Design Principles

The AM frame acts as a unifying visual device within which to tell our amazingly rich and diverse stories. We design with the following principles in mind:

Instant recognition Consistent flexibility Hero the Content Proud of identity Freedom within a framework Get closer, discover more Keep it simple - less is more One font **Build one brand** Templates = efficiency Fail safe design system

One Font family

Gotham Narrow – any weight

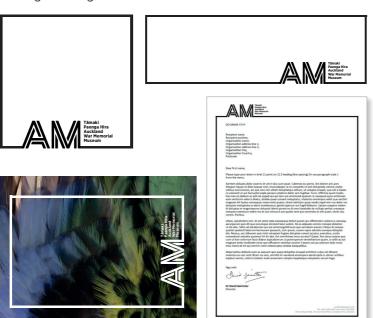
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Maximum of three different size or weights within a single view. Optical kerning. Leading should consider space for macron over upper case **Ā**.

Infinitely Flexible Frame for Owned Content

AM any size on any side within or outside the frame. The frame line weight determines/equals AM line weight. Where possible, headline runs as per a book spine, reading left to right.



Brand Mark - Market dependent

The AM and adjacent stacked name are asserted confidently within the surrounding frame communicating Museum's kaitiaki (guardianship) of collections and framing the stories they inspire. These logo-lock-ups are for use when the communication is not owned by the Museum.



Co-Branding

Sharing with external brands





Paired with incoming brand marks



Images

Clear cut or full bleed, imagery should be collection led, and inspire curiosity. Zoom in; don't be afraid to use scale to create visual tension. Images should clearly represent the people, places and collections of the Museum. Use image credits, and obtain cultural permissions from appropriate Museum stakeholders when necessary.

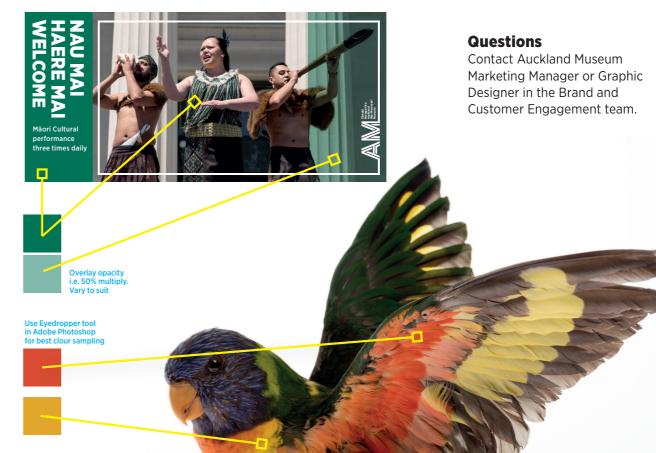






Colour

Inspired by the image, to give type and identity stand out. Max of two to be used in any one visible frame.



Online

Full expression of the brand should occur in the first user experience, it may then scale down to shorthand versions as space dictates, for instance on mobile.





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