## colour

The CTC's colour palette reflects the vibrancy, richness, and diversity of Canada's people, culture and geography. The palette contributes to the story of each piece of communication. Colour is applied to graphics and typography and is paired with photography to not only complement and contrast, but to affect the tone and mood of a composition. This section outlines the overall use of colour within the brand identity.


The partner colour palette consists of three base colours, which together represent the diversity of Canada's geography. Each of these colours include three shades, which have specific uses as part of the larger visual identity.

Listed below are the different specifications for the palette in
Pantone (uncoated and coated), CMYK (four-colour process),
nexadecimal and RGB values. This colour palette must be
reproduced accurately to ensure consistency across all materials.

Expressive Blue

Pantone 300U/7461C
C95 M30 Yo K0
R0 G139 B208
008bd0
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## Pantone 2925U/2925C <br> C85 M24 Y0 K0

R0 G150 B214
Medium
0096b6


Pantone 2925U/2925C 85\%
C74 M21 Y0 K0
R22 G159 B218
169fda

Discovery Green

Pantone 355U/355C
C94 M0 Y100 K0
R0 G169 B79 00a94f


Freedom Orange


Explorer Red (Logo)

Pantone 485U/485C C0 M100 Y100 K0
R237 G28 B36
ed1c24

Pantone 484U/484C
C0 M95 Y100 K29
R179 G35 B23
b32317

Open Grey \& Black (Text)

Pantone 425U/425C
C0 MO YO K80
R88 G89 B91
58595b

Pantone Process Black U/C
C0 MO Y0 K100
RO GO B0
000000

Where to use the colours:
Dark shades: text
Medium shades: pattern graphics
Light shades: solid areas of colour (background colour)

Each of the three shades have specific uses within the larger visual identity. Only certain tones can be applied to text, areas of solid colour, and different graphics.
These restrictions are outlined below.

The use of these four shades applies to all colours with the exception of Explorer Red and Open Grey and Black. These colours are intended for much more limited usage. These restrictions are outlined below.


## Dark

The darkest shade of each colour can
only be applied to text headlines and call-outs.

## Medium

The medium shade of each colour can
only be applied to the pattern graphics.

## Light

The light shade of each colour can
only be used as the background colour within the Pattern Bar Graphics.


Explorer Red
The lightest shade of Explorer Red
is only to be used in specific text applications (refer to page 17) and in the CTC logo (refer to page 13).

The darker shade is only used in the logo, and should not be applied to any other elements.


## Open Grey \& Black

Open Grey can only be applied to lengthy areas of text, body copy, and captions.
Black should only be used in cases when legibility is in question due to size or reproduction limitations of text.

The partner colours can be used to help tell stories and to set the tone of a communication, so be sure to choose one that complements or contrasts with the overall composition.

For more information on how these colours are used in
partner communications, refer to section 3.1 and 3.2.

## Image Dominant Composition

In cases when a single photograph is central to the composition and little copy is required (such as an ad, postcard, or cover page), a single colour can be used. Choose one colour that complements or contrasts the predominant colours from within the photograph.


Complement


Contrast

Text Dominant Composition
In cases when the copy is dominant, and graphics and photographs are used to support the text, two colours can be assigned to text and graphics.


