# I love Shopping

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# **Analysis**

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## **TrustGainig**

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How do the shops socialize their ShoppingExperiences?

## PurchaseCycle

How do shops react on the fact that the purchasecycle is longer and more reasonable?

## GoGreen & FairTrade

How do stores react on pollution through packaging or other green and fairtrade topics?

# **Desigual - Brand**

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Designal is a casual clothing brand based in Barcelona, Spain. The philosophy of Designal is based on positivity, tolerance, commitment and fun. Each season the Designal design team, comprising 25 designers, prepares a collection of over 1,000 items, including clothes and accessories, built around a unified concept. Some of the concepts used by the company are Real Life, Magic Stories, Luxury Feelings, Me&You, Better&Better, Wow, Life is Cool, All Together and Handmade.

Desigual gains mediaawarenes through special events wich focus there seasonal concept, like huge public kissing-parties. The comunication is leaded by a multichannel-strategy using events as mentioned before, television, prints, a blog, facbook, twitter, youtube and flickr.

The most recent comunication concept of designal is trying to place designal within the social circle of costumers. Designal offers to through a party for the costumer, his family and friends bonded to a 20% discount on its products. Designal tries to place his products where all of its philosophical needs get satisfied.



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To buy the neede clothes takes 13 clicks and 4:23 minutes. Sadly the white shirt is simply not offered and a white blossom instead could not be deliverd.

# **Desigual - OnlineShop - Usability**



To get these products, the costumer has to choose a gender or a speacial topic with a subtopic from a menu (e.g. man -> underwear).

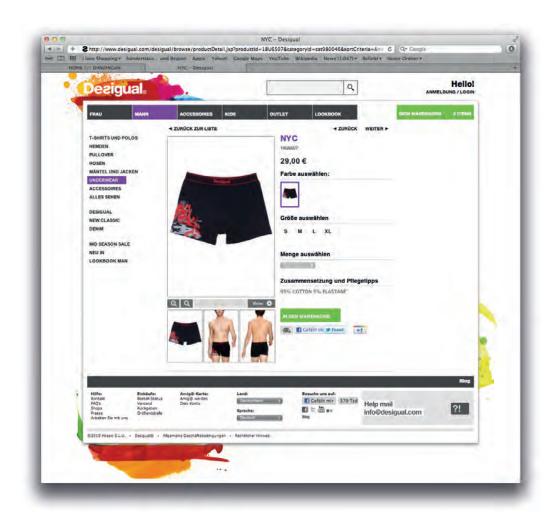


The costumer is forwarded to an overview of products, which are filtered according to the previously made selection. He can then browse products or change and refine the filters.



When the costumer found his product, he can gain a large view of the product by clicking on it. He is presented with aditional information and options, like adding the product to the shoppingcart.

# **Desigual - OnlineShop - Presentation**



Products are presented in a clinical way. Next to a browsable overview every product has its own dedicated page wich looks composed and reigned by the layout. On the left filters are still present to offer quick controll & access to the overlaying overview. A large picture presents the product on white, while every product has another two pictures showing the prodcut worn by a model from the front and back. The product is entitled by its name and its manufacturing number, followed by the price. Next to these Information is the posibility offered to change the color even if only one color is manifactured. The costumer can choos size, amount and then add it to his or her shoppingcard. These options are followed by a view socializing tools like facbook-likes, tweets and direct mail-recomondations. What seems to be unique is the fact that every product has a video attached which shows a model, wearing the product, walking towards the costumer turning around and then walking back again.

# **Desigual - OnlineShop - Advisery**

The designal onlineshop gives its costumers adviseries presented on the dedicated product page through showing related products. Since these products are presented like they would be in the browsing view the costumer has to guess where these recomondations come from. Eventually these are decicions made by a editorial departement.

The costumer has no chance to give a qualified recomondation to an article. Social recomondations are presented but the only media that could be used for qualificationhere is twitter. The result is that the products are not connected to any kind of opinions shared by the costumers. What also seems conspicuous is the fact that products stand for them one. Costumers expecting to get advise about products maybe fitting to the shown product are left disapointed.

The task of advisery is hosted by a special area of the sop called the "lookbook" and being focused in "dwadling"

# **Desigual - OnlineShop - AfterPurchaseServices**

When browsing the shop, no Information appear about services focusing the timelaps after the purchase. Those information are hidden under a FAQ-point. This indicates that designal focuses on no open strategy but only delivers what might be demanded or needs to be demanded. These services therefore include the usual Information about delivery times, rights of returning a product or conversion rights.

# **Desigual - OnlineShop - Dwadling**



Desigual offers a way to dwadle through the available products and giving adviseries at the same time through the special "lookbook" section. The lookbook is strictly seperated into the parts man, woman, accessoirs and kids, wich cannot be browsed at the same time. It can be reached through the main menu and consists of phtographies. Thoes photographies can by browsed by hovering the eft or right border and through that letting a long stripe of photographies float to the left or right. By hovering the lower border, the user gains an overview of this stripe and can access apertures quickly.

When hovering an image a menu containing the clothes worn appears. The costumer can reach to the dedicated product page through this menu. What distinguishes this view from the browseview is the fact that the photographies are not clinical. They have different backgrounds and show models in pose, the photographies are far more staged and take more place.

# **Desigual - OnlineShop - TrustGaining**

The Desingual is not certificated by any instance. The FAQ-page delivers a subpage dedicated to payment safety. This page mentions the SSL and safetyness with creditcard-payment.

Thgough the shop seems trustworthy. This is acchieved by the clear branding and the reliable layout. The complete shop is branded and the brightfull colors from the logotype are reapearing in the layout and coloring of the elements. Another seriously fact is that the shop doesn't host any advertisement and therefore emits a closed atmosphäre and look.

Through this appereance the costumer gets the feeling that he is interacting with the brand and not with a shopsystem and so gains a lot of trust.

# **Desigual - OnlineShop - Socializing**

The Desigual-OnlineShop offers socializing as a feature on the dedicated product page. At the end of the productinformation are the options hosted to recommend the product via mail, via facebook, within a tweet and via google +1. These options have in common that they don't host qualified recomondations that are shown next to the product. These informations are channeld away from the shop itself. It seems like Desigual doesn't want to enhance or decrease the value of theire products through recommondations.

A quick vie over the other channels such as the blog and the youtubechannel don't show much activity. It looks like designal is avoiding uncontrollable recommondations that can get public.



# Desigual - OnlineShop - PurchaseCycle

When getting to the shopcard and continuing with payment the costumer is asked to register himself at the desigual shop. Afterwards he can purchase his products by creditcard. Information about the purchase cycle are not offered before registering at the shop. Therefore the FAQ-page delivers Information about delivery-times & fees. Through the registration Desigual tries to convert bind the costumer to the brand after the purchase by sending newsletters via email. Desigual also offers a costumerprogramm wich is called amig@. The costumer gains a membership to a desigual dedicated group, invitations to desigual events and discount.

# Desigual - OnlineShop - GoGreen & FairTrade

Designal does not communicate any information on its carbon emissions, environmental policy or labour conditions policy, if there is one, on its website. Sustainability information should be easily accessible for consumers to make responsible choices.

In the recent past there have been no fudge about polloution or labour drawbacks raiced by designal.

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Online Shop "H&M"

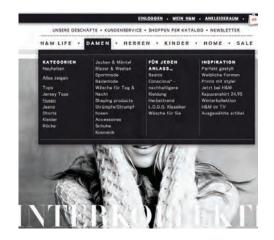
## H&M - Brand



H&M is a brand for modern fashion and home decoration which has a wide choice of clothes affordable for anybody. It is a very popular brand for people of all ages because of their up to date fashion and low prices. "H&M stands for – fashion and quality at the best price." (H&M website) From time to time they work together with famous designers and create a collection that is much more low priced than usual designer wear and therefore very popular.

H&M has many stores in 41 countries as well as an online shop which has it's own section with numerous facts about the company itself. H&M advertises mainly through posters and sometimes with tv spots. For registered clients there are regular sales promotions as well as newsletters and season catalogues.

# **H&M** - OnlineShop - Usability



First of all you choose between your gender, sale or home decoration.



After this you select a product category and if wished a subcategory.



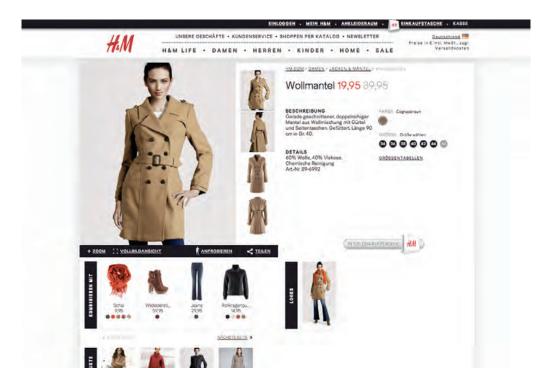


Then you can activate filters like colour and size to specify your choice. A black Trousers (36): 4 clicks, 38 seconds

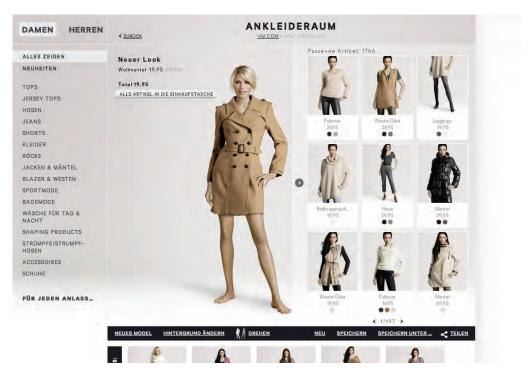
A basic white shirt (S): 5 clicks, 46 seconds

A Bra(75B): 5 clicks, 25 seconds

# **H&M** - OnlineShop - Presentation & Advisery



The product is presented on a model with different pictures from three angles. There is also a detail picture and the option of zooming in. The viewer gets shown different outfits with the product as well as products that can be combined with it and similar products.



A very nice feature is the dressing room where you can try out different individual outfits. You can share your chosen product with social networks or send it via mail. Details such as length in a medium size, material and washing instructions are described.

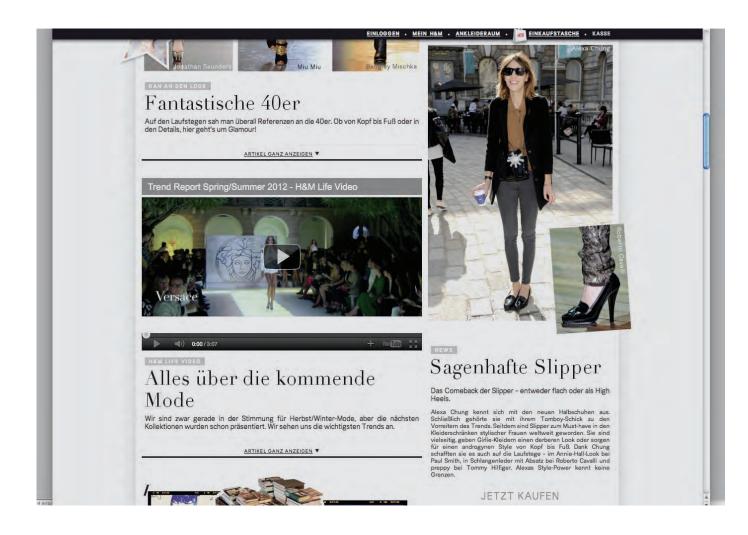
# **H&M** - OnlineShop - AfterPurchaseServices

Pay options: credit card bill in packet monthly instalments monthly invoice

## Delivery:

The packet should be received 3-5 days after your order but in times of high frequency can take longer which usually is always the case. Shipping costs in Germany are 4,90 Euro. Sometimes a packet is splitted in more than one because some articles are not in stock.

# **H&M** - OnlineShop - Browse



There is one category that is intended for getting inspiration for your purchase: H&M Life.

In this area you can read about new fashion trends like in a magazine: what celebrities wear, pictures of people in different cities wearing H&M clothes etc. There are also videos that you can watch. While browsing you get suggestions for H&M products that you can purchase with just two more clicks.

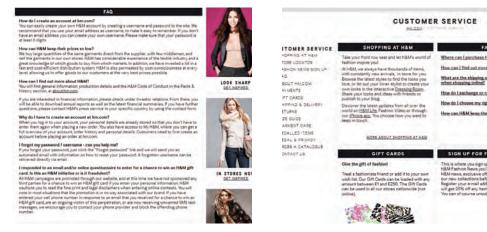
Generally when you browse within the H&M online shop you are constantly linked to more products, so that you won't get bored too fast.

# H&M - OnlineShop - Socializing & Trust Gaining



H&M has its own facebook page and is also active in other social networks. You can also share and send your chosen products. Unfortunately you can't rate your products and therefore also can't see ratings from other people.

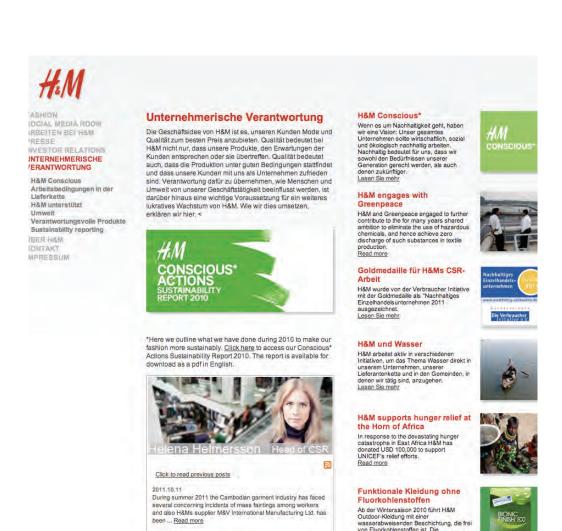
On their webpage there is a social media room where social network posts of H&M are brought together.



First of all H&M is a well known, international brand that probably most people have been in contact with. Also they have a very open communication on their website and you can find many informations, such as how to contact the service team, or payments for example.

# H&M - OnlineShop - GoGreen & FairTrade

The company H&M takes their responsibilty in green matters very serious. On their homepage they have informations about their philosophy and their dedication to charity. An important matter to them is that their production is taking place under good circumstances. Also they are partly using recycled materials. H&M is supporting many charity organizations.



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Online Shop "adidas"

## adidas - Brand



The brand adidas stands for sporty and upto date fashion. They often collaborate with famous personalities or other enterprises to evolve new product lines (Sennheiser, Star Wars,...)

They are strong in sponsoring sport events and teams all over the world and managed to change their image from a sports equipment distributor to a fashion brand that produces high quality and sporty clothes.

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To buy the needed clothes takes 16 clicks and 3 minutes.

# adidas - OnlineShop - Usability



First of all you choose your gender.

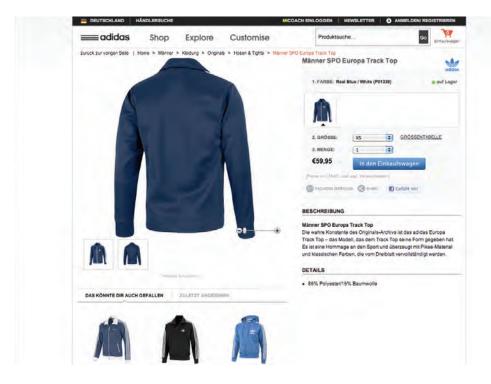


After this you select a product line.

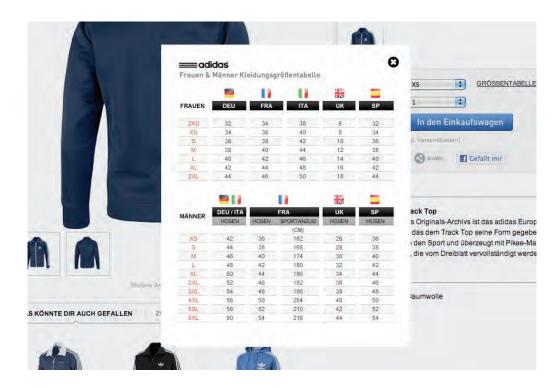


On the catalogue page you specify the kind of product you search and choose the wished article.

# adidas - OnlineShop - Presentation



The products are photographed in a neutral way in front of a white background. By standard you have a front and back view of the article that can be zoomed in high quality. On the right you get information if the product is on stock and in which colors it is available. Beside of the size choose wheel you can access a short summary of the different national sizes.



Furthermore there is a short description of the product and what it's made of.

Beneath the product photo you get further recommendations of other similar products, that you could like.

# adidas - OnlineShop - Advisery





You get certain recommondations on the product pages and the product lines are presented in a modern way to catch the costumers interest.

# adidas - OnlineShop - AfterPurchaseServices

## Pay options:

Visa
Mastercard
American Express
Direct transfer
PayPal
direct debit
on account

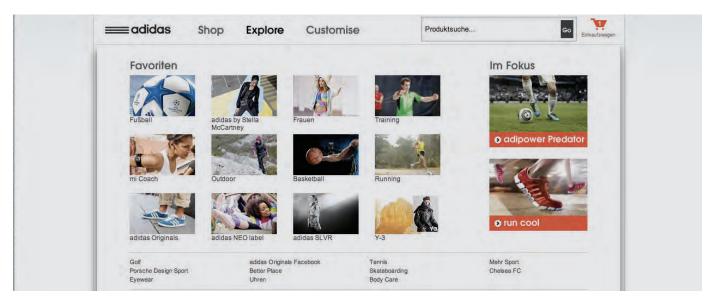
## **Deliviry:**

1-2 days. Orders til 15.30h are send away the same day. Possibility to follow your order and check the status of your parcel.

Order history is saved in your account.

Return of items is up to one month after purchase possible.

# adidas - OnlineShop - Browse





There is one very comfortable way to get information about the different product lines adidas has: the category "Explore" on the main page let's you have a look at temporary specials, collaborations with movies, e.g.

A special feauture are small photo stories that have an artistic touch. Due to the lack of information of the shown products it's clear that these kind of galleries are used to build and keep the image of the brand.

The numerous banners on the start page (special offers, seasonal products, product lines) motivate the customer to browse the different categories, to see what's up at the moment.

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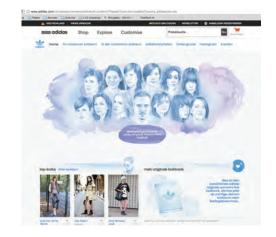
Due to the fact, that adidas is a well known and appreciated, international brand they gained already enough trust in the past, so they don't have to use other certificates.



# adidas - OnlineShop - Socializing









Facebook button, the possibility to share with other social communities and "send email to friend" option are offered on the product page.

A special campaign are outfits created by stylists for certain cities (Berlin, Istanbul, Tokio,...) that can be added to a personal lookbook and shared and commented on facebook.

# adidas - OnlineShop - Purchase cycle

The purchase cycle follows the classic scheme: placing your items in the basket, check-out, choose your method of payment and confirm the order.

New customers have to register and create an adidas account. By doing this you can subscribe for the newsletter and gain a direct reduce of 15%.

# adidas - OnlineShop - GoGreen & FairTrade

The brand adidas communicates in no way information about Fairtrade or sustainable productions.

Like any other sport equipment distributor, adidas produces in southeast asian countries, too. But there were no magnificant incidents concerning child-labour or exploitation.

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#### Zara - Brand

Zara is one of the largest international fashion companies. It belongs to Inditex, one of the world's largest distribution groups.

Zara stores have men's clothing and women's clothing, each of these subdivided in Lower Garment, Upper Garment, Shoes, Cosmetics and Complements, as well as children's clothing. The fashion is always up to date and many sided even though the price is still affordable to most people. The fashion label Zara has several in-house lines, so that the design is up to young, sporty, classic, elegant and even though high fashioned and trendy.

It is claimed that Zara needs just two weeks to develop a new product and get it to stores, compared to the six-month industry average, and launches around 10,000 new designs each year. Zara has resisted the industry-wide trend towards transferring fast fashion production to low-cost countries. Perhaps its most unusual strategy was its policy of zero advertising; the company preferred to invest a percentage of revenues in opening new stores instead. This has increased the idea of Zara as a "fashion imitator" company and low cost products. Lack of advertisement is in also contrast to the direct competitors such as United Colors of Benetton, whose campaigns are still considered outstanding and innovative in the advertisement industry.

# Zara - Homepage

#### First Impression:

Tow huge pictures, subdued color, all in all just plain black and white,

strictly divided in left and right part (sidebar and log in )--> means the middle is free of lettering so that the photography has enough room to show itself

In conclusion you can say, that the first impression comes out to be very elegant and well-arranged, clearly structured.



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- 1) black Trousers--> 0,32min; 5clicks(+choosing which one to take)
- 2) basic white T-shirt--> 0,39min; 7clicks --> no article because of too many specifications

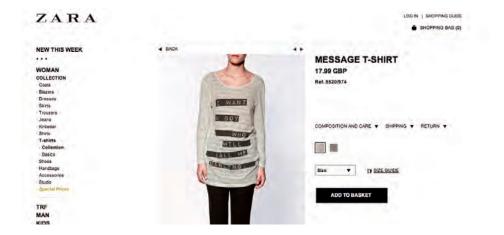
1,14min; 14clicks--> no real basic shirt 1,21min; 17clicks--> s.th you can call white basic shirt

3) Black bra--> 0,23min; 3clicks--> Zara does not sell underwear

## Zara - Onlineshop - Presentation

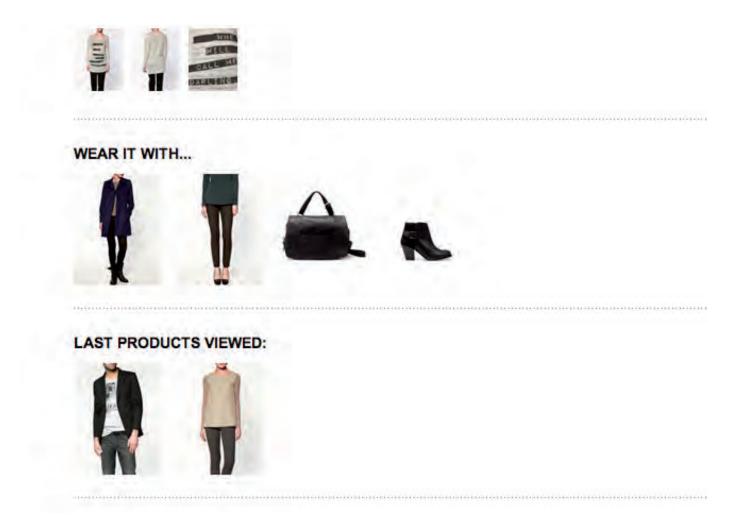


The product is not really staged, it is just a simple photography of the product itself. Directly under the main photo you can find some close ups with details. To enlarge the photo you just have to click on it. One thing which is really very important to mention, is that ZARA does not show any faces at the product pages, so that the customer can focus on the cloth.



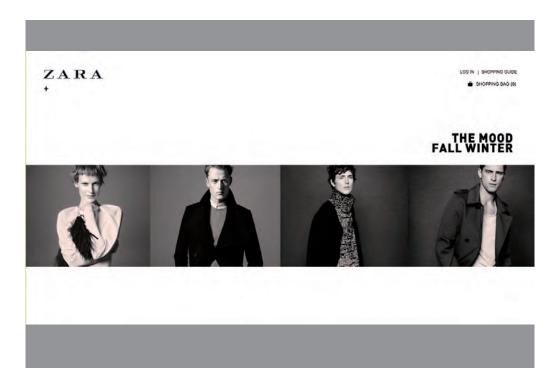
On the right side of the Picture you can see the product designation, the price and the Ref. number. Moreover you get information about the composition and care, shipping and return. Then you can choose between color and size (drop down button). There is also a very detailed size guide to help you find out how to choose your right size.

# Zara - Onlineshop - Presentation



By scrolling down the page, you get some recommendations what to wear with the chosen cloth and you can also see the last products viewed.

# Zara - OnlineShop - Presentation



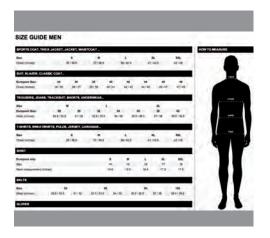
Zara also has its own group for their campaigns. There the user can find the actual clothes of the campaign and choose between women, men and chlidren. After choosing this, you can decide which campaign should be shown.

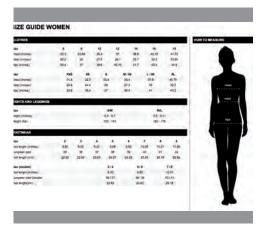


To enlarge one of the pictures, you have to click on it. Then you see all items on the right side use for this campaign shoot.

## Zara - OnlineShop - Advisery Service









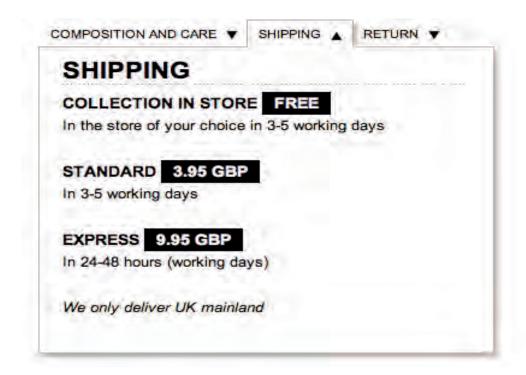
On every side of the homepage you can find the button "Shopping guide" at the top of the right side. This explains you how to shop on the homepage by using video tutorials and pictures. Moreover you get aware of: General information, Payment, Delivery, Returns, Exchanges and Technology.

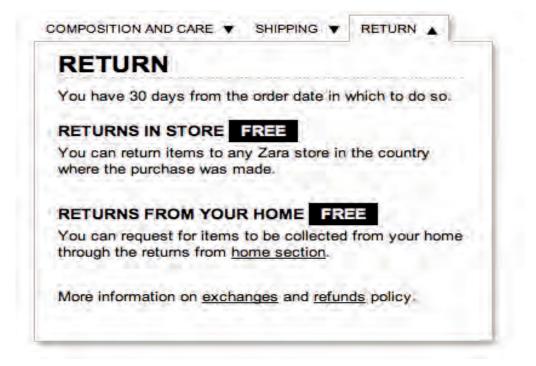
To be sure you buy the right size, there is a very detailed size guide. It is separated in different categories like thighs and leggings, sport coats, skirts or gloves. Furthermore there is silhouette showing how to measure you.

Furthermore you can find a "composition and care" button showing you all Exterior being use and how to take care.

There is no way to get direct recommendations on the product. You just have the possibility to share it on Facebook, Twitter and per Email.

## Zara - OnlineShop - AfterPurchaseServices





The time of delivery depends on the type chosen on the page. You have the possibility to deliver the order to your home, so delivery time will be between 3 - 5 working days. The cost will be about 3,95€ per order. Another possibility is sending the order to your local ZARA store and pick it up there.

The shipping will be for free and take also about 3-5 working days. If you are in hurry and need you clothes faster, then you have the opportunity to order it by express. It would last 24-48 hours and cost 5,95€ per order.

# Zara - OnlineShop - Dwadling & Socializing



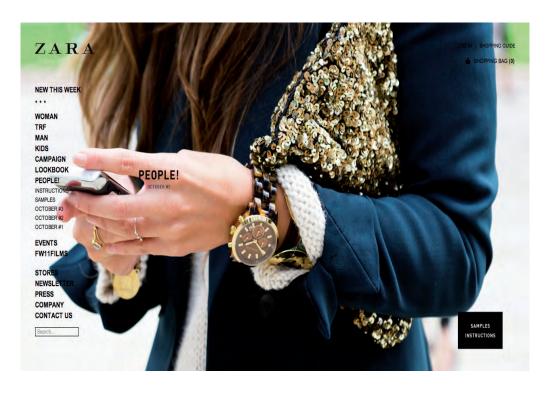
Zara has found out find some ways, which make the online shopping more interesting and socialized for their customers.

One of these is their Lookbook. It is strictly separated into the four categories woman, man, TRF and kids. There they show you different outfits and how to combine their clothes in a way the Zara designer think it matches.



The photography this time is staged and you see the models faces. On the right side, the single items are listed so that the costumer can easily find the right clothes for that look. Moreover you share this look with your friends on facebook or twitter by using the blue button on the right side.

# Zara - OnlineShop - Dwadling & Socializing







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Another way Zara involves their costumers is by using the "People" category. Actually it is nearly the same as the lookbook, but the special thing is, that here normal customers show how they wear Zara fashion. Zara would like people who are interested in fashion to join. To do so you have to create a look with at least 2 items from Zara's collection and sign up for "PEOPLE" and upload the photo. Each week a new selection of photos from the different season's collection will be published on the Web.

If your photo has been selected you will receive 300€ for your participation. By doing this they identify themselves with the brand and share their own fashion style with costumers from the rest of the world. More over you can share the presented look directly with your friends on Facebook, Twitter or per Mail.

# Zara - OnlineShop - Dwadling & Socializing

They also socialize by promoting their section "follow us" were you can find the link to these topics:

- Newsletter
- Facebook
- Youtube
- Flickr
- Mobile web
- My account

# Zara - OnlineShop - TrustGaining



First of all Zara is worldwide known and established as a brand. The whole Homepage is designed were elegant and low keyed, that mediates lots of people a secure feeling.

Moreover you can find a note in the shopping guide where they affirm that payment with the credit card is safe.

#### Is it safe to use my credit card on the website?

Yes, the data is transmitted SSL-encrypted. For payments with Visa and Mastercard only SET transactions (secure electronic transactions) are accepted. After verifying that the card is included in the SET system, the system will contact the card-issuing bank to enable the buyer to authorize the purchase. When the bank confirms the authenticity, the payment will be charged to the card. Otherwise the order will be cancelled.

## Zara - OnlineShop - GoGreen & FairTrade

There are different ways ZARA works on its Environmental policy.

#### At the store

- To save energy.
- The eco-friendly shop.
- To produce less waste, and recycle.
- The commitment extends to all their staff.
- An environmentally aware team.

Recycling hangers and alarms, which are picked up from the shops and processed into other plastic elements, is an example of their waste management policy. Millions of hangers and alarms are processed each year and both the cardboard and plastic used for packaging are also recycled.

#### With the product

- They use ecological fabrics.
- Organic cotton.
- They manufacture PVC-free footwear.

Zara supports organic farming and makes some of its garments out of organic cotton (100% cotton, completely free of pesticides, chemicals and bleach). They have specific labels and are easy to spot in the shops.

For the transport, they use biodiesel fuel, so Zara's fleet of Lorries, which transport more than 200 million items of clothing a year, use 5% biodiesel fuel. This allows them to reduce their CO2 emissions by 500 tons.

Another point to be mentioned is their Animal welfare policy. All products of animal origin sold in the shops, including fur and leather, come exclusively from animals raised on food farms and under no circumstances come from animals sacrificed exclusively for the sale of their hide.