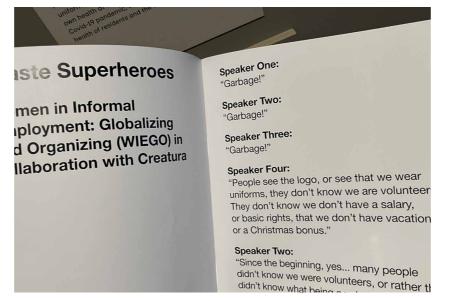
# **Wellcome Collection Exhibition**



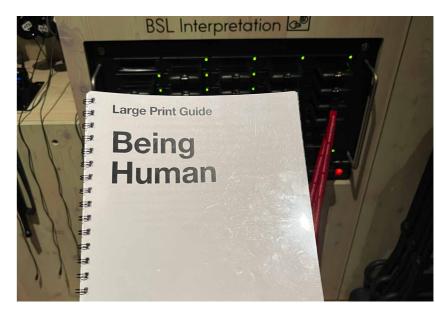






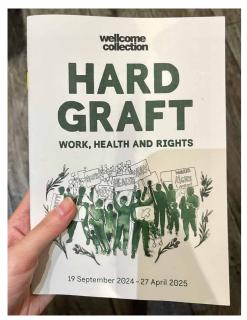


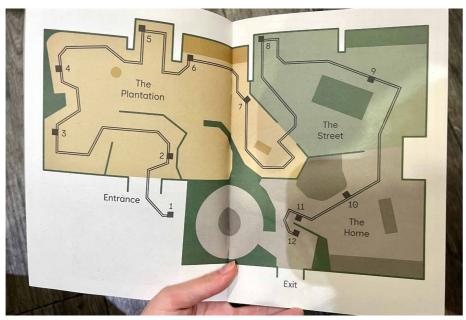


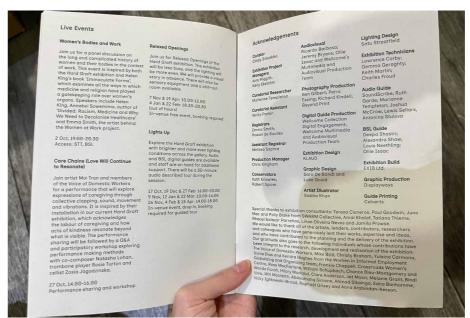




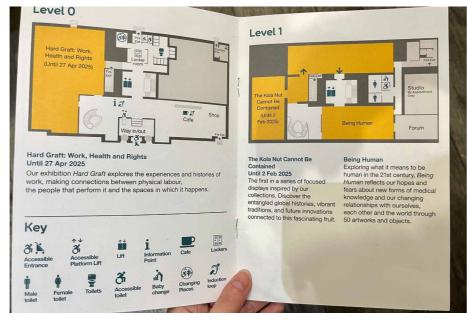












There are many inclusive facilities in this exhibition, such as barrier–free access, wheelchair–friendly facilities and accessible toilets on each floor. There are also induction loops for the hearing impaired. There are Braille, large print and audio description guides in the exhibition hall. There are also tactile panels for important works.

# **Spoon Theory**

Spoon theory is a metaphor describing the amount of physical or mental energy that a person has available for daily activities and tasks, and how it can become limited. Because of this, many people with chronic illness have to plan in advance and ration their energy and activities throughout the day.

Spoon theory has spread throughout the disability community and even to marginalized groups to describe the exhaustion that may characterize their specific situations.



https://me-pedia.org/wiki/File:SpoonTheory\_Infographic.png

Keywords: allocate energy

#### **ADHD**

For people with ADHD, the 'spoon' represents not only physical strength, but also mental resources such as concentration, impulse control and decision-making. Therefore, our goal is that they should not experience 'executive function fatigue' when viewing the exhibition.

So we can allocate their 'spoons' and consider letting them choose their favourite part of the exhibit to visit.

#### **Optimal Colours for ADHD**

- Blue: Known for its calming effects, blue can help reduce feelings of anxiety and promote a sense of tranquillity. It's ideal for bedrooms or study areas where relaxation and concentration are key.
- Green: This colour promotes harmony and balance. It can ease the mind, encouraging greater efficiency and less strain during tasks that require prolonged attention.
- Yellow: Invigorating and uplifting, yellow can stimulate mental activity and energy, making it
  a good choice for spaces where creativity and active engagement are desired.

#### **Mistakes to Avoid**

- Overstimulation: Introducing too many bright colours, particularly red or vibrant yellow, might lead to sensory overload, exacerbating restlessness and distraction.
- Underestimating Personal Preference: What works for one may not work for another. It's
  crucial to consider the individual's response to different colours rather than following
  general advice blindly.

https://adhdneuro.com/blog/what-is-the-adhd-color

Choose a peaceful color. White walls are cold, harsh, and may cause anxiety. Red is a high-energy color that spikes a child's blood pressure and contributes to stress and aggression. Orange encourages creativity and may chase away the blues. To reduce anxiety, go with warm earth tones. Blue hues are known for slowing down the heart rate, reducing respiratory rhythm, and encouraging calm and focus. In general, stick with muted or pastel shades, and avoid primary colors.

https://www.additudemag.com/a-soothing-setting-for-the-anxious-adhd-child/

Some references indicate that the colour blue seems to be more suitable for ADHD people, calming them down and keeping them patient.

# Writer Christine Miserandino created spoon theory while explaining to a friend what chronic illness feels like. She grabbed a handful of spoons to illustrate her point Spoons represent mental and motional energy. Every task requires a set amount of spoons. How many spoons one has to use on a particular day and how many spoons a task can take can vary wildly. This inconsistency can make it hard to plan future task prioritization. a ADHDCOACHSHEILA

The Spoon Theory, created by Christine Miserandino, is a metaphor to describe the limited energy of individuals with chronic illnesses, disabilities, or neurodivergent conditions. It compares daily energy to spoons, with each activity using up a spoon. Once all spoons are used, the person must rest to recharge. This concept helps others understand the need for energy management and prioritization. It can be applied to create personalized experiences where visitors can choose their own path based on their available energy.

#### OTHERS

- ADDitude Magazine (https://www.additudemag.com/) A leading resource with articles, expert advice, and personal stories on ADHD.
- CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) –
   (https://chadd.org/) An organization providing research-based information on ADHD.

# Hans Ulrich Obrist do it the compendium

Do It: The Compendium by Hans Ulrich Obrist is an interactive book where readers follow artists' instructions, turning passive viewing into active participation. This aligns with your project's goal of creating a modular exhibition experience for visitors with ADHD. Like Do It, which evolves through interaction, your project lets visitors customize their journey by collecting pieces from different rooms, fostering engagement and personalization.

- → When visiting an exhibition, what are the biggest challenges you face?
  - → Fatigue for sure.
- Do you prefer exploring an exhibition freely or following a structured path? Why?
- → Freely, because I can choose exactly where I want to focus my energy. Otherwise, I may spend a long time on earlier artworks and be too tired by the end to care about the later ones, which might actually be more interesting to me.
- Are there any elements in an exhibition that help you engage better?
  - → I like when there are seats (lol).
- How do you manage your energy during a visit? Do you have any specific strategies?
  - → I pick up an information booklet and pretend to read it sometimes before actually reading it so I can emotionally prepare myself. Also, sometimes I first scan the exhibition to see how big it is and what kind of breadth of work there is before I properly start looking. That way, I can prepare how much energy I spend on each part.
- Have you ever left an exhibition earlier than planned due to fatigue or mental overload?
  - → Yes, I do a lot e
- Do you know what type or level of ADHD you may have?
  - → I think I have predominantly inattentive ADHD.

Interview with Maisie, 21 years old, having predominantly inattentive ADHD

Research from Charlotte.

#### **FURTHER IDEAS**





So it occurred to us that we could make a special thing for them to collect on viewing the exhibition.

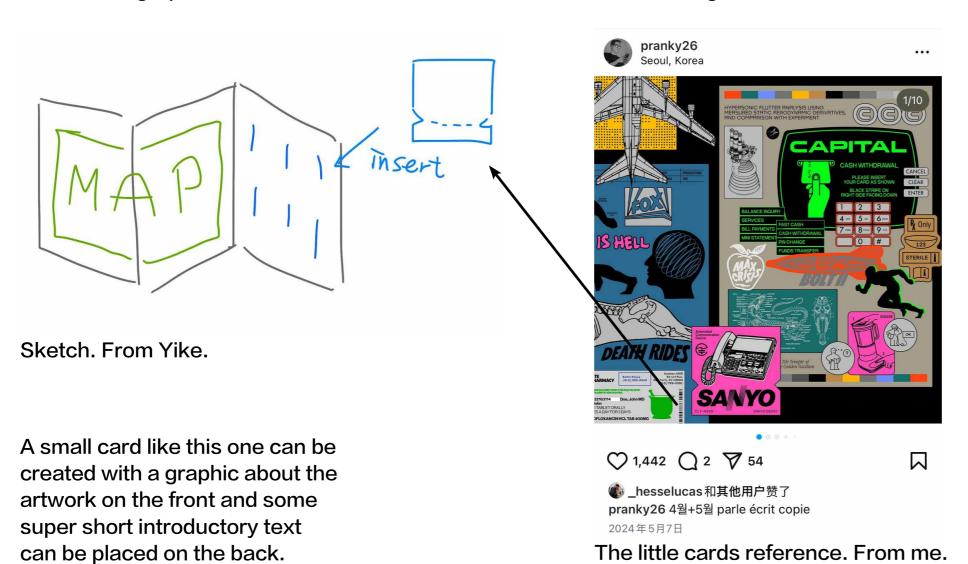
Like the slotted construction toy pictured on the left. If you put a small insert in each room (with content related to the work in that room), when the ADHD crowd visits they can take a piece away with them and end up with a unique slotted construction toy about the exhibition at the end of their visit.

Put everything at the entrance to the exhibition and let them pick their favourite card first, then take the guide to the selected room. (Distribute their energy to look at individual rooms)

#### **THEN**

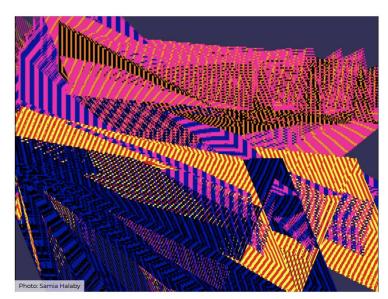
It occurred to me that my previous idea was to 'play with paper', so I suggested that I might as well create a booklet instead, and eventually insert the 'little card' inside the booklet.

Then some graphics or materials could still be included rather than large sections of text.



I found a lot of work in the exhibition that used small square, pixelated artwork like this. So I considered using pixelated graphics for the front of the little cards to represent the rooms.





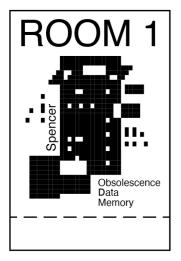


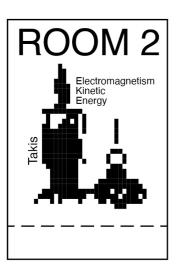
The pattern could be vintage

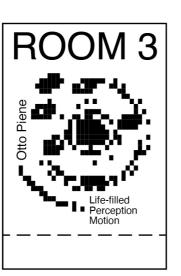
like this, in black and white.

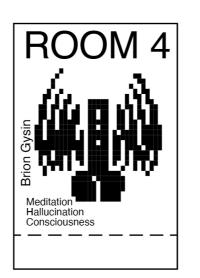
A rough version. From Yike.

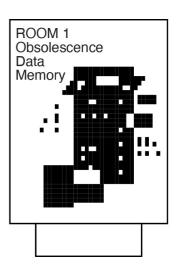
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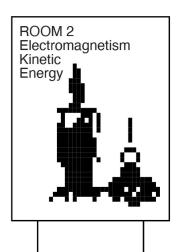


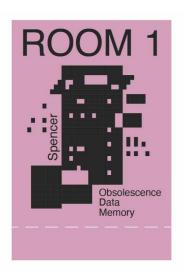


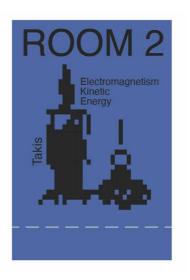


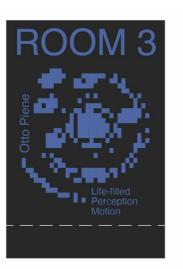


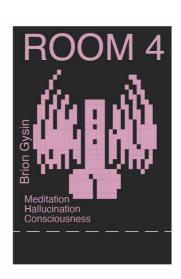


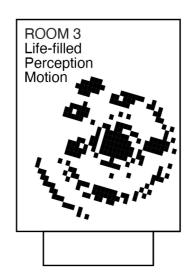


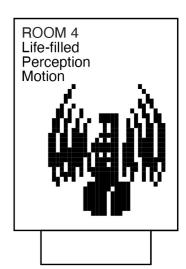




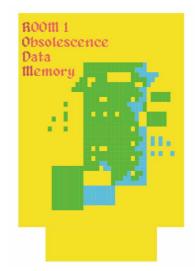






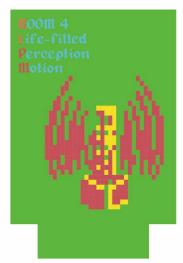


For my initial attempts, I used pixelation to pick the most interesting things/textures in each room to design. Including the room number, pattern, author's name and 3 keywords that I summarised.











After showing it to the rest of the group, they agreed, so on to the next attempt. Consider using riso prints for example? So I added some colours commonly used in riso.





I added the 3 colours Jay tried based on the ADHD colours he had researched earlier.

Printed.

Size: 40mm\*60mm.

'Very small. very cute.'

Since I'm going to use the Riso printing method, it's better to think about combining this colour with the one that will be used in Riso.

The colours and the layout of the little card will still need to be discussed with the group.

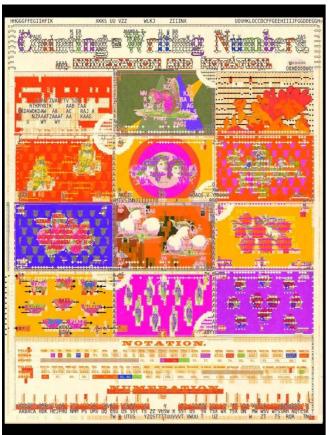
#### Reason for Riso:

Printing with Riso reduces overstimulation. Unlike glossy, high-glare print materials, riso's soft colors and matte finish reduce sensory overwhelm, making it easier for ADHD readers to stay engaged.

The limited color palette (due to layer-based printing) helps simplify information, avoiding excessive visual clutter.

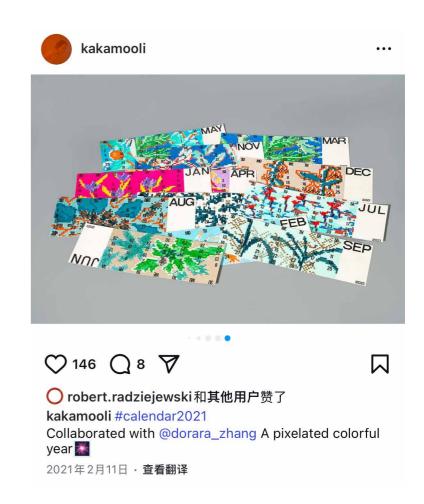
# MY REFERENCE











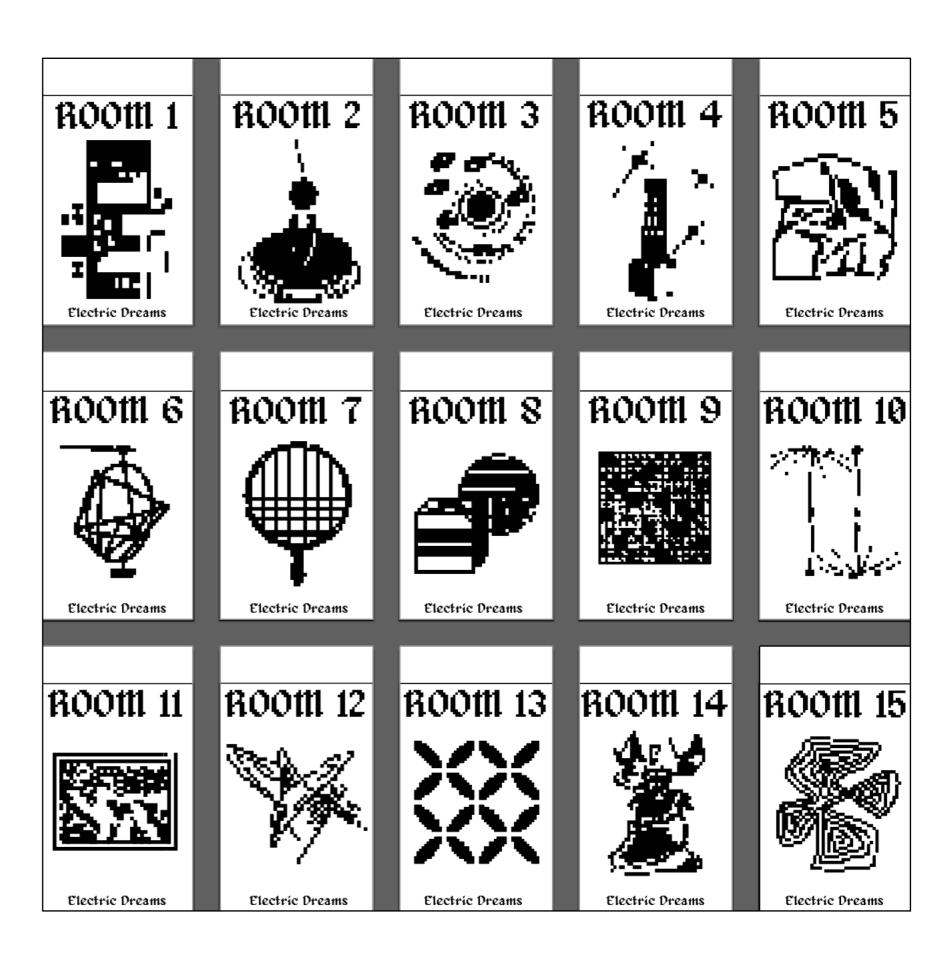
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## **GROUP WORK**

Me

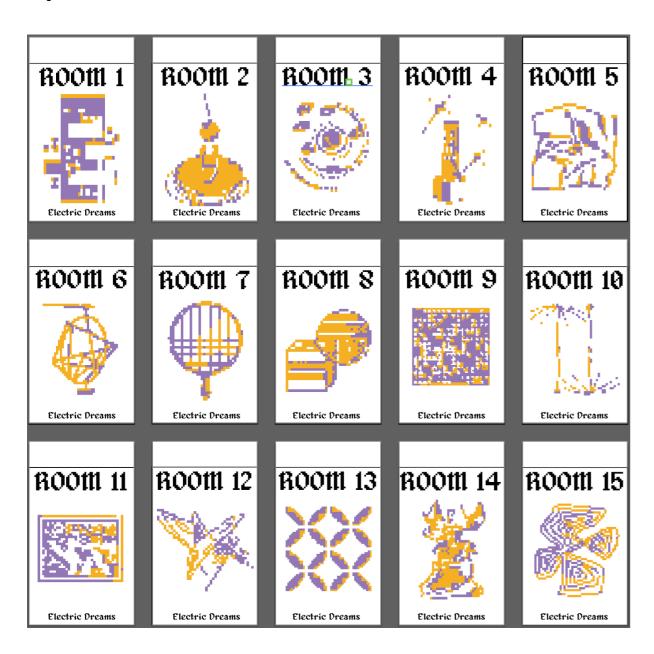
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#### **COLOR**

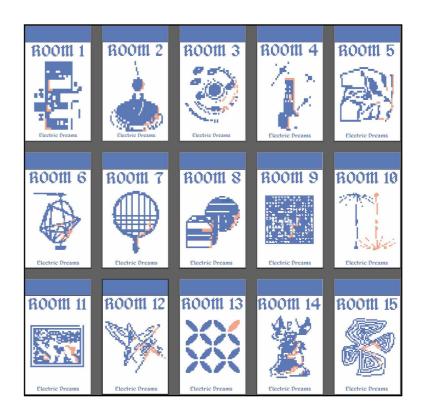
#### My work



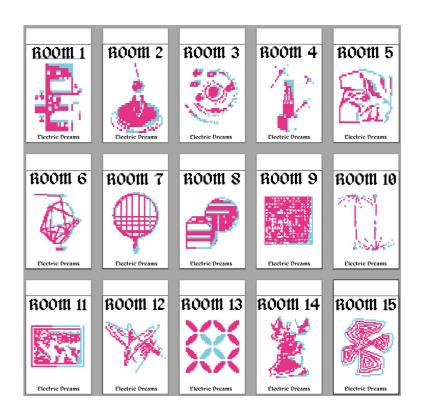
We tried different colours for effect.

The reason for limiting colours to two is that the more colours there are, the less people with ADHD can concentrate.

#### Jay

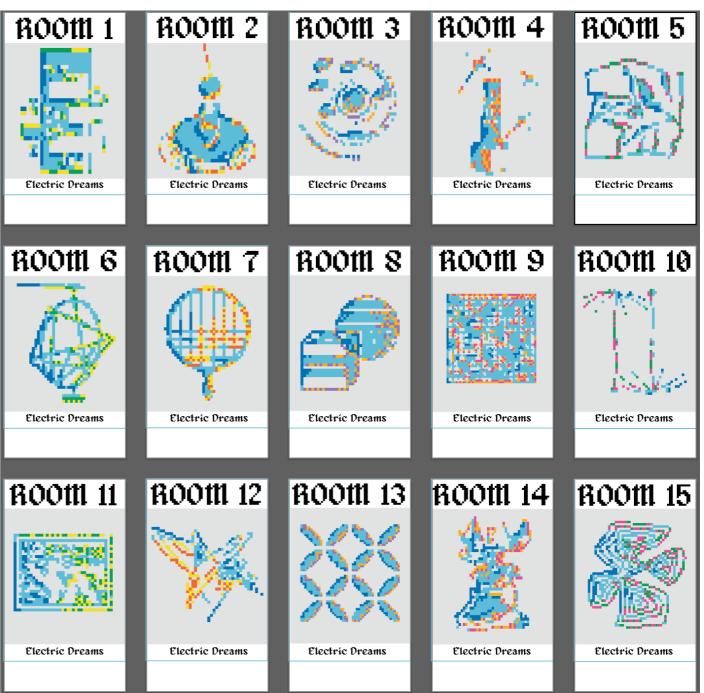


#### Yike



# My additional thoughts

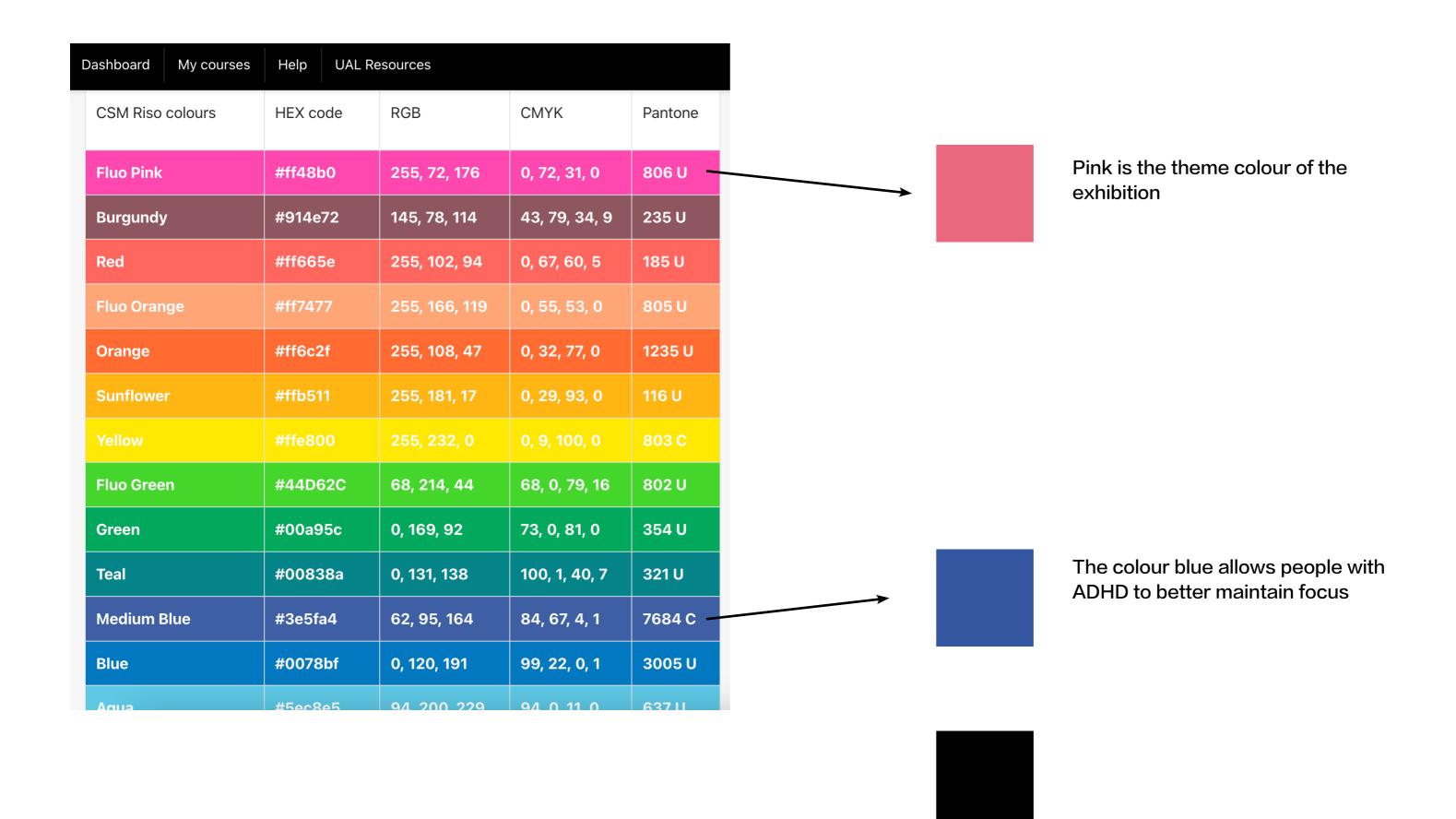




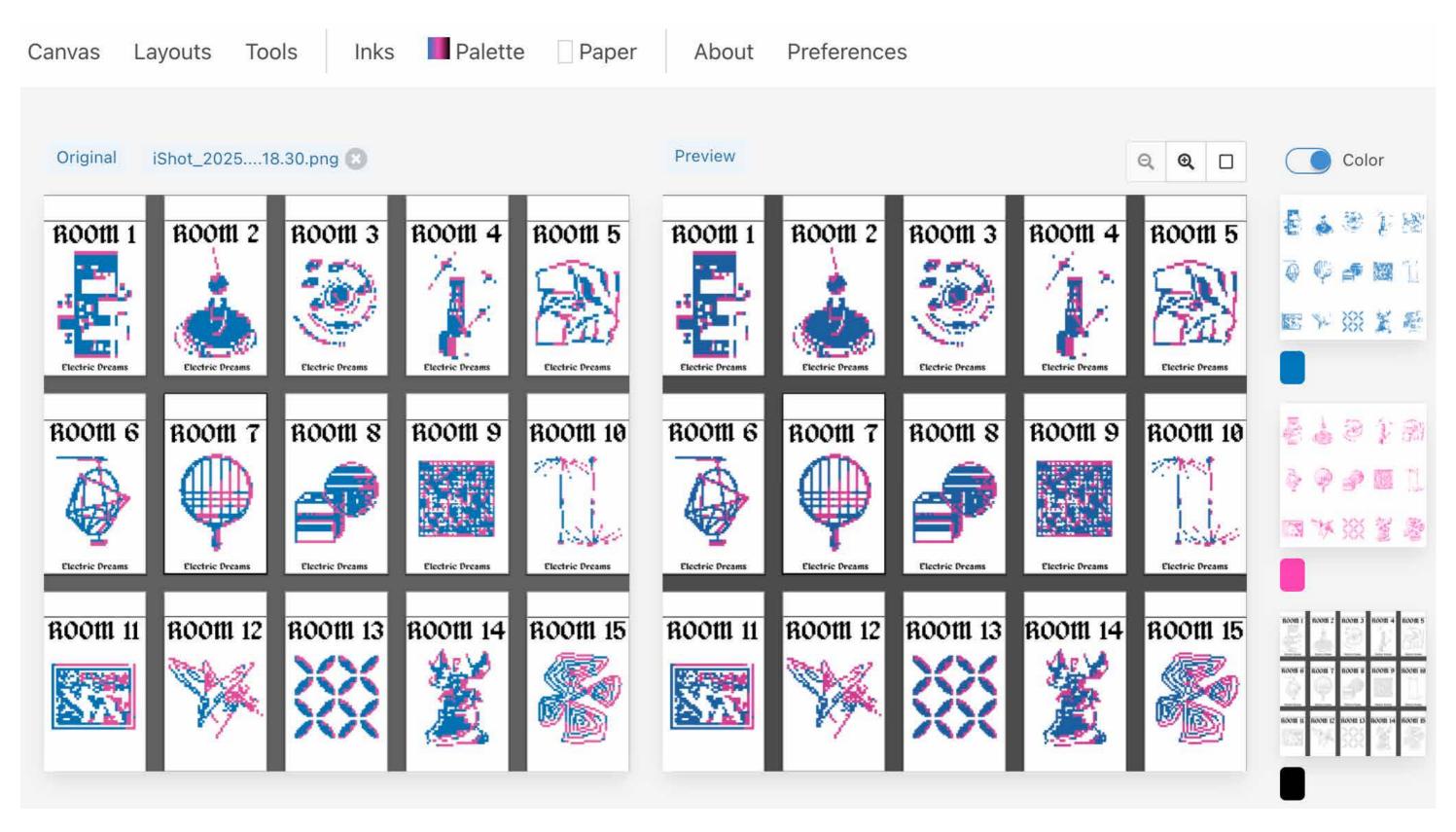
But I still want to try the multi-coloured look... What if it's just more colour around the edges of the pattern? It actually still appears blue overall when you squint.

But that was ultimately rejected.

#### **COLOUR DECISION**



#### **FINAL INSERT CARDS**



Effect from: Spectrolite.

# **GUIDE TOOLKIT**

#### Color:







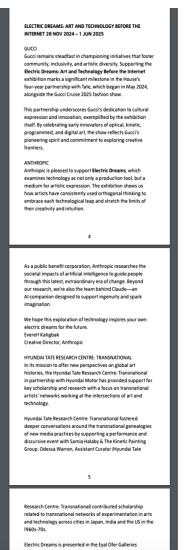
#### Typeface:

Alagard - Medium - 29pt/10pt Helvetica - Regular - 12pt/15pt - Bold Oblique - 12pt

#### Contents from:

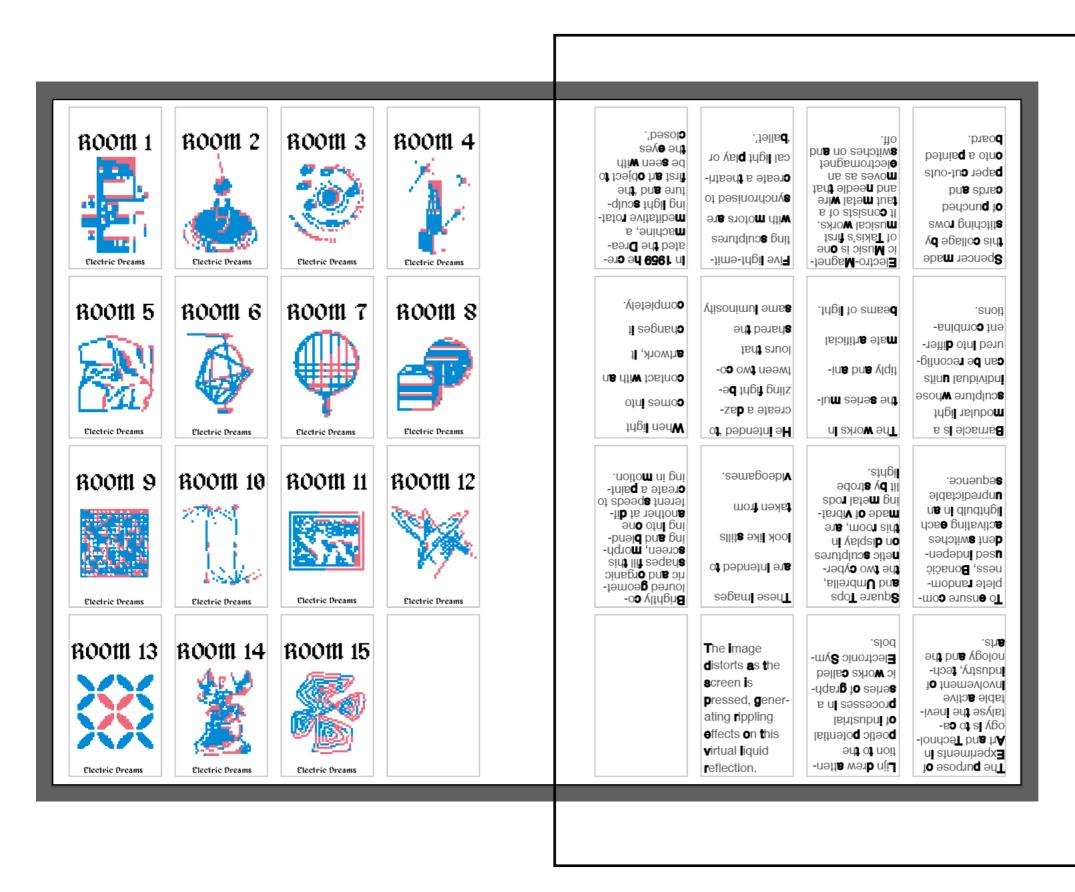
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### THE BACK OF INSERT CARDS



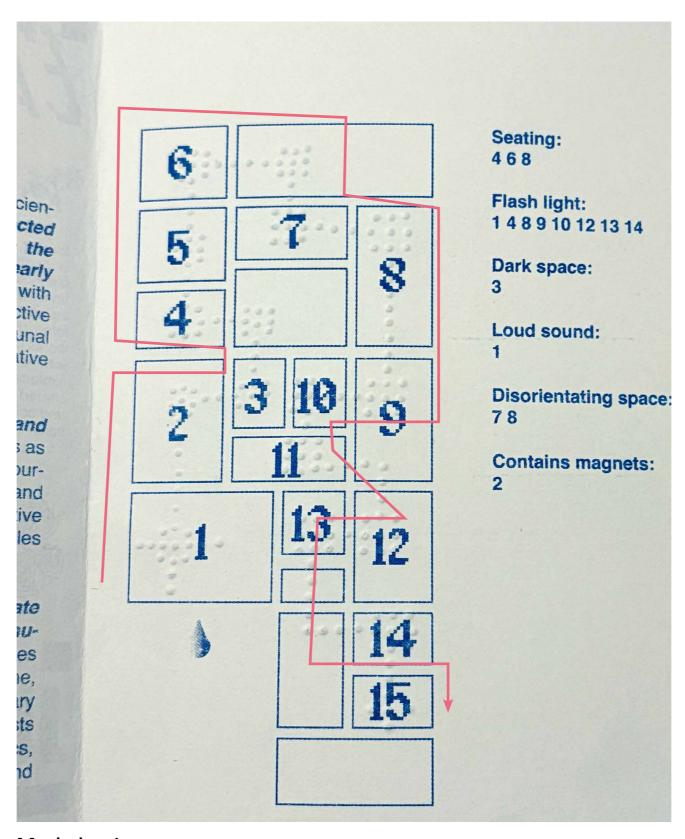
On the reverse, a short passage from the introductory exhibit has been selected and the first letter of each word has been capitalised.

The capitalisation is to make it easier for people with ADHD to concentrate on reading. This is also mentioned in the dyslexia–friendly style guide mentioned earlier.

#### **INSIDE PAGES**

#### The content was included:

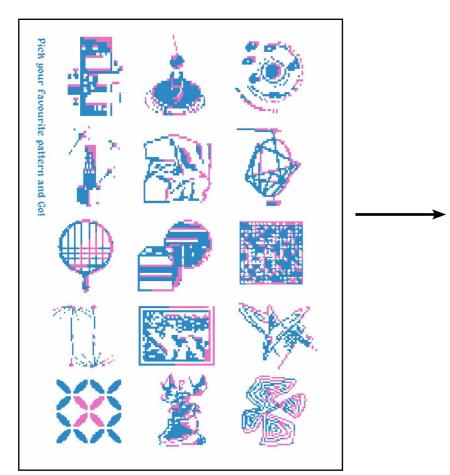
- 1. Title, time, place
- 2. Introduction to the exhibition
- 3. Map
- 4. insert sheet



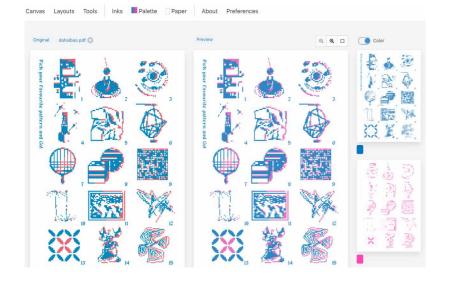
Made by Jay

It occurred to us again that if we wanted to incorporate the previous 'touchable' idea, we could include such 'dots' like Braille on the map page. But these 'dots' are only there so that the viewer can follow the route to the various rooms.

# **FINAL POSTER**



Improvement: room number added



Pick your favourite pattern and Got

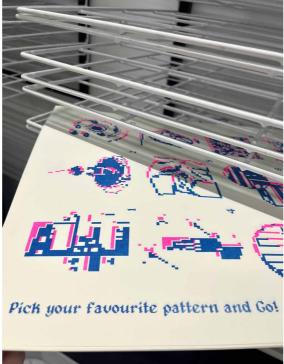
Layout by me

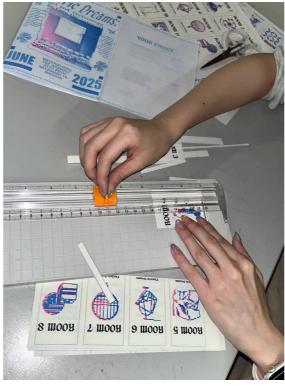
Still affixed to the entrance, a clearer and larger collection of patterns! Makes it easier for viewers to choose a room.

Only use pink and blue. No black.

# RISO PROCESS-GROUP WORK















# FINAL OUTCOME



