

Dark Pattern Design Checklist

Dark Mode Pattern Design: Techniques & Pitfalls

About This Document

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Article Summary

Design patterns that look stunning in both light and dark modes without duplicating SVG files or JavaScript complexity.

Avoiding Dark Mode Pitfalls

Common dark-mode mistakes: (1) Inverting colours mathematically produces eye-straining combinations. (2) Using the same saturation on dark as on light saturated colours on dark backgrounds glow and vibrate. (3) Pure black backgrounds creates harsh contrast. (4) Ignoring border visibility patterns that rely on border-colour contrast become invisible in dark mode if borders aren't also adjusted.

Dark Patterns for Hero Sections

Dark hero patterns work best when the pattern is very subtle (510% opacity) and the background has a slight coloured tint rather than being neutral grey. The best dark-mode hero patterns use: deep indigo, dark teal, or dark navy as the base, with barely-visible geometric motifs at 612% opacity white, and a radial gradient overlay to create depth and focus.

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