

The Power of Imagery in Email Design





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A collection of emails that use the power of imagery, as covered in our recent webinar

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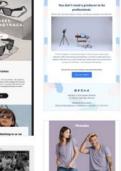






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You can find all the emails we'll cover today in our RGE collection





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Meet your experts



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Why are images so crucial in marketing?





Communicate Faster



Set the **Emotional Tone**



Create Memorable Moments



Brands that have mastered the art of images in email

Example: Illustration

Brand:

Dorsia

What's the job images do here? Sell the benefit not the product.

Also, — help bring some fun, and set a tone of quality, without the distraction of a specific location.



Hey there, you've made it.

Nice to meet you. You'll now be among the first to go to the places everyone wants to be, before everyone else is there too.



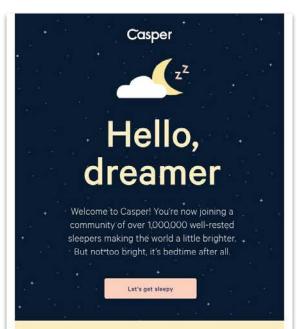
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Thanks so much for being with us for the past 2 months. We want to show you just how big an impact you've had by being with a green energy supplier.

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You're saving 1,630 kg of CO_2 every year. That's the weight of a beluga whale.



1,630 kg of CO2

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Which is equivalent to planting 815 trees.







Great use of Photography

Brand:

Airbnb

What's the job images do here? They show the quality difference rather than just tell about it.

@/we

Every home is a destination



Airbnb Luxe is a new selection of pristine, expertly designed homes with high-end amenities, services, and dedicated trip designers.

Explore Airbnb Luxe





Photography at National Geographic

Brand:

National Geographic

What's the job images do here?

To give me a feeling of adventure even when I can't be there.



FROM THOSE WHO TOOK THEM

World-renowned photojournalists give us a glimpse behind the camera—and the images they create—in these subscriber-exclusive stories.

Look Inside One of Earth's Most Dramatic Volcanoes

At 2 a.m., this photographer descended into an active volcano where miners extract sulfur from inside a blue-frame spewing crater.



How This Photographer Got the Photo of Her



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WOMEN OF IMPACT



Welcome,

I'm Susan Goldberg, Editorial Director of National Geographic Partners and Editor in Chief of National Geographic. Thanks for joining us to explore the world through the eyes of brilliant, inspirational womenpeople we've come to call Women of Impact.



As we approach the 100th anniversary of U.S. women securing the right to vote, we're launching a yearlong celebration of women's achievements. The magazine's November 2019 issue is our first in which all the contributing writers, photographers, and artists are women. It includes important stories like this reported essay by Michele Norris about critical shifts in women's power, and Angela Saini's accounting of sexist behavior that costs the sciences and the world at large. Throughout 2020, our distinguished corps of photojournalists will explore how women are changing the world.









PIVOTAL MOMENT: Alex Key Potter,



LET THE PLANET INSPIRE YOU.



National Geographic commemorates the 50th anniversary of Earth Day this Wednesday, April 22, with two world premieres and an entire day devoted to our best natural history programming on National Geographic, Nat Geo WILD, and Nat Geo MUNDO.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PRESENTS

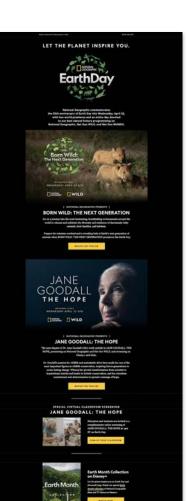
BORN WILD: THE NEXT GENERATION

Go on a journey into the most fascinating, breathtaking environments around the world to witness and celebrate the diversity and resilience of charismatic baby animals, their families, and habitats.

Prepare for cuteness overload and a revealing look at Earth's next generation of animals when BORN WILD: THE NEXT GENERATION premieres this Earth Day.

WATCH THE TRAILER







Tips for using photography in email

- For high-quality photography,

 JPEG is the best file format
- Balance image quality and file size using smart image compression
- Use meaningful ALT text
- Optimize images for mobile

- Do not exceed 1MB in file size (keep it under 500 KB if possible)
- Don't use stock imagery if you can avoid it, or if you have to, find images with better depth of field.

Using photography and illustration together

Brand:

Smallbirds

What's the job images do here?

These illustrations enhance a feeling of wonder and imagination making me feel that shoes are a part of activity and life.







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Energise my eyes



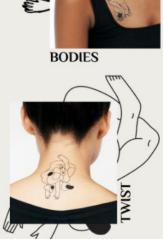




Introducing two new tattoos by artist Tasnim Bagh space and line with a temporary twist.

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Advanced techniques for imagery in email



DISCLAIMER

Proceed with caution



Don't underestimate the power of simplicity



Example 1: The Power of Simplicity

Brand:

Airbnb

What's the job images do here?

They show the quality difference rather than just tell about it.

@/we

Every home is a destination



Airbnb Luxe is a new selection of pristine, expertly designed homes with high-end amenities, services, and dedicated trip designers.

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Got this covered? You may proceed.



Brand:

Headspace

What's the job images do here?

Make the reader pause — and make them smile.





This won't last much longer

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Our summer offer is on its way out. But there's still time to find a calmer, more relaxed mind with Headspace. You've got two days left to get 6 months of Headspace for \$20.*

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Animated GIFs

Brand:

Netflix

What's the job images do here?

They create tone. The imagery tells me what the emotion of the story is in a way that would require a lot more words—that would be TLDR



Animated GIFs aren't just for B2C

Brand:

Asana

What's the job images do here?

This simple animated illustration shows product functionality more effectively than any static image and copy ever could.



Avoid the last-minute scramble

Start work at the right time, every time.



Timing is everything. With **start dates**, you know when to get started so you can hit deadlines with ease—and get results.

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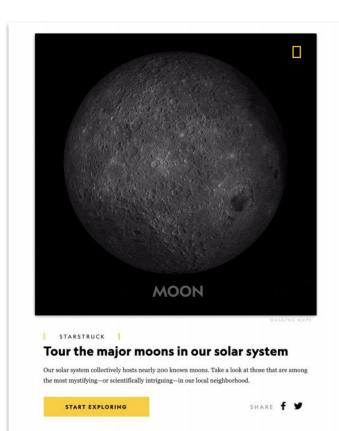
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How National Geographic Uses GIFs

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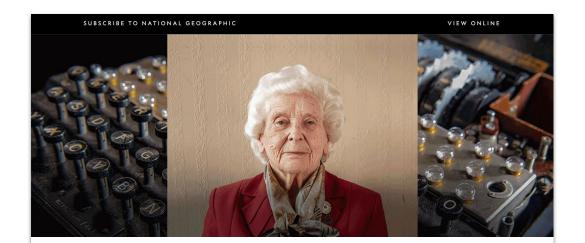
National Geographic

What's the job images do here?











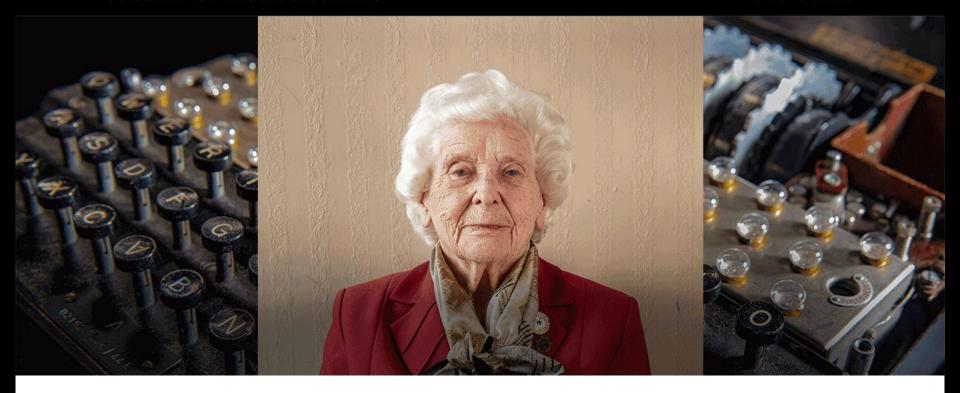
At National Geographic, we have been telling the story of the human journey since 1888, the year our magazine launched its unique brand of global, factual, science-based journalism. We wanted to shine a light on the journeys of these brave men and women, and learn from their experiences as this Greatest Generation passes into history.



Interview with war veteran Betty
Webb, 97, from
Redfordshire







75 YEARS AFTER WWII ENDED



Cinemagraphs: Making just a part of an image move

Brand:

National Geographic

What's the job images do here? Catch the readers eye. Make them pause.



MISUNDERSTOOD BUT VITAL

Sharks star in blockbuster movies as blood-seeking villains, but in reality, they're far more fascinating and complicated than they're often depicted in pop culture. Sharks can rouse fear and awe like no other creature in the sea. Find out more when you subscribe to National Geographic.

Sizing Up Sharks, The Lords of the Sea

See how you compare to some of these vulnerable predators that are so crucial to the ocean's health.







Tips for using animated GIFs

- Keep it simple
- GIFs aren't supported everywhere & some Outlook versions will only show the first frame of your GIF—optimize your GIF for that
- Use as few frames as possible
- Explore <u>animated PNGS</u> for highquality animation at small file sizes (and transparent backgrounds)

- X Do not use flashy GIFs
- Do not exceed 1MB in file size (here's some tips on keeping files sizes low)
- Avoid GIF making apps (if possible)



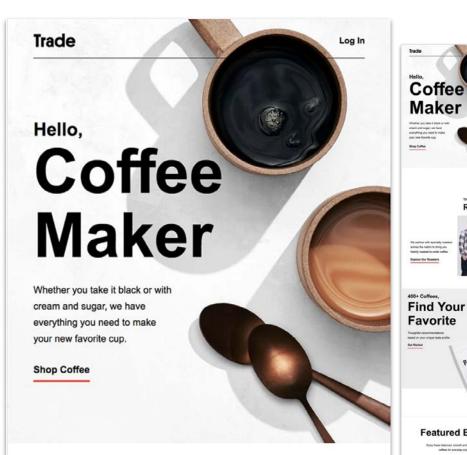
Background Imagery

Brand:

Trade

What's the job images do here?

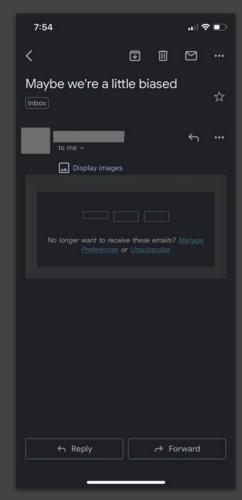
To create a sense of setting and place that describes the quality of life you are aligning the brand with.





But why bother with live text?

- 🚀 Live text scales with devices
- Maintain ADA accessibility standards
- Run multivariate testing with text based on segmentation (Can't do that with imagery easily)
- It's affordable to develop and allows a smaller team to create and send emails.





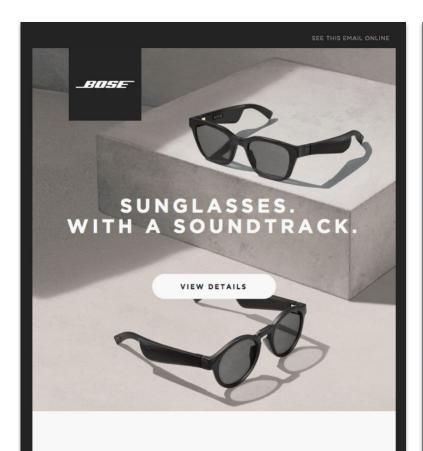
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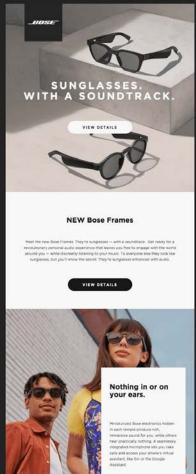




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Tips for using background images



Background images aren't supported everywhere. Know what email clients your audience is using, and then decide if the effort is worth it for you.



X Don't forget about your fallbacks



X Don't forget to set a mobile version of your image



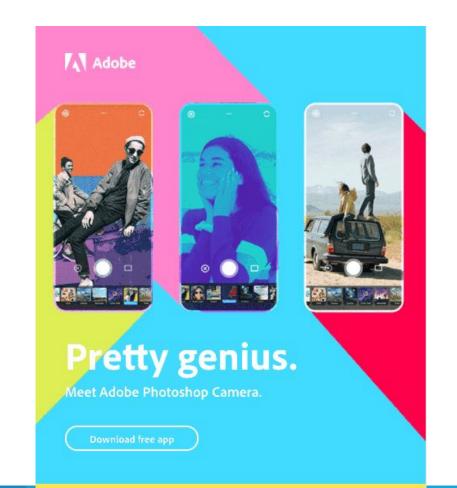
Animated background images

Brand:

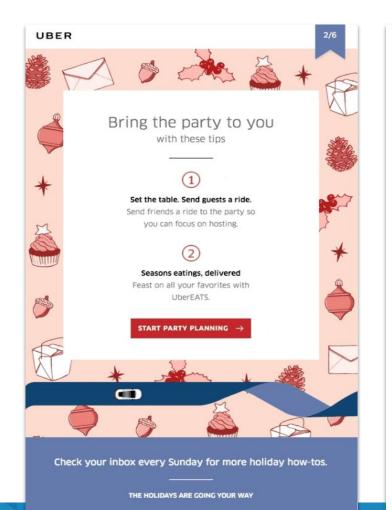
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What's the job images do here?

The animation shows the App in action—and the shapes in the background change their colors, too. That's unexpected, and beautiful!







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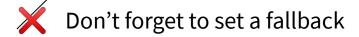
Control of the Contro



Tips for using animated background images







Make sure you don't distract from the design and the message

Consider accessibility
(e.g. people who have Epilepsy)



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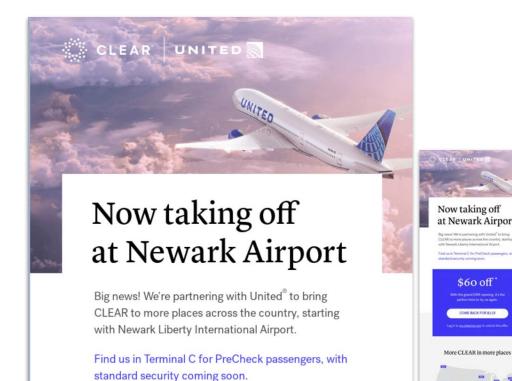
Creating overlay Effects with imagery

Brand:

Clear

What's the job images do here?

Causes me to wanderlust and associate Clear with the joy of travel.







SHOCKINGLY SOFT TEES

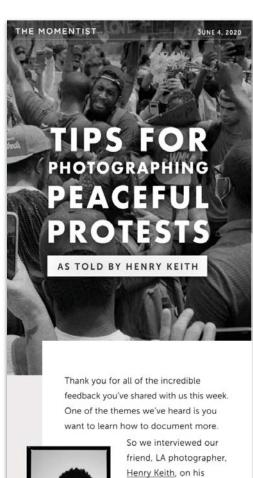
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Our jersey tees are soft, lightweight, and fit just right. And honestly...that's it. We're all about being basic and we don't care who knows.

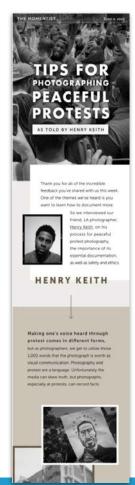
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Total Body Training At the Tap of a Screen

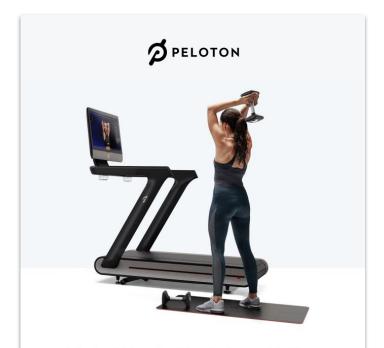
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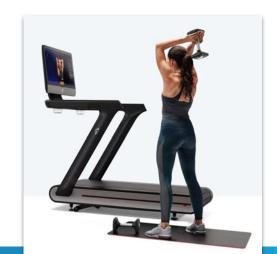
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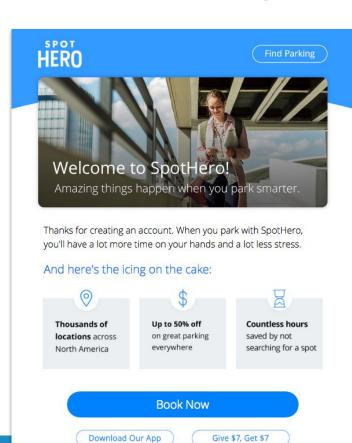
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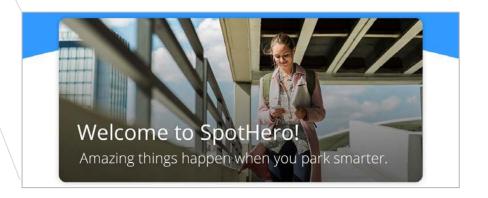




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Let's sum it up: Cover your basics first

Choose non stock images if possible. Choose images that have personality.

Use images that have similar qualities. They should feel like a family.

Don't use too many images. Leading with one great image is better than many.

Ask yourself if the image is essential. If it's not, cut it.

Do you know what images fit your brand? If not, do that work.

Do you know which images resonate with customer? If not, do that work.



Questions









Get more email inspiration







Like to see more beautiful imagery from National Geographic? Sign up for weekly emails.

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What is Taxi?

Watch the video \rightarrow



Why we exist: Making email is hard.

Takes too long

Costs too much

Easy to go off brand

Complex & varied skillset required

HTML - rendering & complexity

Managing who does what

Disheartened team/Team Morale

Busier the team is, easier it is to make mistakes (especially repetitive work)

There's never enough email marketing



A new process: Built around the needs of the email team

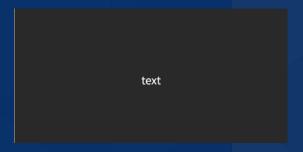




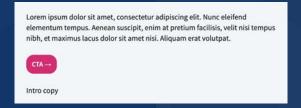
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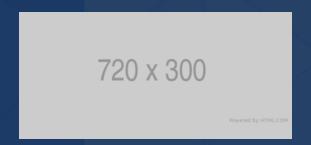




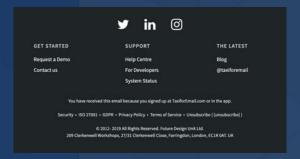














Let's get nerdy for 1 minute 🔓

Taxi Syntax — the secret to making Email Design Systems *actionable* Create the perfect HTML, then use the power of the Taxi syntax to control how it's used, what can be changed, and what can't.

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