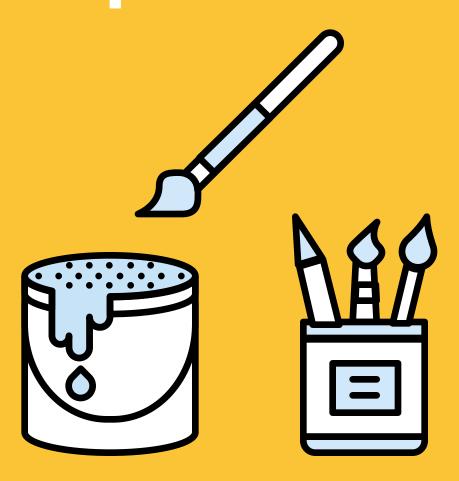
How to brand your rewards program like a pro.





Step 1: Give your program a name



What you decide to call your rewards program sets the tone for your new and returning customers. This first impression can make or break their decision to participate in your program, so you need to make sure you grab their attention right away!

One of the best ways to do this is by establishing an emotion that aligns with your brand and the products you sell.

If you sell men's grooming supplies, you could build your program around the idea of strength or masculinity with a name like "The Burly Brood." If you sell cosmetics, you might align your rewards program with femininity and beauty by calling it "Pretty Petals."

No matter what you sell, you need to understand your target demographic in order to craft a name that makes your members feel special.



- Start each word with the same letter so that it's easy to remember
- Incorporate your currency to create a unified brand
- Use humor to grab your customer's attention



Program Name Examples

e.l.f.'s Beauty Squad



Why we love it: clearly communicates a sense of community customers want to be part of.

Northwest Guitar's Amplified Rewards





Why we love it: uses puns to easily relate their products and brand values to their program.



Step 2: Name your rewards currency



If your program's name is the first thing your customers notice, your currency is definitely second!

Like your program name, your currency should establish an emotion and clearly communicate the value of joining. Avoid generic terms like "points" by aligning your currency with your brand's values and products. This will keep the focus on what makes your brand unique and set you apart from your less creative competitors.

Alliteration, puns, and humor are three other great ways to keep your program's currency top of mind.

The easier your currency is to remember, the more likely your customers will be excited to earn it.



- Refer to your program's name to connect your currency to your program
- Incorporate your brand values
- Make your customers laugh!



Currency name examples

Glow Recipe's Miles



Why we love it: directly relates to their brand and pays homage to their loyal customers all over the world.

Catchin' Deers' Buck\$



Why we love it: plays on existing currencies and their target customers with humor.



Step 3: Customize each of your program elements



While your program name and currency have a huge impact on your rewards experience, they can only carry it so far. In order to make your rewards program truly irresistible, it should be designed to reflect what makes your brand unique.

You can do this by using brand colors, photography, and icons that tell your brand story. We've made this extremely easy for Smile.io programs with our Smile UI. Consisting of a launcher, customer panel, and cards, you have ample opportunities to tie every component of your program into your larger brand.

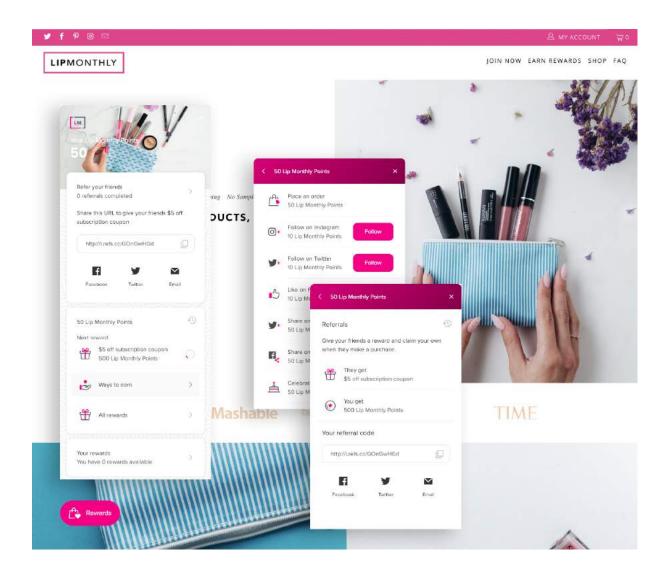
You can even customize your tier, rewards, and earning action icons to make your rewards program truly one of a kind.



- Emphasize a brand color
- Show customers what makes your brand special
- Take advantage of customization to make your program your own!

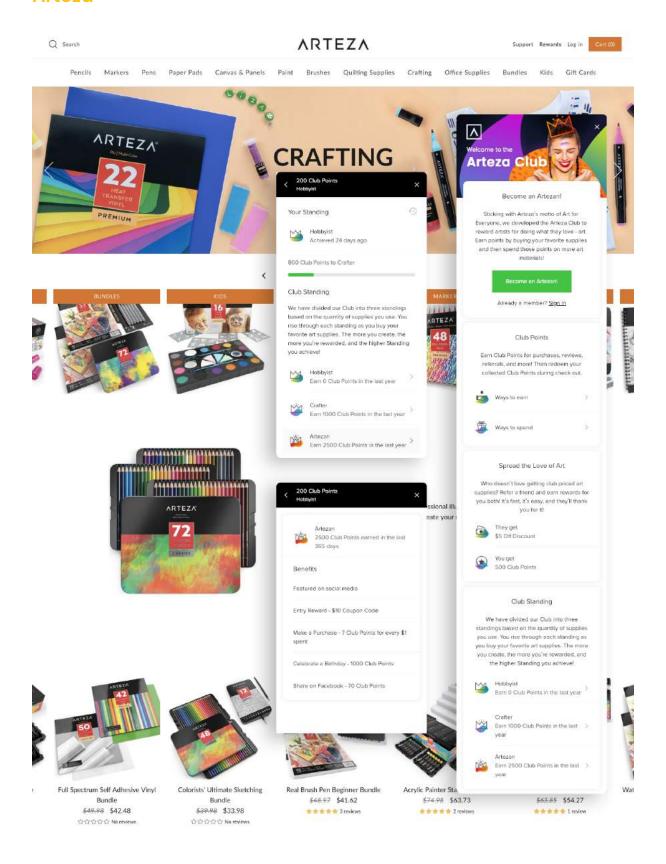
Smile UI Examples

Lip Monthly



Why we love it: uses consistent colors and brand photography to brand their rewards experience from head to toe.

Arteza



Why we love it: incorporates custom colorful icons to give their brand a distinct voice and personality.



Step 4: Promote your program with email marketing



Although your customers might predominantly interact with your rewards program on your site, you also have a huge opportunity to encourage engagement through email. By incorporating many of your program's elements, you can translate your exciting onsite experience into emails and expand the reach of your rewards program.

Some program emails you can send your customers include:

- Birthday rewards
- Points balance
- Referral codes
- Points expiry
- And more!

Make sure your customers can identify your program immediately. This connection will strengthen your overall brand experience and add value to your email marketing campaigns.



- Remind customers how many points they have
- Show customers why being a member is valuable
- Keep your visuals on-brand



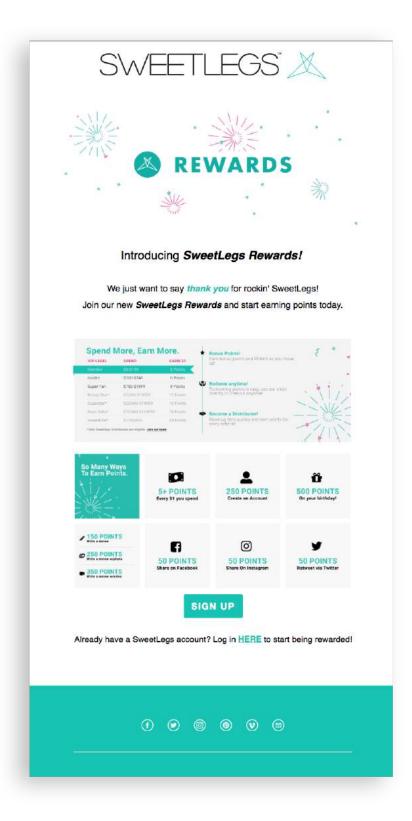
Email marketing examples

One Love Organics — Referral campaign



Why we love it: uses colors, shapes, and organization to create effective calls to action that direct the customer back to the rewards program.

SweetLegs — Program launch



Why we love it: perfectly branded to match the look and feel of their other marketing emails.



Step 5: Build an effective explainer page



Last but certainly not least is an explainer page. This page is where customers can go to get all of the information they need about your program:

- What do they get for signing up?
- How can they earn points?
- How can they redeem them?

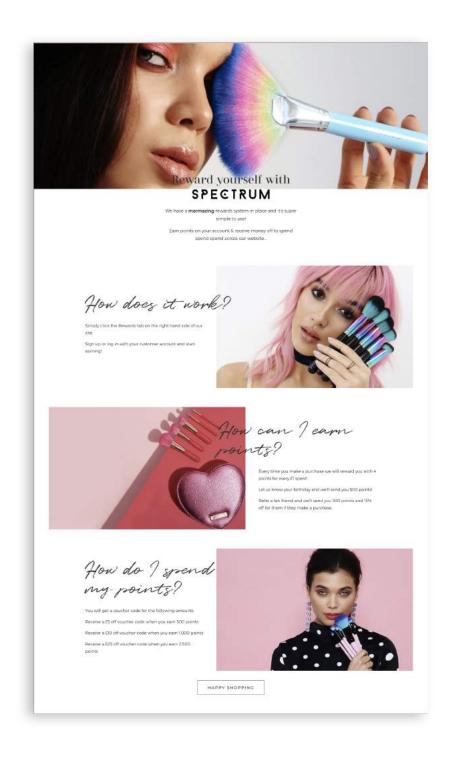
In these ways, your explainer page continues telling the story your customer panel starts. Keep them unified by using similar colors and imagery as you dive into more of the specifics of your program.



- Keep it simple
- Have a clear call to action
- Make it visual

Explainer page examples

Spectrum Cosmetics



Why we love it: keeps earning and spending rules simple to help customers understand how the program works.

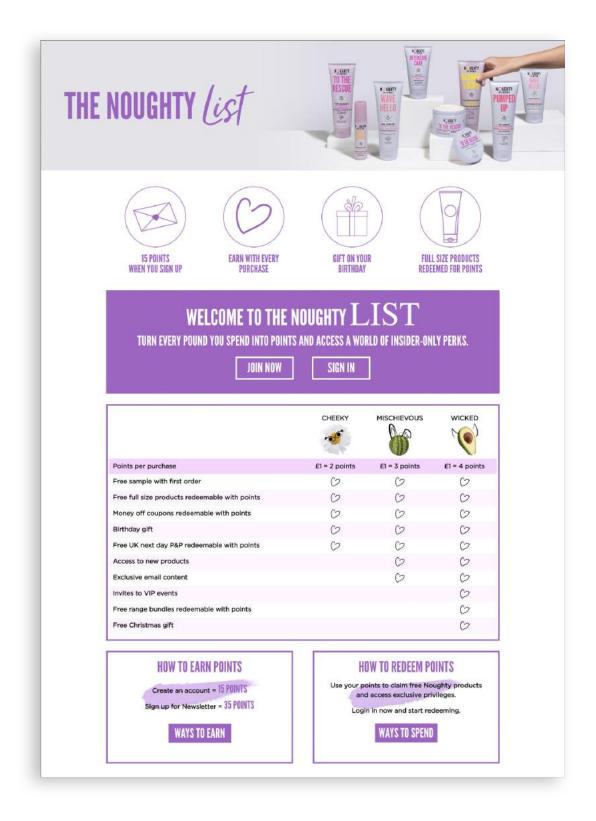
Klova



Why we love it:

extremely dynamic with excellent use of brand colors.

Noughty



Why we love it: includes several clear call to action buttons encouraging customers to join.

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