






## De Bono's Six Thinking Hats

Edward de Bono proposes that people use six thinking hats or styles of approaching a problem or issue. He devised this strategy to encourage diverse thinking, problem solving and decision-making.

<p><b>Red Hat</b></p> <p>Emotional Reactions</p>	<p>What are our prominent feelings about this idea or issue?</p>	
<p><b>Yellow Hat</b></p> <p>Positive Tracking</p>	<p>What are the positive strengths, aspects and advantages of the idea? What are the good points?</p>	
<p><b>Black Hat</b></p> <p>Identifying Concerns</p>	<p>What are the disadvantages or negative aspects of the idea or issue? What dangers, weaknesses or problems might be involved?</p>	
<p><b>Green Hat</b></p> <p>Creative Improvement</p>	<p>What are the ways in which the idea or issue could be improved or made better? How many creative uses are there for this idea?</p>	
<p><b>White Hat</b></p> <p>Collecting Information</p>	<p>What are the facts? What information is needed to help understand the problem or idea? What questions need to be answered to solve the problem?</p>	
<p><b>Blue Hat</b></p> <p>Reflecting on the Process</p>	<p>What strategies used in solving the problem were the most effective? Which hat was best for this particular issue?</p>	