an image."

<i>Good Morning!</i>	Good Morning!	Good Morning!
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## Tag line:

keep a copy of your tagline in the specific font you typically use, as well as in a more generic font if your font is unusual.

**Other graphic elements:** (include samples, colors, font, etc, (anything to make it easy to use)

**Backgrounds:** colors, gradients, patterns, photos, etc

**Colored shapes & lines:** bars gradients, swishes

**Logo elements:** first letters, shapes, etc

## Saving your branding package:

Create a **set of folders** specifically for your branding files

*If their easy to access - you'll use them more often.*

Put a copy on **each computer** that will use it

Keep a **Master Copy** in 2 of the following places

Flash drive, backup drive, Cloud, Main computer, other specific to your business

**NEVER remove or save over the master** - copy it if you need to go back to it.

If your logo or significant info changes make a new master copy ( Master-2)

Be sure to update the master on all computers and backup files

*Do you know where your files are?*

### Branding Package folder

Logo folder

Fonts folder

Graphic elements folder

Quick reference file

## Using your branding package:

**Be consistently across everything you do**

SM, advertisements, website, news letters, emails, business cards, ... all promo materials...

*consistency goes without saying... but ...how do you do that without it being a big deal?*

### Building Templates is the Key to Saving time and Consistency

#### Start small and consistently

#### Develop ONE Template

Pick something you create or want to create regularly?

SM post campaign/ series with Holidays coming up?

Newsletter, website imagery or page

Build the **first one considering "How can I make this a "series?"**

When it's finished **SAVE A COPY** as your **TEMPLATE**.

Make a **COPY** of that template and replace specific elements for your **SECOND** design.

Use the same process to create more... and begin creating templates for everything you do daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annually.

## Other things you can compile and do as you build your files.

**Anything you use** more than a few times each year

**Image/ graphics** that define or describe your business

**Images that showcase** your company, product, service, people, etc.

**Statement** that describes your business - mission statement, etc.  
any statements that you consistently use in advertising and marketing

**Standards:** at some point you may want to add descriptions and info of how your logo, colors, fonts, etc. are to be used - the "Dos and Don'ts"

Takes elements from your branding package and begin building a basic press kit.

## A few ideas for design and layout tools:

**Canva:** Free and paid online app for designing online and print materials

**Photoshop Elements:** Photoshop's little brother - \$80  
there are several free alternatives to Photoshop, search online

**MS Word (PC), Pages (Mac)**

Plus lots of others...ask other businesses, instructors, graphic designers, and search online for specific needs

**Before investing in a tool/ program,** compare your needs to your ROI. ie: Adobe's Creative Suite, or even Photoshop: Would another program fit your needs? What is the learning curve? Who has the skill to use it? How often would you need it? etc.

Branding Quick Reference Example



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CMYK: 100 84 12 0  
RGB: 27 73 145



Hex: 3499cc  
CMYK: 75 26 5 0  
RGB: 52 153 204



Hex: 942387  
CMYK: 46 100 2 3  
RGB: 148 35 135



Hex: f26522  
CMYK: 0 75 100 0  
RGB: 242 101 34



Hex: 019a49  
CMYK: 85 13 100 2  
RGB: 1 154 73

Georgia - serif

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Myraid Variable Concept - san serif

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Honey Script Light - script  
added .5 stroke for logo

*Honey Script Light - script*

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I believe every small business should understand the technology they need well enough to choose and learn the components/ systems/ processes/ things (right word?) they want to do and hire the other.



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