BRAND GUIDELINES

THE PLENARY, CO.

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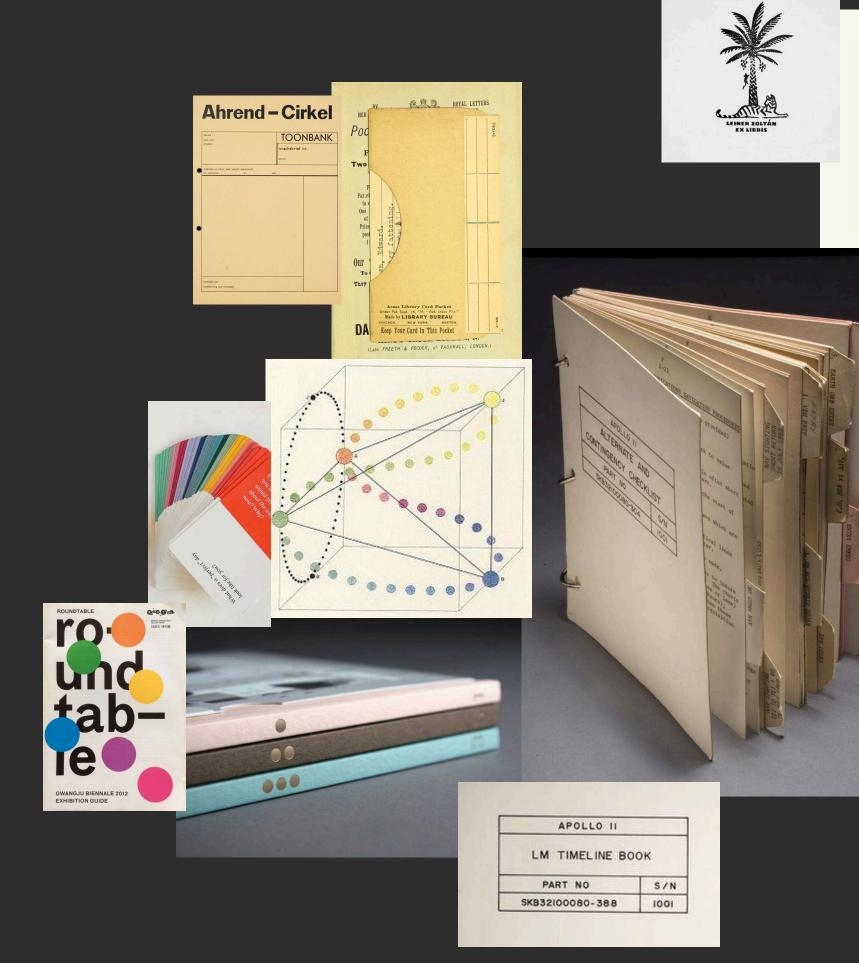
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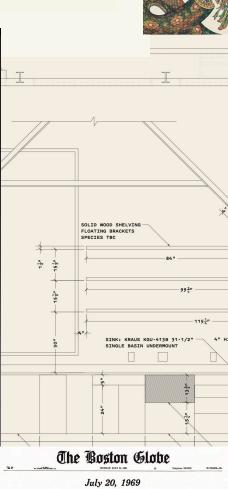




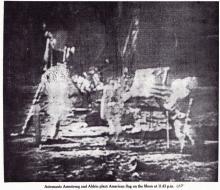


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Key Brand Anchors

• KNOWLEDGE-TENDING

- Archives
- Libraries + Card Catalogs
- Manila Folders
- News and Publications
- Drawn Lines + Connections
- 50/50
 - Technical + Scientific Visual Language
 - Hand-drawn, Lush, Expressive
 Artistry

• WELCOMING AND WARM

- Natural Light
- Aged Paper
- Honest Materials
- Inviting, Approachable, and Accessible
- Clean + Uncluttered





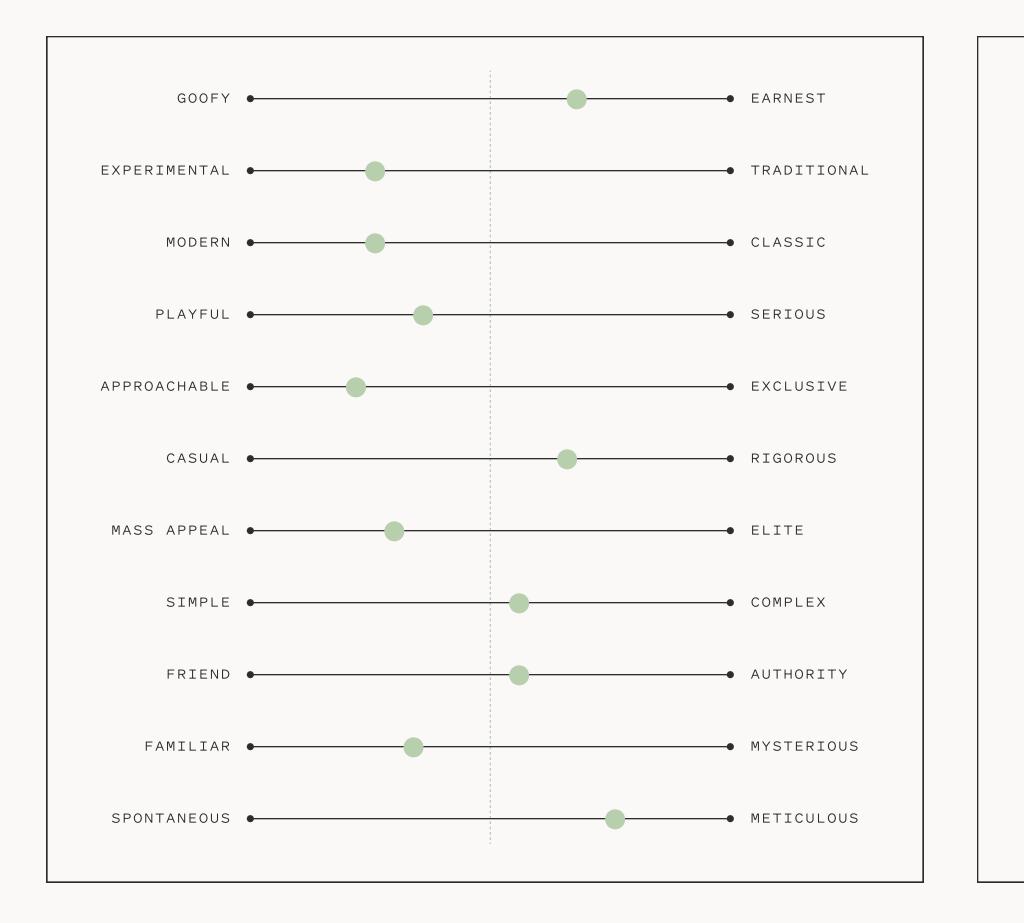
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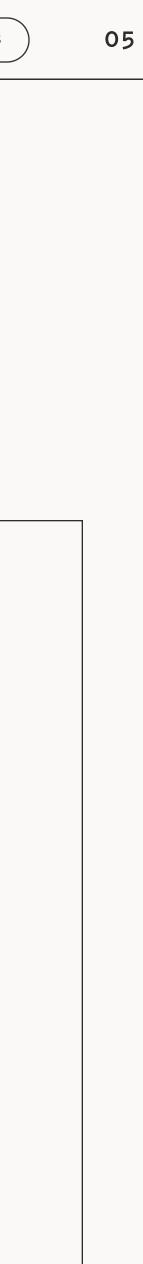
This describes how The Plenary's branding should *feel*, on the whole.

Landscape

The constellation of other brands and institutions alongside which The Plenary sits.







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Color Palette

Our brand color palette was designed to be an elegant yet versatile collection of hues that shine both online and in print. It balances sophistication with functionality, enabling flexibility while staying true to our identity.

PRIMARY COLORS: CORE BRAND

The core brand colors should always be the dominant elements in public-facing materials. Prioritizing these colors strengthens our overall brand presence, builds recognition, and ensures all communications feel cohesive and grounded. These colors are essential for reinforcing our identity and aiding in brand recall.

SECONDARY COLORS: PROGRAMS

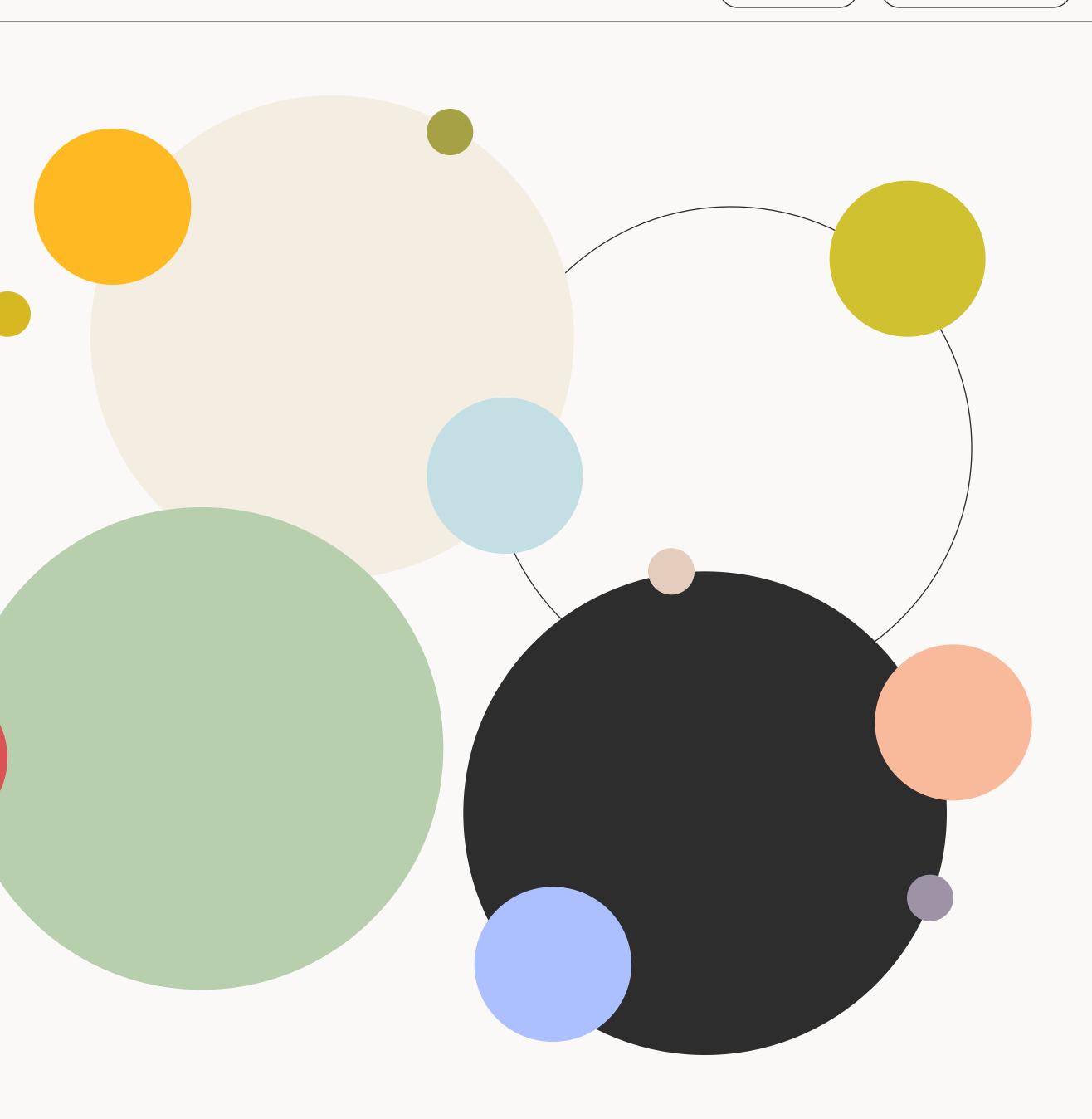
Program colors are intended for use in communications about specific initiatives. These colors bring energy and differentiation to individual programs while staying within the framework of our brand identity. They are a tool for clarity, helping our audience quickly identify and connect with specific aspects of our work. However, they are designed to complement the core palette, ensuring our brand's integrity remains intact.

TERTIARY COLORS: ISSUE AREAS

The issue area colors are exclusively used as tags to categorize content by thematic focus. They help identify the broader context a program, artwork, initiative, or section addresses. This palette ensures clarity when communicating across our four key issue areas. Issue area colors should primarily be used with a Bullet tag, as in these examples (for more info, refer to <u>Design</u> <u>Elements: Archive Dots</u>):

SUSTAINABILITY

- HUMAN SYSTEMS
- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
- NATURE OF KNOWLEDGE





Color Codes

Colors are used differently for web and print. Each palette color has specific codes to ensure consistent reproduction. Use the correct model for digital, print, or cross-media consistency. Here's a quick guide:

RGB + HEX CODES

EXAMPLES: 136, 183, 172 RGB(136,183,172) #88B7AC

These types of color codes are specifically meant for electronic displays such as computer monitors, phones, tablets, or other digital use. Values of RGB (Red, Green, Blue) range from 0-255, and values for hex codes range (in hexadecimal) from 00 to FF.

Uses: web design, digital artwork, social media graphics, multimedia projects, and any screen-based content.

CMYK

EXAMPLES: 26, 0, 6, 28 C26 MO Y6 K28

CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, blacK) is the most common and safest technique for print. It is used in color printing, particularly for producing full-color images in print media. Values range from 0 to 100, and represent percentages of each ink to be used.

Uses: print materials, like brochures, flyers, posters, packaging, business cards, magazines, etc.

CORE BRAND	CHALK RGB 251, 250, 248 CMYK 0, 0, 1, 2 HEX #FBFAF8	
PROGRAM COLORS	CIVIC ENGAGEMENT LABS RGB 250, 186, 156 CMYK 0, 26, 38, 2 HEX #FABA9C	SI RG 22 CM 0, HE #E
ISSUE AREAS	SUSTAINABILITY RGB 166, 161, 68 CMYK 0, 3, 59, 35 HEX #A6A144	

CHARCOAL	SAND	CORE
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CMYK 0, 0, 0, 82	СМҮК 0, 3, 7, 4	СМҮК 11, 0, 16, 19
HEX #2D2D2D	HEX #F5EEE3	HEX #B8CFAE

SHOWCASES	COMMUNITY STUDIOS	I AM A SCIENTIST	CLUBHOUSE / COMMONS	RESEARC
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225, 109, 57	196, 224, 228	172, 192, 255	207, 194, 48	255, 187, 3
СМҮК	СМҮК	СМҮК	СМҮК	СМҮК
0, 52, 75, 12	14, 2, 0, 11	33, 25, 0, 0	0, 6, 77, 19	0, 27, 86,
HEX	HEX	HEX	HEX	HEX
#E16D39	#C4E0E4	#ACCOFF	#CFC230	#FFBB23

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Color Shades

To maintain a clean and cohesive design system, we only use one light shade and one dark shade for each color in addition to the core color. These shades are pre-created and included in this document to ensure dimension and versatility in our palette while keeping it simple and consistent.

SHADES

Whenever possible, use the core color in its purest form as noted on the previous page.

- The light shade is best used for backgrounds, subtle accents, or for creating depth without overwhelming the rest of the layout.
- The dark shade works well for text, borders, and other elements that require contrast or emphasis.
- Use only the pre-defined HEX codes provided in this document. Do not create additional shades or modify codes independently.



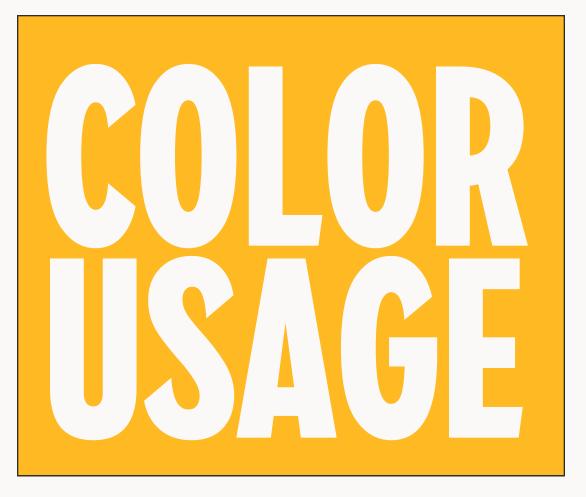
SPECIAL OCCASIONS

In special situations, the creative team may craft unique palettes. These palettes will align with the general theme of the issue area (e.g., greens for sustainability, corals for human systems, purples for science and technology, and golds for nature of knowledge). Alternate colors or palettes may not be used without prior approval from the creative team. Refer to the <u>"Special Color Palettes" section</u> for guidance.





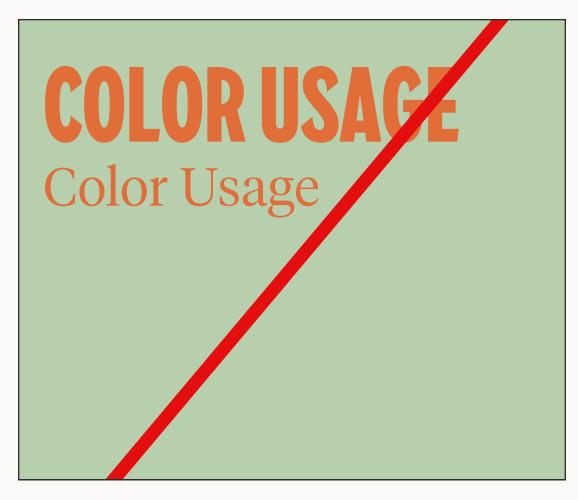
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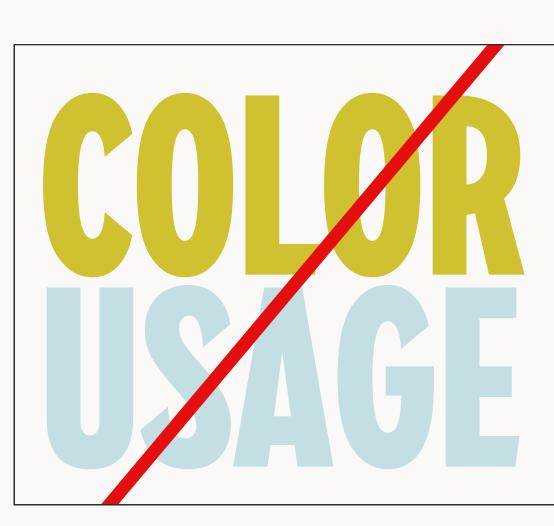


Color Usage

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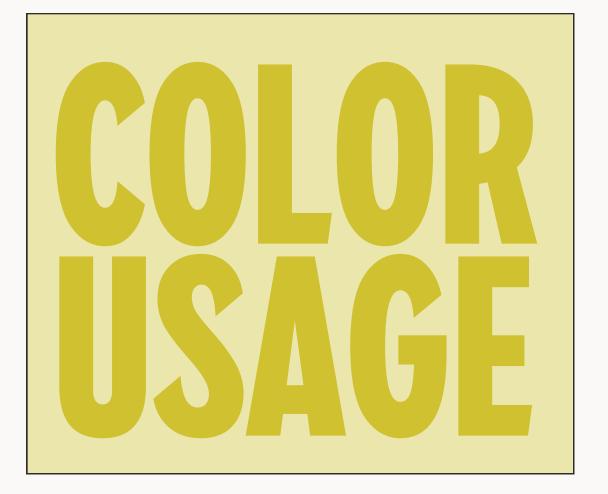




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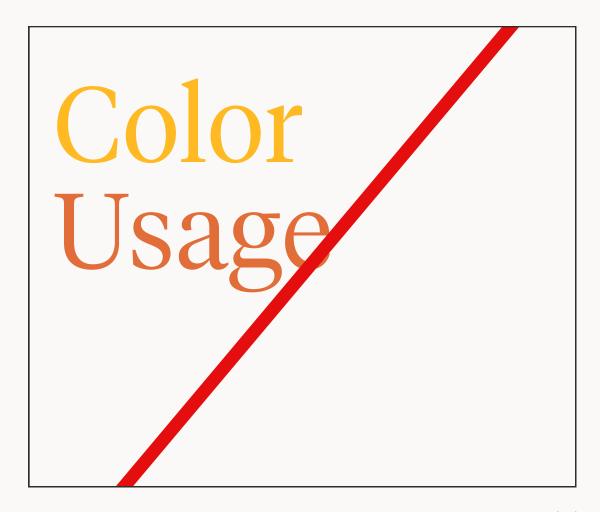
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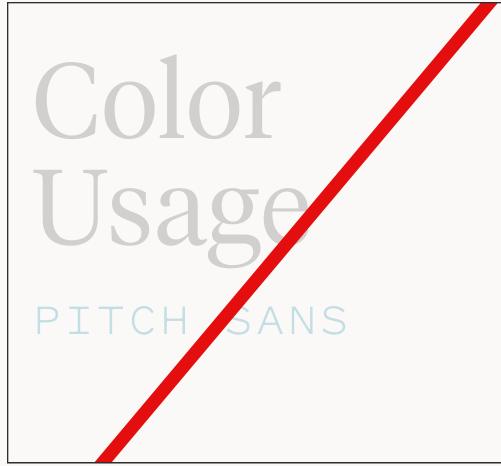
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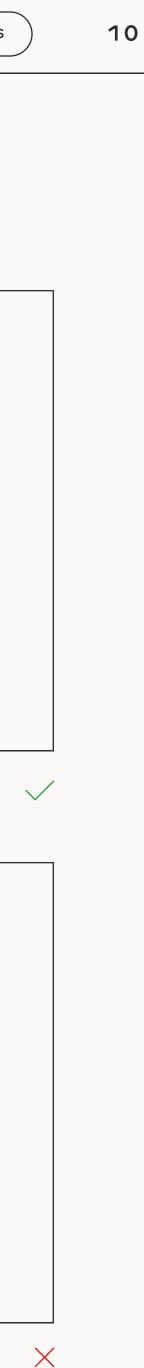
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Don't combine two colors in the same text block. \times **Don't** use color with Pitch.



Contrast + Accessibility

Contrast in colors is critical element for ensuring accessibility in design, particularly in digital interfaces and printed materials. We always want to make sure our content is easily perceivable, including by individuals with visual impairments.

Neutral / Light Mode

When using light backgrounds such as chalk or sand, or anything in the light side of the spectrum, use the charcoal color for body text and either charcoal or a 100% opacity color from the palette for titles.

Dark Mode

When using dark backgrounds such as charcoal, use the chalk color for body text and either chalk, sand, or a 100% opacity color from the palette for titles.

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Color Mode

When creating with colored backgrounds, always keep body copy 100% chalk or charcoal. When using charcoal in the header, it should always be 100% opacity. However, when using chalk in the heading you may play with opacity in increments of 10%.

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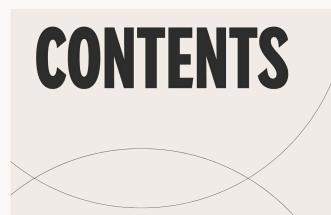




Color Modes

Neutral / Light Mode

Feeling: Light, Warm, Airy **Uses:** Default, General The Plenary, Co. Brand Materials



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Feeling: Dramatic, Exciting, Intriguing **Uses:** Accents, The Clubhouse





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"Truly one of the most thought provoking, well organized events I've attended in a long time! We need more of these!! "

- ANONYMOUS
["ILLUMINATIONS" PARTICIPANT]

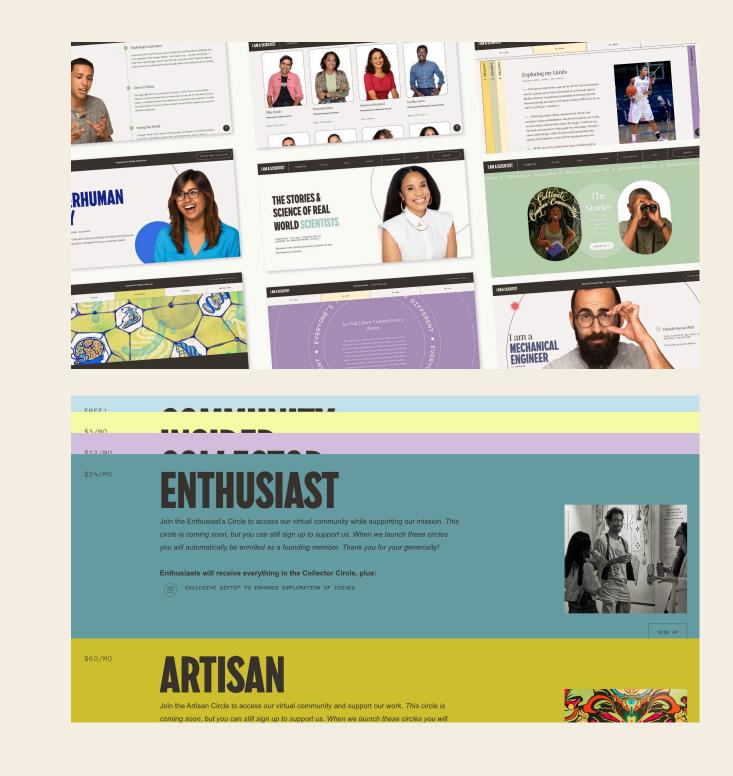




Our curated collection of resources was created to inspire you imagination, bring big ideas into your every life and community, and fostering an environment dedicated to exploring ways to create more fair, sustainable, and beautiful future

Color Mode

Feeling: Energizing, Intentional, Dynamic **Uses:** Engagement, I Am A Scientist



Special Color Palettes

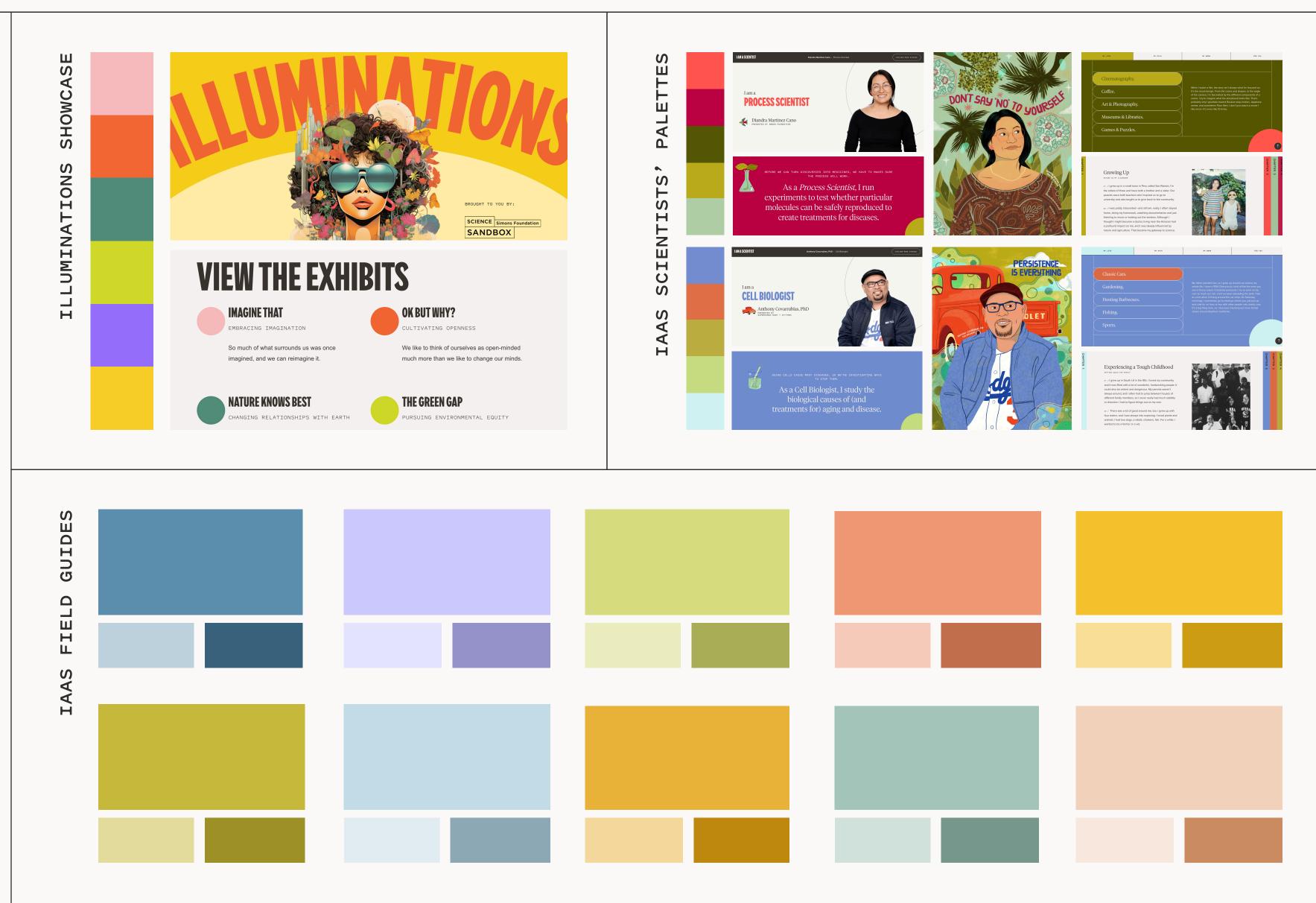
As part of the Plenary's brand toolkit, special color palettes will be introduced for special projects, initiatives, or showcases. These colors are always guided by which Issue Area the project falls into, and follow that Issue Area's general color (green, coral, purple, or gold). Due to the creative nature of each project, those colors may differ drastically from our core palette. We also always ensure that the colors work together in unison.

Special color palettes should only be used in out-of-theordinary circumstances and will be provided by a design lead.

I AM A SCIENTIST

The I Am A Scientist program is unique in that each individual scientist has their own color palette. Their palette consists of one signature color and 3-4 secondary colors. The signature color is chosen from their photos, and the secondary colors are chosen to complement that signature while giving the scientist's palette personality and liveliness. Some variations of palettes that have been used are shown here.

In addition, collections often have their own palette that is derived from the partner or initiative as well as the featured scientists' signature colors.



Each new field guide has a core color, and a light and dark color associated with it. The light and dark colors were made by adding white or black to the core color and adjusting slightly for vibrance.

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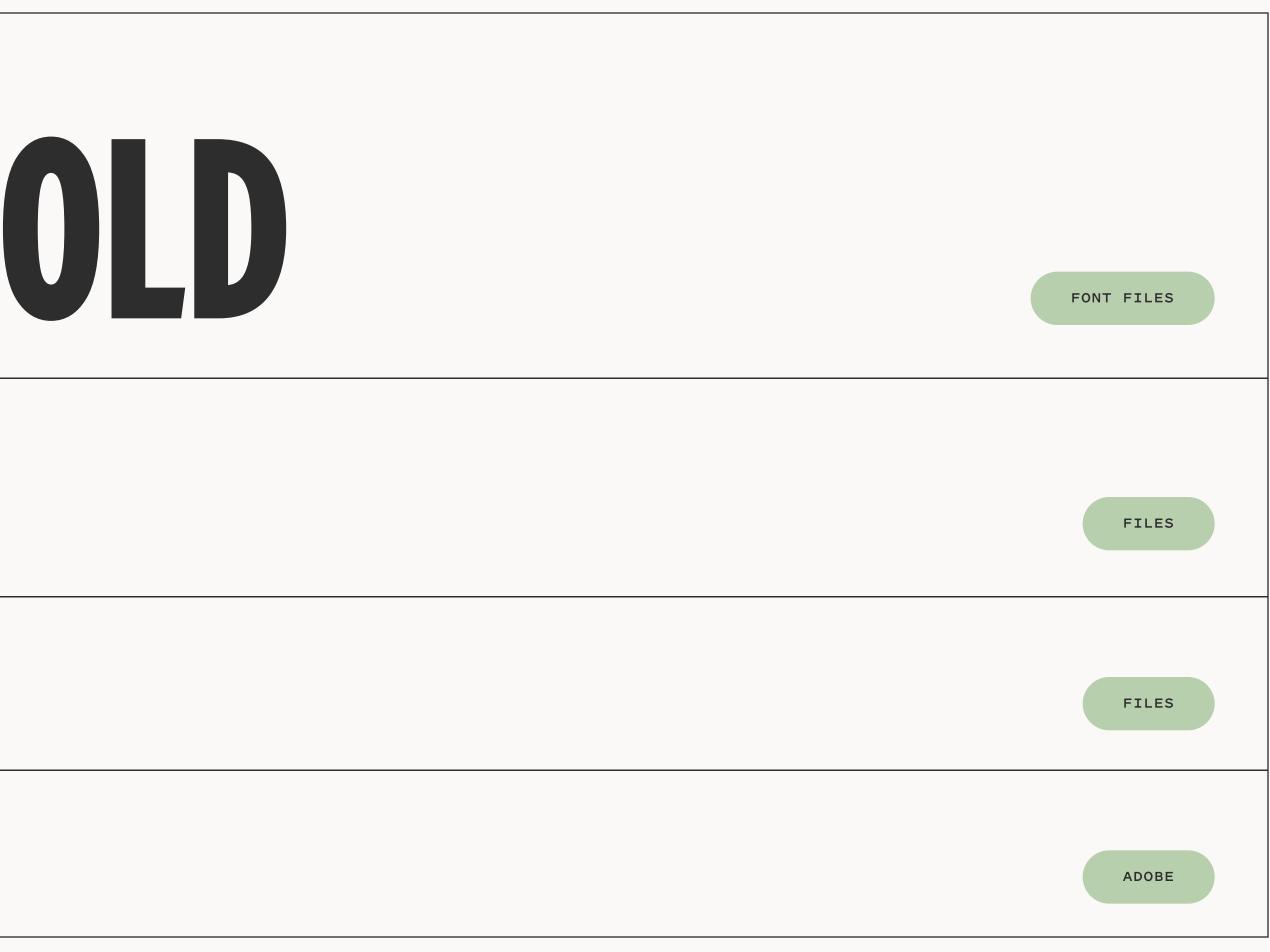
Brand Fonts

VTC TATSURO BOLD Tiempos Headline Light

PITCH SANS REGULAR

Neue Haas Unica W1G Light





Font Specification

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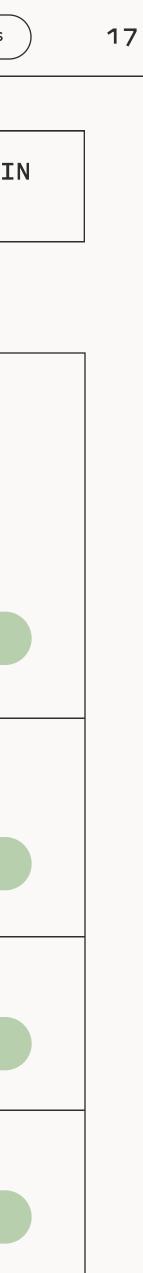
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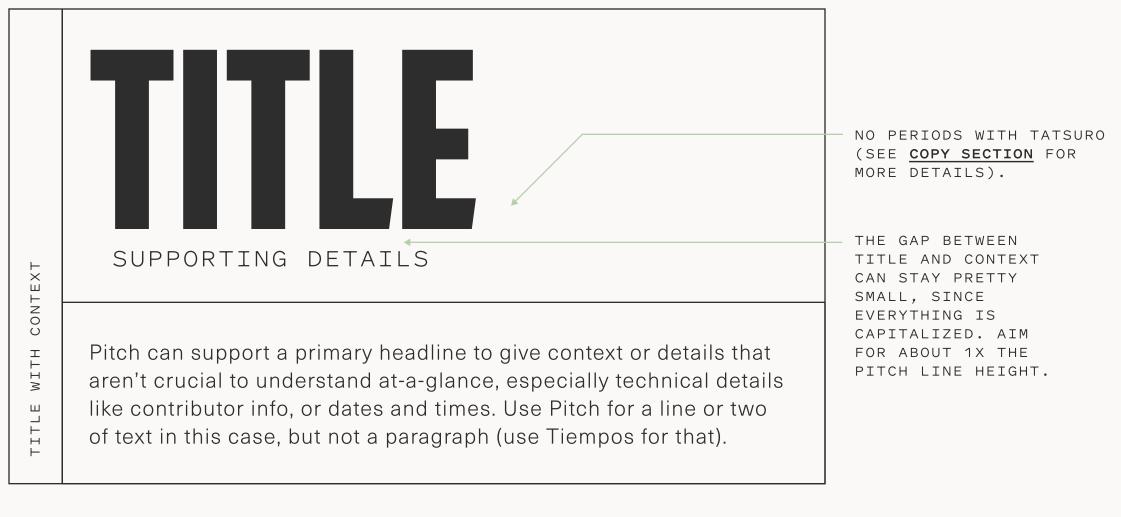
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group need titles of their own. Use Tatsuro for the overarching

title, then use Tiempos for each individual item.

• CERTAIN MEDIA HAVE SPECIFIC CONSTRAINTS - FONTS CAN'T BE TOO SMALL OR THIN

AVOID THE BARRED ZERO IN TITLES: REPLACE ZEROS WITH THE LETTER O IN TATSURO.

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PERIODS ARE OK IN SUBTITLES. OMIT IF IT'S BETWEEN 2-4 WORDS; LONGER THAN THAT USE PERIODS AS NEEDED.

TIEMPOS CAN BE USED FOR TITLES WITHIN A SECTION (IF TATSURO IS USED TO TITLE THE HIGHER-LEVEL GROUP).

BE SURE TO LEAVE SPACE FOR TIEMPOS'S DESCENDERS.

USE PITCH FOR SUBTITLES IN THIS CASE.

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We collaborated with inspiring artists to *creatively explore* worldshaping ideas.

What if we had more interactive ways to explore issues that matter?

We're a nonprofit civic social club for exploring **worldshaping** issues together.

So when he offered to organize a pop-up open mic as an interactive part of our *Intelligent Life* exhibit, we were thrilled. The event was attended by individuals from around San Francisco, including government officials. It was a full house!

We held community nights for: artists, first responders, and the food + beverage industry. Each of these nights were completely free and celebrated different threads throughout our San Francisco community.

Astrid Willis Countee, Data Anthropologist & Technologist **Caroline James,** Director of Sustainability Chris Alice Kratzer, Director, Owlfly LLC Julie Lesnik, Associate Professor of Anthropology

Grounded in insights from neuroscience, psychology, design, and the communities we work with, we scout highly usable and actionable knowledge on evergreen, evidencedriven issues, then design experiences infused with community connection and creative inquiry.

Our mission is to support more equitable and sustainable futures by breaking barriers between critical issues and the communities impacted by them.

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Bold + Italics

USE ITALICS TO FOREGROUND THE SALIENT POINT IN A LONG HEADLINE.

COLOR CAN ALSO BE USED FOR EMPHASIS. SEE COLORED TEXT SECTION FOR MORE DETAILS.

- BOLD CAN ALSO BE USED WITH TIEMPOS FOR EMPHASIS. AVOID MIXING BOLD AND ITALICS.
- USE ITALICS TO REFERENCE THE TITLE OF A PROJECT OR PUBLICATION.
- USE BOLD TO HIGHLIGHT IMPORTANT ITEMS INSIDE A LARGER BLOCK OF TEXT - USEFUL FOR LONG REPORTS.
- USE BOLD TO SEPARATE DIFFERENT TYPES OF INFORMATION (IN THIS CASE, NAME VS ROLE).
- OCCASIONALLY, IT'S OK TO EMPHASIZE A WHOLE SENTENCE, ESPECIALLY IN AN OVERVIEW OR REPORT CONTEXT WHERE THERE'S A LOT OF TEXT.

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We regularly use bold and italics to emphasize words, add energy to blocks of text, and call out salient pieces of information. For Pitch, only use bold (no italics). For Tiempos and Neue Haas Unica, you may use either bold or italics. Refer to the font specifications page for styling details. Avoid mixing bold and italic in the same block of text - too many applied styles can become distracting and disruptive to the flow of reading.

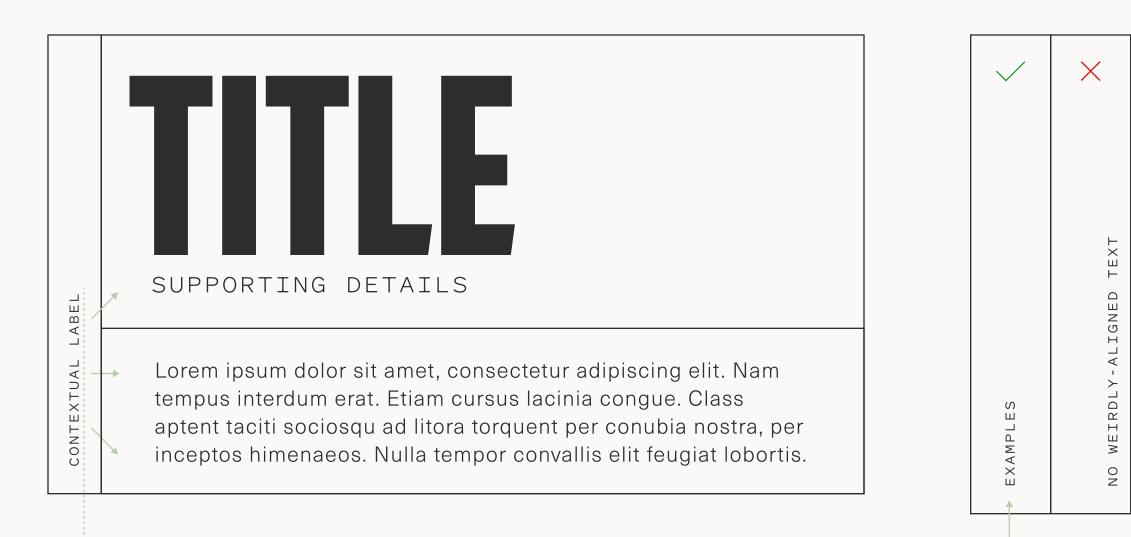
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ARGE EXCEPT ТН ES OR CONTENT.

Text Orientation



VERTICAL TEXT: ALWAYS ROTATE COUNTER-CLOCKWISE

We use vertical text in our grid systems and sporadically elsewhere to add visual intrigue or for practical reasons (e.g. to add a label or context to content when there's not much space).

We read left-right and top-down, so our eyes automatically move in those directions. When text is vertical, we naturally associate it with whatever's "below" its baseline (the bottom edge of the letters). In this case, the vertical text label works to introduce the content to its right; we read the label and instinctively look for the next line. Typically, vertical text will be used in this way (rotated counter-clockwise by 90°, reading from the bottom-up). Only rotate text the other way if it absolutely needs to be on the right-hand side, as in a photo credit.

LONG TEXT BECOMES HARD TO READ WHEN IT'S VERTICAL	×
DON'T SWITCH DIRECTIONS OR JUSTIFICATION	×
NO VERTICAL TATSURO	×
Or Tiempos	×
Or Neue Haas Unica	×



BECAUSE THIS TEXT IS ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE, IT SHOULD BE ROTATED CLOCKWISE (READING TOP-TO-BOTTOM)

ONLY USE PITCH FOR VERTICAL TEXT, AND

KEEP IT SHORT!



Paragraph Formatting

HEADLINE WITH A SUBTITLE				The non-aligned edge of a paragraph (the right edge, for text that's aligned left) is called the "rag" in typography. An uneven rag – one that has big gaps in where the ends of the lines fall – increases reader fatigue and decreases readability. Where possible, adjust the sizes of text boxes (or adjust justification settings if software allows) to balance these ragged edges and avoid lines that are just one or two words. These single-word lines are traditionally called "widows" if they fall at the end of a paragraph, or "orphans" if it's the first line of a paragraph cut off in a multi-column layout.				
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	In general, text is always aligned left. Some special social or event-specific templates might feature a small center-aligned text element, but for most cases, align left. In this case, the primary headline ("TITLE") is given a slight negative indent, since the vertical bar of the T has such a dominant visual presence. Ask a design lead for guidance if needed.	ADJUST THE WID BOXES OR MANUA LINE BREAKS TO WELL-BALANCED	ALLY : D Ensi	INSERT	THIS IS A POORLY- BALANCED RAG.	THIS IS A GOOD	₹AG.	
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*IN TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS, LONGER NOTES OR PARAGRAPHS IN PITCH ARE OK

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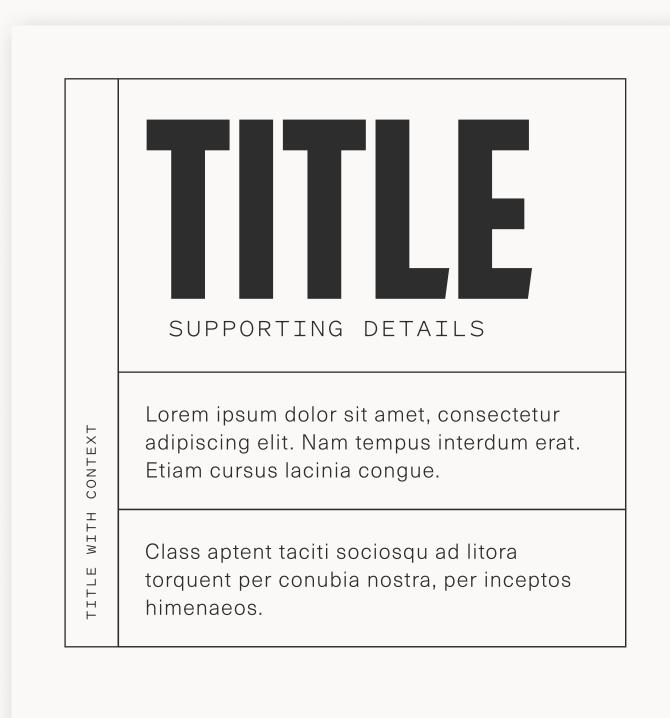
Grid Types

Block

Blocks are a good multipurpose grid system for defining coherent blocks of content. Give them a generous and even amount of padding around the edges, so that each block retains its own visual unity. This type is especially good for breaking up complex information into more easily parse-able chunks.

Full

Full grids take over the whole page or section; they're good for a more minimal approach, and because they're simpler, can be a little easier to implement successfully. Use this type when you want to clearly delineate different pieces of content, but don't need more than one block on the page.





An important tagline.

Supporting text. Vitae magna ac nulla feugiat malesuada. Sed sem mi, hendrerit a auctor sit amet, tristique vel elit. Duis suscipit, arcu gravida.

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Ticket

Tickets are the simplest possible grid in our system: they consist of a small header bar and a larger body section. These are super versatile, and can be used in a wide variety of contexts. As long as the information you're trying to convey is fairly straightforward, a Ticket grid is often a great option. They work well with solid color fills – the outer charcoal border is optional if you're using a fill color that provides enough contrast with the background.

BRIEF TITLE

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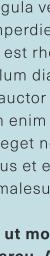
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Incorrect Grid Usage

No borderless Blocks



No standalone boxes/lines Don't nest or mix and match grid types



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Grids + Lines



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PADDING AND WIDTHS

As a rule of thumb, try to keep vertical padding (above and below text) at least 1em. Sometimes, though, it's easier or more practical to use a more round number – in this example, we're using multiples of 20px as the standard: 10px, 20px, 40px. Using a reference like this (whether it's an em or a fixed pixel dimension) keeps the overall layout coherent and clean.

VERTICAL ALIGNMENT

Align headlines, labels, and supporting details to the bottom of their cells. This can work well to add some visual movement and reinforce the "archive" aspect of the brand. Keep longer bodies of text centered in their cells with an even amount of vertical padding.

HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT

Unless there's a clear reason not to, keep text aligned left. See the text alignment page for more info.

Dividing Lines

Also in our design arsenal is the "thick bar." It's used when we need to create a cleaner layout, or when a grid system isn't practical. The thickness should fall between the letter weights of Tiempos and Tatsuro; a good starting point is 0.5rem – in this case, the body text is 16px, so the line weight is 8px.

This layout is particularly useful for applications like wall text, where we want to create a strong visual anchor and lots of thin lines would be impractical and distracting.

Only use the bar once per layout, to divide a hero or headline section from body content. If you need more subdivisions, consider using white space or including a grid system.

SECONDARY DIVIDING BAR

In some cases, like this set of annotations, a second, thinner line can be used. In this case, it's not in the same graphic element as the thicker bar, so it doesn't compete visually.

NO MORE THAN 3 WEIGHTS

There should never be more than 3 line weights per page or layout. 1px or hairline is our standard for grids, the thicker bar can be used for cleaner divisions, and this secondary bar if more clarity is needed. Anything more adds confusion.

BALANCE AND CONFLICT

Ensure that the weights of the dividing bars act to balance and complement the other elements on the page – text, images, graphics, and so on. In this case, the body text is small and light, and the bold Pitch subheaders are still fairly thin, so the line is 4px (instead of 6px, which would be 0.5em). Ensure, too, that the weights aren't close enough to each other to conflict – i.e. a mix of 1px, 2px, and 8px wouldn't work because the 1px and 2px widths would clash. LEAVE PLENTY OF WHITE SPACE (IN THIS CASE, 48PX OR 3REM) ON EITHER SIDE. SECTION TOP

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PROJECT

WHAT A COOL PROJECT.

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Archive Dots

The "Archive Dot" is a small but mighty tool in the Plenary branding system. We use them next to titles the way you might use an asterisk, or a footnote, to indicate that there's more to the story. Like color-coded moving stickers, these small dots can add a useful layer of meaning to complex layouts, tying disparate pieces of information together in a simple way that *also* adds a pop of color.

Here are some ways we use the Archive Dot:

Bullet

Archive Dots can be used in place of bullets, where each list item needs to reference a specific Issue Area or program. To use the archive dot alongside text, use Unicode U+25CF. Scale the text size of the circle such that it's just a hair over the line height. In Figma, use the relevant "Archive Dot" text style. Bullets can be used in a list or individually. Use only with Pitch.

Sticker

The most common use of the Archive Dot is as a sticker, in the upper-right corner of its container. Of course, this only works if there *is* a container, like a grid cell or menu item. The diameter of the circle is 1em, or 20px in this case.

Header

Archive Dots can be used as a larger label on the left-hand side of text for section titles and multi-line headers. Software permitting, give the circle a negative offset, pushing it to the left of the text so that the alignment of the text remains consistent. Diameter is 1em, offset by -0.5em.

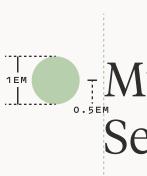
- GENERAL PURPOSE
- CORE PROGRAMMING
- SUSTAINABILITY
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- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
- NATURE OF KNOWLEDGE



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Mauris ut molestie lacus, eget mattis arcu.



Project Tag

Archive Dots can similarly be used on headlines, acting as a superscript to Tatsuro or Tiempos. The diameter should be 0.25em (in the first example, 24px because the Tatsuro is set at 96px). Align the center of the circle with the cap height of the text, and insert 0.125em (12px in the Tatsuro example) of padding between the text and circle.

Custom

Occasionally, we use Archive Dots in a more deliberate, graphic way. Consult with a design lead to determine whether this strategy is appropriate for your use case, and how to implement it.

- Multi-line Section Title

The Plenary, Co. is a civic arts and sciences nonprofit building a cultur public imagination around worldsha issues. We design vibrant programs experiences that bring artists, expe and communities together to creat explore civically-critical ideas in pu of a more equitable, sustainable, ar informed future.



Greenwashing helps companies protect the status quo

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Big Circles

Large circles can add movement and vitality to a layout. It's a visual metaphor that alludes to Venn Diagrams, spotlights, and portals onto new perspectives. They also provide a softer offset to the grids' rigidity. Circles should be larger than their container and engage at least two edges. Circles can be centered either vertically or horizontally, but not both – avoid too much symmetry. Always use true circles (no ovals, ellipses, or rounded rectangles).

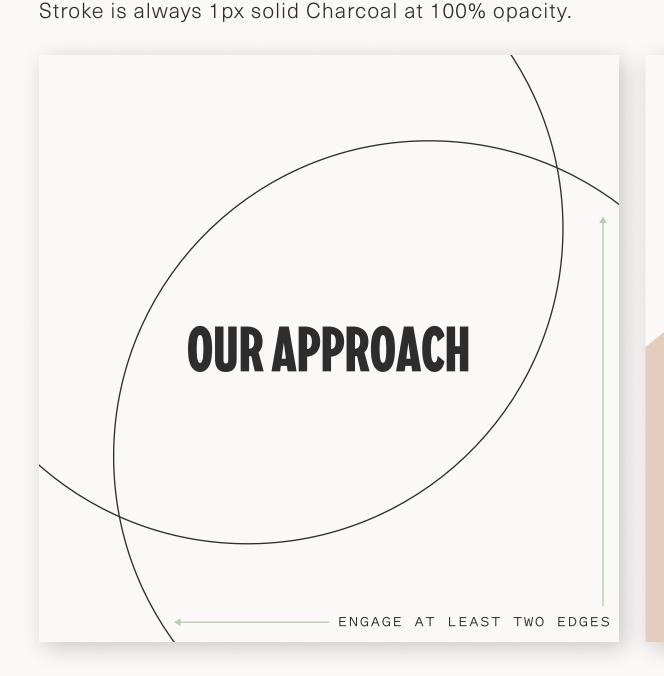
Strokes

Circles with a thin stroke can be a good way to add some dynamism without a heavy color block. These also work well as a background - use 1, 2, or 3 circles to add some life to a blank space.

Fills

Circles can also be used with a relevant color fill, as a Circles also make a great container or mask for photos, section divider or when some color is needed and there humanizing the expected rectangular or square containers in which we so often encounter photography. are no photographs.

No stroke when using color fills.



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Photos

No stroke when using as a mask for photography.

Overlays

When circles overlap each other, and one of them contains either a color fill or a photograph, the circle "on top" should have a fill the same color as the layout background, at 20% opacity.





Pills

Pills are a good way to soften some of the sharpness of our lines and grids. They can be large, as in a title bar or hero image, or small, as in buttons or lists. Calls to action, buttons, and other interaction points are always pills. When using large headline-style pills, only show half the pill. Include both halves for smaller applications. The rounded portion of a pill should always be a true half-circle (no ovals, ellipses, or rounded rectangles).

Title Bar

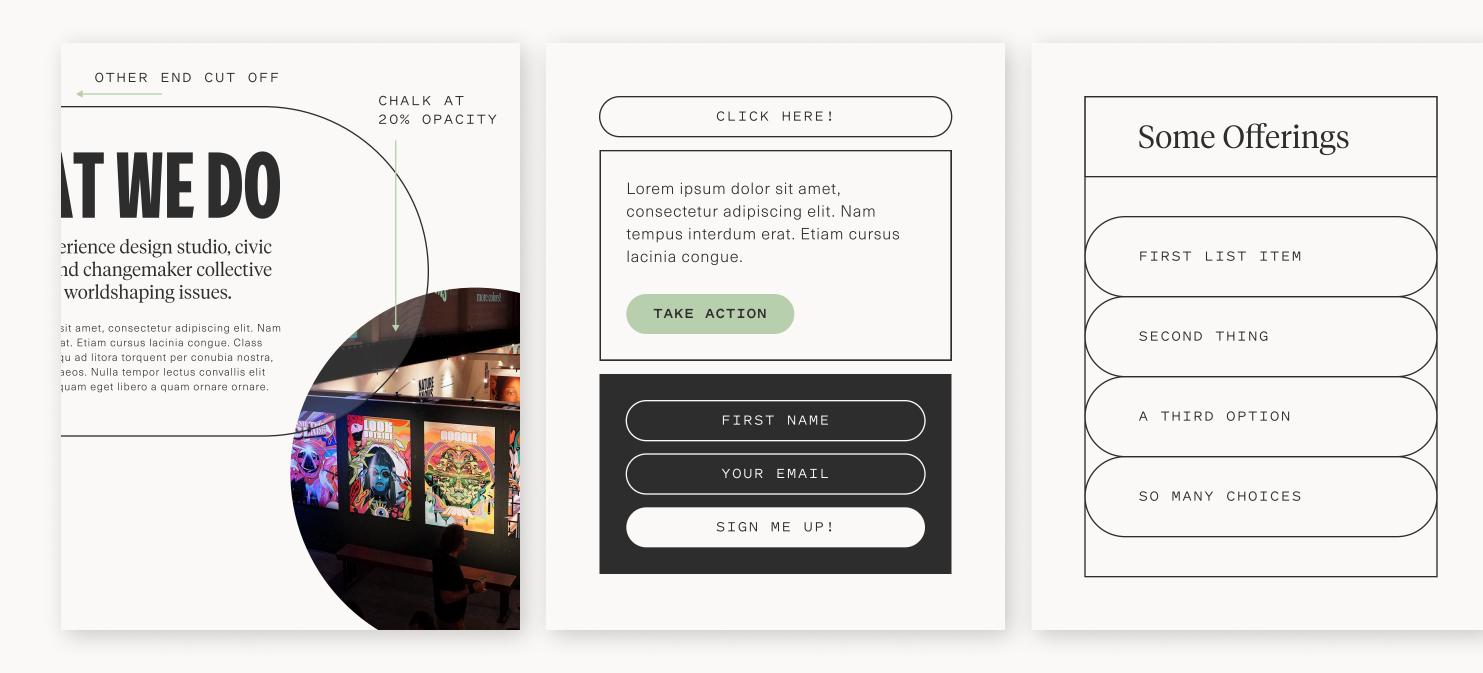
Use a large pill with a hairline (1px solid Charcoal) stroke for title slides, hero sections, and headlines. This works especially well when overlaid onto a circlemasked photo.

Buttons

All of our buttons and calls-to-action use the pill shape. Except in rare cases, buttons always use Pitch. Text is centered vertically, and aligned either left or center depending on the context.

Lists

like a Ticket.



Photos

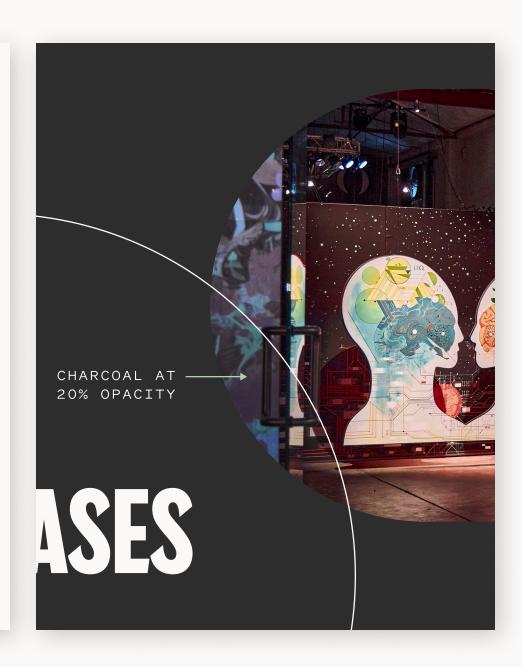
Pills, when they're used as buttons, can be stacked in a list. Often, this list will be embedded within a minimal grid structure

As with circles, pills can be a useful container for photos, especially in headline sections. Engage the edge of the frame so as to only show one side of the pill.

Overlays

Pills can overlap just like circles. The pill or circle "on top" should have a fill the same color as the layout background, at 20% opacity.







Other Accents

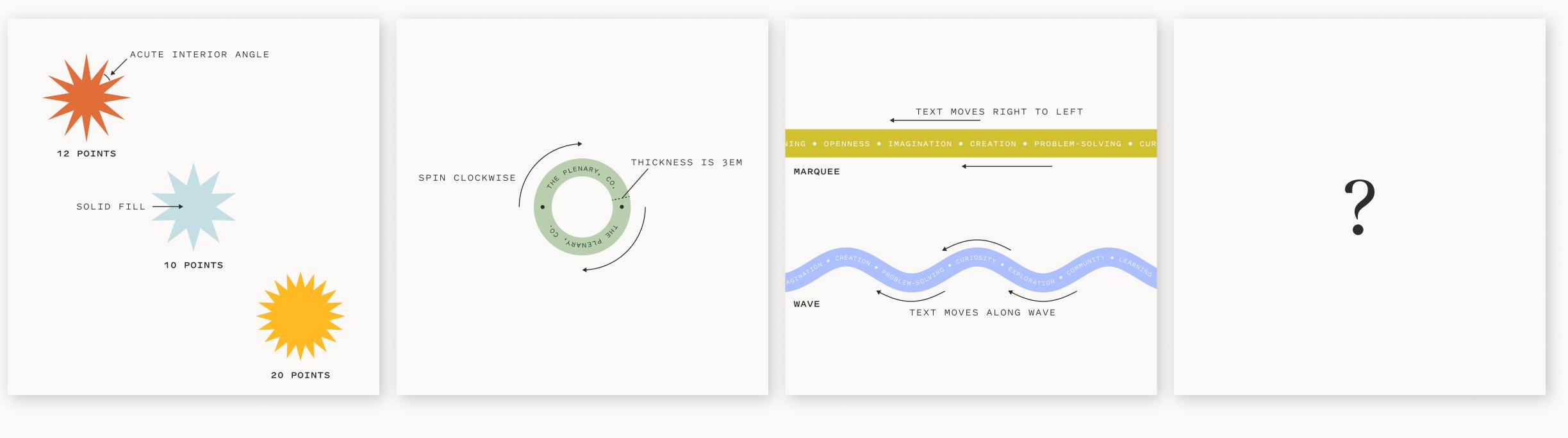
In addition to all our other brand elements, we sometimes use colorful or animated accents to add a bit of extra zazz to layouts that feel flat. Use these sparingly, and always consult with a design lead before publishing; too much zazz and layouts can become distracting and chaotic. Always prioritize legibility and accessibility.

Stars

Use stars with an even number of points (at least 8) as a section divider or eye-catching sticker. Stars are always filled with a solid color; never use strokes, gradient fills, or photo fills.

Donuts

A spinning wheel makes a great loading icon, but can also act as a playful stamp-like addition to a layout. The thickness of the filled portion should be 3x the size of the text, which should be centered within the fill. Use slightly undersized circles in the same color as the text to divide text snippets. Spin clockwise.



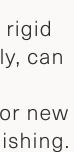
Star angles are always acute (<90°).

Waves + Marquees

Custom

These are a great way to add a bit of movement horizontally across a layout. They should scroll from right to left; there should be enough items in the list that the repeating pattern isn't immediately obvious. Use a circle of slightly smaller diameter than the line height to divide words.

Playfulness is a crucial counterpoint to our more rigid graphic structures, and, implemented thoughtfully, can make our outward communication much more accessible and appealing. There's always room for new accents - just run it by a design lead before publishing.





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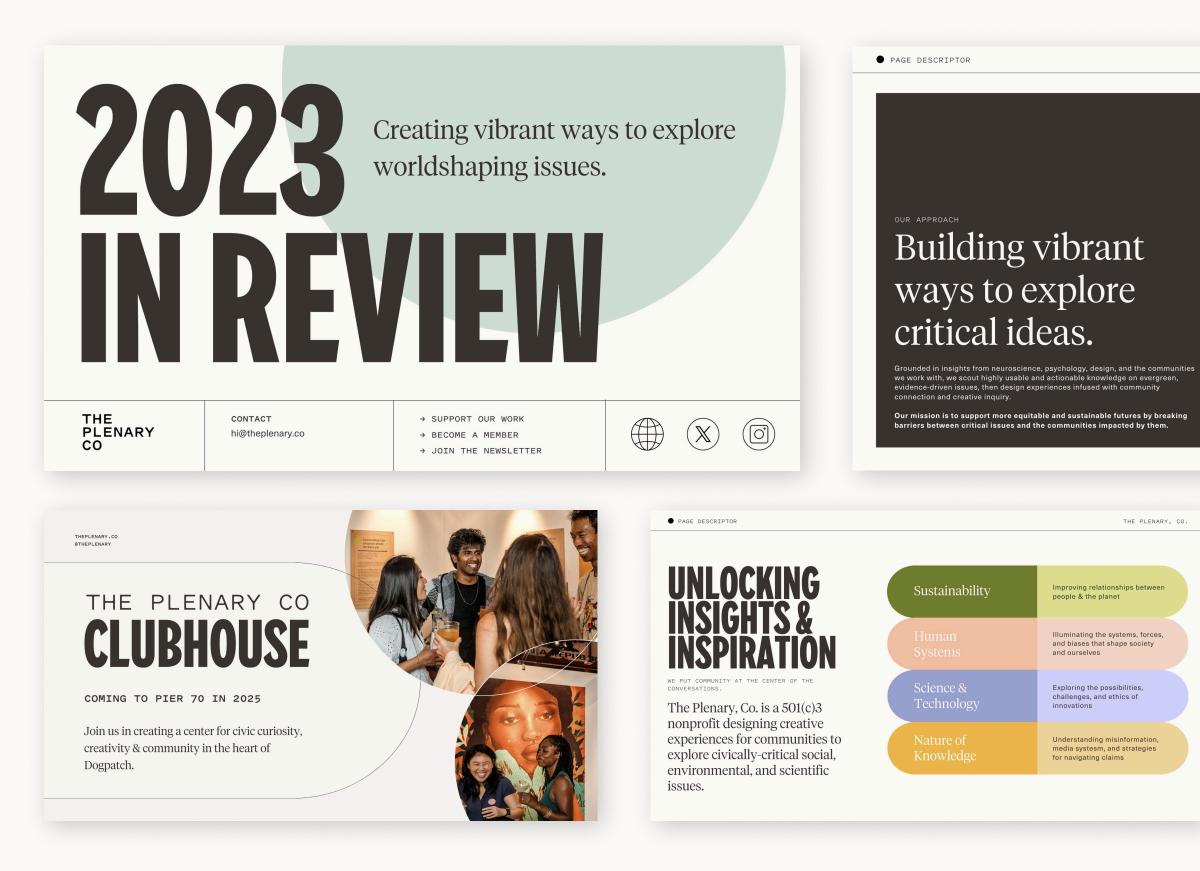


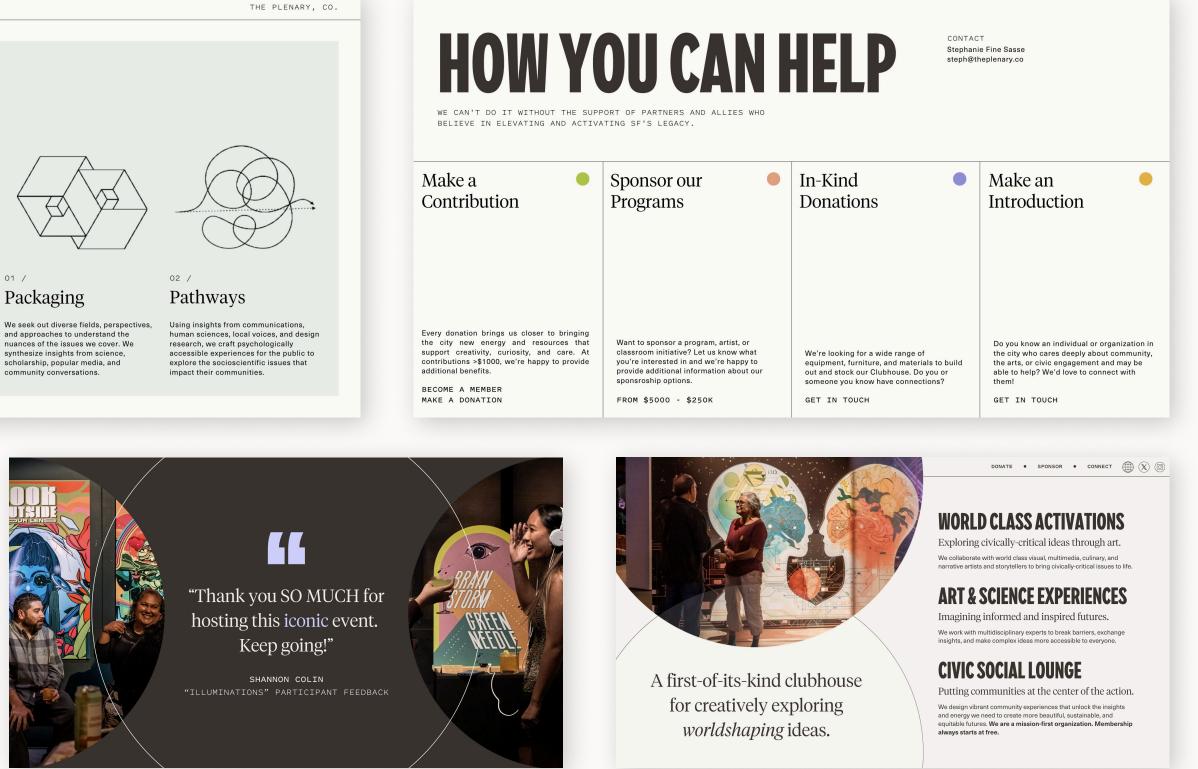
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Slide Decks







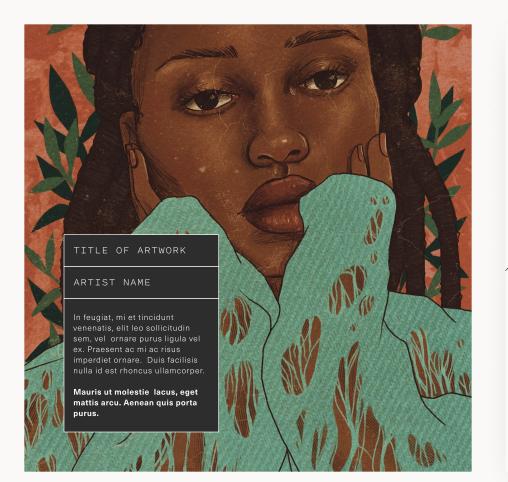








Social



• TEAM SPOTLIGHT



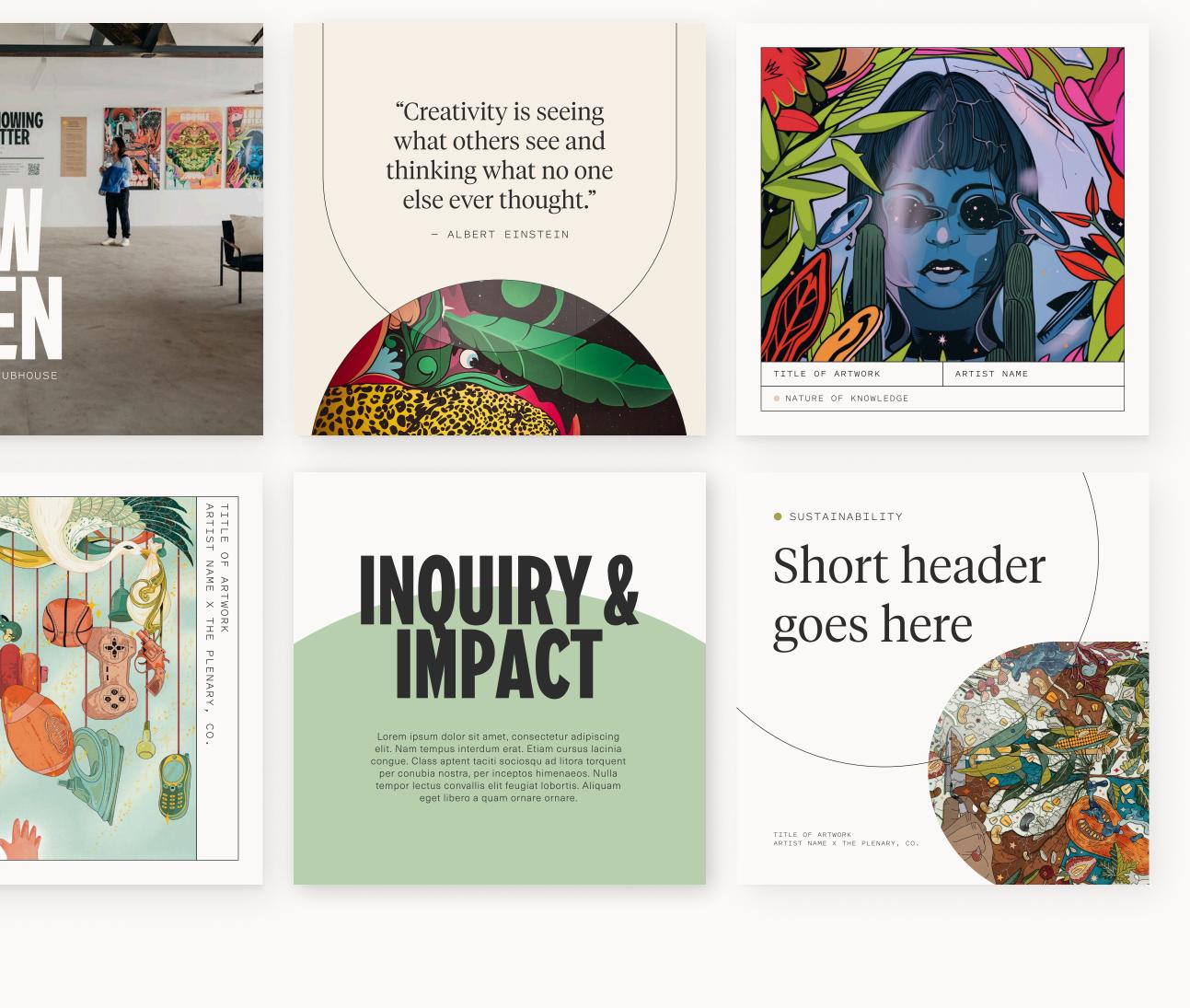
"A reader lives *a thousand lives* before he dies."

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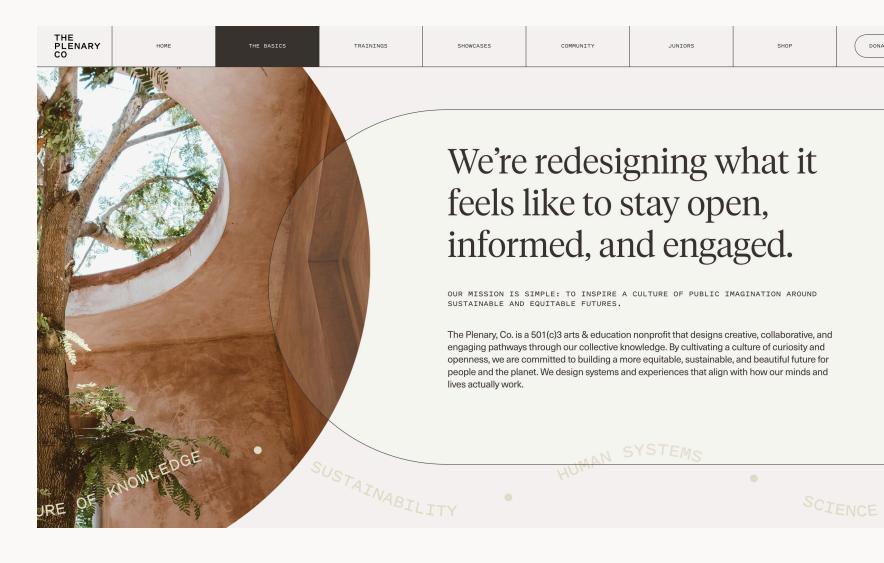
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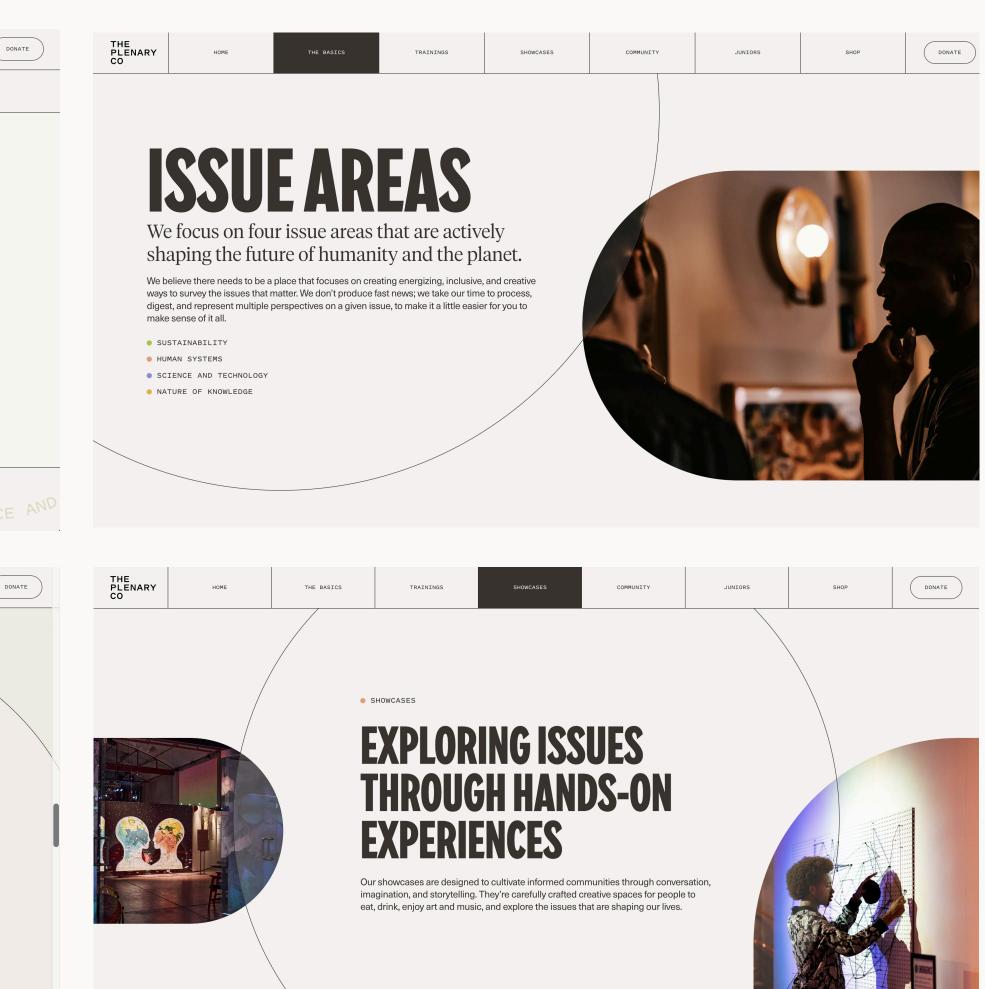
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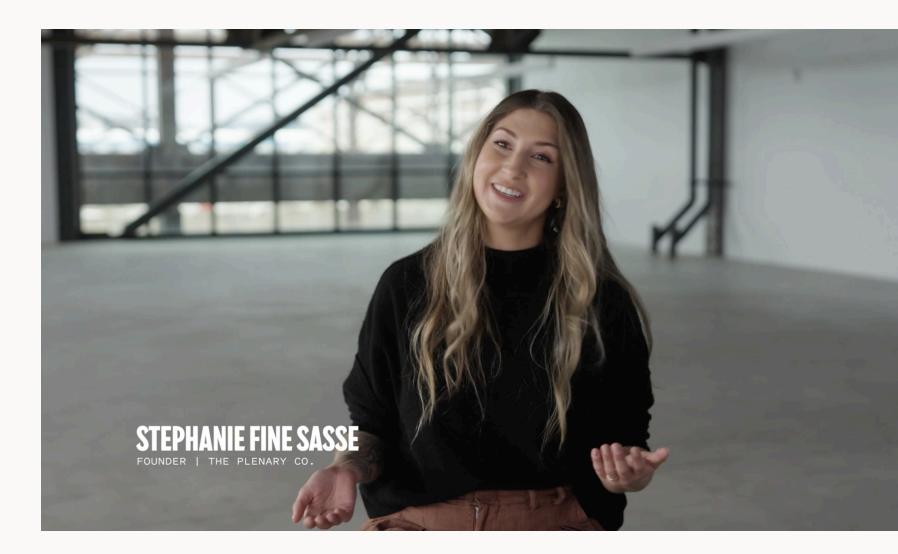
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