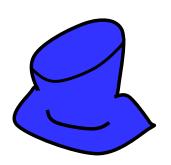


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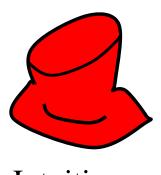
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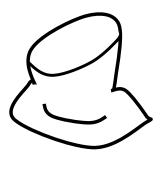


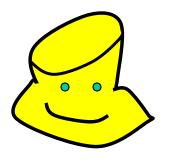




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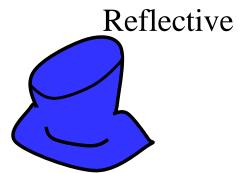




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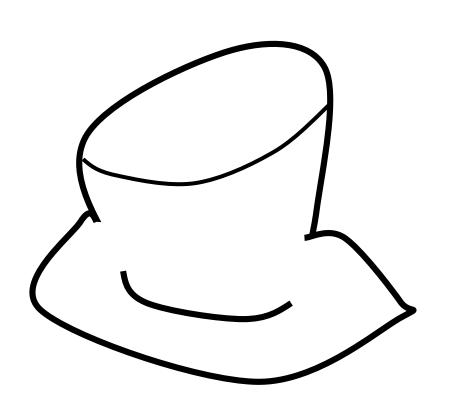






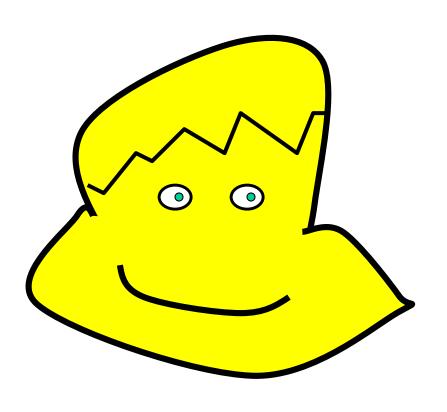
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The White Hat



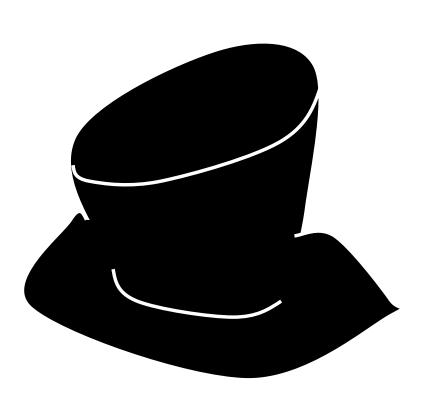
- The information seeking hat.
- What are the facts?
- What information is available? What is relevant?
- When wearing the white hat we are neutral in our thinking.

The Yellow Hat



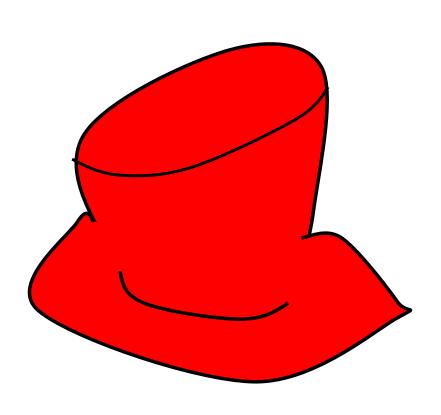
- The sunshine hat.
- It is positive and constructive.
- It is about effectiveness and getting a job done.
- What are the benefits, the advantages?

The Black Hat



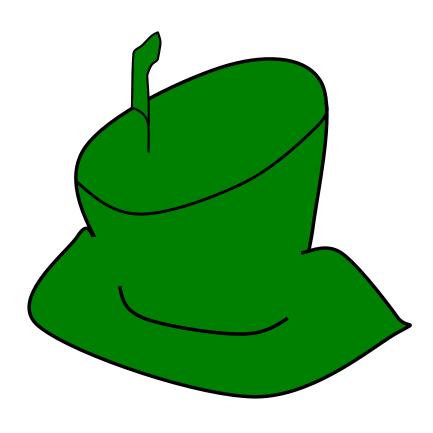
- The caution hat.
- In black hat the thinker points out errors or pit-falls.
- What are the risks or dangers involved?
- Identifies difficulties and problems.

The Red Hat



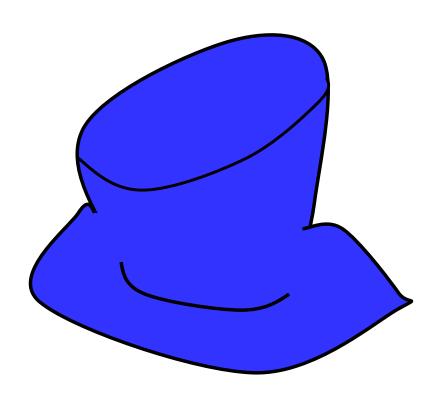
- What do you feel about the suggestion?
- What are your gut reactions?
- What intuitions do you have?
- Don't think too long or too hard.

The Green Hat



- This is the creative mode of thinking.
- Green represents growth and movement.
- In green hat we look to new ideas and solutions.
- Lateral thinking wears a green hat.

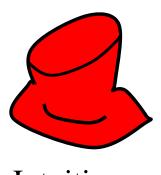
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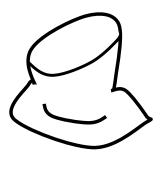


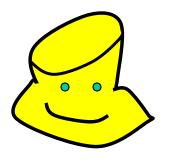
- The control hat, organising thinking itself.
- Sets the focus, calls for the use of other hats.
- Monitors and reflects on the thinking processes used.
- Blue is for planning.

The White Hat calls for information known or needed. "The facts, just the facts."
The Yellow Hat symbolizes brightness and optimism. Under this hat you explore the positives and probe for value and benefit.
The Black Hat is judgment - the devil's advocate or why something may not work. Spot the difficulties and dangers; where things might go wrong. Probably the most powerful and useful of the Hats but a problem if overused.
The Red Hat signifies feelings, hunches and intuition. When using this hat you can express emotions and feelings and share fears, likes, dislikes, loves, and hates.
The Green Hat focuses on creativity; the possibilities, alternatives, and new ideas. It's an opportunity to express new concepts and new perceptions.
The Blue Hat is used to manage the thinking process. It's the control mechanism that ensures the Six Thinking Hats® guidelines are observed.

Six Thinking Hats



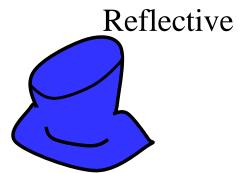




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