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**Six Hats Thinking**





# Objectives

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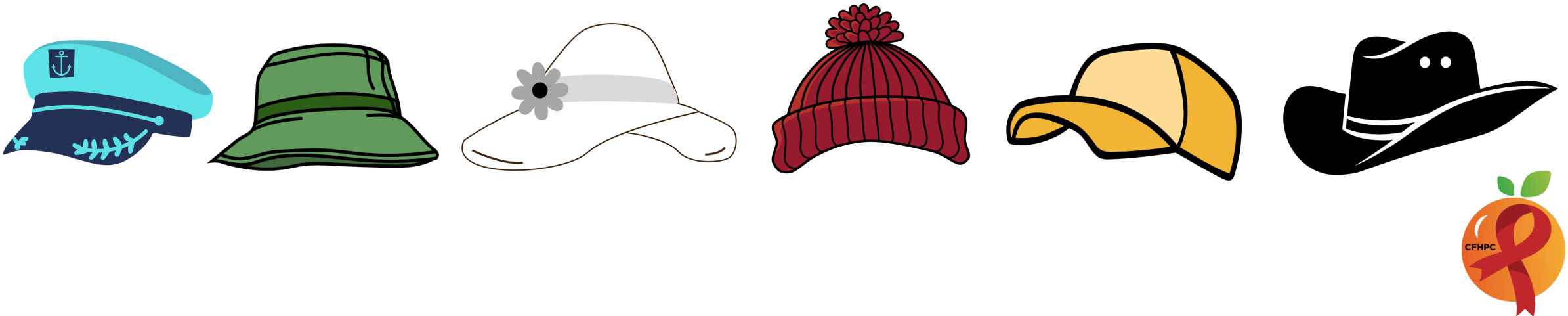
- Understand the Six Hat Thinking model
- Review the goals of each hat color
- Incorporate the model into WAD planning



# What is Six Hat Thinking?

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- The Six Thinking Hats is a tool that helps people consider problems or decisions from different perspectives. Each hat represents a different style of thinking or role and is associated with a color.

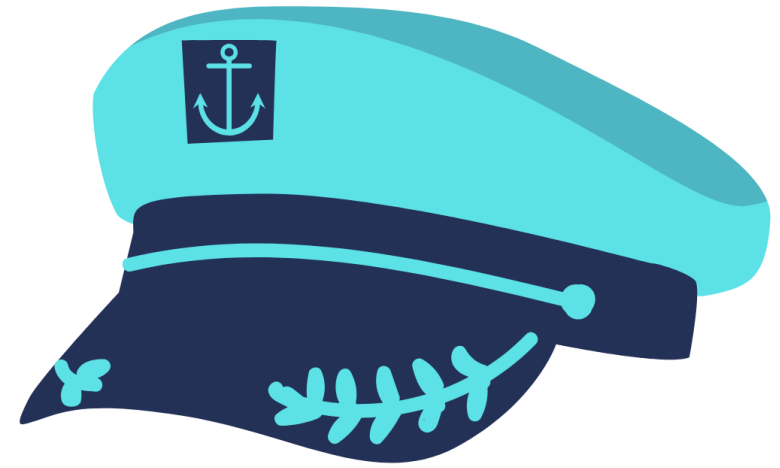


# Blue Hat (Planner & Process)

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- Organizes and plans the group's thinking
- Sets the focus and tone
- Monitors participation
- Facilitates and contributes

**Rules:** Stop and redirect conversation that does not adhere to the rules of a hat being used at any time.

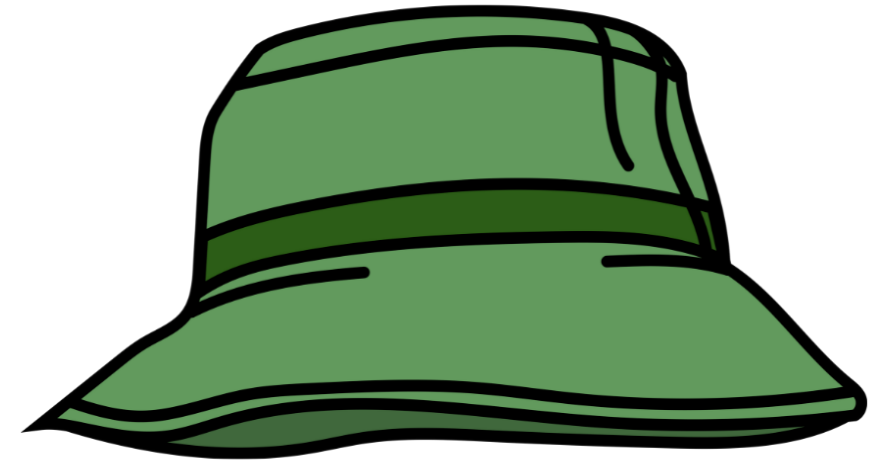


# Green Hat (Creativity)

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- Creative thinking, brainstorming, innovations, alternatives, solutions
- Challenges the status quo
- Ideas generated do not need to be feasible

**Rules:** Never immediately follow with a Black Hat. Push the boundaries of your brainstorming and focus on quantity over quality.

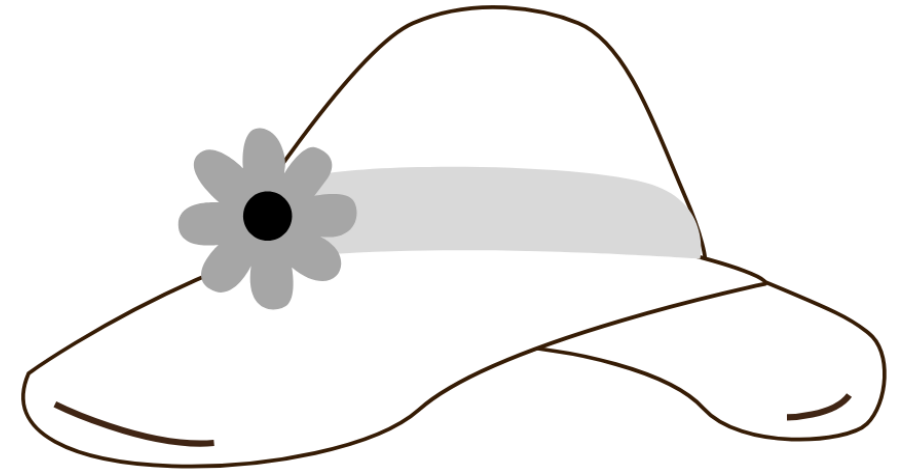


# White Hat (Facts)

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- Information, data, and facts
- Neutral or objective in tone
- Includes relevant OPVs (Other People's Views) of those not present
- Flags where assumptions might be at play

**Rules:** Stay factual and relevant, ask for OPVs, check for bias.

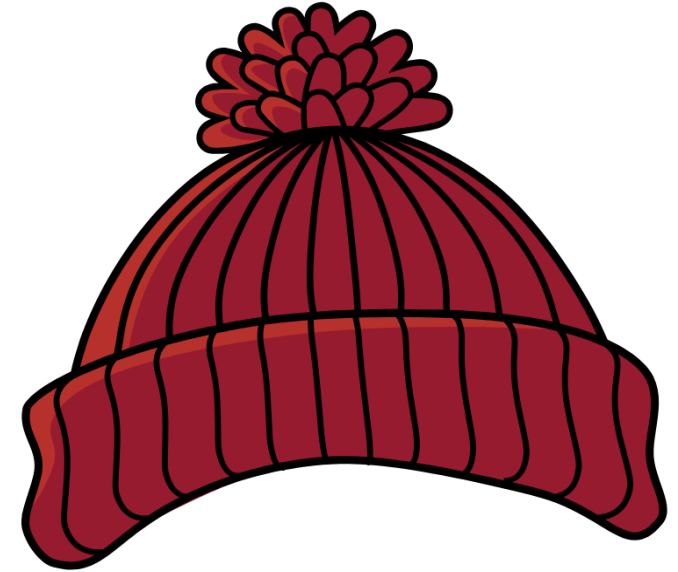


# Red Hat (Feelings)

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- Emotions, feelings, hunches, intuition, instinct
- Best expressed in 1-2 words
- Can also be used to vote on an issue or prioritize lists

**Rules:** Share your own feelings, but don't comment or judge OPVs, continue checking in as emotions can change, state what or how you feel without explaining why.

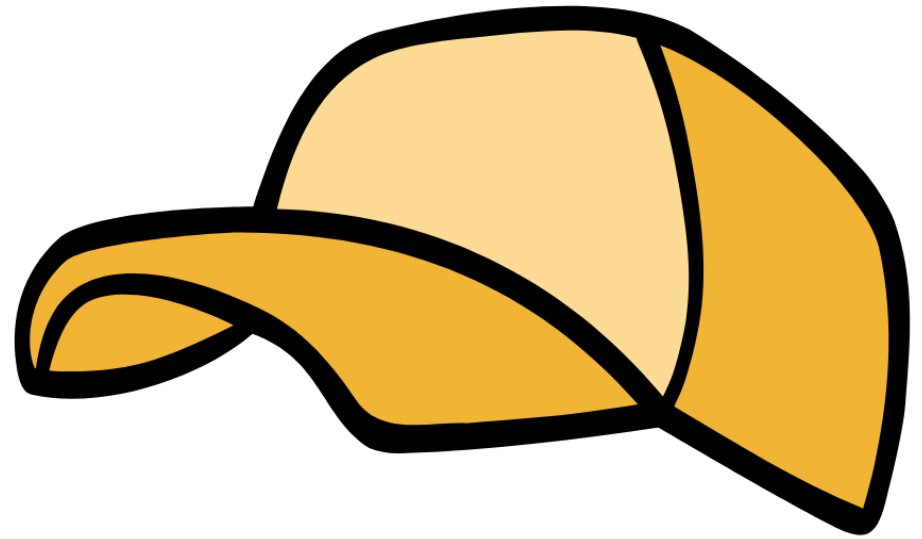


# Yellow Hat (Benefits)

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- Benefits, positives, advantages, value, upside potential, and feasibility
- Based on logic or data, not emotions
- Participation ≠ Support

**Rules:** Guard against intrusion of downsides, use as a bias buster to explore positives that others may be ignoring.



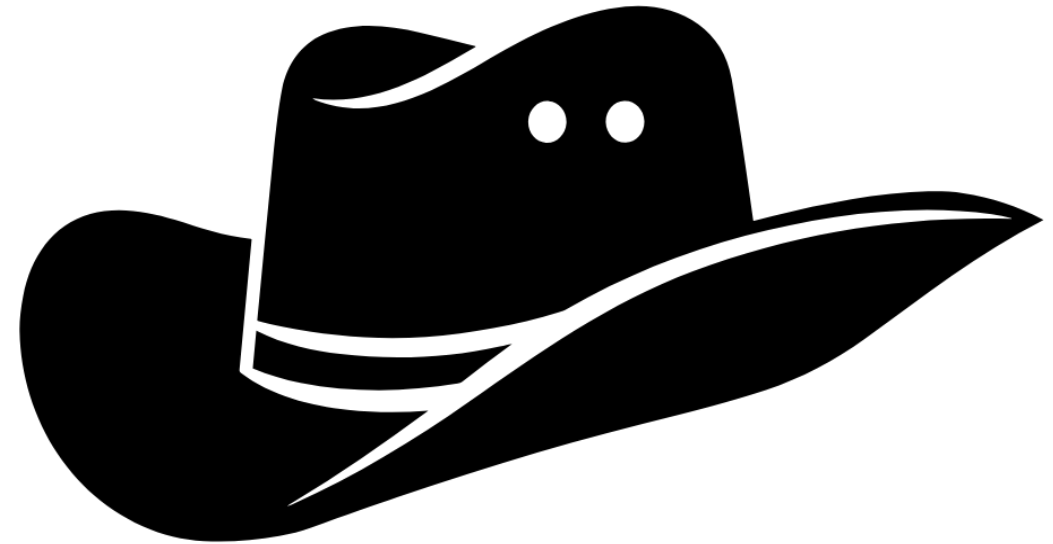


# Black Hat (Caution)

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- Risks, cautions, dangers, difficulties, concerns, problems
- Based on logic or data, not emotions
- “Devil’s Advocate”
- Participation ≠ Opposition

**Rules:** Contribute in the spirit of exploration, not destruction of ideas. Base contributions on logic and reality.

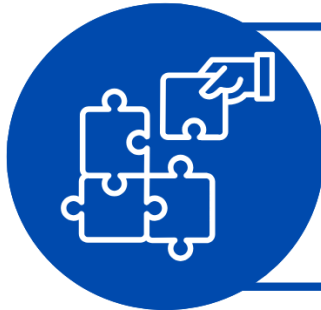


# Six Hat Applications

Different meetings or objectives require different thinking



**Idea  
Generation**



**Problem  
Solving**



**Evaluation**



# Questions?

