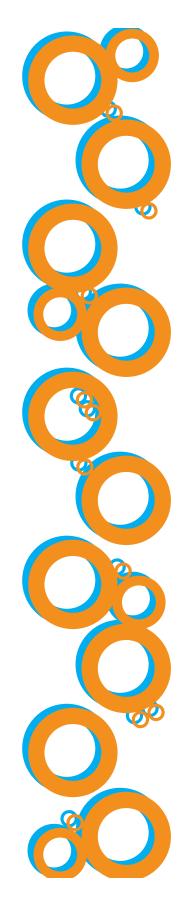


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## Introduction

During the spring semester of 2007, I enrolled in Typography II with instructor Marie Hannigova. In order to simulate a "real life" scenario, our class was assigned a series of projects revolving around the HOW Design Conference of 2007. The projects involved the planning, advertising, organization, and wayfinding for the conference.

The processes by which I conceived and arrived at my solutions for each of the assigned projects are outlined in this journal.

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## **Theme Designation**

Development of a conference theme which communicates prevailing ideas about the content of the HOW Design Conference.

Assignment

The first component to this assignment was researching the HOW Design Conference. The essence of the conference is the combination of three design areas: creativity, business, and technology. These three concepts were expanded by the conference organizers into six tracks:

Business & management

Career development Creativity & inspiration Design disciplines In-house issues Keynote sessions

Technology & production

Based on these tracks, the conference provided a full schedule of sessions (lectures and workshops) led by leaders in the design field. Some of the topics covered by the sessions included:

new software developing new ideas client relations collaboration time management color & design trends Research

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Research The conference would also provide an invaluable networking experience, portfolio reviews, job recruitment, merchandise giveaways, and a vacation experience.

> What attendees might walk away with by attending the HOW Conference: new career-applicable skills:

technical know-how marketing client relationships studio management collaboration skills/ideas creativity development portfolio development

industry trend knowledge advice about or direction for their career valuable contacts within the field a nice vacation getaway sightseeing in a new city

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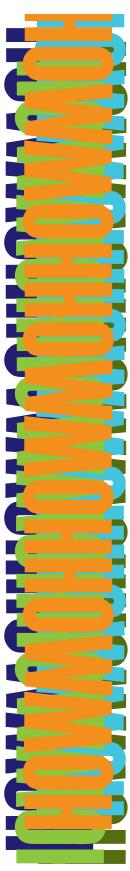
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## making design work

### Final theme idea

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## **Identity Design Brief**

### THE HOW DESIGN CONFERENCE 2007: MAKING DESIGN WORK

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### **General Introduction**

HOW Magazine, a national design magazine published by F&W Publications, asked our team to design a theme, an identity, a promotional poster, a comprehensive program, and a signage system for their 2007 HOW Design Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme and related identity will be used in all of the conference's promotional and informational materials.

### Problem Identification

The HOW Design conference is multi-faceted, focusing on creative issues, business relations, and technological skills. We must condense the vast scope of the conference into a single, concise, memorable, simple, and legible identity. We must sell the conference to an audience already embedded in the design industry, who will reject a mediocre design or concept. The conference must be attractive to design professionals, students, and the general public. We must utilize influences of Atlanta's design community and utilize the new technology being discussed at the conference. The identity and design must also be appealing to the conference sponsors.

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## Client Product/Service Analysis

The client's goals are to increase public and industry awareness of their identity, to get people to attend the conference, to increase magazine subscriptions through association with the conference, and to strengthen their reputation in the design community (which will in turn increase demand for their products). The client also wants to provide valuable skills to and facilitate network connections for the design community, and recruit up-and-coming designers who attend the conference.

### **Audience Considerations**

Our design will unite the conference's audience despite demographic differences. The anticipated audience consists of both males and females of any ethnic background, aged 18-55. Participants include professionals in the design industry, design students, and members of the public interested in design. The audience will be very computer literate and have a high level of literacy and social awareness. The audience will include both the upwardly mobile and students. They will have high levels of interaction with artistic communities and institutions, and will be open to innovation. They will primarily reside in the U.S., with some international participants.

## World View, Historical, and Social Contexts

This mark will be a beacon to the design industry that a proven solution (this is the 16th annual HOW Design Conference) exists to all of the problems encountered in the design field. Designers can improve and seek to improve their existing creative, business, and technological skills.

## Positioning and Communication Strategy

The purpose of this identity is to distill the varied aspects (creativity, business, technology) of the conference into a unified visual message. It will advertise the conference and educate the design community about the contents of the conference. The nature of the identity will be inviting, approachable, friendly, helpful, and playful. This is in contrast to the identities of other conferences, which are large and intimidating. We want to advertise serious, high-quality, accessible learning. The messages in the theme "making design work" are varied, depending on the inflection of the phrase. It can mean making design more effective, making design functional (implying that it is currently non-functional, and attending the conference will fix it), creating design products, and creating prospects for design work. To help solve our design problems, we can highlight the benefits past attendees received from the conference.

## **Pragmatic Issues**

Expected attendance is 3,000 participants. Promotional materials advertising registration for the conference must be in place by February 1. Materials associated with the conference itself (program, signage, wearables, etc.) must be produced by May 15. The conference dates are June 10-13. The identity mark will be used in all Conference materials, including the website, print advertising, vendor advertising, conference programs and maps, conference signage and wayfinding, staff identification, and conference souvenirs (t-shirts, tote bags, mugs, pens). While no major design conference directly coincides with the HOW Design Conference dates, a number of more specialized conferences are held throughout the year, which are outlined on the following page. If a designer only attends one conference this year, we want it to be the HOW Design Conference.

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## **Identity Design**

Type choices for identity solution

Broadband ICG Regular

Insignia Roman

ITC Century Book

Frutiger 75 Black
Futura Bold

Memphis Medium

Interstate Regular

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## Preliminary sketches of identity solutions





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Refinement of the first solution

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The final solution



Color studies



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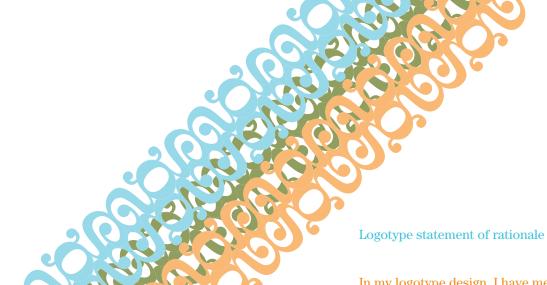
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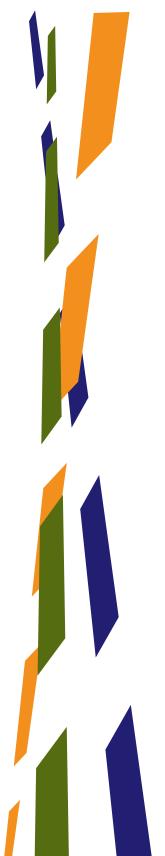
In my logotype design, I have merged and adjusted the letterforms to make them work together better. Just as the HOW Design Conference 2007 will mold and refine a designer's skills to make them stronger, in my logotype, the letters have been changed and manipulated to create a cohesive design solution. The melding of letterforms also references the melding of the Conference's creative, technological, and business themes.

The logotype's mood is also in accordance with my team's design brief, which calls for an identity that is friendly, relaxed, and edgy. While the altered letterforms are surprising to the viewer, the design seems quirky and fun rather than stiff, formal, or alienating.

This mood could not be achieved with a different typeface. The typeface used is Century Book, designed by Tony Stan for the International Typeface Corporation. This typeface is a revival of Morris Fuller Benton's Century type family, and has an increased x-height and tightened letterspacing. The serifs allow the type to be more legible and reference Transitional typefaces, yet the updates Stan incorporated give the typeface a fresher, contemporary feel. I think designers today will be very receptive to this typeface, and I think it is more accessible to a wider audience than a sans serif typeface would be. My logotype design takes advantages of ITC Century Book's letterforms, particularly the lowercase "g," which has been manipulated to join the three words of the theme line.

The colors I chose for the logotype are a slightly muted blue and a navy blue. These colors are approachable and friendly without being too dull. I felt warm colors would fight the soft curves of the forms and would undermine the relaxed mood outlined in our design brief. The two shades of blue work to add liveliness to the logotype while still maintaining weight.

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## **Poster Design**

Preliminary sketches for poster design



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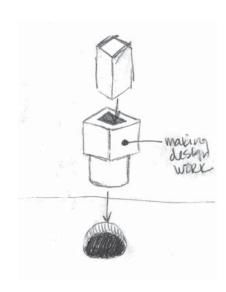
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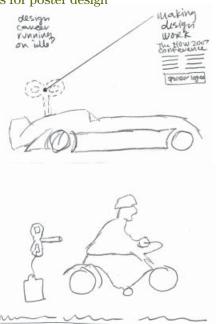




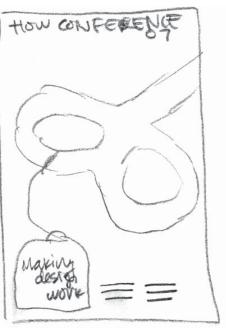
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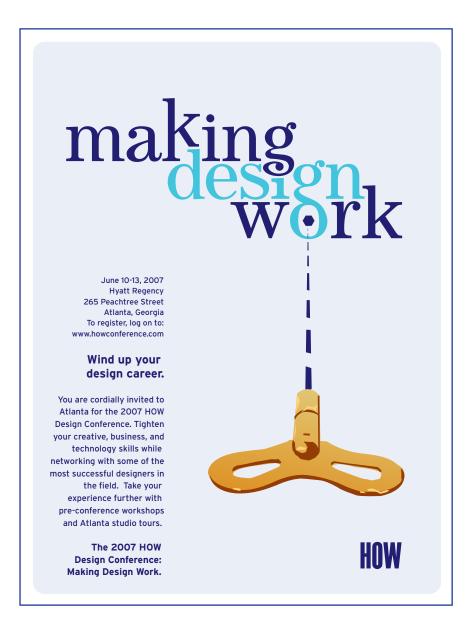




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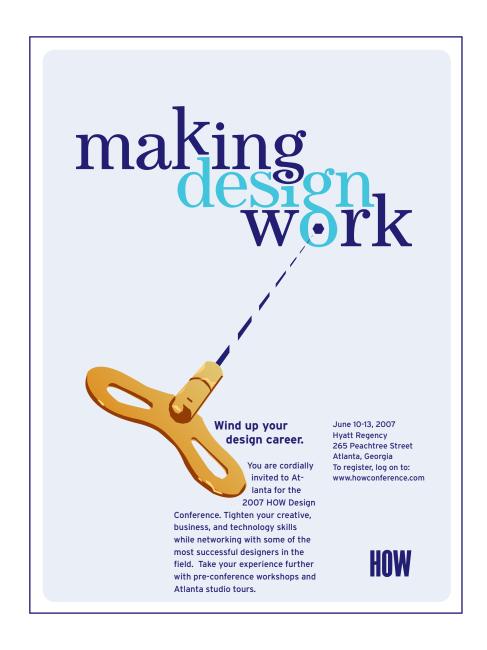


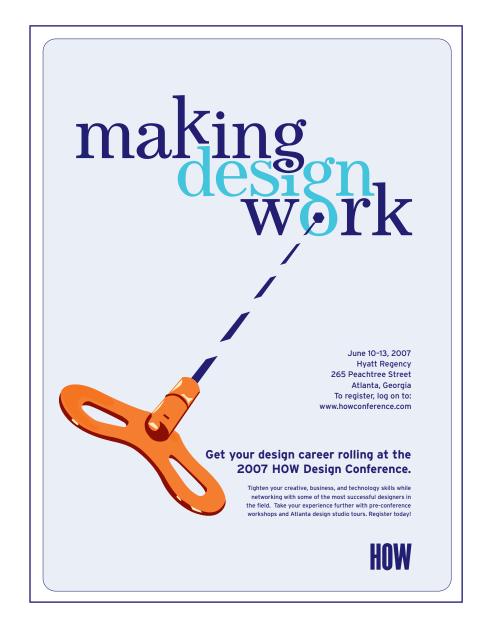


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## Final solution for poster design





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## **Program Design**

The outline for the program includes:

Session & workshop schedule

Speaker biographies

Things to do in Atlanta

Sponsors

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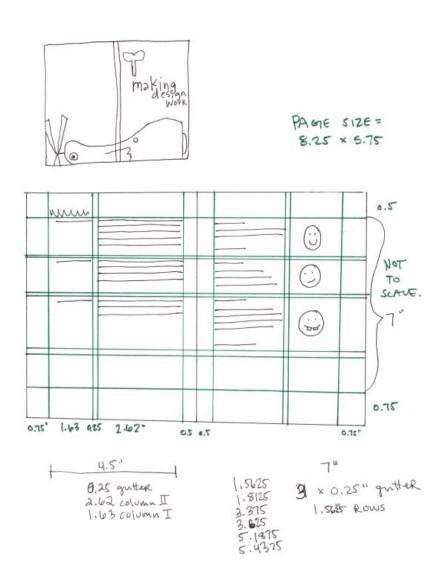
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Maps of Atlanta & conference site

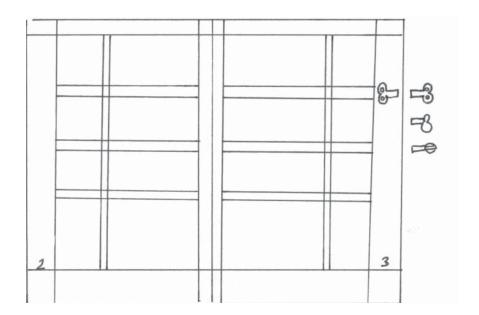
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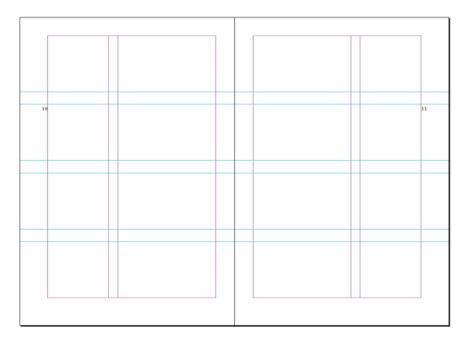
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## Program Sketchwork



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## Type Studies

ITC Century Book was chosen as the text face for the program in order to provide consistency with the identity mark. I created the type studies that appear in this spread as I searched for a sans serif typeface to use.

Univers 65 Bold ITC Century Book 10 pt. Univers 55 Roman ReCourses, Inc. Nashville, TN

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I chose to use Univers in the final design because the stroke weight of the Univers Roman face had the most similar stroke weight (optically) to ITC Century Book.

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## Color intention

Throughout the course of the semester, the color system used in one project was built upon the system used in the previous project. The colors used in the logotype appear in the poster design, with the addition of oranges. The system used in the program design is identical to the poster palette, with the addition of greens. Below are swatches of the colors I used.



## Materials used

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Samples are provided below.

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## Details of schedule refinement





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Choice = Change: A Discovery of Connections

Gloss-n-Floss Font Workshop

Smushing Photography: Creating Revolutionary Images with Your Digital Camera

Adobe Indesign® Deep Dive

Organic & Interactive Motion Design

5:30 pm = 7:00 pm

Networking Kickoff

Ballsy: Ways to Score Extreme

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Opening Reception; Resource Center Open



## June 10

Networking Lunch

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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## Program Concept, Type, and Image Intention

The concept for my program includes the wind-up key included in my poster design. Similar to the poster, here the key is a means of making an object work. It will take a more dynamic role in the program. Appearing above the folio of the right-hand page of each spread, it will be animated to appear like it is turning, if the user flips the program pages like a flipbook. The same elements that appear in the poster design will be reworked to create the cover. The color palette will also expand on the palette for the poster, with the addition of green.

The layout of each section of the program will include a heading (80 pt. Universe Bold), a subheading (33 pt. Universe Bold), and folios (10pt. ITC Century Book) that are somewhat horizontally aligned approximately 2 inches from the top of each page. The subheadings may or may not overlap the headings, and the subheadings will always appear in a darker hue than the headings for legibility. The subheadings move around the page, dictated by the hierarchy of the contents.

Image use will be light, since inherent in much of the content is images (speaker photos, sponsor logos). Besides the animated key, I illustrated two fold-out maps that appear at the end of the program.

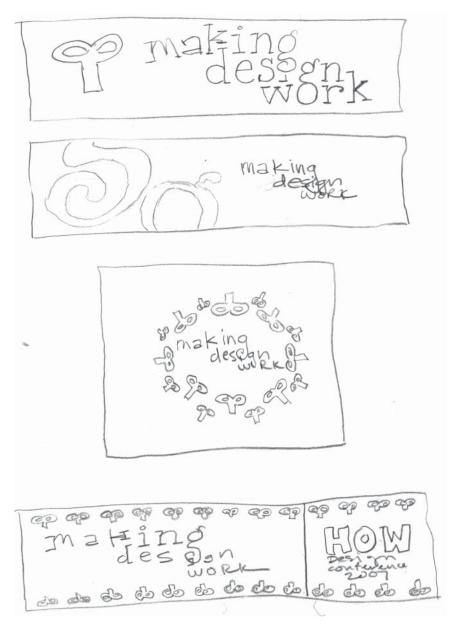


## **System Design**

The event system for the 2007 HOW Conference was largely derived from elements in the poster and program. My aim was to reach a high degree of cohesion with all of the aspects of the conference; the event system continues this trend.

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## Sketchwork



## Sketches for outdoor banners











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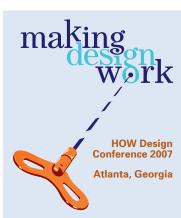
## Sketches for event markers







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## Color studies









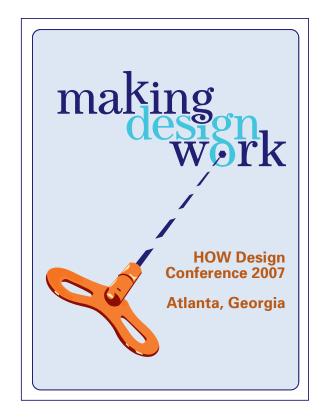
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## Final solutions



**Outdoor Banner** 



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Venue Marker



9:00 am – 10:15 am Universal Principles of Design

 $2:00~\rm{pm}-3:15~\rm{pm}$  Pervasive Art: Blurring the Lines of Media

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm English for Me Is Greek

**Event Marker** 



**Directional Marker** 

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