

Six thinking hats

The six hats is a method for doing one sort of thinking at a time

- We wear only one hat at a time
- Each color represents a type of thinking
 - White hat
 - Facts, figures, and information
 - What information do we have?
 - What information do we need to get?
 - Red hat
 - Emotions, feelings, hunches and intuition
 - What do I feel about this matter right now?
 - Black hat
 - Caution. Truth, judgement, fitting the facts
 - Does this fit the facts?
 - Will it work?
 - Is it safe?
 - Can it be done?
 - Yellow hat
 - Advantages, benefits, savings
 - Why it can be done
 - Why there are benefits
 - Why it is a good thing to do
 - Green hat
 - Exploration, proposals, suggestions, new ideas
 - Alternatives for action
 - What can we do here?
 - Are there some different ideas?
 - Blue hat
 - Thinking about thinking
 - Control of the thinking process
 - Summary of where we are now
 - Setting the next thinking step
 - Setting the program for thinking
- Combining each of the separate colors produces full color