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orange
Combining red and yellow's attributes, it's often used to draw attention. Find it used in logos to create playfulness, stimulate emotions or even appetites.

red
An intense colour that can summon strong emotions from blood and warfare to love and passion. Used in logo design to grip the viewer's attention and has been known to raise one's blood pressure or make people hungry.

pink
A feminine color that conjures feelings of innocence and delicateness. Often used in logos to add a feminine flare.

purple
Implies royalty, mystery, spirituality and sophistication. As a combination of red and blue, it has both warm and cool properties. Find it in many education related and luxury product logos.

blue
A calming colour that and can stir up images of authority, success and security. Most people can say they like at least one shade of blue. The most popular color in logo design, it can be seen extensively in government, medical and Fortune 500 company logos.

green
Represents life and renewal. It is a restful and soothing colour but can also represent jealousy and inexperience. You can often find it used in companies that want to portray themselves as eco-friendly.

brown
Brown indicates nature, woodiness, and utility. Brown is used in logos related to construction and legal logos due to its simplicity, warmth and neutrality.

grey
Neutral and cool, grey is often used for the type within logos because it is neutral and works well with most other colors.

black
Symbolizes menace or evil, popular as an indicator of power. Found in many logos for its boldness, simplicity and sophistication.

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