AROMA

AROMA HOUSEWARES BRAND GUIDELINES CONTENTS

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INTRODUCTION

01.1 WHAT AROMA® STANDS FOR

Our Mission

"To design and distribute a line of products and services which enhance and enrich people's lives."

How do we do we design products that enhance, enrich and make life easier for others? Simple. We listen to the ones that matters most—our consumers. That's how we're able to provide products that are convenient, unique, innovative and valuable. Ultimately, it's how we provide products that offer life enriching experiences for our consumers and their families—fostering greater harmony in the world we all share.

Our Values

Aroma's core values stem from an unrelenting desire to create products that make people's lives easier, a whole-hearted dedication to the community and a focus on fostering meaningful and lasting relationships with others.

Creativity

Discovering unique and innovative ways to solve our consumers' problems.

Professionalism

Conducting business with integrity and meeting the expectations of both customers and consumers.

Reliability

Consistently delivering high quality products without sacrificing value.

Honesty

Remaining true to our values when designing products and communicating with others.

Relationships

Nurturing authentic and long-lasting collaboration with our customers and consumers.

01.2 BRANDING PHILOSOPHY

Brand Messaging Strategy

The Aroma brand strives to enhance and enrich consumers' lives by taking the "cook" out of home cooking— giving families more time for the things that matter most. By designing convenient and innovative kitchen appliances tailored for the busy families of today, Aroma is taking families out of the kitchen and putting them back around the table. Every consumer touch-point, from product packaging to the Aroma website, communicates this underlining mission through aesthetic designs, purposeful layouts and well-crafted language.

BRAND ELEMENTS

AROMA HOUSEWARES BRAND ELEMENTS LOGO

02.1 LOGO

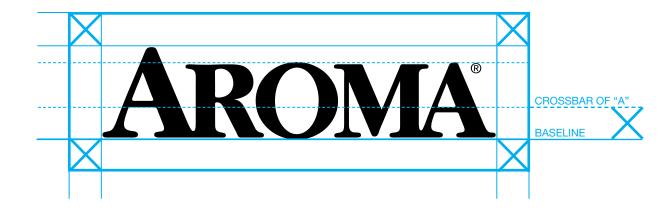
Aroma's logo is the insignia of our brand, comprising a vital element of who we are. A traditional black type-face against a white background forms Aroma's clean and inviting logo. Its elegant simplicity highlights Aroma's focus on creating kitchen solutions that simplify cooking for busy families. The traditional serif font pays homage to Aroma's 36-year history, while the interplay of black and white elicits a modern feel, emphasizing Aroma's position as a leader in cutting-edge innovation. The Aroma logo is the cornerstone of our branding efforts forming the initial impression of our brand in the minds of our customers and consumers.



02.2 CLEAR SPACE

Clear space around our logo is important for legibility and consistency across all of our marketing communications.

Clear space is measured by the height from the baseline of the logo to the crossbar in the "A" of the logo. This space is defined as "x." The minimum clear space must always be the height of "x" on the left, right, bottom and top of the logo.



AROMA HOUSEWARES BRAND ELEMENTS TAGLINE

02.3 TAGLINE

The space between the tagline and the logo is measured and defined by the height of the letter "m" in the "America's #1 Rice Cooker" tagline.

The space between the baseline of the logo and the top of the "America's #1 Rice Cooker" tagline is the height of "m."

The "America's #1 Rice Cooker" tagline reinforces Aroma's dominance in the rice cooker category. The tag should always include the ™ symbol and be added beneath the Aroma logo on all marketing collateral for rice products sold in the United States.







02.4 INCORRECT LOGO USAGE

This does not constitute a comprehensive list of incorrect logo usages. These are only some of the more common incorrect logo usages.



Do not skew or stretch the logo.



Do not change the relationship of the logo to its components.



Do not use colors other than the approved black or white.



Do not add any new graphical elements or illustrations to the logo.



Do not add unapproved copy to the logo.



Do not re-create or re-draw the logo in any way.



Do not use the logo in copy.



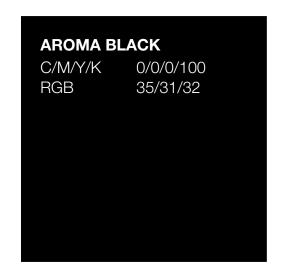
Do not place the logo over photography.



Do not place the logo any direction besides horizontally.

02.5 COLOR PALETTE

The two primary colors used for the Aroma brand are Aroma Black and Aroma White.



AROMA WHITE

C/M/Y/K 0/0/0/0

RGB 255/255/255

AROMA HOUSEWARES BRAND ELEMENTS PRIMARY FONT

02.6 PRIMARY FONT

Aroma's primary typeface is Helvetica Neue Lt Std. The font is a sans-serif friendly typeface that our consumers can relate to. It is also legible at small sizes.

PRIMARY FONT

Helvetica Neue LT Std Light ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ1234567890 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

Helvetica Neue LT Std Light Italic ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ1234567890 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

Helvetica Neue LT Medium ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ1234567890 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

Helvetica Neue LT Std Bold ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ1234567890 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890 AROMA HOUSEWARES LOGO USAGE GUIDELINES ALTERNATE FONTS

02.7 ALTERNATE FONTS

In Social Media messaging, secondary typefaces are used to support the primary Aroma typeface. In applications where the primary typeface is not available, such as Word, Powerpoint and HTML, Arial should be used as a substitute.

SECONDARY FONTS

Daniel ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZI234567890 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzI234567890

Bree Serif ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ1234567890 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

SUBSTITUTION FONTS

Arial ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ1234567890 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz1234567890

IMAGERY

03.1 PRODUCT IMAGE LIBRARY

Product images show a given product in a clear and compelling manner, visually communicating its unique style and features. The product should be shot straight on or at a slight angle to ensure clarity and sensory appeal. Shadows should highlight product definition without distorting or clouding the overall image. A crisp, clean image of the product against a soft white background provides an aesthetically pleasing visual that highlights our brand's commitment to style and quality in our product offerings.



















03.2 FOOD IMAGE LIBRARY

Food images consist of top-down shots of various foods and drinks. The food shots should look appetizing and be naturally lit. When arranging food shots next to each other particular attention should be given to the balance of colors and food options— both for aesthetic appeal and for communicating the food that can be prepared by a particular product. Rice cookers and other circular products should have topdown shots of food in the product, while products that don't allow for a circular top-down view should have plated food shots instead. These food shots should be used on all appropriate marketing collateral to maintain a consistent and memorable look for our brand.



03.3 FAMILY IMAGE LIBRARY

Every family image should communicate Aroma's core focus taking families out of the kitchen and bringing them together at the table and beyond. Whether the images show families around a table or spending time together in a nondining setting, they should convey familiar settings that resonate with our consumers. A collective overview of family shots used should reveal a range of diverse cultures as to emphasize Aroma's varied core demographic. Family members should be shown interacting with each other in a light and playful mood. Shots of individuals should look natural and unstaged. Images should be cropped asymmetrically to heighten visual appeal and elicit a more realistic tone.













COPY

04.1 FUNCTIONS & BUTTONS

There are three acceptable ways to refer to a product's functions. Once an option has been selected for a given piece of content, it's recommended to use that same option throughout for the sake of consistency.

1. Title Case Function Name, Lower Case "function"

Example:

Add vegetables to be steamed and set the rice cooker to its Steam function.

Add cake batter and set the rice cooker to its Cake function.

Exception:

The ONLY exception is with respect to the "Keep-Warm" function on our products. "Function" should not follow "Keep-Warm". The methods outline in "Option 2" and "Option 3" should be used instead.

Example:

Once the rice cooker switches to Keep-Warm.

NOT:

Once the rice cooker switches to its Keep-Warm setting.

Once the rice cooker switches to its Keep-Warm function.

2. Title Case Function Name, No Following Descriptor

Note: "Option 2" should never be used in instruction manuals. When writing instruction manuals the methods outlined in "Option 1" and "Option 3" should be used.

Example:

Using Sauté-Then-Simmer™, sauté onions and garlic until translucent.

Set to Cake and pour in your batter.

NOT:

Using Sauté-Then-Simmer™ setting, sauté onions and garlic until translucent.

Set to Cake mode and pour in your batter.

3. Capitalize Button Name or Interaction Point, Lowercase "button"

Example:

Press the CAKE button.

Add all ingredients to the inner pot and press the SAUTÉ-THEN-SIMMER™ button.

Press the COOK SWITCH.

NOT:

Press the Cake function.

Press the White Rice button

04.2 ACCESSORIES, PRODUCT NAMES & TRADEMARK USAGE

These are general guidelines that apply to all types of marketing material.

Accessories

Title Case When Proper Name Is Used

Note: In instruction manuals the proper name should always be used as listed on the manual's "Parts Identification" page when referring to product accessories or parts.

Example:

Bamboo Serving Spatula

Nonstick Inner Pot

Recipe Booklet

Rice Measuring Cup

Rice Measuring Tumbler

Serving Spatula

Steam Rack

Steam Tray

Wire Steam Rack

Cappuccino Attachment

Latte Attachment

Steamer Lid

Drip Tray

Steam Bowl

Product Names

Title Case Full Name (No Abbreviations), Include ™ When Appropriate

Example:

Aroma 20-Cup Digital Rice Cooker & Food Steamer

Aroma Hot H20 X-Press™ Electric Water Kettle

Aroma 7-Cup Electric Water Kettle

Aroma Super Pot™ 3-in-1 Indoor Grill

Aroma 6-Quart Digital Pressure Cooker

NOT:

Aroma 6-Qt. Digital Pressure Cooker

Super Pot 3-in-1 Indoor Grill

Trademark Usage

USE ™ in the following material:

Packaging

Instruction Manuals

Product Descriptions

Website

DO NOT USE ™ in the following material:

Blog Posts

Social Posts

04.3 RECIPE NAMES & TRADEMARKS

All Aroma recipes both online and in print should follow the same rules outlined below:

Recipe Names

Blog Recipes

Blog Recipe Title All Caps, Bold

Aroma Test Kitchen Blog Example:

RICE COOKER HOT WINGS

1 lb chicken wings

1/2 cup hot wing sauce (like Frank's Red Hot)

2 tablespoons butter, melted

All Other Recipes

(Instruction Manuals, Packaging, Website) Title Case, Bold

Website Recipe Example:



Trademark Usage

USE ™ in the following Recipes:

(Instruction Manuals, Packaging, Product Descriptions, Website)

Instruction Manual Recipe Example:

er to the Sauté-Then-Simmer™ (STS™) function garlic, mushrooms and onion. Sauté until r about 8 minutes. Add rice and stir. Add wine astly absorbed by rice. Add the chicken stock

DO NOT USE ™ in the following Recipes:

(Blog Posts, Social Posts)

Aroma Test Kitchen Blog Example:

eals. The Super Pot is ready to tac

04.4 INGREDIENT LIST & RECIPE INSTRUCTIONS

Ingredient List

No Header, Lowercase, One Ingredient Per Line, Prep Notes/Modifications Come After A Comma

(Except Box and QR Callouts)

dash of salt
pinch of red pepper flakes
salt and pepper
1 onion, chopped

1 cup Cabernet wine, or other wine of your

choice

optional: grated cheese for serving

Measurements/Abbreviations:

lbs

tsp

tblsp

ΟZ

16-oz

1/2 cup

1 cup

2 cups

Recipe Directions

No Header, Natural Step Divide with Line Break (Blog, Website, Instruction Manuals)

Direction paragraph one. Continuation of first step.

This makes sense in this paragraph as well.

Direction paragraph 2.

Direction paragraph 3.

Aroma Test Kitchen Blog Example:

Set your rice cooker to Sauté-then-Simmer. Brown the garlic, onion and mushrooms in a little olive oil. Add the ground beef and cook until browned.

Stir in quinoa and feta cheese. Season to your liking and add parsley and enough stock to hold mixture together, about 1/2 cup.

Place 1 cup of chicken broth in your inner pot. Fill your peppers with the meat and quinoa mixture. Place your peppers inside the pot and steam for 25 minutes.

Use tongs to remove peppers from your rice cooker and enjoy!

04.5 TWO INGREDIENT RECIPE

Two Ingredient Recipe

If there are 2 sets of ingredients/directions in one recipe:

For the A: (bold, ingredient list starts on new line) Ingredient 1 Ingredient 2

. . .

For the B:

Ingredient 1 Ingredient 2

To make the A: Direction 1. (bold, directions start on same line)

Direction 2

. . .

To make the B: Direction 1. (bold, directions start on same line)

Direction 2

Example:

QUICK 'N' TASTY BBQ RIBS AND MASHED POTATOES

For the ribs:

2 pounds boneless ribs

1 bottle BBQ sauce

For the mashed potatoes:

5 pounds small red or golden potatoes, rinsed and scrubbed

1 stick of butter

2 tbls milk

salt and pepper to taste

To make the ribs: Place ribs into the pressure cooker and cover v swimming in sauce, just slightly covered, stir to coat if necessary)

Set to cook on High Pressure for 15 minutes. When the pressure of release pressure. Once pressure is released, check meat for done

Wrap in foil to keep warm while you whip up quick batch of mash

To make the potatoes: Place potatoes in the pressure cooker an

04.6 BOX/QR CODE DIRECTIONS



INSTRUCTION MANUALS

AROMA HOUSEWARES INSTRUCTION MANUALS FOOTER ICONS

05.1 FOOTER ICONS

Footer Icons

Footer icons are used to provide additional information in the form of warnings, helpful hints and recommendations that do not explicitly relate to properly using the appliance as outlined in the manual steps. All information that is necessary to ensure proper use of the appliance should be included in a numbered step.



Use this icon for important auxiliary information with respect to using the product, the food/drink related to the product, cleaning the product and so on.



Use this icon for additional information that though helpful, is not necessary for using or cleaning the appliance. Often this information offers a tip on how to get better cooking results or save more time when using the appliance.



Use this icon for very important information that deserves explicit attention for safety purposes. It's suggested to also bold the entire note (or relevant portions of it) to emphasize the importance of reading the note to ensure safe and proper use of the appliance.

AROMA HOUSEWARES INSTRUCTION MANUALS HEADER ICONS

05.2 HEADER ICONS

Header Icons

Header icons are used to introduce different sections of the manual. These sections include cooking instructions, recipes, warranty information, cleaning and more. The icon should coincide with the content of the section it is accompanying as closely as possible. These icons are found in the top left corner of the manual pages or on the front of the manual.



INTRO/PARTS IDENTIFICATION Use Parts ID image to create product icon for **each** product.



TO CLEAN Add clean burst to product icon for **each** product.



TO MAKE RICE



IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS



BOIL/WARM



TO FROTH



DELAY TIMER



TROUBLESHOOTING/ QUESTIONS



NOTES



TO STEAM (frother)



STEAM



WARRANTY



TO BREW



ICE CREAM



STEAM/COOK



RECIPES



REMOVE DEPOSITS



SELECTING THE RIGHT COOKWARE (induction)



SLOW COOK/COOK SOUP/ SAUTÉ-THEN-SIMMER



CUSTOMER SERVICE



OATMEAL



QUICK RICE/ PRESSURE COOKER



ABOUT RICE



ASSEMBLY



BROIL

AROMA HOUSEWARES INSTRUCTION MANUALS BOLDING TEXT

05.3 BOLDING TEXT

Text within the instruction manual should be bolded in the following scenarios:

All of the text in the numbered steps describing how to operate the appliance should be bolded.



Whenever a page number is referenced in a Caution, Note, or Helpful Hint icon note, the page number should be bolded.



 Food can be steamed at any time while rice cooks, however for best results food should be steamed toward the end of the rice cooking cycle. This will allow for rice and steamed food to be ready at the same time. See the "Rice/Water Measurement Table" on page 8 for approximate rice cooking times.

Whenever information in a Caution, Note, or Helpful Hint icon note is deemed to be especially important, the specific piece of information (entirely or in part) of importance should be bolded.

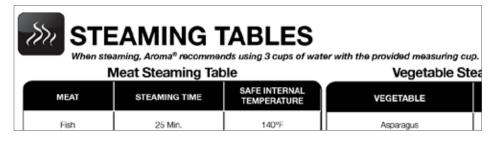


- Do not attempt to cook more than 4 cups (uncooked) of rice if steaming and cooking rice simultaneously. The steam tray will not fit properly if more than 4 cups of rice are cooked.
- Eggd can be steamed at any time while rice cooks, however for best results food should.

05.4 DESCRIPTION SUPPORT COPY

In some circumstances it might be more appropriate to place a note beneath the header. The note should aid or explain in more detail the steps on the page. The font should be bold and italicized. Often steps will begin mid-sequence since the prior steps have already been detailed previously in the manual. In this case, a note should be provided under the title to instruct readers to reference previous steps before continuing with the steps below. The text should be in white against a black background to increase visibility.

Example:



Example:



PACKAGING

06.1 INVENTORY PACKAGING

Aroma's standard packaging highlights the brand's underlining mission of making life easier in the kitchen for consumers. A clean black and white look with beautiful product and food photography sets the tone of the packaging. Clear copy, simple icons and crisp images communicate product benefits in a friendly and approachable way. Rounded meal shots hinged along the top of the packaging add style and uniqueness that further perpetuates Aroma's distinct brand messaging.

Product Title Font:

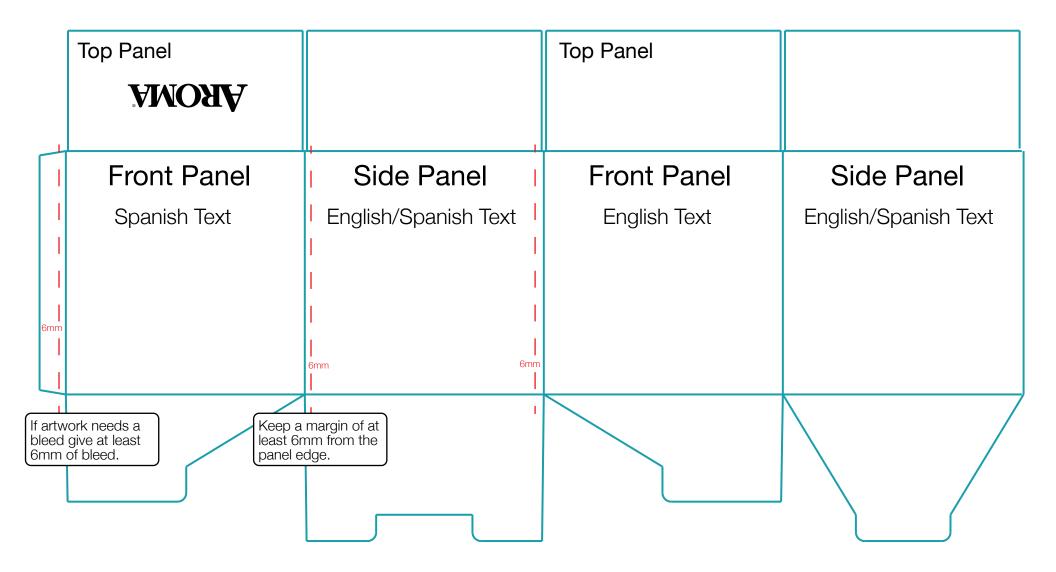
Helvetica Ultra Light

Bullet/Copy Font:

Helvetica Bold Helvetica Regular



06.2 BOX DIELINE



AROMA HOUSEWARES PACKAGING COPY

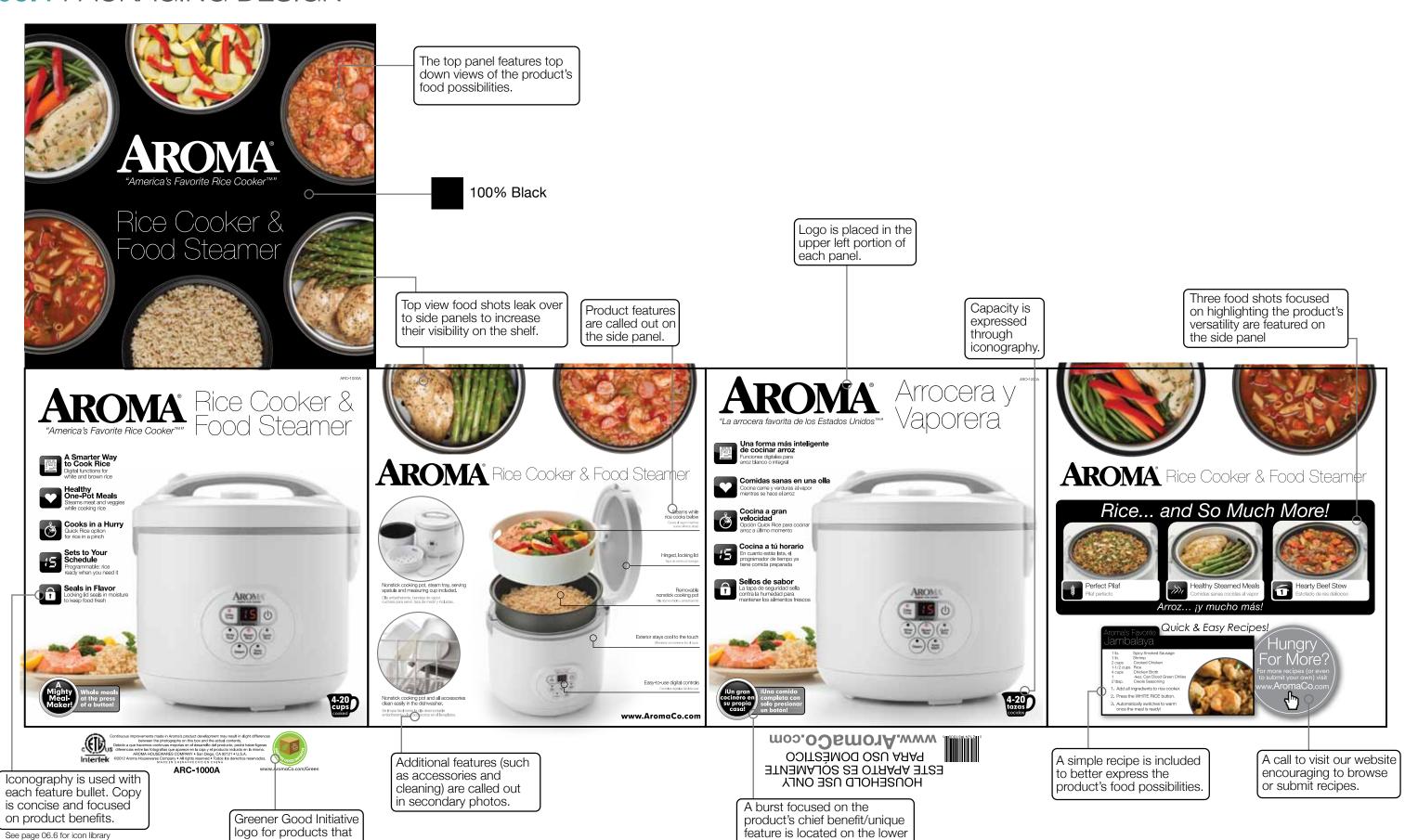
06.3 PACKAGING COPY



AROMA HOUSEWARES PACKAGING DESIGN

06.4 PACKAGING DESIGN

have green packaging.



left of the front panel.

06.5 PHOTOGRAPHY OVERVIEW

Packaging photography should be clean and simple. The product should be displayed beautifully, visually emphasizing its unique features and look. Food shots should be appetizing and colorful, emphasizing the varied meals the product can make. Hero shots should be taken at eye level and can include props as long as they do not hinder or take focus away from the product. The side panel should feature exploded product shots to highlight the design and built-in features of the product, while the accessory shots should clearly depict included accessories and parts against a white background.



AROMA HOUSEWARES PACKAGING ICON LIBRARY

06.6 ICON LIBRARY

Icons are used to communicate product features and functions in a clear and easily understandable way. All icons should convey clear relevance to the accompanying copy and/or images. Simple icons are preferred over more complex ones, though the complexity of the icon will vary depending on the feature/function being highlighted. If none of the current icons are applicable, a new icon can be used as long as the design and look is consistent with the current inventory of icons.





























































































































































06.7 SUB-BRAND LOGOS













AROMA HOUSEWARES PACKAGING ICE CREAM PACKAGING DESIGN

06.8 ICE CREAM PACKAGING DESIGN



The top panel features top down views of the product's food possibilities.

Three food shots focused on highlighting the product's versatility are featured on the side panel

Sce Cream Maker

Gingham background pattern is used to evoke a sense of fun.

Top view food shots leak over to side panels to increase their visibility on the shelf. A higher angle photo is used to show the depth of the product.







AROMA Sce Cream

Clear-view lid allows you to watch ice cream automatically conditions delicated by co

Iconography is used with each feature bullet. Copy is concise and focused on product benefits. Capacity is expressed through iconography.

A simple recipe is included to better express the product's food possibilities.

A burst focused on the product's chief benefit/unique feature is located on the lower left of the front panel.

Stock photography showing children enjoying and the finished product

Additional features (such as accessories and cleaning) are called out in secondary photos.

Product features are called out on the side panel.

06.9 NUTRIWARE™ PACKAGING DESIGN

Capacity is expressed

through iconography.

Recipe book call out



NutriWare™ is a high quality line of kitchen electrics designed to preserve the nutritional benefits of food. This new generation of kitchen appliances gives back what traditional cooking methods take away. NutriWare™ packaging blends earthy tones with descriptive copy to communicate the brand's focus on bringing ease to nutritional meal making. The sprouting leaves and soft natural colors of the NutriWare™ logo echoes the healthy and nutritional benefits of the sub-brand's kitchen appliances.

background.

Natural texture colored

Our message and mission is clearly stated on the top panel of the box.

NutriWare

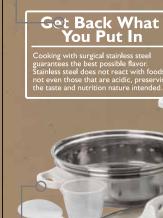
Additional features (such as accessories and cleaning) are called out in secondary photos.

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Green grass effect gives a natural and earthy feel.







Benefits of Stainless Steel:



www.MyNutriWare.com

HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY WWW.MyMutriWare.com

Greener Good Initiative logo for products that have green packaging.



A recipe is included to

further demonstrate the STS[™] function.

Stainless Steel Rice Cooker & **NutriWare Food Steamer**

NRC-687SD-1SG

benefits.

Copy is focused on

product and health

www.MyNutriWare.com

4-14 cups cooked rice

Delicious Whole Grains

Warranty is called out

on the box front.

@

4-14 cups cooked rice

Product

Exploded product photo shows the product's components.

www.MyNutriWare.com

features are called out on the side panel.

Stainless Steel Rice Cooker & Food Steamer

Everything included in the box is shown on the side panel.

AROMA HOUSEWARES

PACKAGING WALMART PACKAGING DESIGN

06.10 WALMART PACKAGING DESIGN

Aroma's Walmart packaging is very similar to Aroma's standard design, using icons accompanied with medium-length copy, similar product images and rounded meal shots hinged along the top of the packaging. The major difference is the use of a soft lime green in select areas coupled with rounded icons and callouts that elicit a more familiar and welcoming look.

