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Brand Assessment



Name

Nagomi Visit

Location

Japan

Goal

To create meaningful, cross-cultural interactions that transcend traditional tourism, enriching both guests and hosts through personal connections and authentic experiences in Japanese homes.

Tagline

We build friendships not business transactions

History

In 2009, Nagomi Visit was inspired by founder Megumi's experience of dining with a local family in Denmark. The first visit took place in September 2011 with four guests and hosts in Tokyo, offering a unique cultural exchange through home-cooked meals. This simple idea has since led to lasting friendships and global reunions, demonstrating the power of sharing a meal to connect people across cultures.

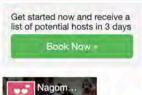
How we work

Nagomi Visit links travelers with Japanese families for home-cooked meals. Guests can select a host online based on location and preferences, sharing a meal that fosters cultural exchange and personal connections.

Original Graphics

Website





Posts from @NagomiVisit



Nothing to see here yet

When they post, their posts will show up here.

What is Nagomi Visit?

WE BUILD FRIENDSHIPS NOT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS.

In 2009, Nagomi Visit's founder Megumi visited Denmark for the first time and was invited to a local family's home for dinner. The new bonds she made from eating this home cooked meal became the inspiration for Nagomi Visit.

The first Nagomi Visit happened in September 2011 with four guests and hosts that met in various homes in Tokyo.

For the guests, the Nagomi Visit was their first time in a Japanese home. It was an opportunity to interact with locals beyond asking a few questions at a tourist information desk. For the host, being able to meet new people in the comfort of their own home was both relaxing and exciting.

Though each Nagomi Visit is just a few hours, having a conversation over a meal made it easier for both the hosts and the guests to open up. Many friendships have formed since we began as an organization. Former guests and hosts have reunited all over the world. The simple Nagomi Visit experience of eating a home cooked meal together opened the door to so much more.

OUR VOLUNTEER BASED, FIXED FEES, NO REVIEWS POLICY.

Nagomi in Japanese has various meanings including "Japan," "to befriend," and "to feel at home." The name Nagomi highlights our mission as a non-profit organization striving to promote understanding about Japan by bringing people together in a comfortable setting that feels like home. This mission is carefully reflected in how our program runs.

First, all our hosts are volunteers. We know the host and guest dynamic changes once money changes hands so the fixed participation fee you pay are set at a price that covers fees to keep our organization running. The fee the guest pays supports operational costs for the Nagomi Visit team including paying the server fees to run the site you are looking at right now and also goes to our hosts so they can buy the ingredients to make your meal.

Second, just as we believe real life friendships should not come with a price tag, we also know they do not come with reviews. We feel it will be difficult for friendships to form if you are worried about being judged by reviews after meeting each other so we made a conscious choice not to

Instagram











Logo





Objectives

What's working?

- 1200+ volunteer hosts are located all over Japan from cities to rural areas
- Strong concept
- Introduced in a lot of TV shows and magazines and have great media supports
- Social media and blogs are frequently updated and can see the experience

What's not working?

- Outdated and unprofessional graphics
- Typography and color is inconsistent
- Website is text heavy
- The brand name is confusing for non Japanese speaker
- Only available in Japan

Brand Objectives

- Rename to an understandable and impactful name
- Stronger social media presence to engage audience and raise awareness
- New campaign and events to promote
- Make it a global organization and expand the business

Design Objectives

- Update the visuals to effectively convey the brand's message and story
- Improve UX design on the website
- Keep the design consistency across all media
- Make the look and feel more heart warming,
 welcoming, relaxed, authentic, memorable and unique





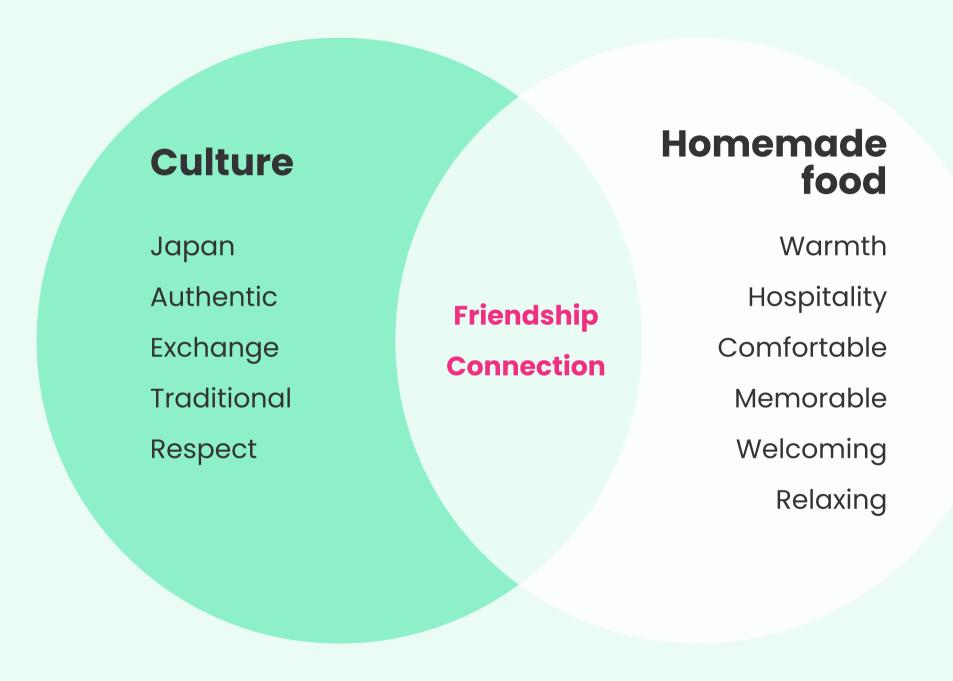




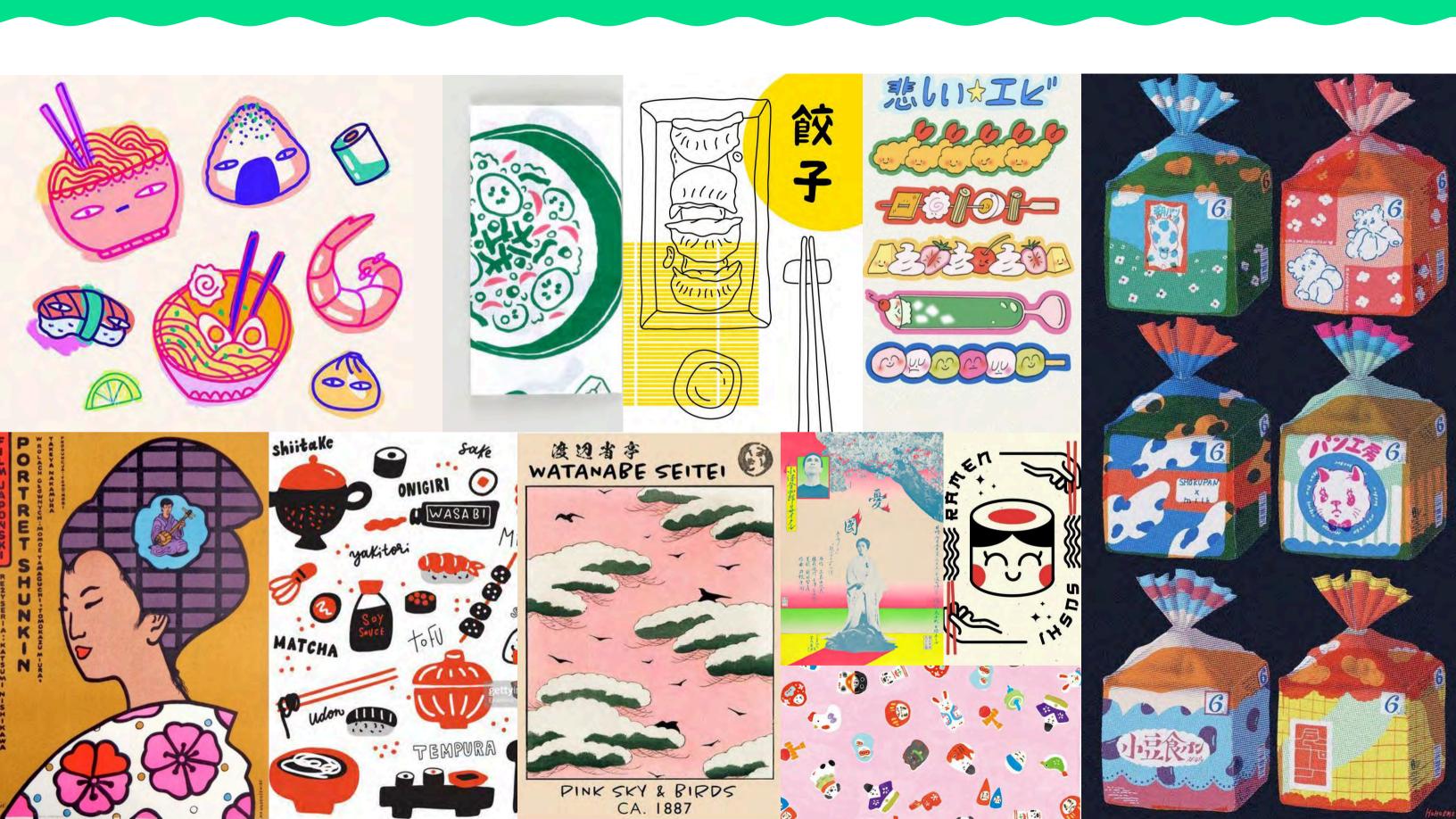
Brand Exploration



Brand Character

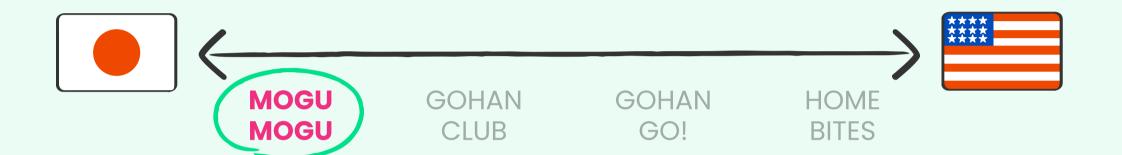


The brand values are centered on cultural exchange and warm hospitality. At the heart of these values are the friendship and meaningful connections formed between travelers and local hosts.



Improvements

I renamed Nagomi Visit to MOGUMOGU, keeping the essence of "Nagomi" in mind. In Japanese, "Nagomi' carries various meanings, including "Japan," "to befriend," and "to feel at home". The goal remains to bring people together at the same table, sharing a meal and fostering connection through the idea of "onaji kama no meshi o kuu" eating rice out of the same pot.



"Mogumogu" is an onomatopoeia that describes the sound and action of chewing food. It conveys someone munching or chomping on food in a cute and endearing way. This kind of cute onomatopoeia is expected to create a warm and relaxed atmosphere.

Logo Concept

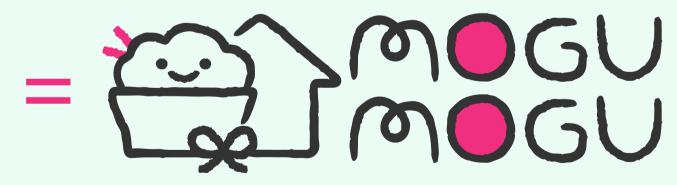
Original Logo



Improvements

elements for their reflection of
Japanese culture and the
organization. However, the elements
felt somewhat disconnected.
To create cohesion, I introduced a
ribbon that links the chopsticks, bowl,
and house. In Japan, a ribbon symbolizes
"friendship", which adds unity to the
design. I also hand-wrote the text to
convey a friendly and warm feel.





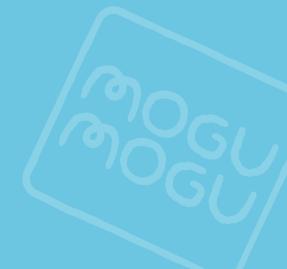




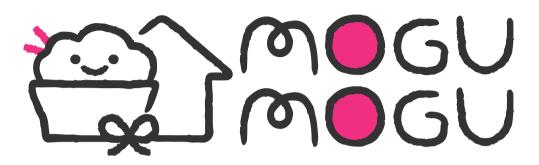




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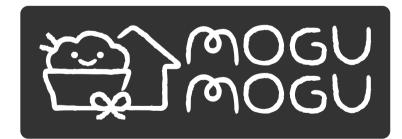




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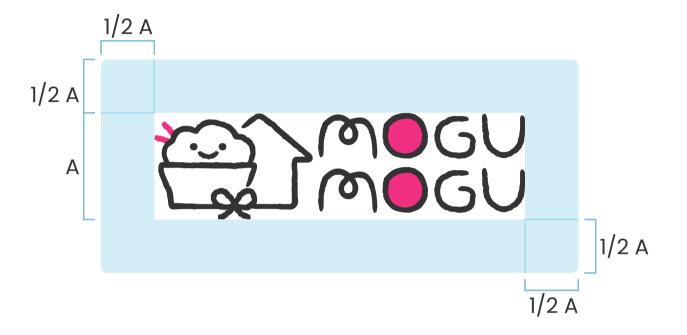




Social Icon



Safe Zone



Minimum Size

8px for digital 2.2mm for print COU

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No transforming



No complicated background

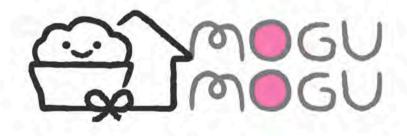


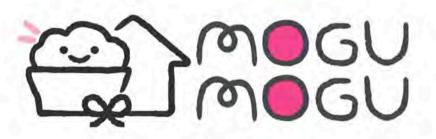
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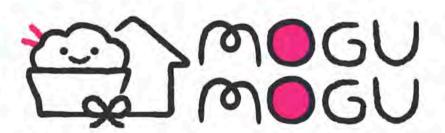












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Miso Glaze

HEX #DF982E RGB 233,152,46 CMYK 11,43,96,0 Pantone 7563 C Yuzu Honey

HEX #FBC97E RGB 251,201,126 CMYK 0,22,57,0 Pantone 148 C **Pickled Plum**

HEX #F23081 RGB 242,48,129 CMYK 0,92,16,0 Pantone 191 C

Matcha Fresh

HEX#00E08ARGB0,224,138CMYK65,0,67,0Pantone7479 C

Ramune Blue

HEX#6DC7E2RGB109,199,226CMYK52,2,7,0PantoneBlue 0821 C

Sesame Black

HEX #333333 RGB 51,51,51

CMYK 69,63,62,58

Pantone 447 C

MOGUMOGU connects travelers with locals over home-cooked meals.

Roca One is the identity carrier, reflecting the brand's authenticity, respect, and friendliness.

Roca One

Thin

Light

Regular

Bold

Black

Heavy

Aaa 01234 56789

Poppins is used as a secondary complement to the body copy. It is primarily used for subheadlines and longer text in both print and digital environments.

Poppins

Thin

Extra Light

Light

Regular

Medium

Semibold

Bold

Extra Black

Black

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Normal Version



Stroke color

HEX #345861 RGB 52,88,97 CMYK 81,53,49,26 Pantone 7545 C

Outline Stroke Version



Outline Stroke Color

HEX#6DC7E2RGB109,199,226CMYK52,2,7,0PantoneBlue 0821 C



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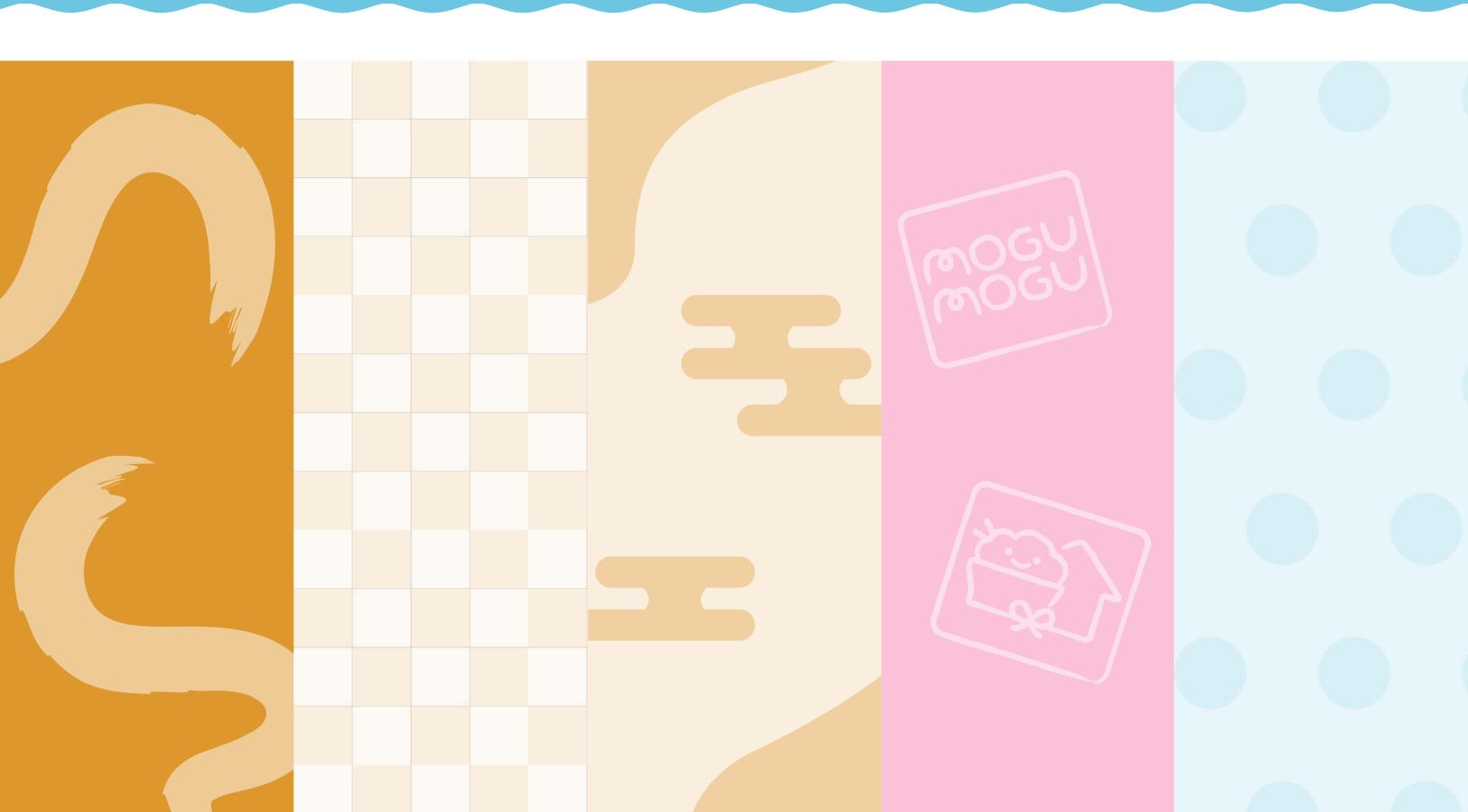
















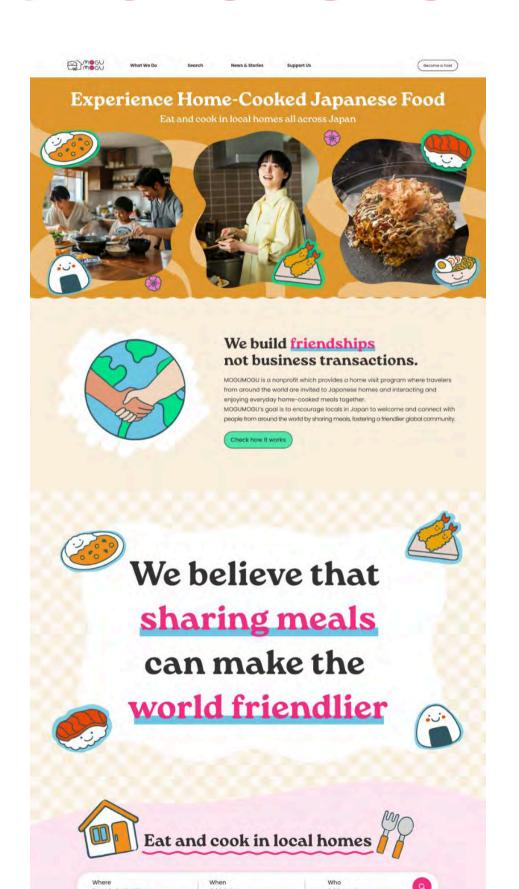
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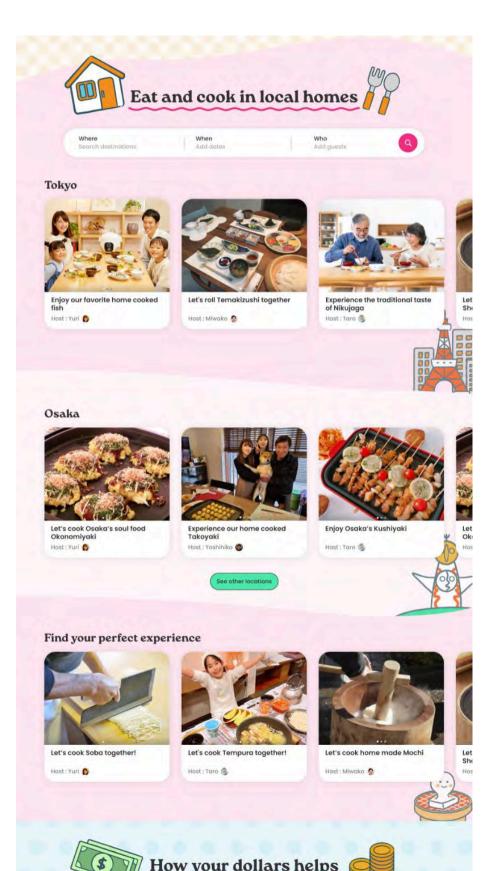
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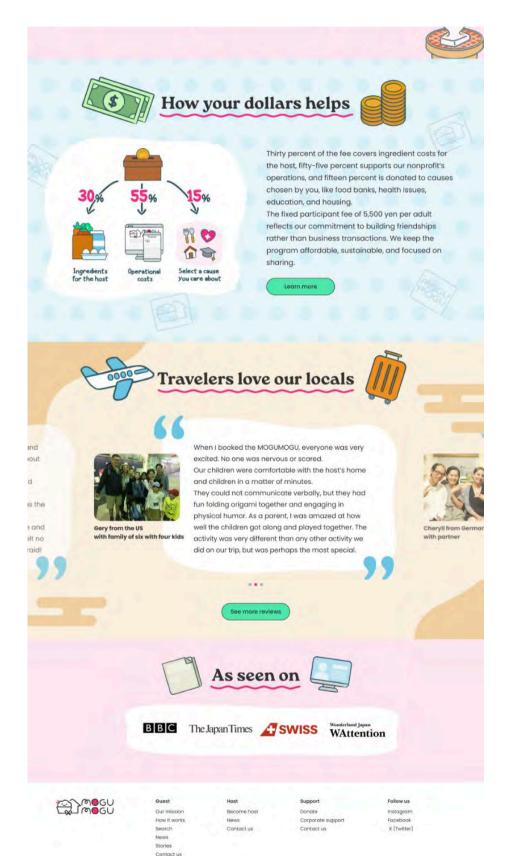


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Main Page Design









Request Page Design



About Host

About Yuri

My name is Yuri. I am a freelance host for events and reporter for television and radio. Used to be an actress for a theatrical company. Learn English conversation for over four years. Satoru (Husband, 46) technological researcher for a camera manufacturer. Likes cars and motorbikes. They both love traveling. They have traveled America, Canada, South Korea, Thailand, Taiwan, Indonesia, Singapore, Norwa y,Malaysia ,Egypt, Israel and Cambodia. They have

accepted over 50 groups from 20 countries.

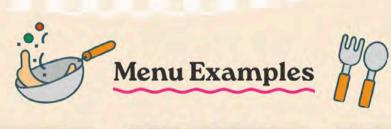
Host type

Languages

English, Mandarin, Japanese

Nearest Station

Shimokitazawa Station











Available dates

<	September 2024								October 2024				>
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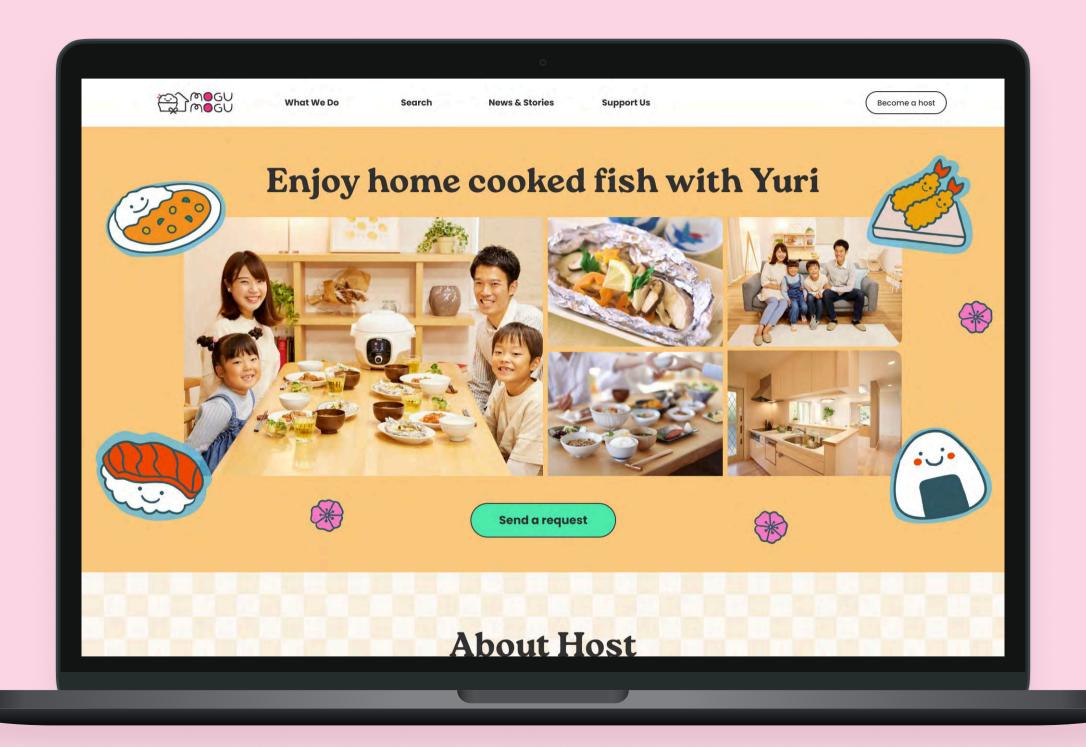
Corporate support

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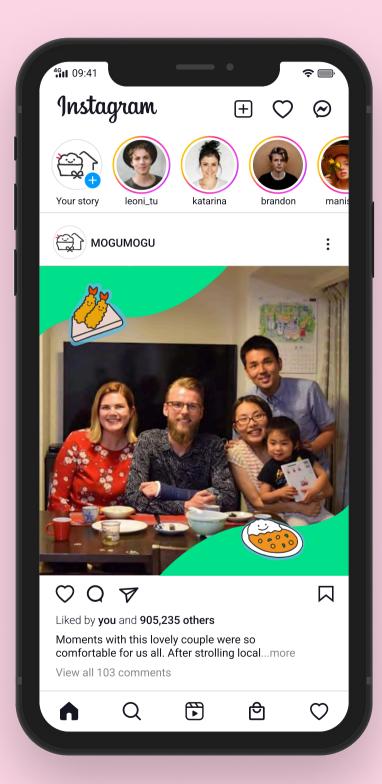
Facebook

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Social Media - Instagram















Print Collateral





Business Card



Chopsticks











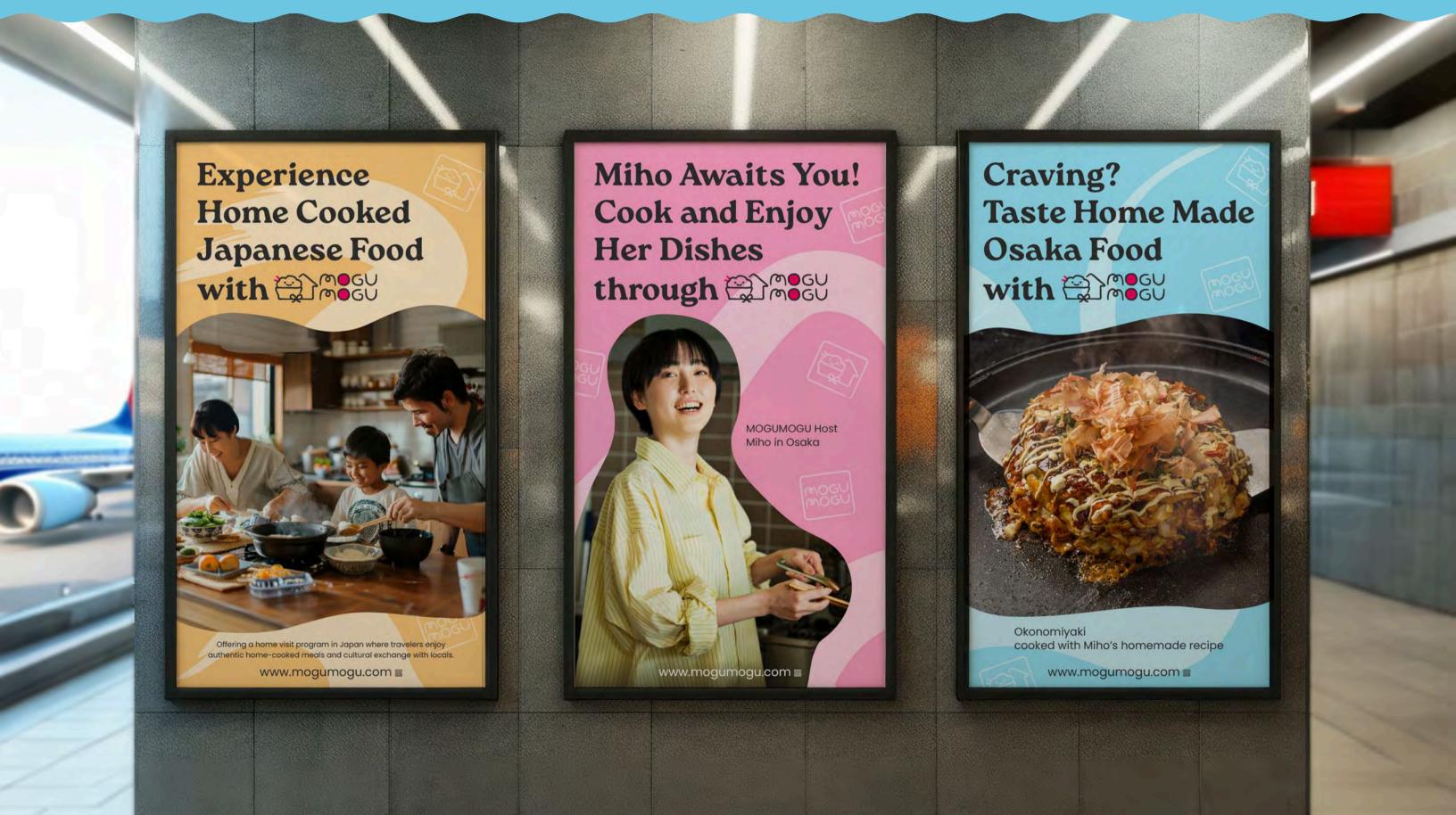


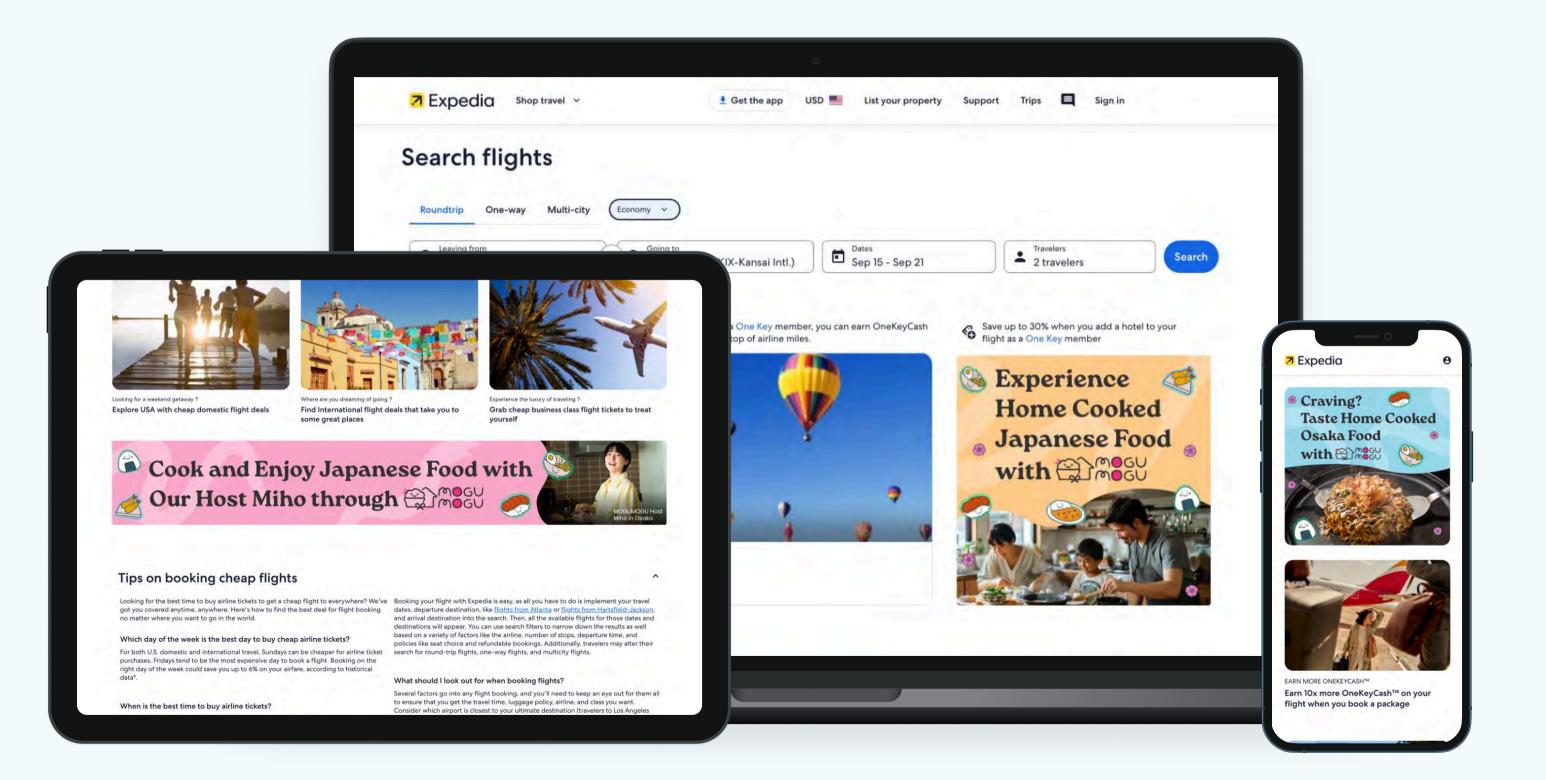




Advertising







Event Advertisement

Limited-Time MOGUMOGU Experience

This is an exclusive weekend event where MOGUMOGU will bring authentic Japanese home-cooked meals directly to neighborhoods using a specially equipped motorhome. This initiative allows us to connect with local communities by offering MOGUMOGU experiences in nearby parks. Additionally, for early participants, we will provide the option to host a private MOGUMOGU event in their own backyard during home parties. This campaign not only promotes brand visibility but also creates memorable, personalized interactions with our target audience.

