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brand essence

As we venture into a bold new strategic plan, we are streamlining the way we communicate CIRA externally.

Going forward, "CIRA" is the way we communicate our organization, in both official languages.

In some contexts, such as press releases, legal documents and contracts, we will continue to reference CIRA as the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (or l'Autorité canadienne pour les enregistrements Internet).

This extends to how we brand our products. All products must follow the new brand architecture that requires CIRA + a product descriptor. The product descriptor should clearly indicate what the product does, as opposed to a using

an adjective or other non-descriptive name. (ex: Fury becomes CIRA Registry Platform)

.CA is the one exception to this rule, however, whenever possible, the .CA brand will be used with the .CA by CIRA lockup (implementation in Q4 FY22).

brand usage in written formats



A clearly defined tone of voice will ensure a consistent brand expression, no matter where and what we're communicating with our vast audience. Our voice will be defined by a style that is plainspeak, genuine, smart and informal. When appropriate, we will use humour that is witty but never condescending. Our customers are always in on the joke. Above all, we empathize with our customers and speak to them in a quintessentially Canadian way: Friendly and always welcoming no matter what challenges they may be facing.

In most contexts, CIRA, in uppercase letters with no periods, is the default written brand of our organization. Use of ACEI as an acronym in French has been discontinued.

tone of voice



As our brand evolves, so do the communities we seek to engage with. This makes it critical to make our brand as inclusive to as many as possible.

A critical component of this goal is accessibility. CIRA brand assets much always strive to meet the highest standards of accessibility so as to be usable, and enjoyable, to people of all abilities.

Additionally, as a proud Canadian organization, CIRA brand assets must represent all Canadians, our two founding languages, and the cultural diversity that makes us who we are.

As an organization based in Ontario, CIRA strives to meet all AODA guidelines. This includes all physical and technical accessibility.

For more information visit: aoda.ca

accessibility, diversity & inclusion

identity blueprint

connecting canadians



The connected 'c'

The new lettermark symbolizes empowering Canadians through connectedness.



Rounded corners

The extra wide corners give our identity an open and friendly personality.



Stylized 'r'

The rounded corners reinforce our friendliness while creating a visually pleasing symmetry with the letter 'a'



Improved fidelity

The double-story 'a' improves fidelity when used at smaller sizes compared to the legacy single-story 'a'



masterbrand identity suite

primary & secondary identities

In additional to the primary identity, two secondary identities are available to be used, dependent on the background colour. These parameters are set to ensure maximum visibility no matter what background colour the identity is placed against.



B cira

SECONDARY: RED LETTERMARK + KNOCKED OUT WORDMARK ON MID-TONE BACKGROUND





visual clearance area & minimum size

Visual clearance area is defined by the x-height of our identity. No other graphic element should be placed inside this area.

The minimum size is important for visual clairty. The minimum width is 40 pixels for digital use and 0.55 inches for print use.

VISUAL CLEARANCE AREA



MINIMUM WIDTH





unacceptable usage

The following samples show deviations from the brand identity and are never to be used under any circumstances. Always refer to the brand identity guidelines when using the wordmark.





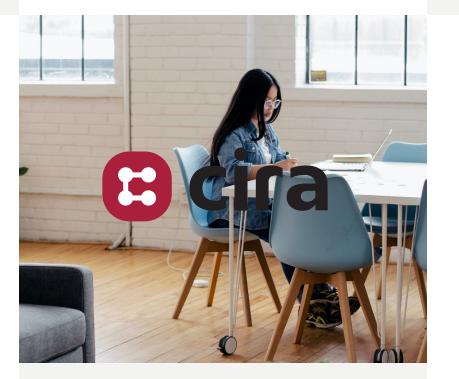
cira 😉

Do NOT stretch, skew or rotate the wordmark in any way.

Do NOT alter the colours of the wordmark in any way.

Do NOT rearrange the elements of the wordmark.







.ca identity suite

primary identity lockups

ENGLISH

There are three versions of our primary identity lockup.
To determine which one to use, refer to the chart on this page. These parameters have been set to ensure maximum visibility no matter what background colour the identity is placed against.



PRIMARY: RED LETTERMARK + KNOCKED OUT WORDMARK ON MID-TONE BACKGROUND





PRIMARY: KNOCKED OUT LETTERMARK + KNOCKED OUT WORDMARK ON DARK BACKGROUND



primary identity lockups

FRENCH

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RIMARY: RED LETTERMARK + KNOCKED OUT WORDMARK ON MID-TONE BACKGROUND





PRIMARY: KNOCKED OUT LETTERMARK + KNOCKED OUT WORDMARK ON DARK BACKGROUND



secondary identity lockups

ENGLISH

When it is impossible to use any of the primary identity lockups due to limited vertical space, a secondary set of identity lockups are available. To determine which one to use. refer to the chart on this page.



BY & cira





secondary identity lockups

FRENCH

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CC PAR Cira

CC PAR : cira



stand-alone .ca identity

In circumstances when it is impossible to use neither the primary nor the secondary identity lockups because of limited space or suboptimal visibility, a stand-alone identity can be used. This identity also comes in three variations, dependent on the colour of the background.

STAND-ALONE:
RED DOT + BLACK WORDMARK ON
LIGHT BACKGROUND



STAND-ALONE:

KNOCKED-OUT DOT +

KNOCKED OUT WORDMARK ON

LUMBERJACK RED



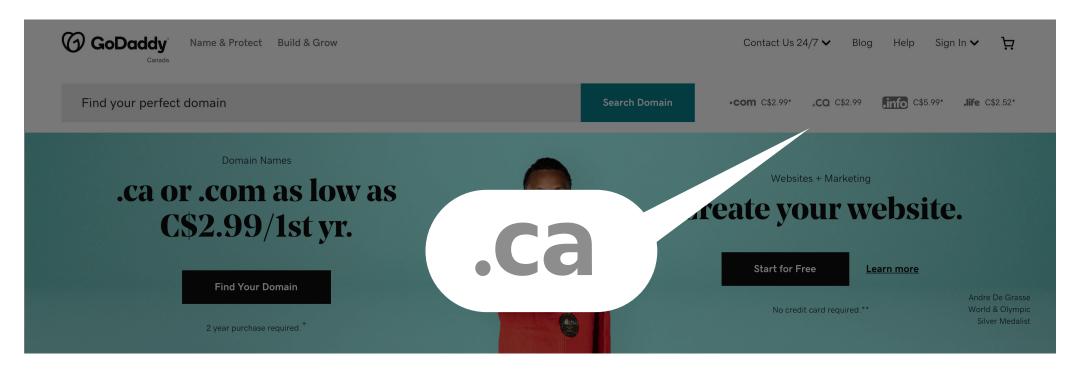
STAND-ALONE:
RED DOT + KNOCKED OUT WORDMARK
ON MID-TONE BACKGROUND



STAND-ALONE:
KNOCKED OUT DOT +
KNOCKED OUT WORDMARK
ON DARK BACKGROUND



EXAMPLE





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visual clearance area & minimum size

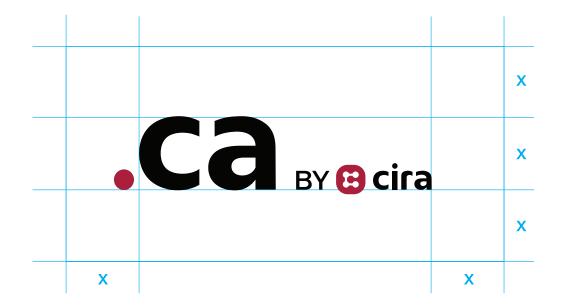
Visual clearance area is defined by the x-height of our identity. No other graphic element should be placed inside this area.

The minimum size is important for visual clarity. For the primary identity lockup, the minimum width is 40 pixels for digital use and 0.55 inches for print use. For the secondary identity lockup, the minimum width is 72 pixels for digital and 1 inch for print use.

VISUAL CLEARANCE AREA



VISUAL CLEARANCE AREA



MINIMUM WIDTH



MINIMUM WIDTH



unacceptable usage

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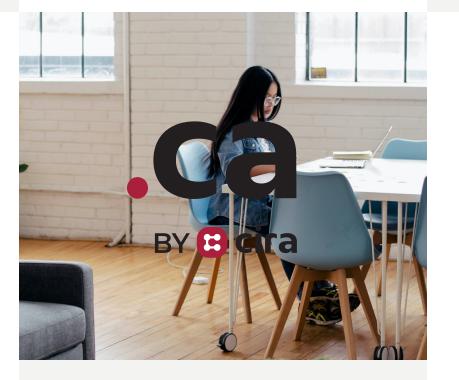


Do NOT alter the colours of the wordmark in any way.



Do NOT rearrange the elements of the wordmark.









net good identity suite

primary identity lockups

ENGLISH

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BY 😉 cira

PRIMARY: GRAYSCALE LETTERMARK ON MID-TONE BACKGROUND







primary identity lockups

FRENCH

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PAR 🔁 cira

PRIMARY: RED LETTERMARK + KNOCKED OUT WORDMARK ON MID-TONE BACKGROUND

net E good



PRIMARY: KNOCKED OUT LETTERMARK + KNOCKED OUT WORDMARK ON DARK BACKGROUND



secondary identity lockups

ENGLISH

When it is impossible to use any of the primary identity lockups due to limited vertical space, a secondary set of identity lockups are available. To determine which one to use, refer to the chart on this page.



net@good

SECONDARY: GRAYSCALE LETTERMARK ON MID-TONE BACKGROUND

net@good



secondary identity lockups

FRENCH

When it is impossible to use any of the primary identity lockups due to limited vertical space, a secondary set of identity lockups are available. To determine which one to use, refer to the chart on this page.



net@good

SECONDARY: GRAYSCALE LETTERMARK ON MID-TONE BACKGROUND

net a good



stand-alone net good identity

VERTICAL

In circumstances when it is impossible to use neither the primary nor the secondary identity lockups because of limited space or suboptimal visibility, a stand-alone identity can be used. This identity also comes in four variations, dependent on the colour of the background.









stand-alone net good identity

HORIZTONAL

In circumstances when it is impossible to use neither the primary nor the secondary identity lockups because of limited space or suboptimal visibility, a stand-alone identity can be used. This identity also comes in four variations, dependent on the colour of the background.









visual clearance area & minimum size

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VISUAL CLEARANCE AREA



VISUAL CLEARANCE AREA



MINIMUM WIDTH



MINIMUM WIDTH



visual clearance area & minimum size

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VISUAL CLEARANCE AREA



VISUAL CLEARANCE AREA



MINIMUM WIDTH



MINIMUM WIDTH



unacceptable usage

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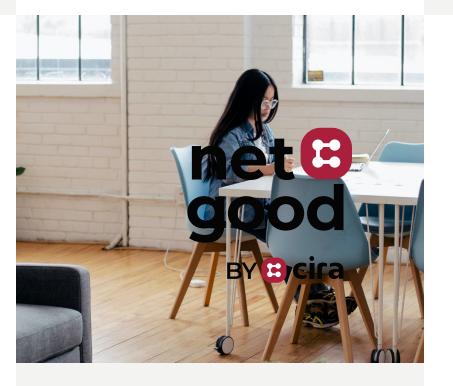


Do NOT alter the colours of the wordmark in any way.



Do NOT resize the elements of the wordmark.







cira subdivision identity suite

cira subdivisions lockups

ENGLISH

Under the cira umbrella there are two subdivision lockups as indicated in the accompanying chart. To determine which lockup to use, refer to previous pages in which identity-background combinations are clear various colour combinations are delineated.

PRIMARY: RED LETTERMARK + BLACK LOCKUP ON LIGHT BACKGROUND





SECONDARY: RED LETTERMARK + KNOCKED OUT LOCKUP ON MID-TONE BACKGROUND





SECONDARY: KNOCKED-OUT LETTERMARK + KNOCKED OUT LOCKUP ON LUMBERJACK RED OR DARK BACKGROUND





cira subdivisions lockups

FRENCH

Under the cira umbrella there are two subdivision lockups as indicated in the accompanying chart. To determine which lockup to use, refer to previous pages in which identity-background combinations are clear various colour combinations are delineated.

PRIMARY: RED LETTERMARK + BLACK LOCKUP ON LIGHT BACKGROUND





LOCKUP ON MID-TONE BACKGROUND





SECONDARY: KNOCKED-OUT LETTERMARK + KNOCKED OUT LOCKUP ON LUMBERJACK RED OR DARK BACKGROUND





visual clearance area & minimum size

Visual clearance area is defined by the x-height our identity. No other graphic element should be placed inside this area.

The clearance area will vary based on the subdivision copy that accompanies the logo.

The minimum logo size is important for visual clarity of the identity. The minimum logo width is 54 pixels for digital use, and 0.75 inch for print, both measuring the width of the cira identity. The minimum width for the subdivision identities is greater than the cira primary identity because of the small type as a part of the lockup.

VISUAL CLEARANCE AREA



MINIMUM WIDTH



54 PIXELS 0.75 INCH

unacceptable usage

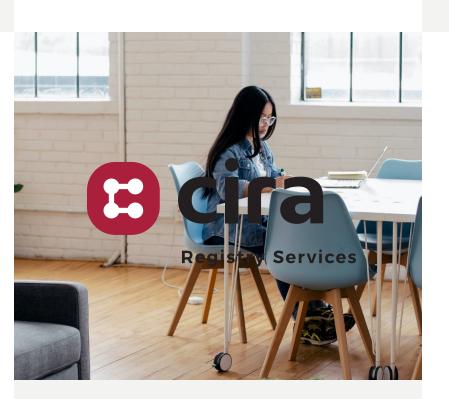
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Do NOT alter the colours of the wordmark in any way.





Do NOT rearrange the elements of the wordmark.







primary typeface

The Monserrat type family carries the key characteristics of our new identity, and should be used for all external visual communications when it is possible to do so. For internal communications and applications when it is not possible to use Montserrat type family, Arial and all its different weights may be used.

Montserrat Bold ABCDEFGHIJKLMOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 !@#\$%?

Montserrat Medium ABCDEFGHIJKLMOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 !@#\$%?

Montserrat Regular ABCDEFGHIJKLMOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 !@#\$%?

secondary typeface

In addition to our sans-serif primary typeface, Montserrat, a secondary serif typeface PP Editorial may be used as a text font. This font family should be used judiciously, and in conjuction with Montserrat.

PP Editorial New Regular

ABCDEFGHIJKLMOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%?

PP Editorial New Italics

ABCDEFGHIJKLMOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%?

PP Editorial Ultralight

ABCDEFGHIJKLMOPORSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%?

PP Editorial Ultralight italics *ABCDEFGHIJKLMOPQRSTUVWXYZ* abcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%?

primary colour

Our primary colour is the
Maple Leaf Red. Also available
to use are three tints of this
colour to help emphasize/
de-emphasize visual elements
within a layout.

MAPLE LEAF RED TINTS

R 170			
G 31			
B 59	R 126	R 88	R 45
	G 14	G 0	G 0
C 23	B 39	B 16	В 0
M100 Y 75	C 23	C 23	C 23
K 15	M 9 9	M 9 9	M 9 9
	Y 74	Y 74	Y 74
PMS 201 C	K 42	K 67	K 91
# AA1E3A	# 7E0E27	# 580010	# 2C0000

MARTIME BLUE PRAIRIE GOLD TOFINO GREEN

secondary colours

To celebrate our Canadian heritage in the digital realm, our secondary color palette draws inspiration from the breathtaking natural landscapes found across the country. The secondary colours offer an expanded palette for various applications such as social media graphics, data sheets, signage, advertisements, and more. The palette when employeed is playful and inviting while harmonizing with our primary brand red.

It's essential to maintain the prominence of our hero red whenever the secondary palette is employed. For instance, calls-to-action (CTAs) and prominent H1 headings should always feature our primary red on data sheets whenever the secondary palette is utilized.

R156 G192 B230	R222 G218 B183	R103 G112 B63
C37 M15 Y0 K0	C13 M9 Y31 K0	C72 M56 Y100 K0
# 9BBFE5	# DEDAB7	# 676F3F
R37 G122 B187	R158 G142 B86	R73 G78 B40
C83 M47 Y2 K0	C38 M36 Y77 K7	C71 M58 Y100 K34
# 2479BA	# 9E8E56	# 494E28
R12 G29 B44	R119 G107 B38	R44 G50 B17
C84 M67 Y45 K74	C20 M23 Y85 K51	C68 M55 Y89 K65
# OC1C2B	# 766A25	# 2C3211

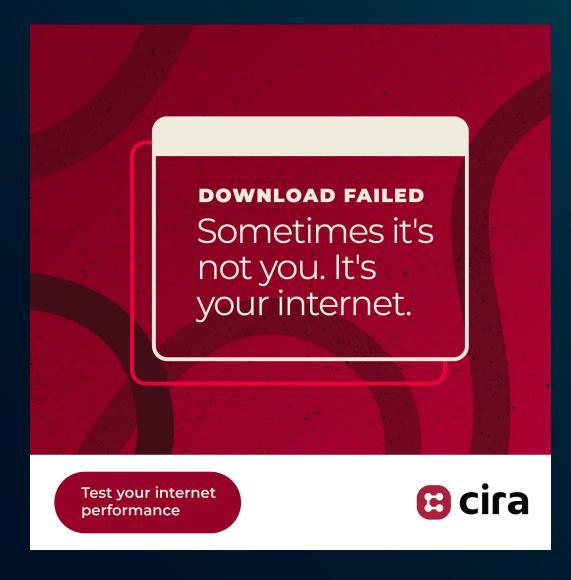
gradient

To enrich the color scheme, we can incorporate subtle gradients into social media graphics, advertisements, signage, backgrounds, and more. Gradients add depth and dimension to our visuals. It's essential that the gradient transitions from lighter to darker shades within the same color spectrum to maintain coherence and visual harmony.

lines & textures

The incorporation of lines and a subtle grit textures as visual accents introduces a humanizing element into the digital landscape we inhabit. This approach symbolizes CIRA's pivotal role within the internet sphere.

We strategically employ thin lines in contexts such as our website, presenter cards, and e-blasts. On the other hand, thicker lines offer a more playful tone and can be integrated into backgrounds, ads, and graphics to enhance dimension and visual appeal.



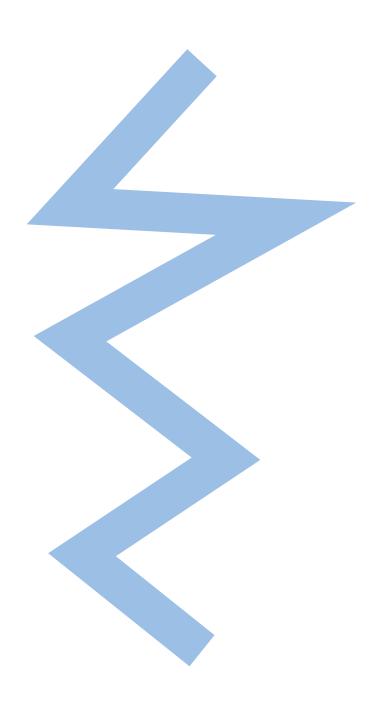


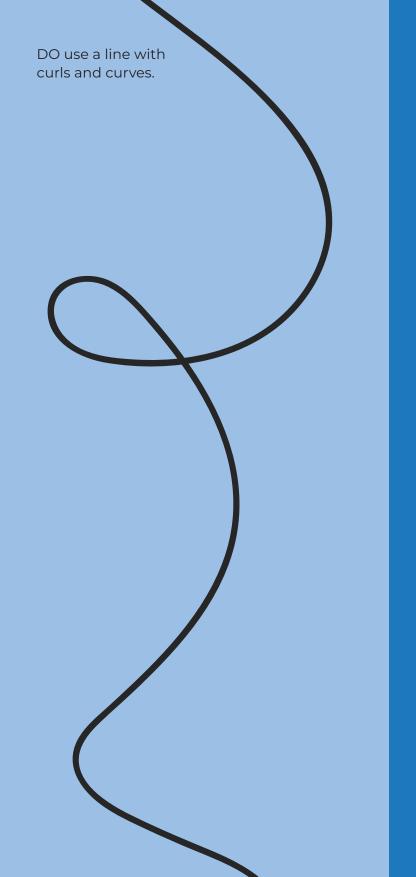
line usage

Ensure that the line weight remains consistent and uniform across the entire composition. It's crucial to steer clear of transitioning from a thicker to a thinner line.

Lines should never adopt a rigid demeanor; instead, they ought to exude softness, fluidity, and gentle curves in their application. Avoid any instances of harsh, jagged lines, as they detract from the overall aesthetic appeal.

Do NOT use jagged or straight lines.





DO use a uniform thickness.

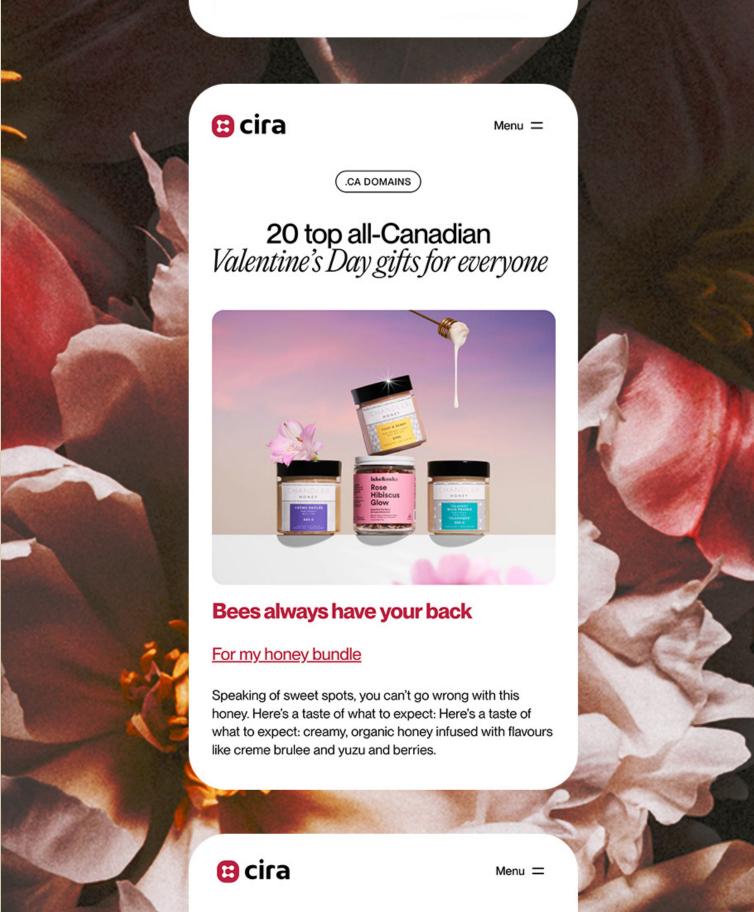
squircle

Incorporating the shape and outline of CIRA's brand mark into backgrounds and image cropping offers a clever way to subtly reference the CIRA logo while also establishing visual coherence. When used as a background element, it should be employed as a substantial outline that extends beyond the canvas boundaries. Conversely, when the squircle is placed in the forefront, it should be treated akin to a frame and can be used for a pull quote or image for example.



incorporation **UX elements &** interface

Interacting with webpages and product interfaces forms a significant aspect of CIRA's core function. By integrating this imagery into our ads, website visuals, and social media graphics, we offer viewers a firsthand glimpse into the experience they can expect when accessing CIRA products. This approach seamlessly incorporates the internetcentric aspect of our business in a visually compelling manner, establishing a direct connection between the viewer and what CIRA does.





Test your internet speed.

Yes

Definitely

lifestyle photography

Photos that are rich in warm tones should be used whenever lifestyle images are needed. People with diverse backgrounds and ethnicities should be used to reflect the diversity of our audience. Whether the images are close-up or wide, they should always feel observational, never posed.



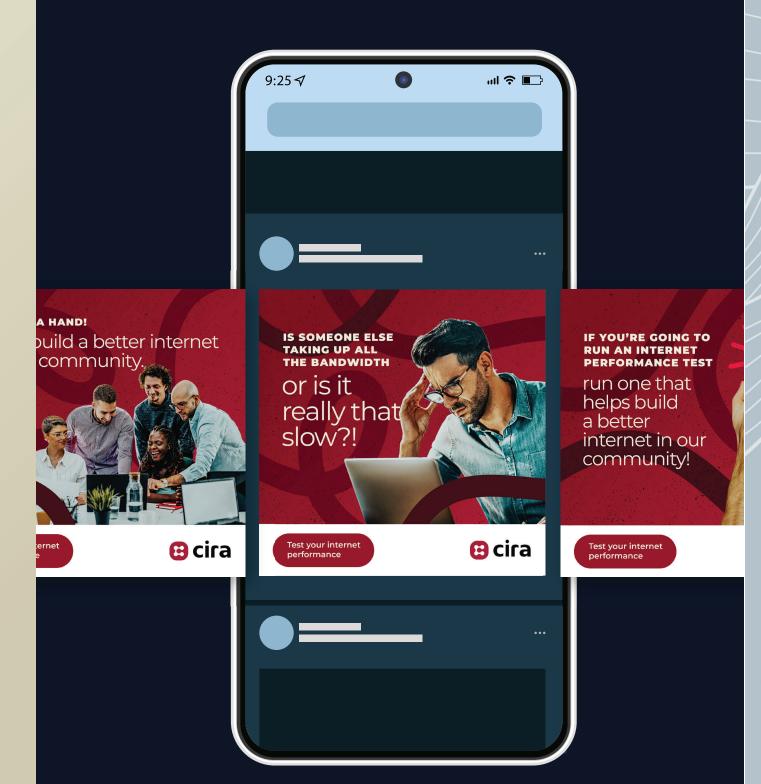
still life photography

Still life photography can be used as a key visual or a secondary image to visually illustrate an idea. These images should be uncluttered, and simple in composition.



cut-outs

When warranted, incorporating cut-outs into our visuals lends a customized feel, distinguishing them from generic stock imagery. This approach prevents a flat and repetitive appearance across a series of images, while also directly linking the stock imagery to CIRA's core brand elements, thereby enhancing the prominence of the CIRA branding.





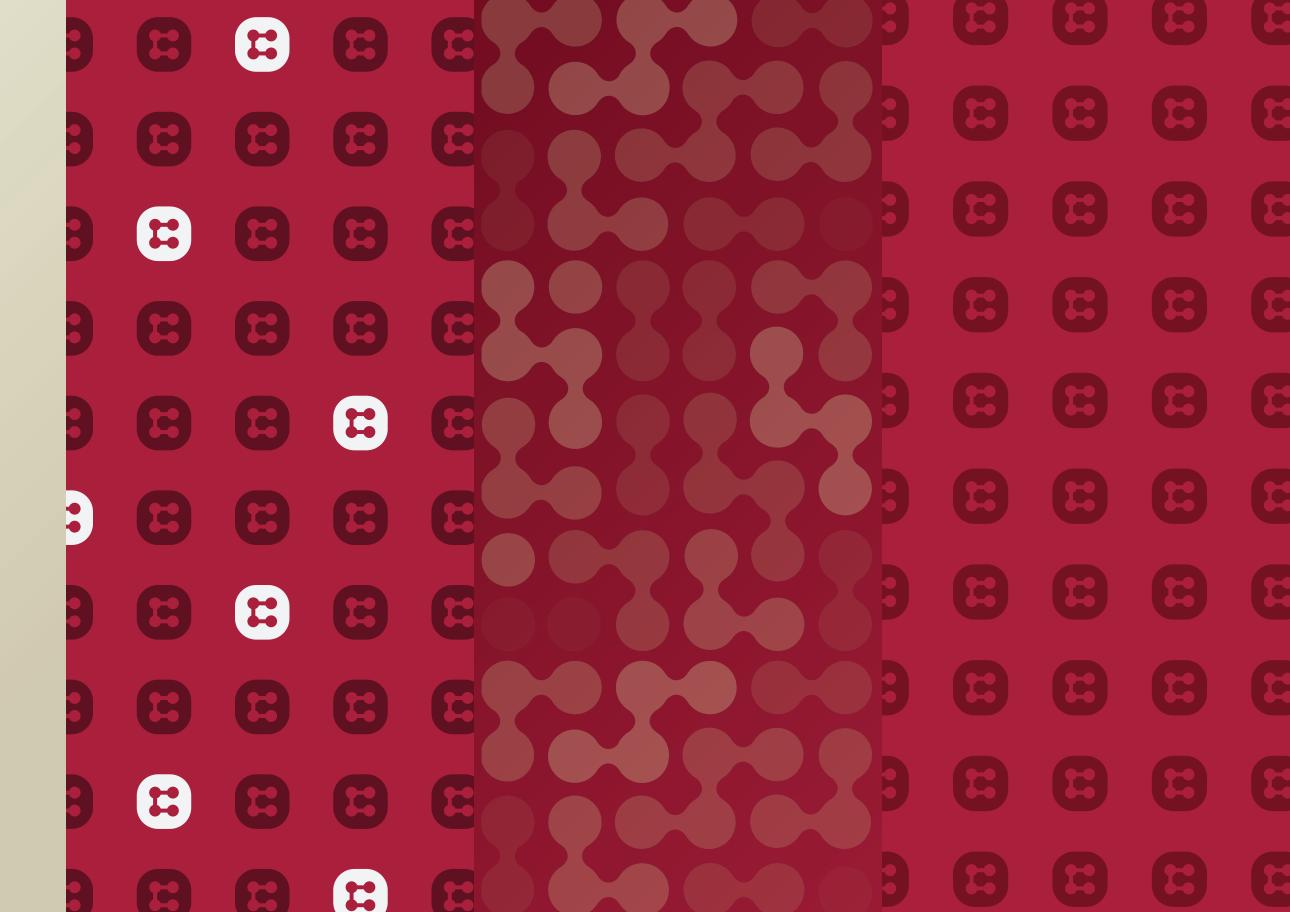
3 WAYS to take your branding to the next level



wallpaper patterns

The 'Connect C' is an important element of our new identity as it symbolizes empowerment of Canadians through connectivity.

This motif can be used as a design element in white or black at any opacity, allowing the background image/tone to come through. It can be used with the rounded box, or on its own as seen here.



buffalo plaid

As another option, an all-new buffalo plaid has been designed, incorporating our new motif.



