

## Tips for making a logo

- 1) Keep it simple
- 2) Worry about color 2nd. Make something in B&W 1st.
- 3) Be aware of the aspect ratio of the logo. Anything from Square to 1.6 wide to 1 tall works best for web. Try to avoid wider or taller logos.
- 4) Make sure it is legible and recognizable in very small sizes (a few centimeters tall and wide)
- 4) The logo doesn't have to be a pictorial representation of what the organization does. See Apple, FedEx, McDonalds, Nike for example
- 5) There is no trademark, so feel free to use font-only choices. Even Helvetica with minor spacing (kerning), glyph (shape) and ligature tweaks make up some of the most famous logos in the world: American Apparel, The North Face, Skype, Microsoft and others <https://99designs.ca/blog/creative-inspiration/famous-logos-made-with-helvetica/>
- 6) Design with a vector graphics package. Inkscape is free (works best on Windows). Adobe Illustrator and Affinity Designer are good options. Microsoft Word or PowerPoint are not. No clip art.
- 7) If you're having trouble getting started, get some ideas using an online logo generation service (free to use, you only need to pay to download the assets). eg: <https://www.onlinelogomaker.com/> <https://logojoy.com/> <https://www.freelogoservices.com/> <https://spark.adobe.com/make/logo-maker/>

Some links:

Font moods: <https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/558798266250742618/>

How to design a logo using the golden

ratio: <https://www.behance.net/gallery/10698637/how-to-design-a-logo-using-golden-ratio>

<http://justcreative.com/2017/06/28/logo-design-tips-for-small-business-owners/>