

eCommerce Internal Linking: Into the Spider-Verse

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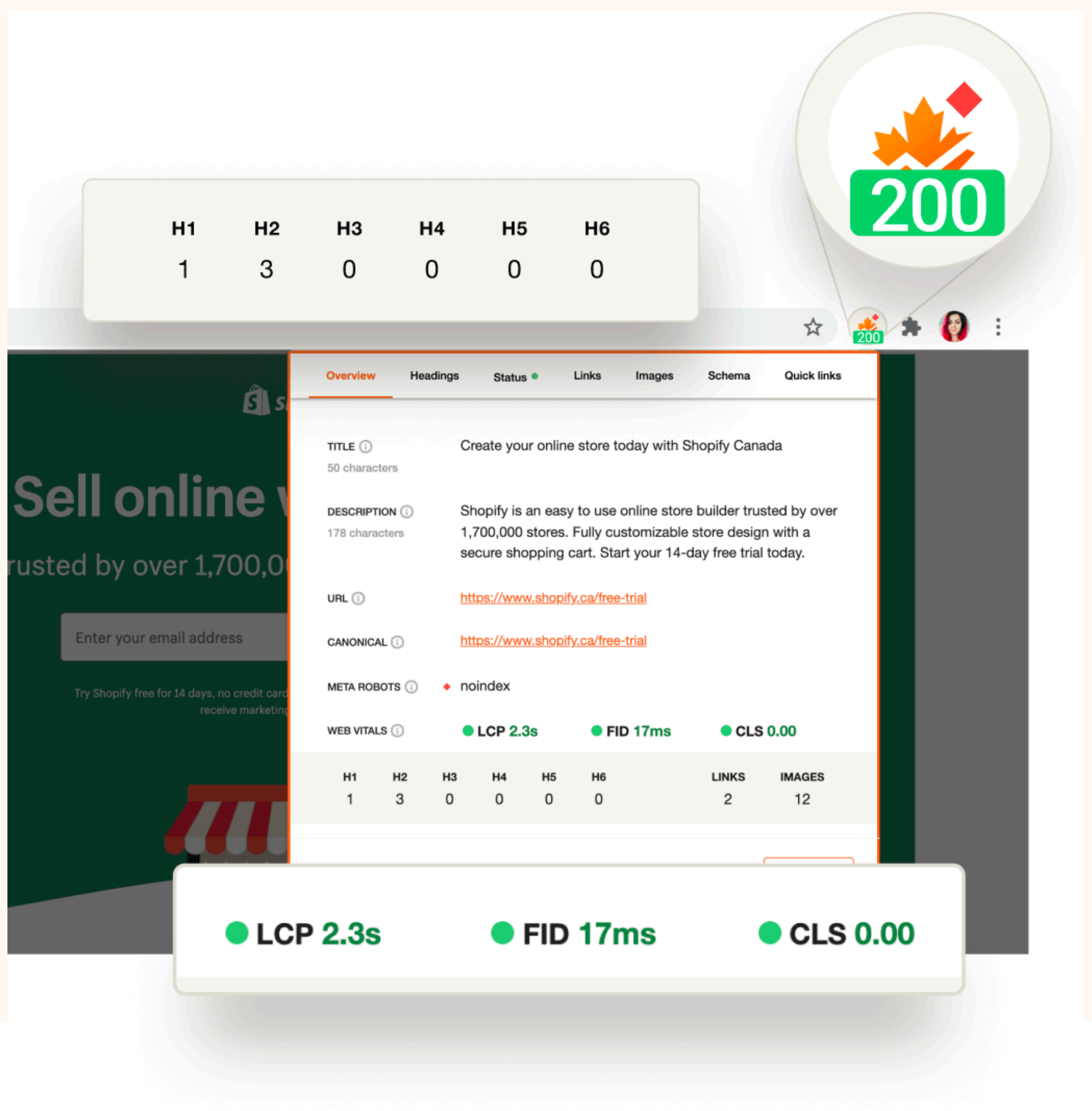




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- International speaker
- Creator of the free SEO Pro browser extension with 40k+ users

SEO Pro Chrome extension



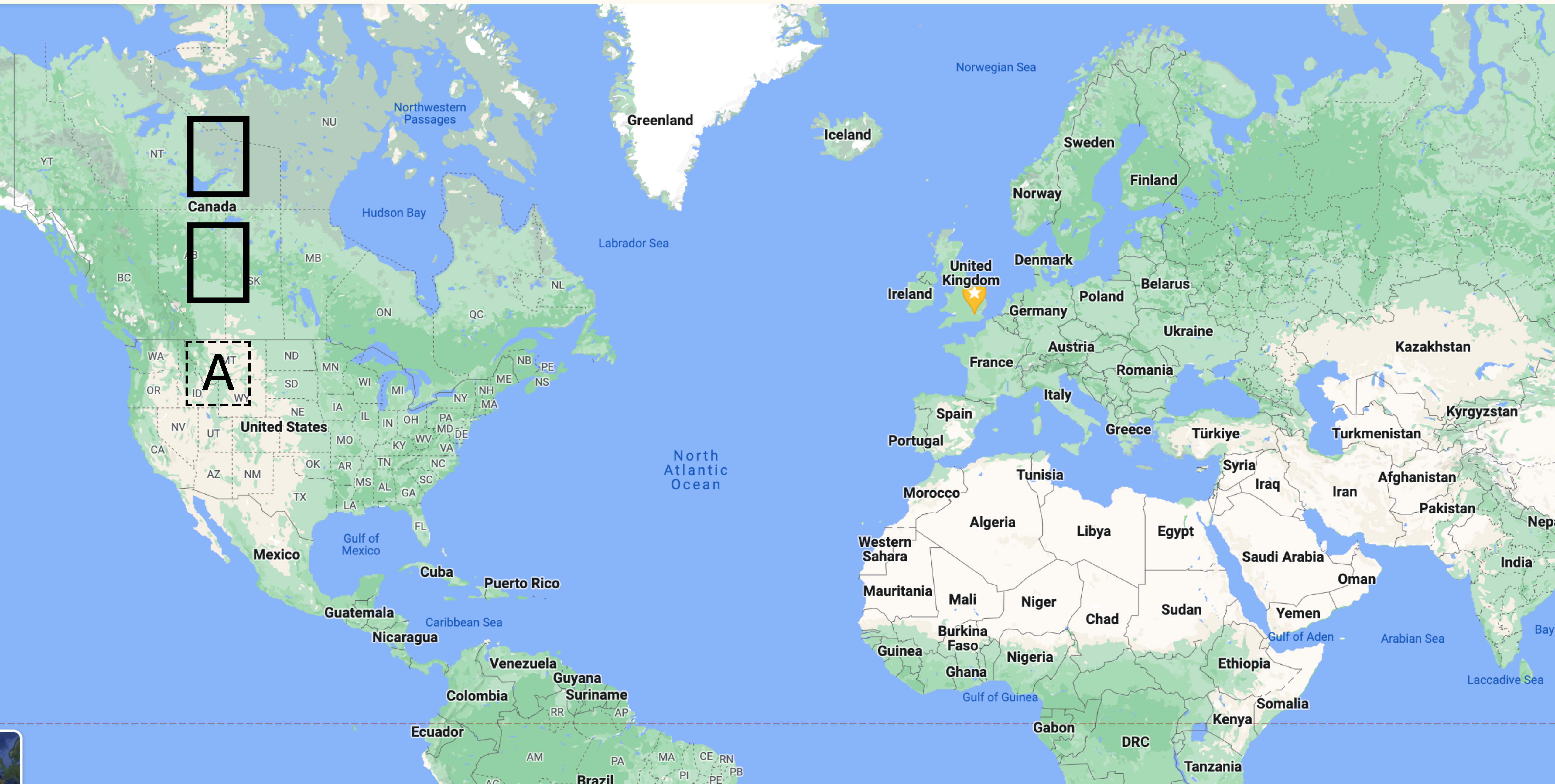
The screenshot displays the SEO Pro Chrome extension interface. At the top right, a circular badge shows a green '200' score. Below it, a table lists heading counts:

H1	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6
1	3	0	0	0	0

The main panel shows the 'Overview' tab for the page 'Create your online store today with Shopify Canada'. It displays the title (50 characters), description (178 characters), URL (<https://www.shopify.ca/free-trial>), canonical URL (<https://www.shopify.ca/free-trial>), and meta robots (noindex). Below this, the 'WEB VITALS' section shows scores: LCP 2.3s, FID 17ms, and CLS 0.00. A secondary table at the bottom of the panel provides additional metrics:

H1	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6	LINKS	IMAGES
1	3	0	0	0	0	2	12

At the bottom of the interface, a summary bar displays the core web vitals scores: LCP 2.3s, FID 17ms, and CLS 0.00.



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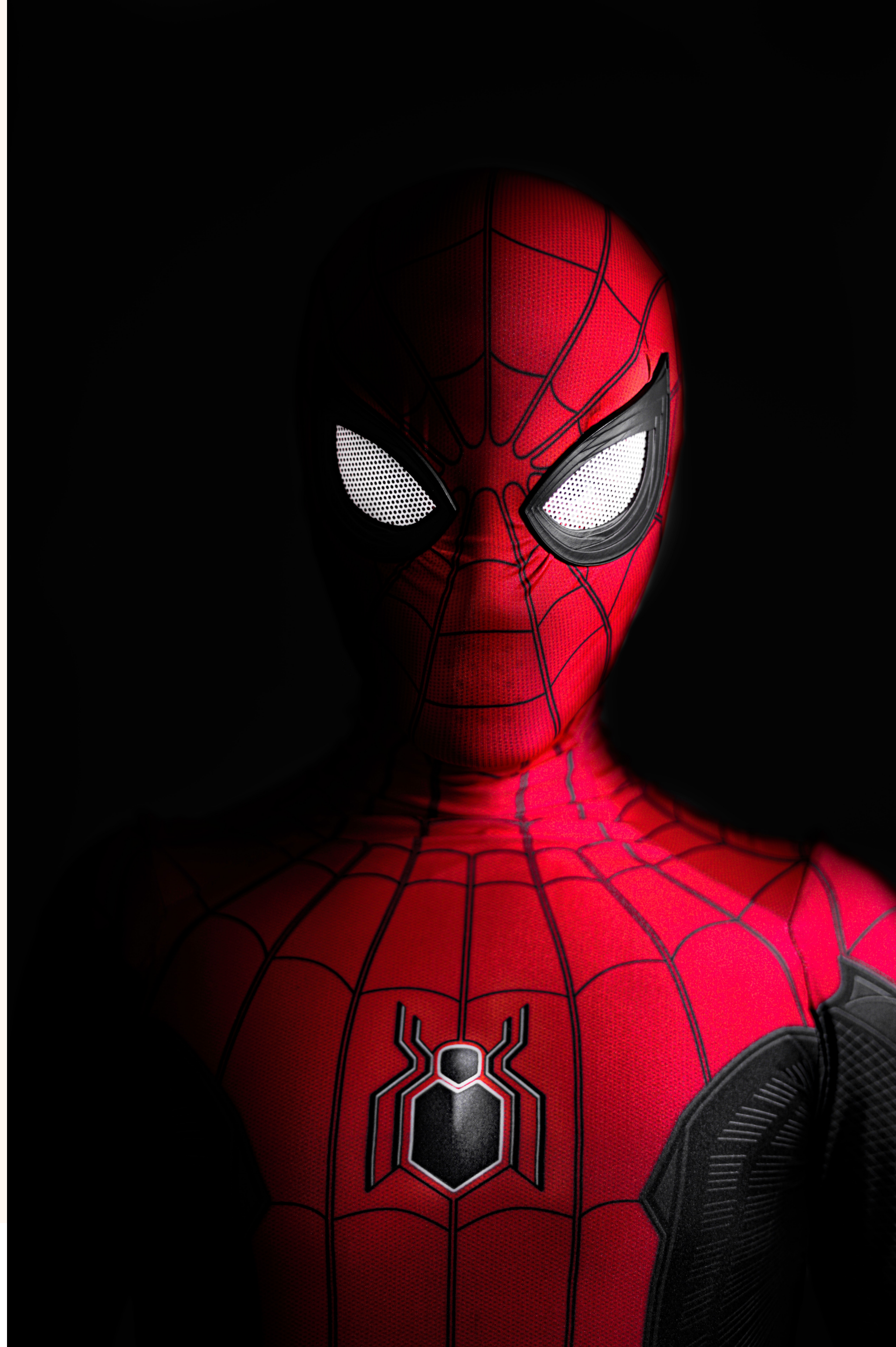
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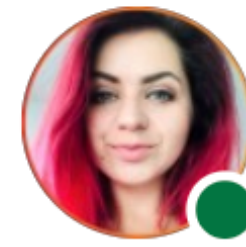
Here's the truth:

Internal links are hugely underrated

We don't get messages like this:



*“Hey sir mam,
I have high-quality
DA100 internal links!”*



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Hey **#SEO** friends, I have a question for you.

Please vote below.

How often do you see internal links being underrated and underutilized?

You can see how people vote. [Learn more](#)

Very often

76%

It happens sometimes

19%

Not sure

5%

483 votes • 21h left • [Hide results](#)

 18

4 comments



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Comment



Repost



Send



10,812 impressions

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Internal links role:

- *Internal links pointing to a page, determine its importance within the website*

Internal links role:

- *Internal links help Googlebot discover and re-discover website pages and index them timely*

Internal links role:

- *Internal links improve user experience and provide context about what your content is about via anchor text*

How internal linking is usually done:

The “Let’s link to everything we can” strategy

Shop phones by brand

- Apple iPhones
- Samsung Galaxy phones
- OnePlus phones

New featured phones

- New Apple iPhone 14 Pro Max
- New Apple iPhone 14
- iPhone SE (3rd Gen)
- New Samsung Galaxy S23 Ultra
- Samsung Galaxy S23 Plus
- Samsung Galaxy S23

Helpful consumer guides

- Compare iPhone Models
- Samsung Galaxy S23 vs S22
- Samsung Galaxy S22 vs S21
- How to activate eSIM card

Cool Tech Gift Ideas

- 13 Unique Holiday Gift Ideas

Samsung Galaxy S23 vs S22

Apps & connected devices

- FamilyMode
- DIGITS
- SyncUp TRACKER
- SyncUp DRIVE
- Hotspot devices

Plans & information

- Military & Veterans
- Prepaid
- Device Protection
- International Pass

Affordable Data Plans

Switch to T-Mobile

- We'll help you join
- Savings calculator
- Bring your own device
- Trade-in program
- Number Porting
- Free & Zero Down Phones

T-Mobile Benefits

- Magenta Plan benefits
- T-Mobile Tuesdays
- Travel

Order info

- Check order status
- View return policy
- Redeem a rebate

Support

- Contact us
- Phones
- Plans
- Billing
- International
- Affordable Connectivity Program

My account

- Pay my bill
- Upgrade
- Add a line

More than wireless

- Business
- Prepaid
- TV & streaming
- T-Mobile MONEY
- Home Internet
- IoT

About T-Mobile

- Our Story
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Corporate Responsibility

- Community
- Sustainability
- Privacy Center

Careers

- T-Mobile careers

New Featured Tablets, Smartwatches & More

- T-Mobile SyncUP KIDS™ Watch
- Apple iPad 10th Gen
- Apple iPad 9th gen
- T-Mobile 5G Portable Hotspot Device
- Apple Watch Ultra 49mm
- Samsung Galaxy Tab S7 FE 5G



The “Oh-no, Google wants under 100 links per page, we’ll put 10 so we’re safe” strategy

[HOME](#)

[SHOP THE COLLECTIVE](#)

[LOCAL BOX](#)

[JOIN MARKETSQUARE](#)

Market Square

artisan markets

The “Somewhere-in-between” Strategy

*Aka “Putting
random links
here and there
hoping it will
work”*



eCommerce-specific internal linking challenges



✗ *New product and category pages are not included in the website architecture*

✗ *Due to dynamic stock, Google can't quickly discover and index new products*

✗ *There are so many pages of different levels so it's hard to organize internal links between them*

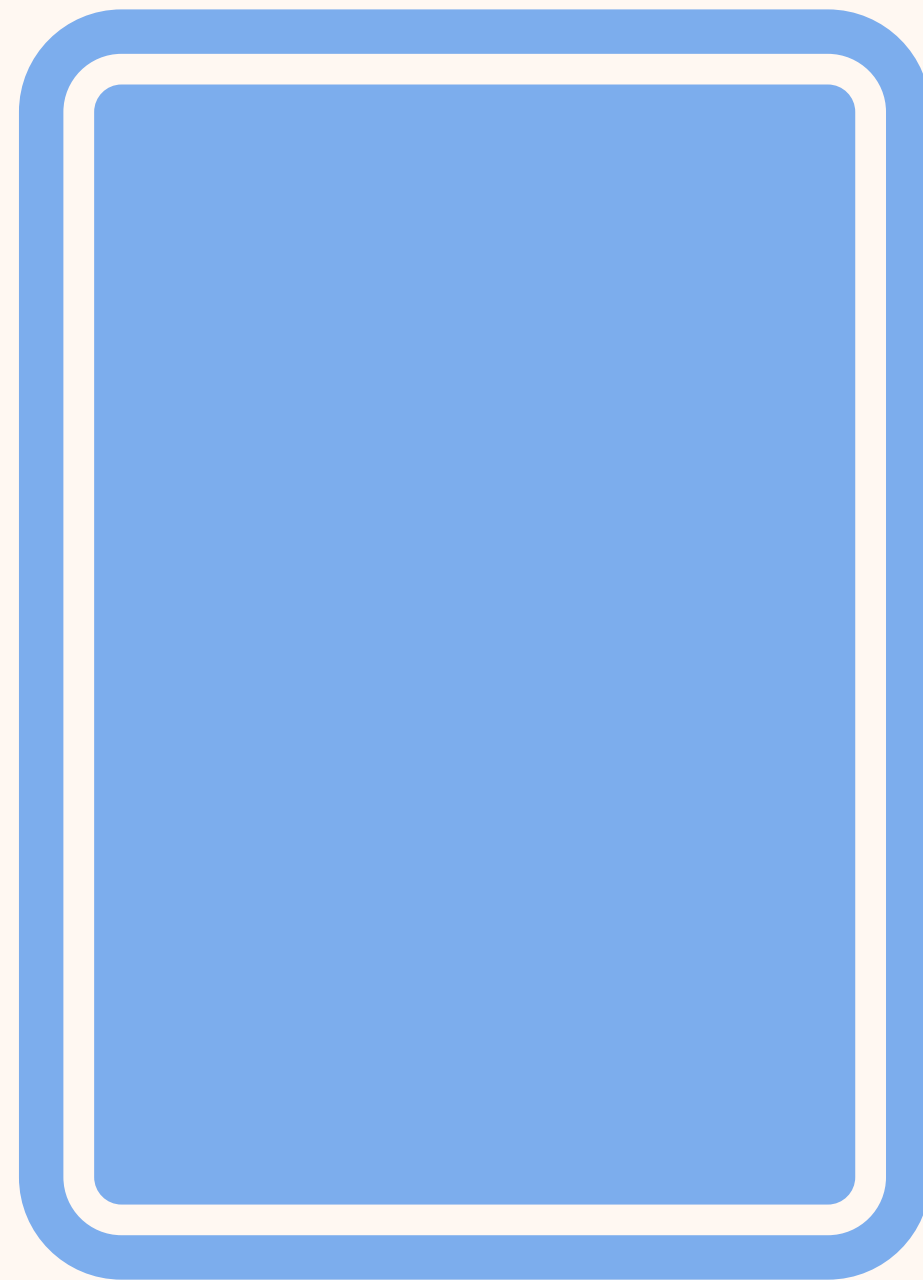
Let's do it!



Step 1:

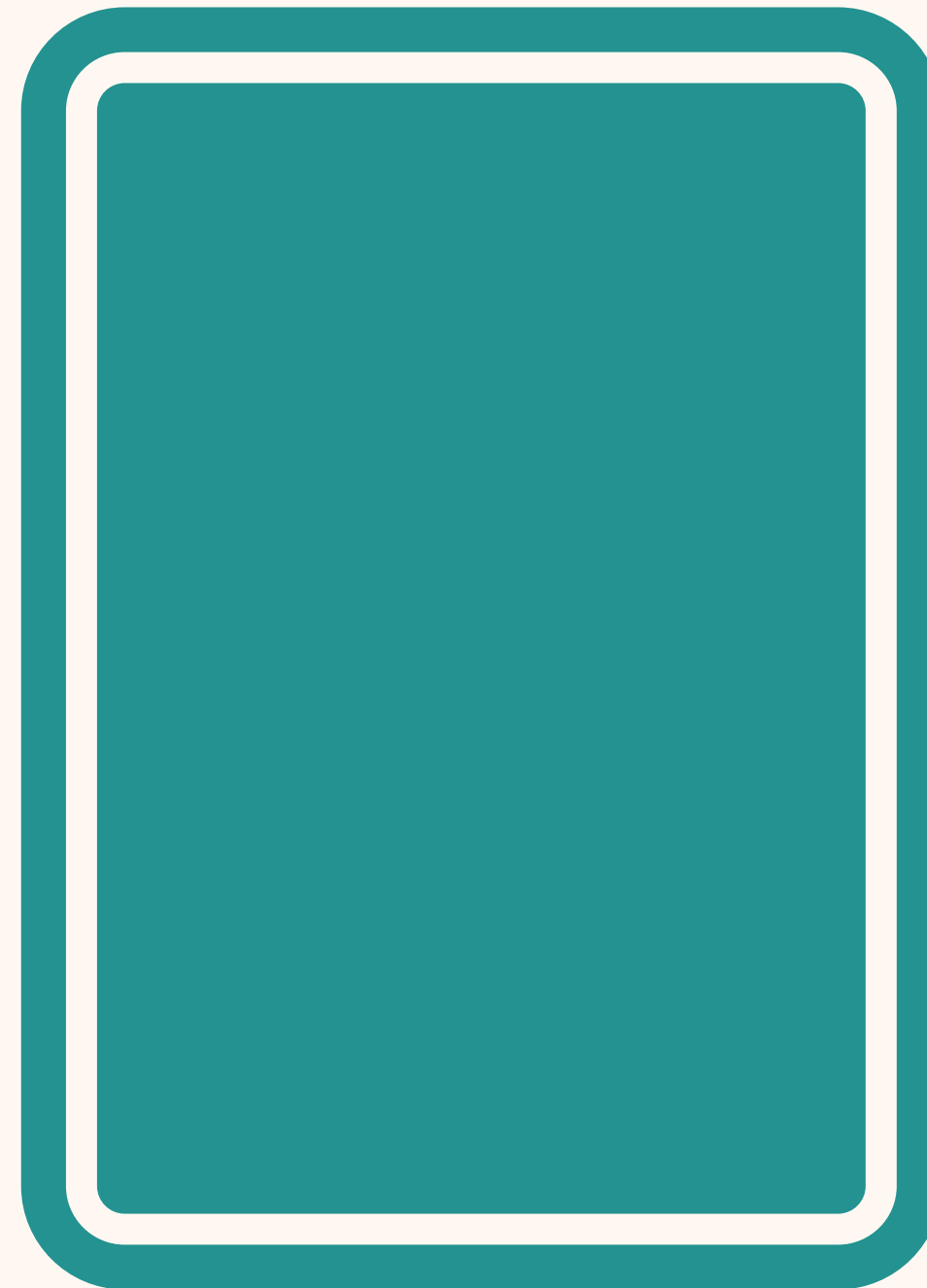
Break down your pages in templates

L1



Category page

L2

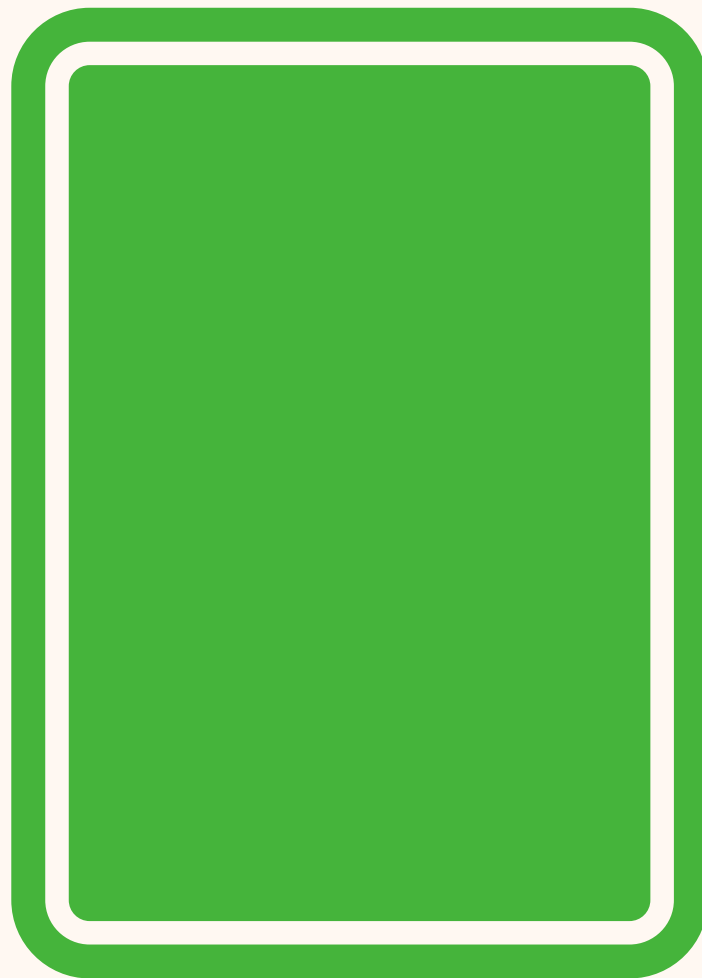


Sub-category page

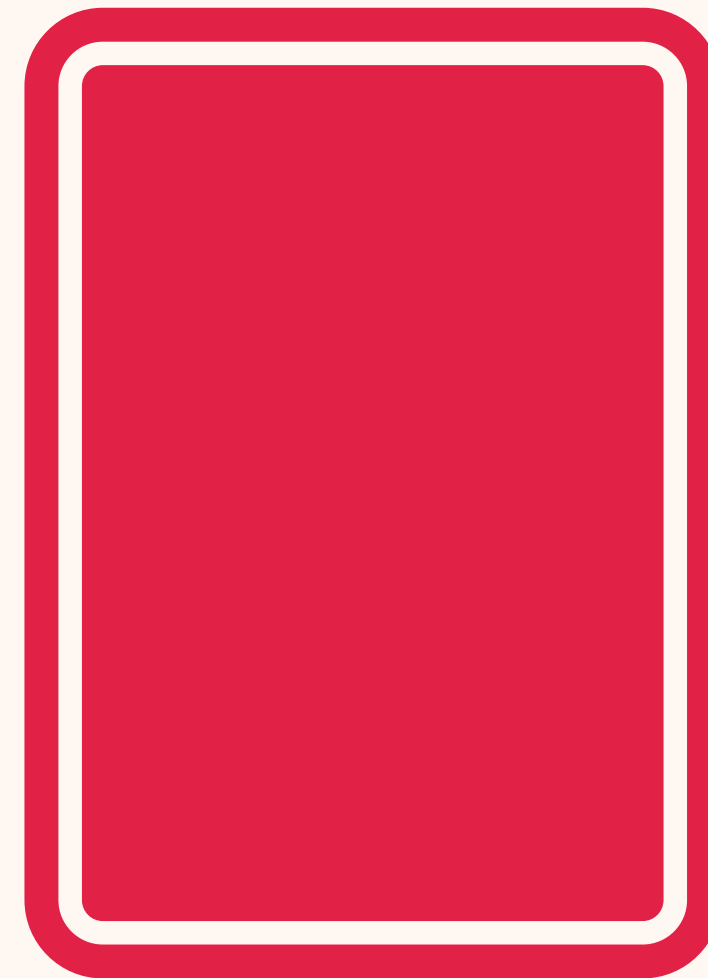
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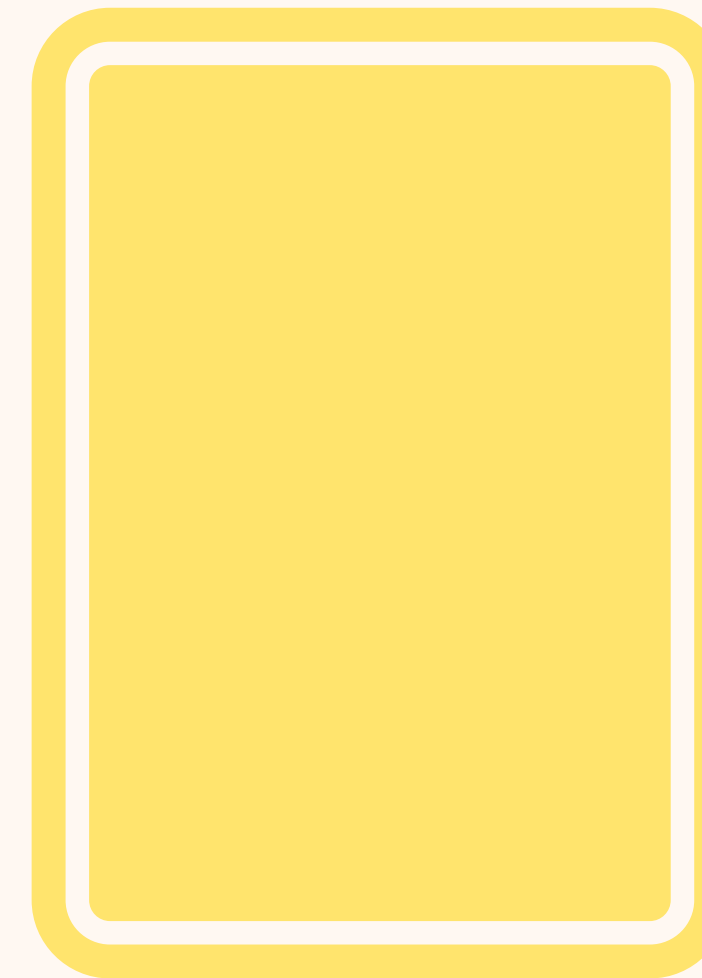
Product page



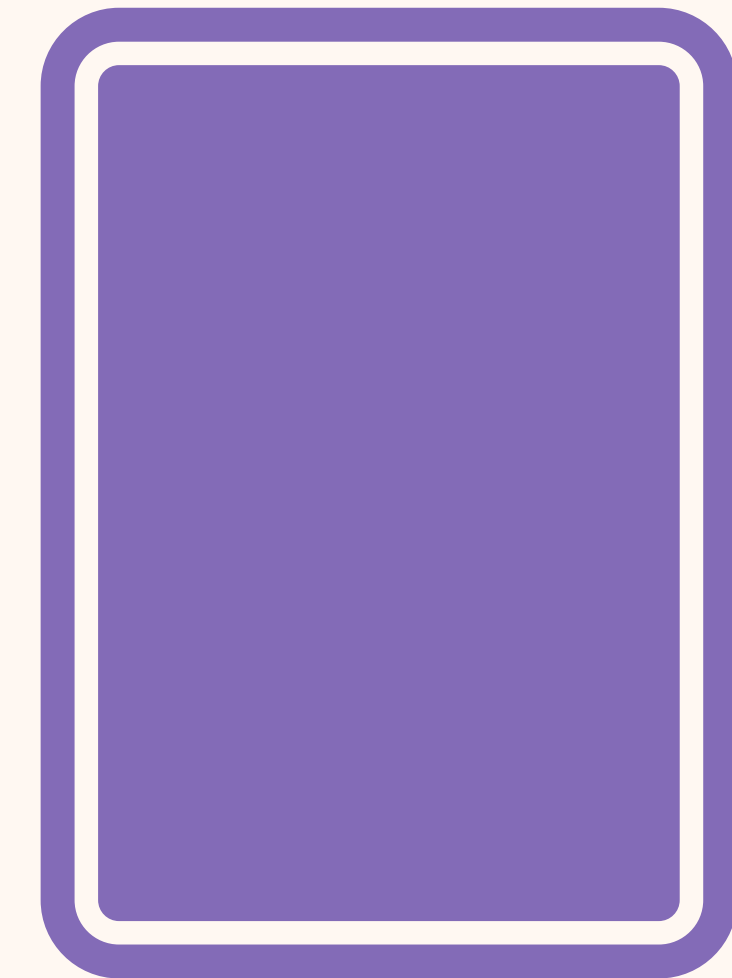
Guides
(e.g. gift guides)



Supporting articles



Brand

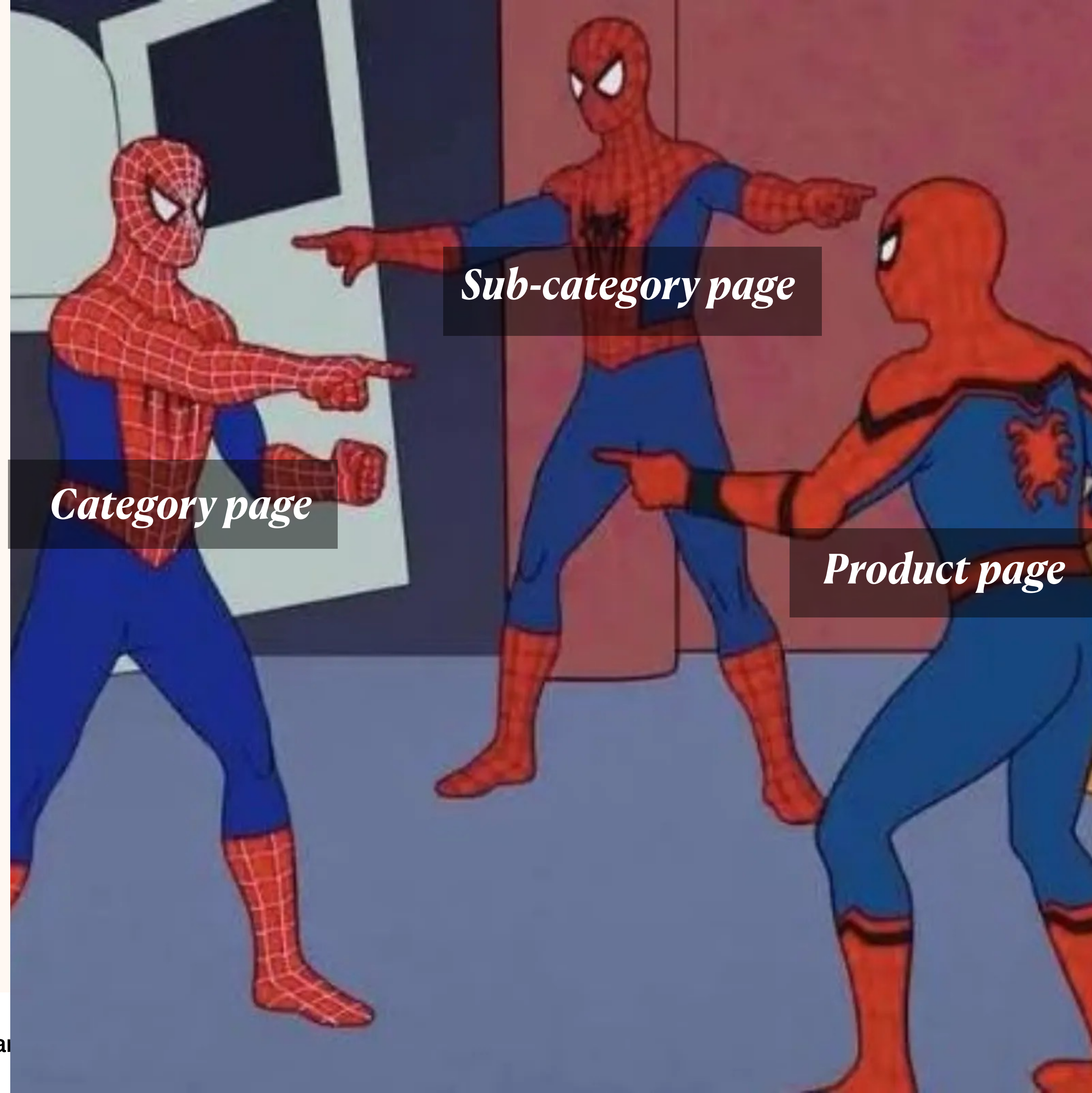


Other
(e.g. ingredients)

Step 2:

Build logical relationships between these page templates

How are these pages related?



Category page

Sub-category page

Product page

Step 3:

Create link blocks for scalability

BABY SHOWER GIFTS
NEWBORN BABY GIFTS
GIFTS FOR BABY GIRLS
GIFTS FOR BABY BOYS
FIRST BIRTHDAY GIFTS
TODDLER GIFTS
GIFT CERTIFICATES

From:
\$21.99 CAD

From:
\$135.00 CAD

From:
\$75.00 CAD

From:
~~\$64.99 CAD~~ **\$49.99 CAD**

Personalized Baby Blankets.

We have a large selection of beautiful baby blankets, all of them personalized with baby's name.

Why Our Personalized Baby Blankets?

Our blanket selection has been curated to include only the best. All of our personalized blankets with names wash well, wear well, and are monogramed beautifully for a modern look in nursery rooms, strollers, etc.

Why Personalized Baby Blankets are the Perfect Gift!

There is something very special about giving a baby blanket with a baby's name. New parents consider them keepsakes, and will cherish them for years to come.

How to Pick the Right Personalized Baby Blanket?

Make sure that you are considering the season when shopping. Our personalized sherpa and fleece blankets are snugly and warm for the cold winter months, while our personalized cotton blankets are breathable for spring and summer. We have the widest selection of personalized baby blankets in Canada.

You Name It Baby! Hint When Personalizing Your Baby Blanket:

You can always add a pop of colour when personalizing, but we love the tone-on-tone look! For example, dark charcoal looks great on a grey blanket, and baby pinks/baby blues look subtle, but so beautiful on baby pink/baby blue blankets!

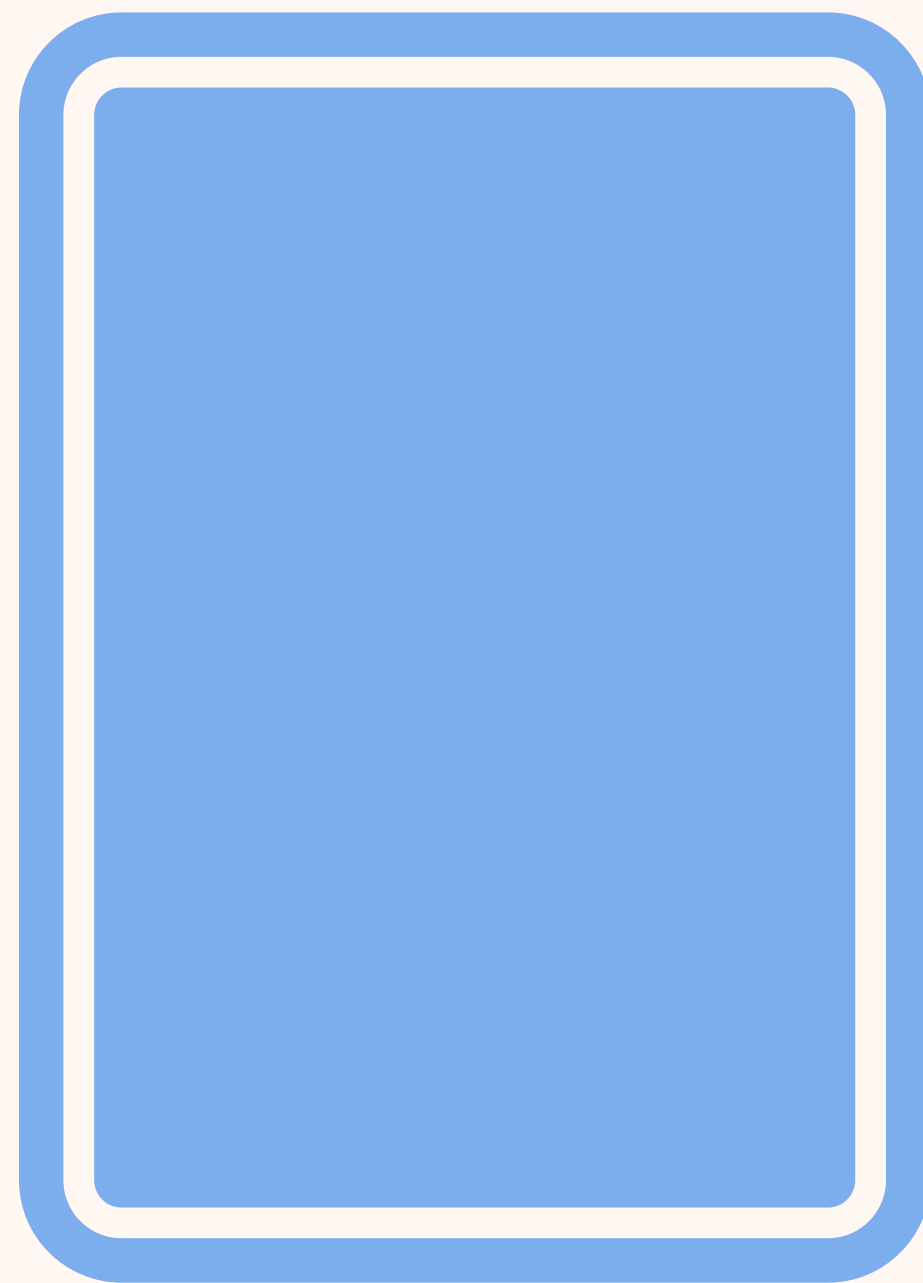
**Individual links
are great
but not scalable**



Link blocks are SEO magic

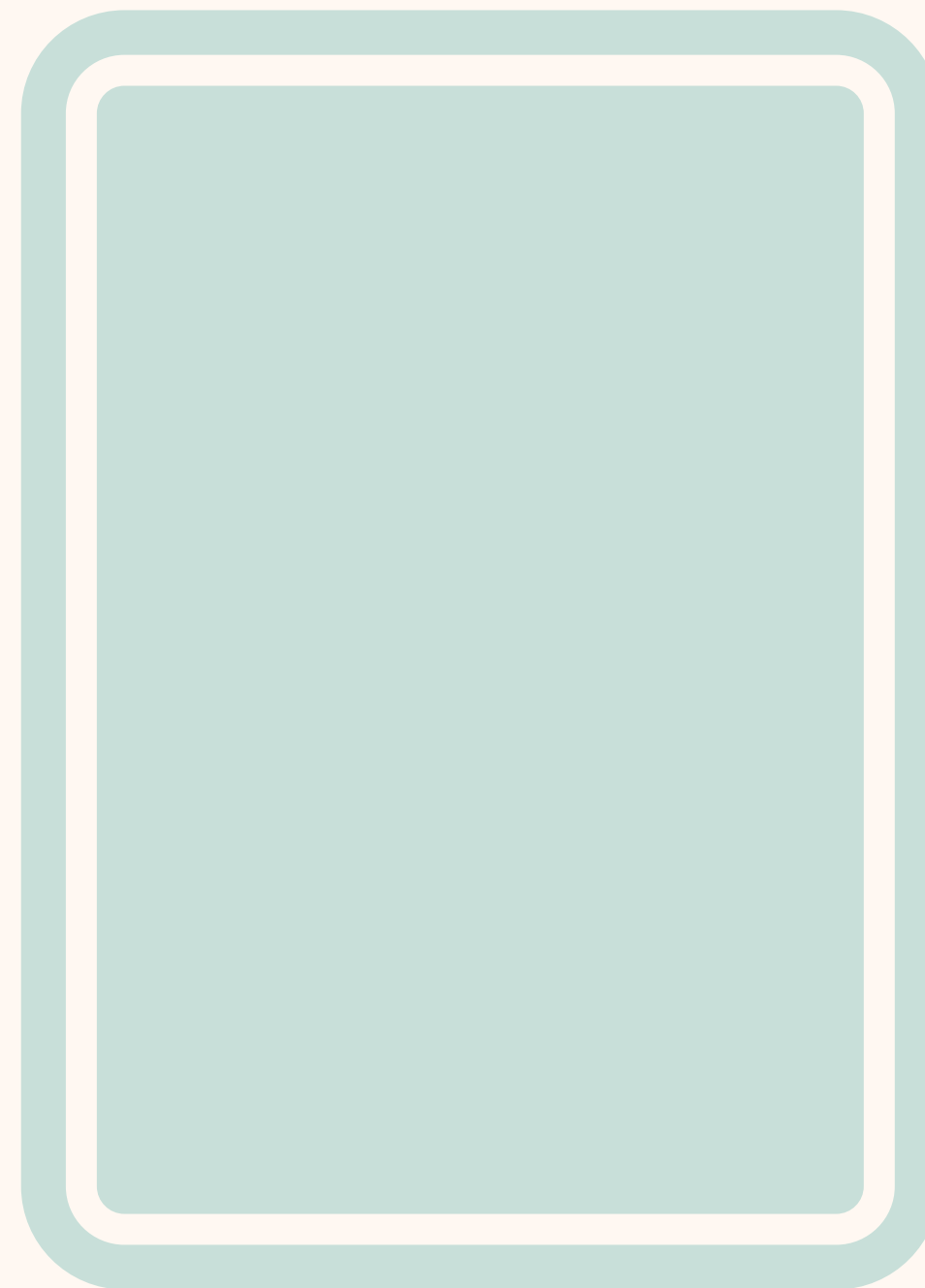


L1



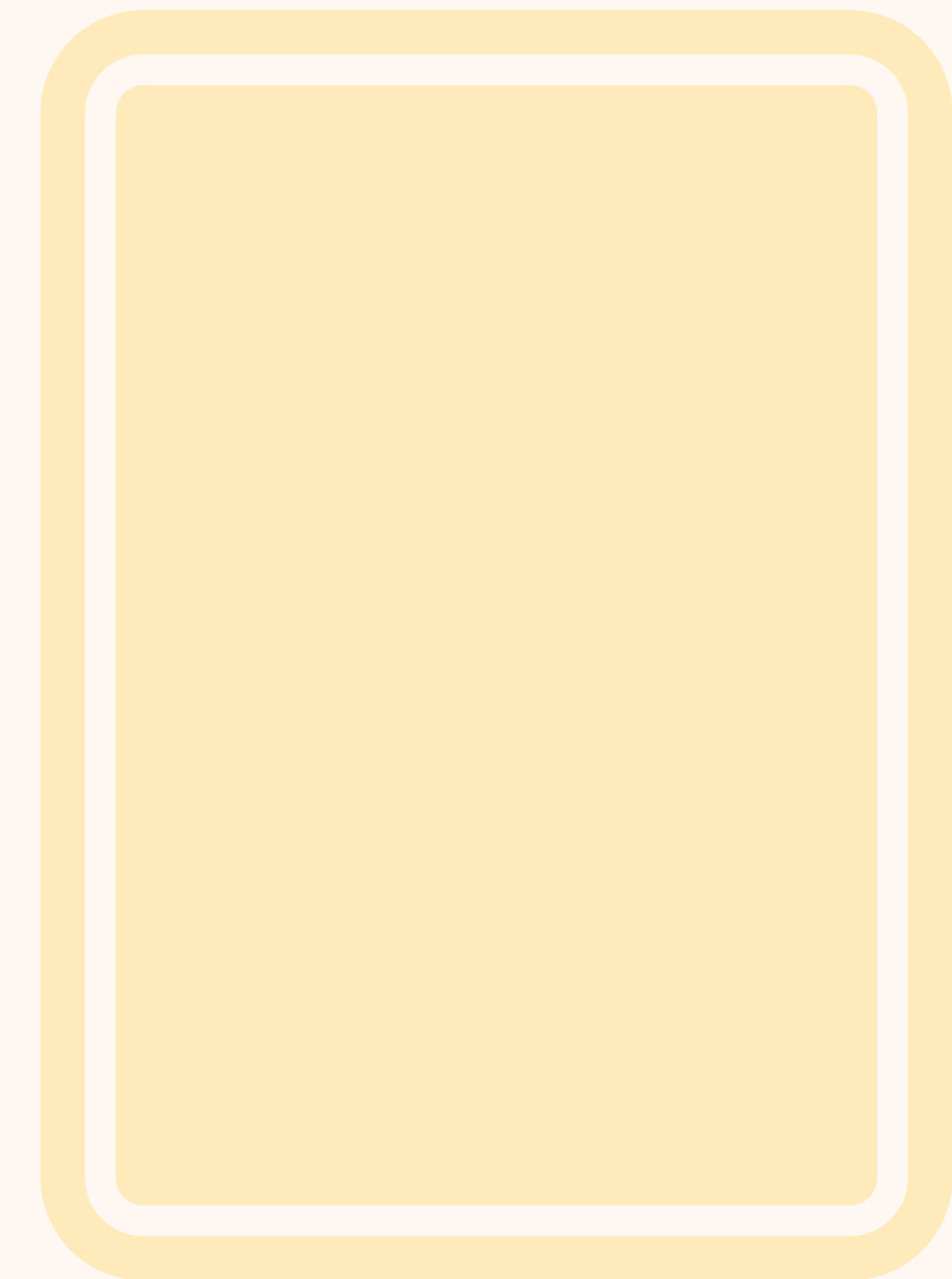
Category page

L2



Sub-category page

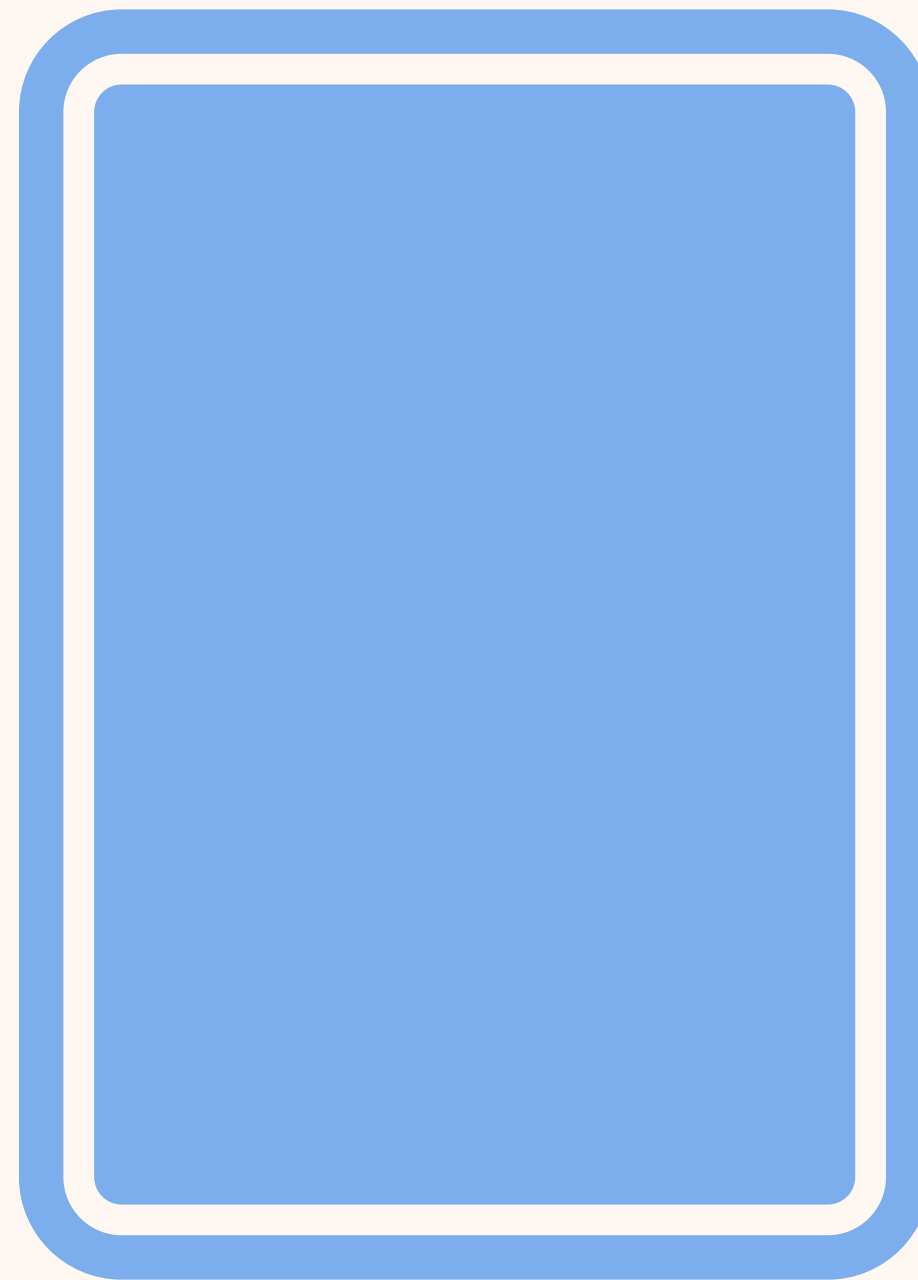
L3



Product page

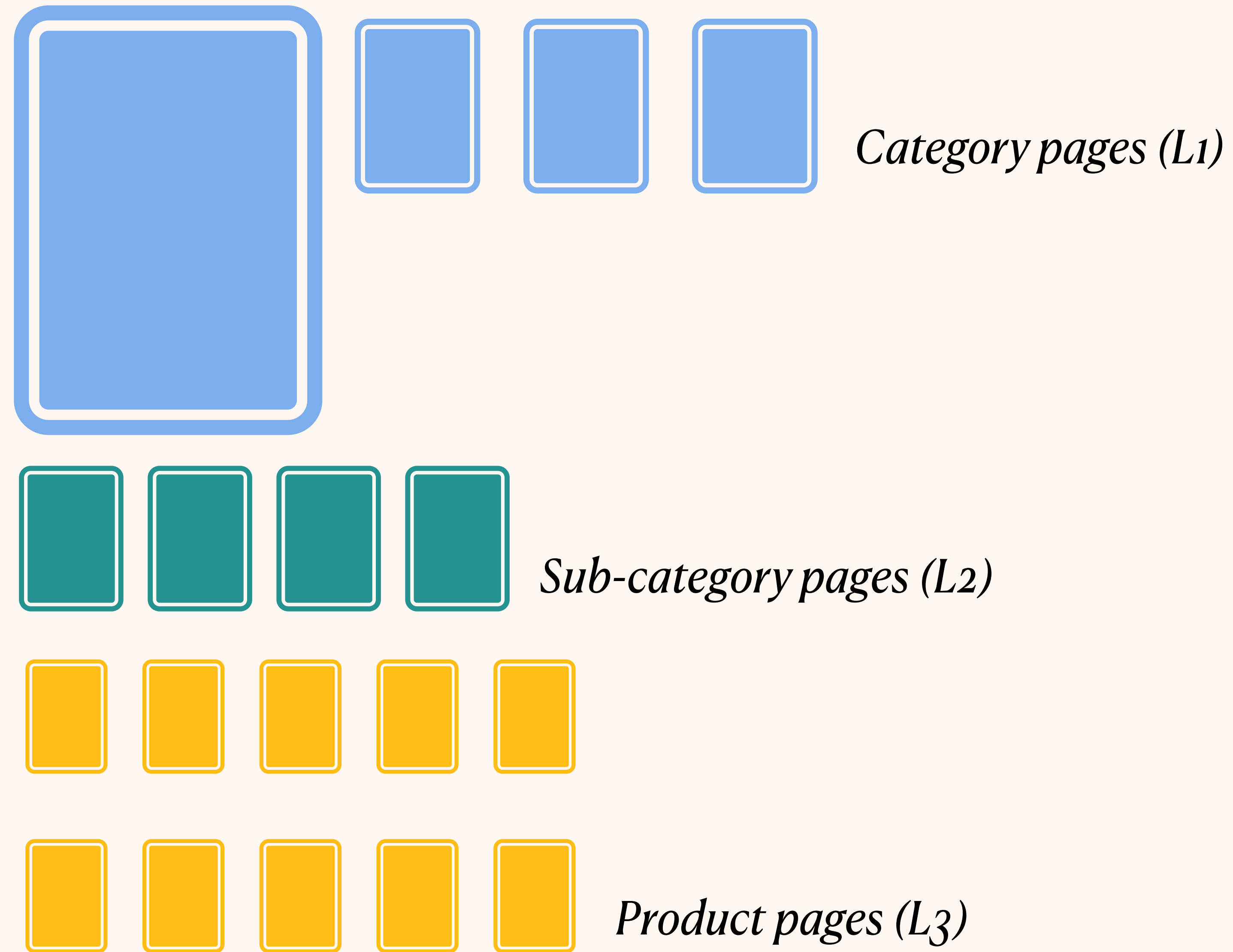
L1 pages link to:

L1



Category page

- Other relevant L1 pages (categories)
- Relevant L2 pages (sub-categories)
- Relevant L3 pages (products)



POSTERS

Colour

Layout

Size

All posters

Brands

- Harry Potter™
- Game of Thrones™
- Batman™
- Superman™
- Harley Quinn™
- Friends™
- Tom & Jerry™
- Scooby-Doo™

Bestsellers

New Arrivals

Sizes

Poster Packs

Black & White

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Kitchen

Fashion

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Love

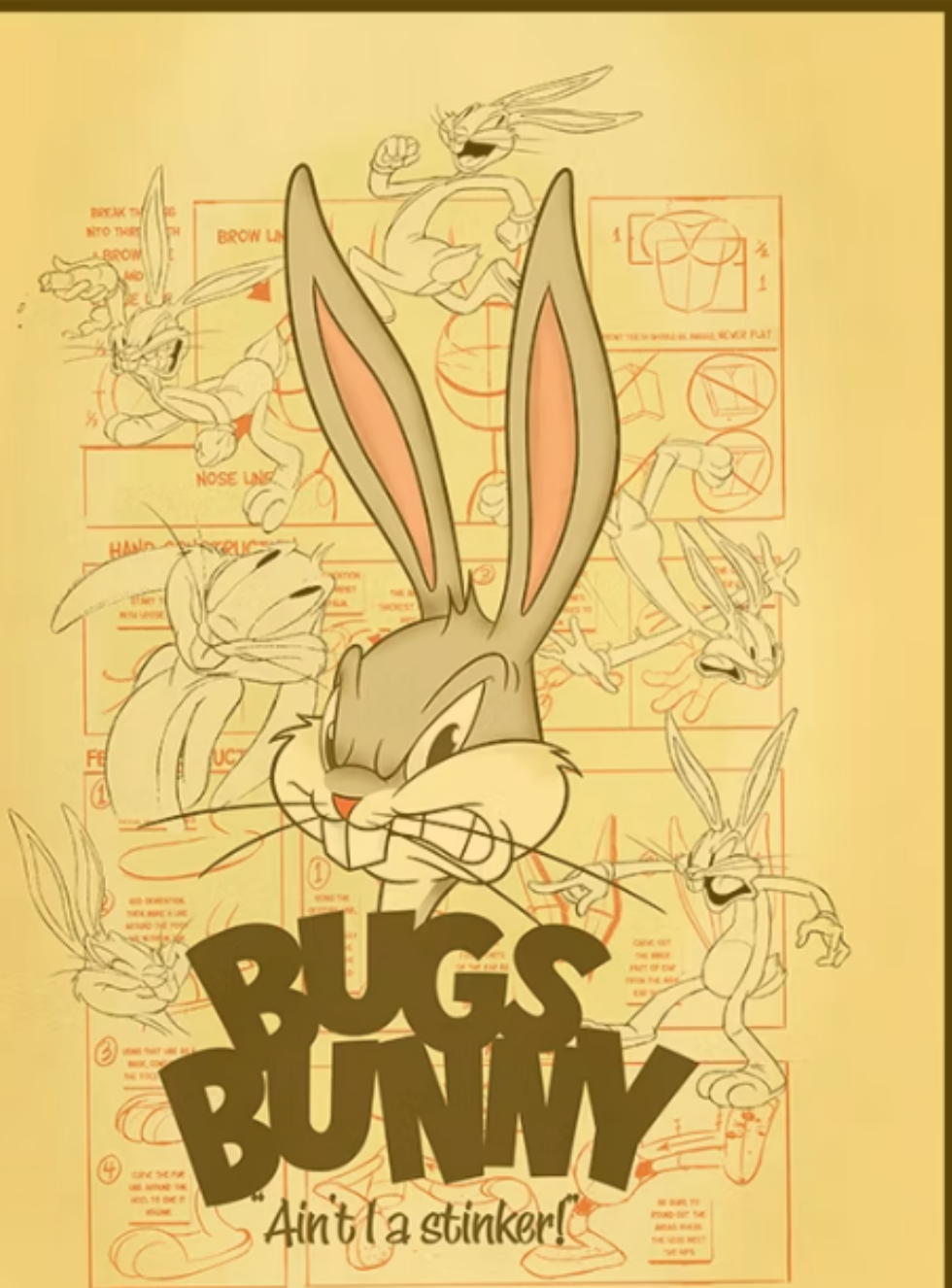
Maps & Cities



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Looney Tunes™ Retro Poster

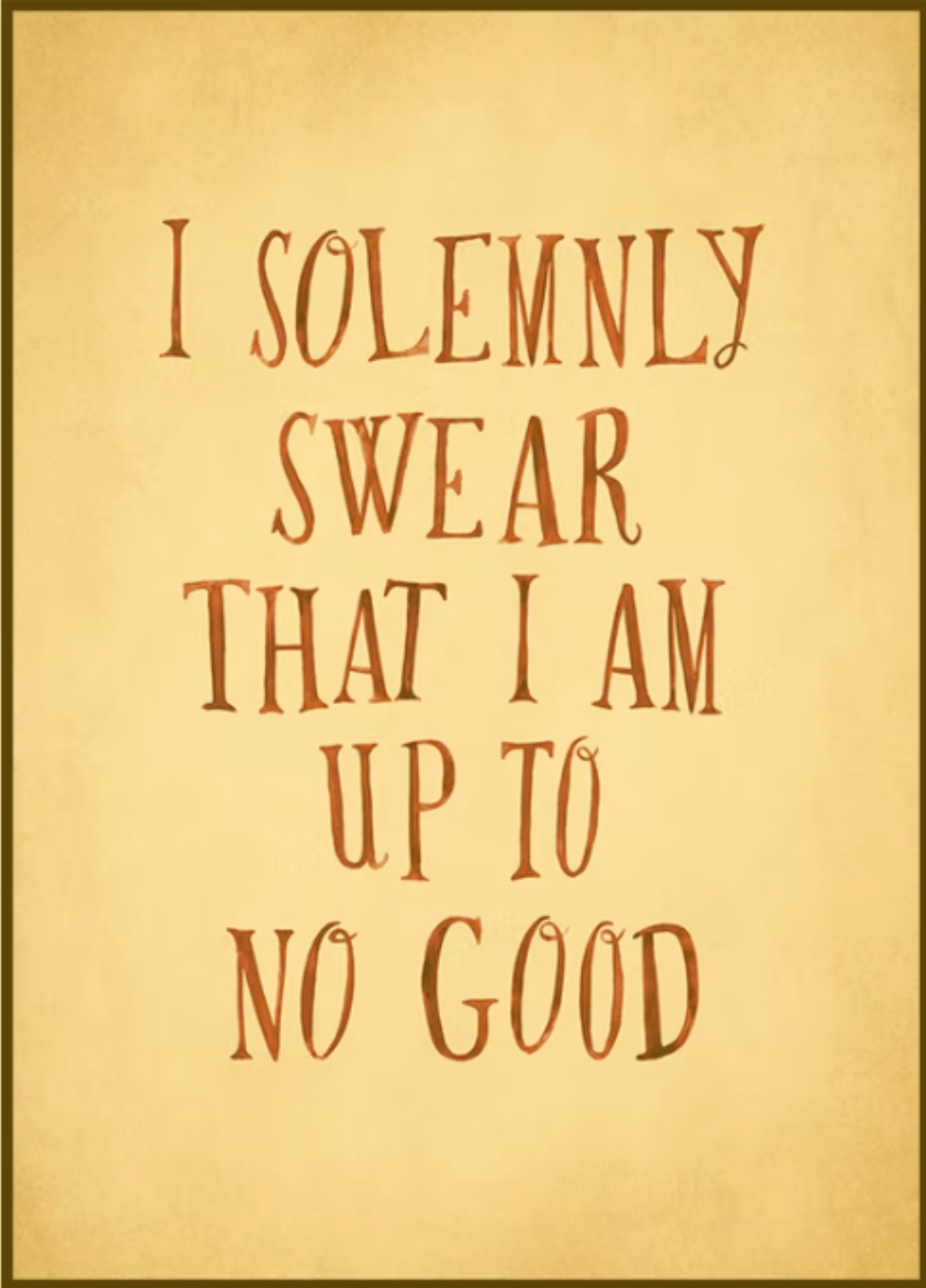
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Looney Tunes™ - Bugs Bunny Poster

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Harry Potter™ - I Solemnly Swear Poster

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Furniture

Living Room Furniture

Bedroom Furniture

Kitchen & Dining Furniture

Office Furniture

Entry & Mudroom Furniture

Outdoor & Patio Furniture

Small Spaces

Bathroom Furniture

Baby & Kids Furniture

Custom Furniture

Game Room Furniture

Pet

Shop Furniture

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Living Room Furniture

Bedroom Furniture



Sectionals



Sofas



Living Room Sets



Chairs & Seating



Coffee Tables



Loveseats



Beds & Headboards



Bedroom Sets



Dressers



Nightstands



Daybeds



Mattresses & Foundations

Furniture

When it comes to furnishing your home, finding the perfect furniture that is both stylish and functional is one of the best parts about owning a home. You can let your inner interior designer flourish sorting through all the decoration options, deciding on how to blend colors, patterns, and materials. With such variety in home furniture, it's important to know the differences between these styles and materials so you can find what works best for you. For instance, will Victorian furniture fit in with your design if you want to create a vibrant room with bright colors and contrasting highlights? Or does it make more sense to use a brighter theme and utilize coastal furniture to accomplish your goals? We'll try to go over all these details here so you can get on your way to finding the best home furniture for you.

[Read More](#)

Related Searches

small fire pits

black electric fireplaces & stoves

red patio umbrellas

Apartment Furnishing 101

Bookcases & shelving units



Cube storage



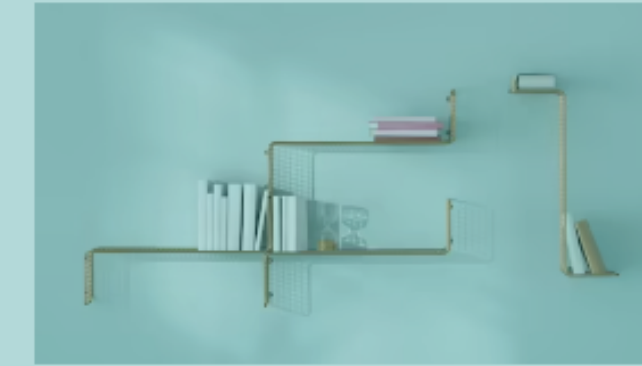
Shelf units



Bookcases



Storage shelves & units



Wall shelves



Pantry

Hands-on storage

Whether you have a large collection of scarves or a sock drawer that is bursting at the seams, there is a clothing and accessory storage solution for you. SVIRA set of 7 compartments help you organize your scarves, belts, jewellery or whatever else you have stuffed into your wardrobe. This could finally mean the end of mismatch days!

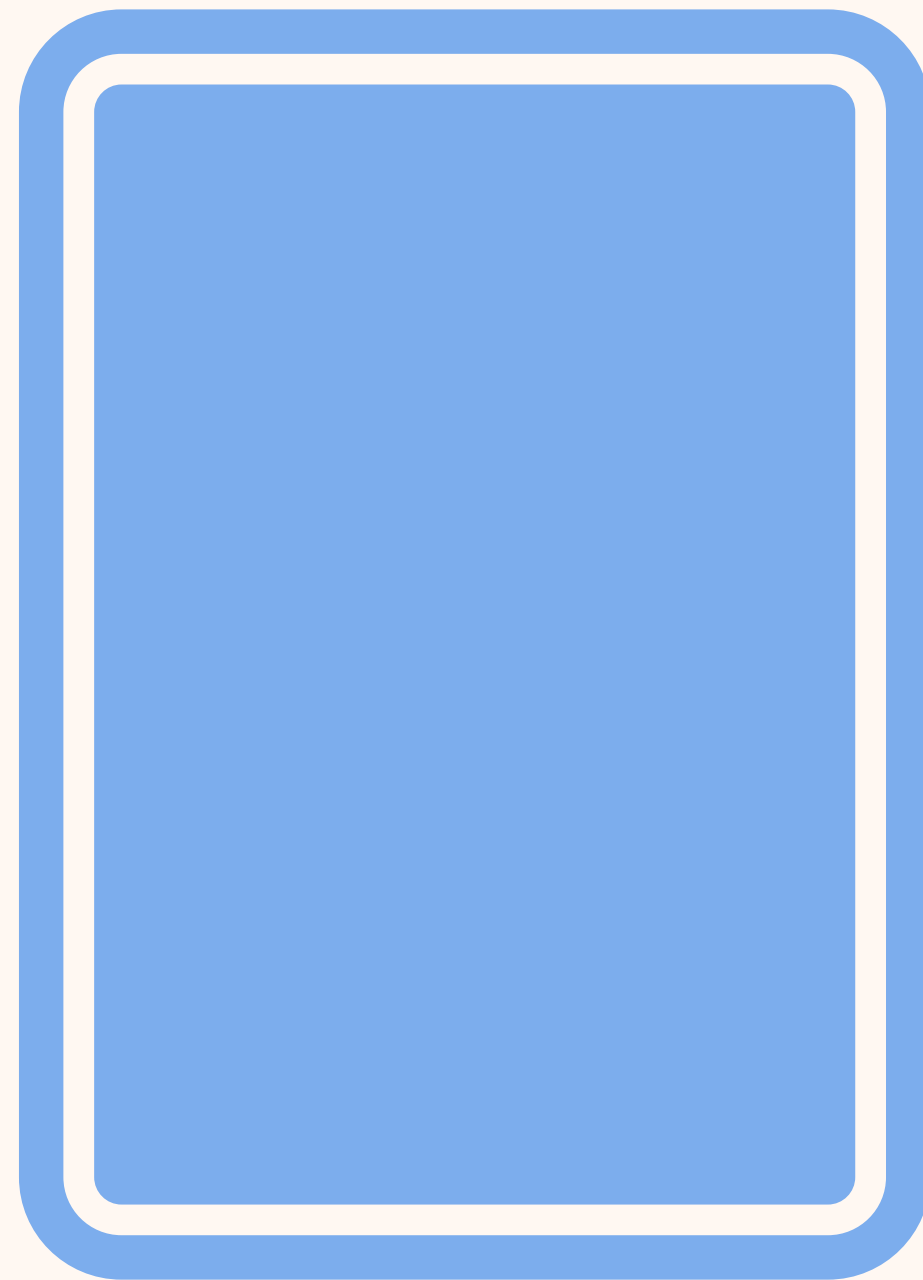
An artful storage and display combo that pops

EKET is a modular storage system that offers endless possibilities. Ample shapes and colours let you create your own personal solution for your need, style, space and wallet. Offering both open and closed storage, EKET system has a beautiful, modern design and sleek style – and is easy to assemble.



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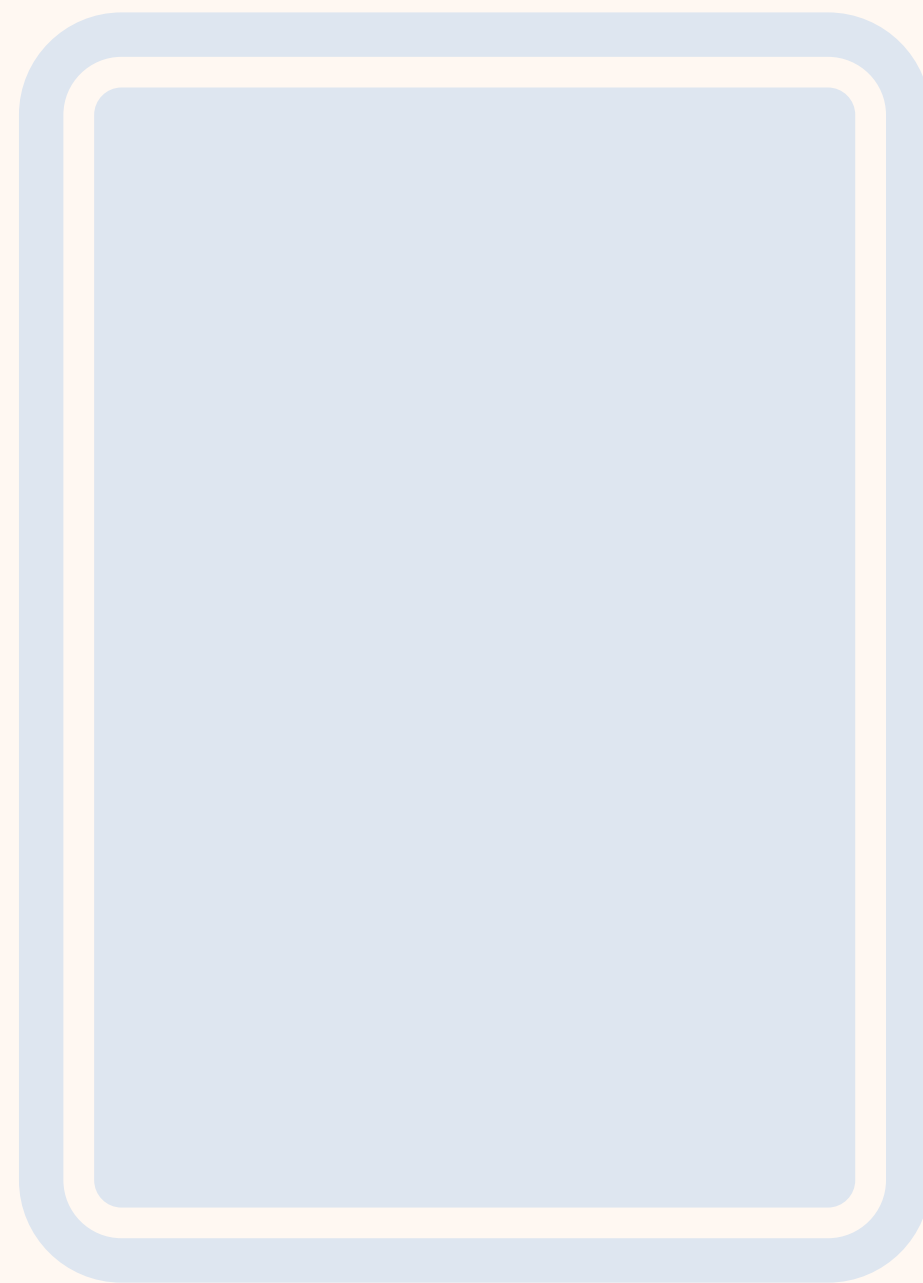
L1



- Sidebar links
- Drilldown links
- Related searches
- Blocks above/below products

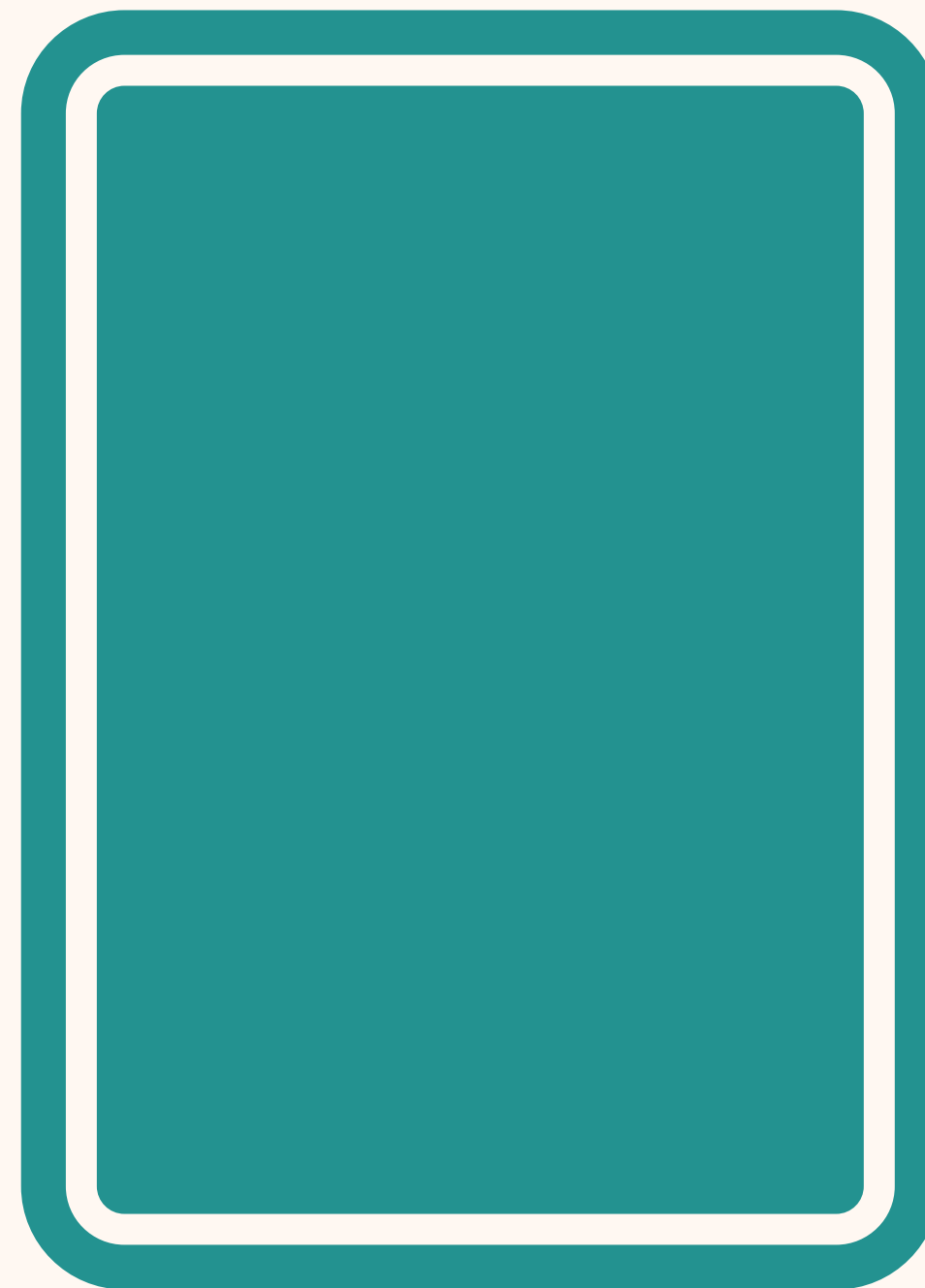
Category page

L1



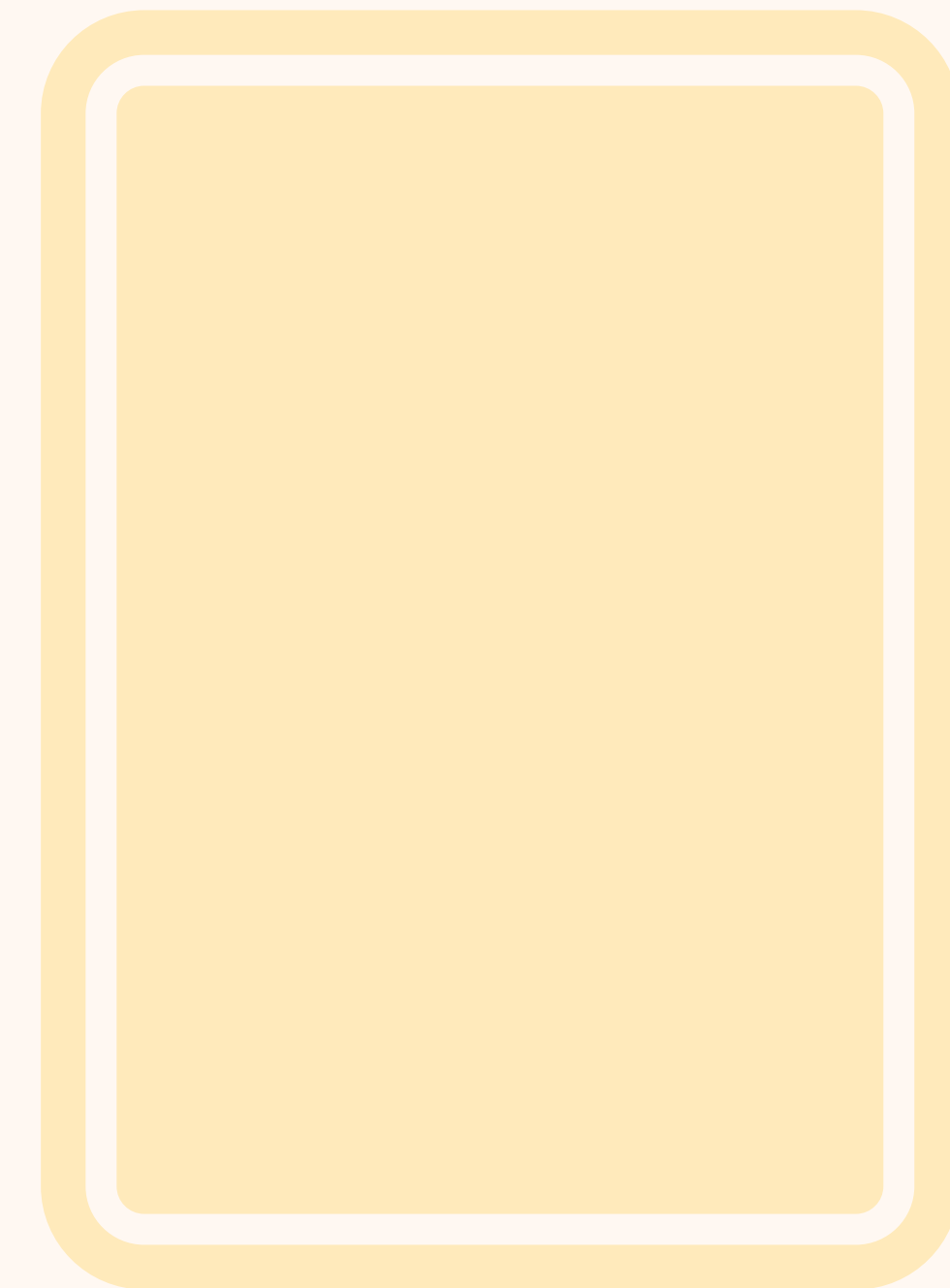
Category page

L2



Sub-category page

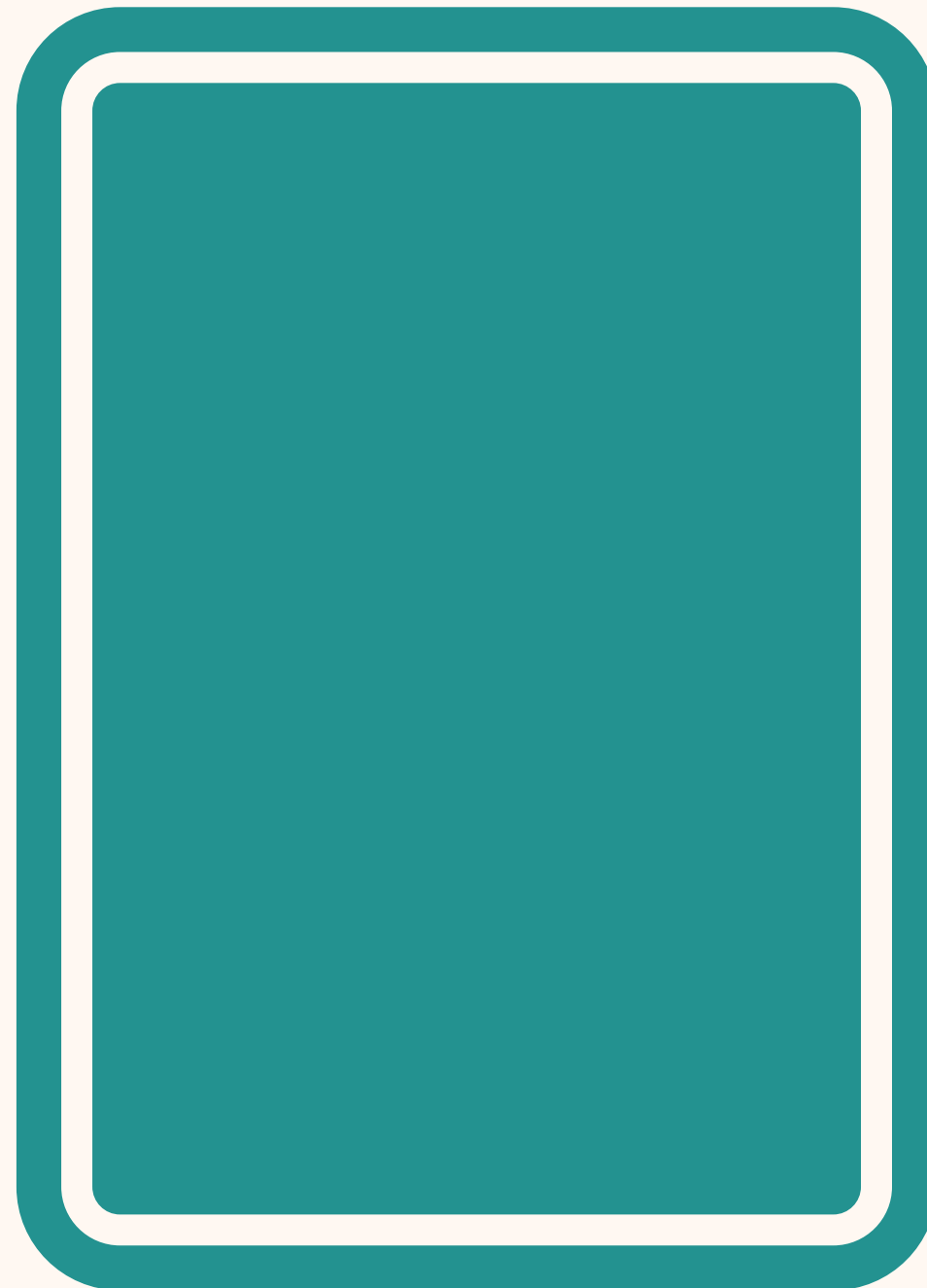
L3



Product page

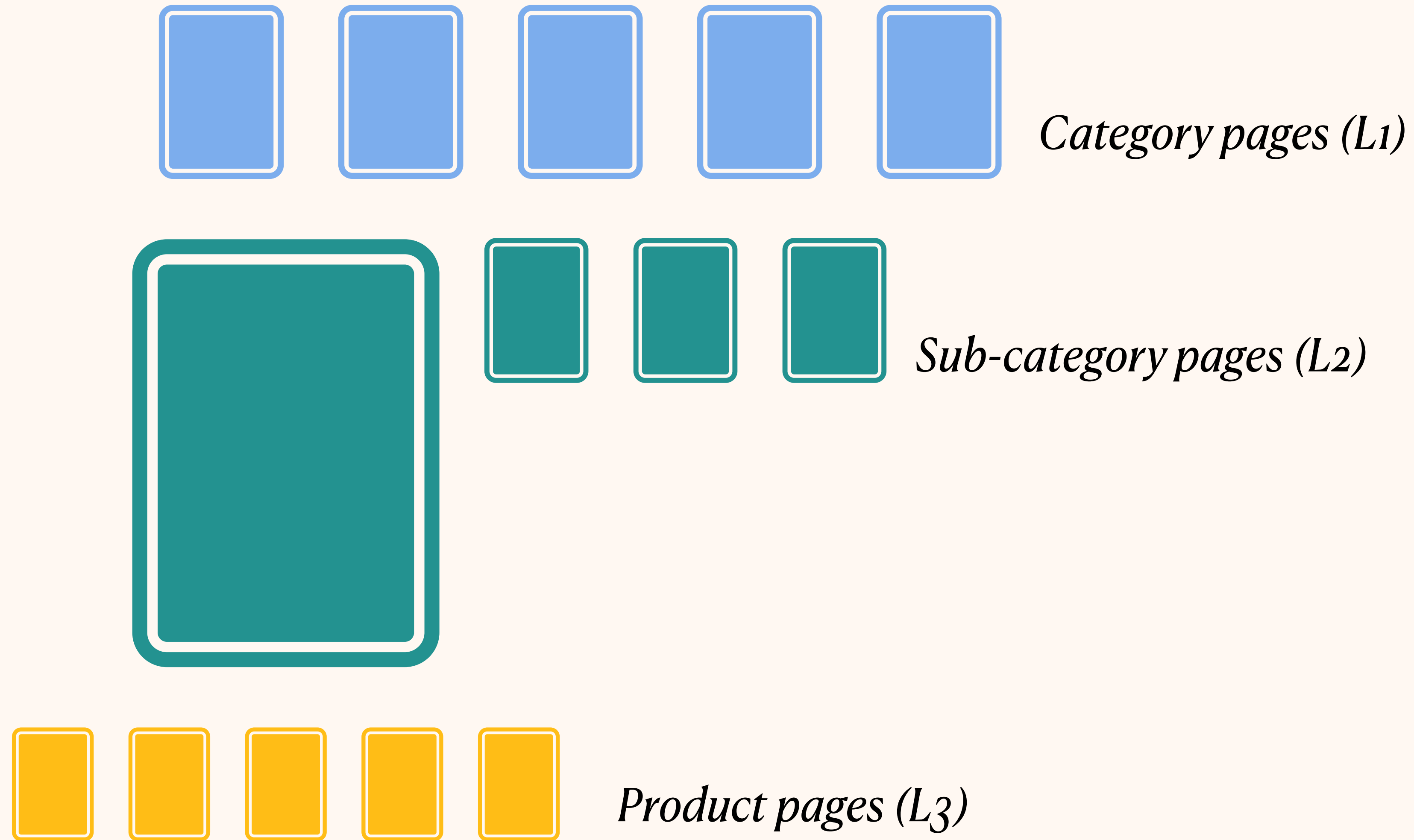
L2 pages link to:

L2



Sub-category page

- The L1 page it belongs to (categories)
- Other relevant L1 pages (categories)
- Other L2 pages under the same L1 sub-categories)
- L3 pages (products)



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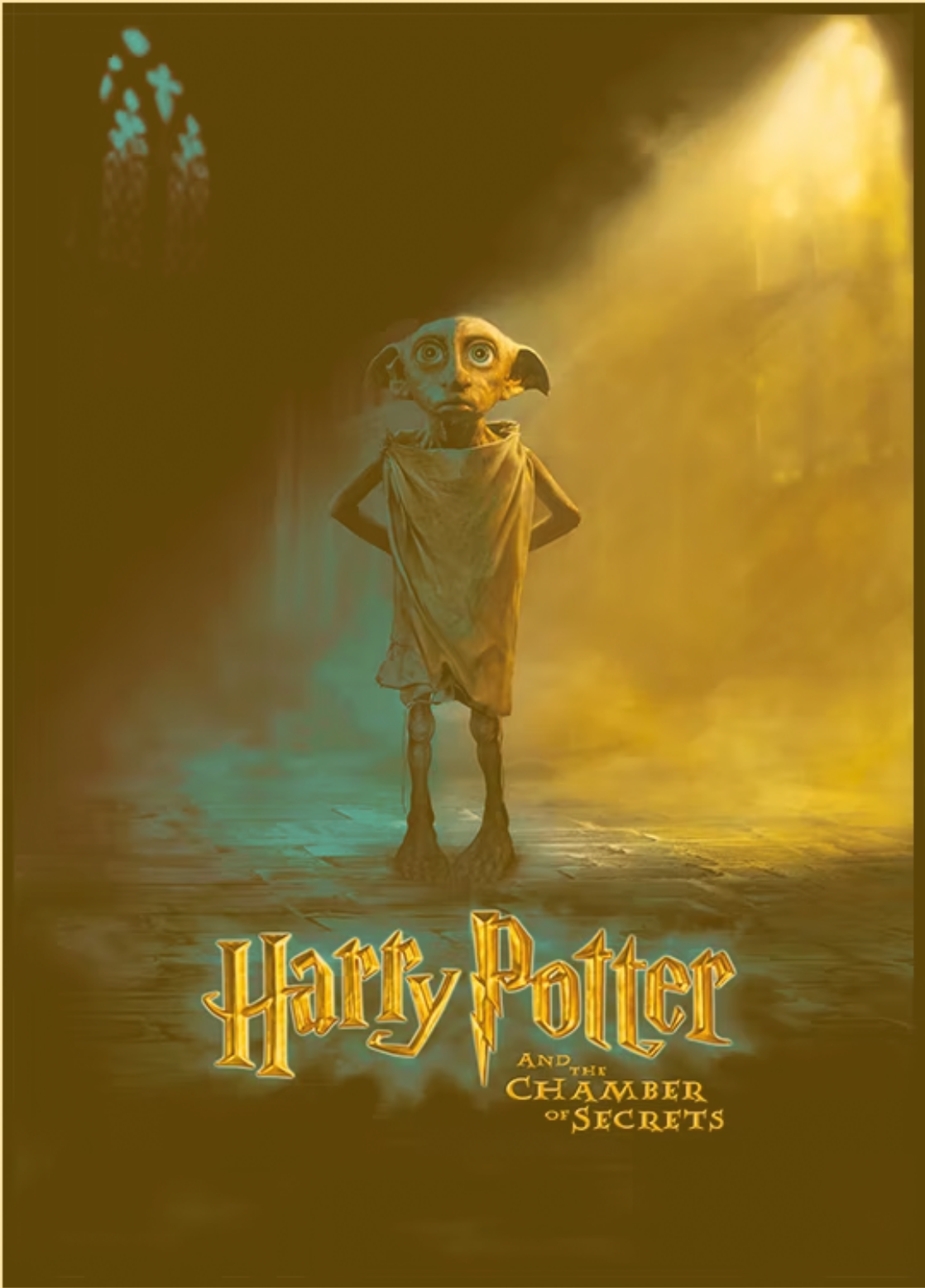
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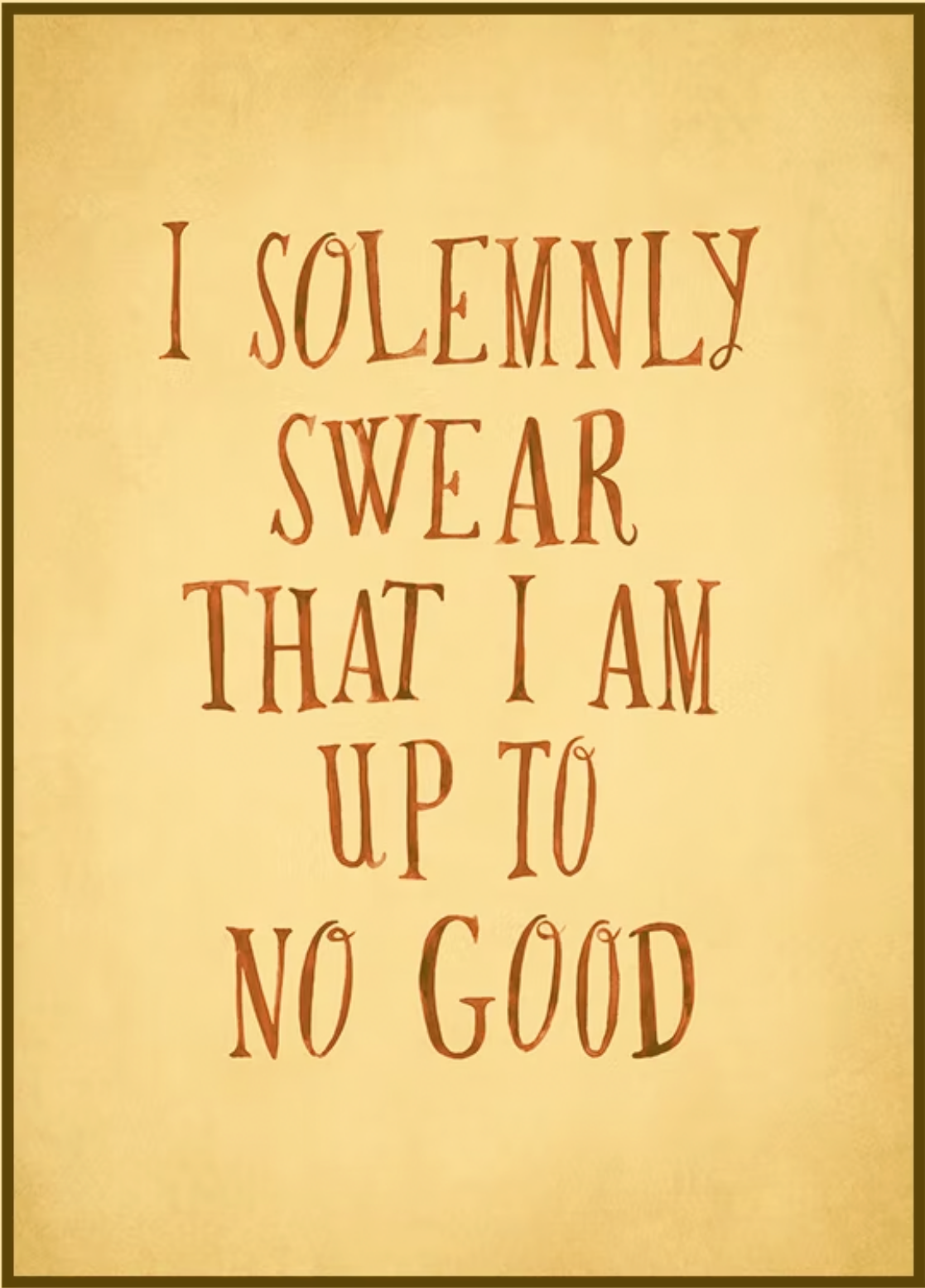
Kitchen



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Harry Potter™ - Chamber of Secrets Poster

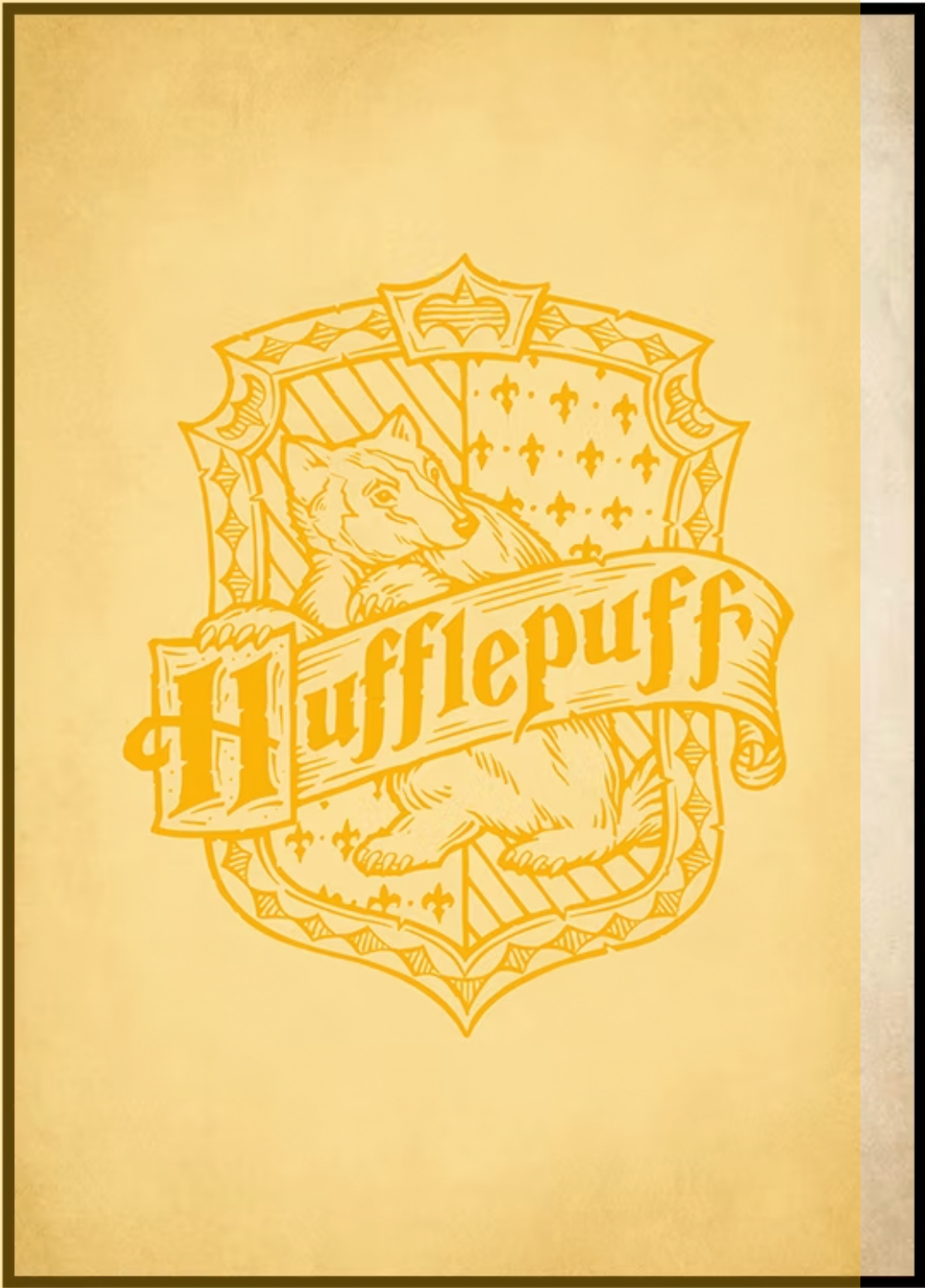
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Category ^

Living Room Furniture

Furniture / Living Room Furniture / Sectionals

Sectionals, Sectional Sofas & Couches

12,282 Results

Sectionals ←

- Sofas
- Living Room Sets
- Chairs & Seating
- Coffee Tables

LoveSeats

☒ Fast Delivery to:

Postal Code

☒ Commercial Use ⓘ



Sale



Zonia 107.5" Wide Right Hand Facing Sofa & Chaise by Willa Arlo™ Interiors

From **\$739.99** ~~\$939.99~~

★★★★☆ (184)



144" Wide Reversible Modular Corner Sectional with Ottoman by Latitude Run®

From **\$1,919.99** ~~\$2,159.99~~

Free shipping



Sale



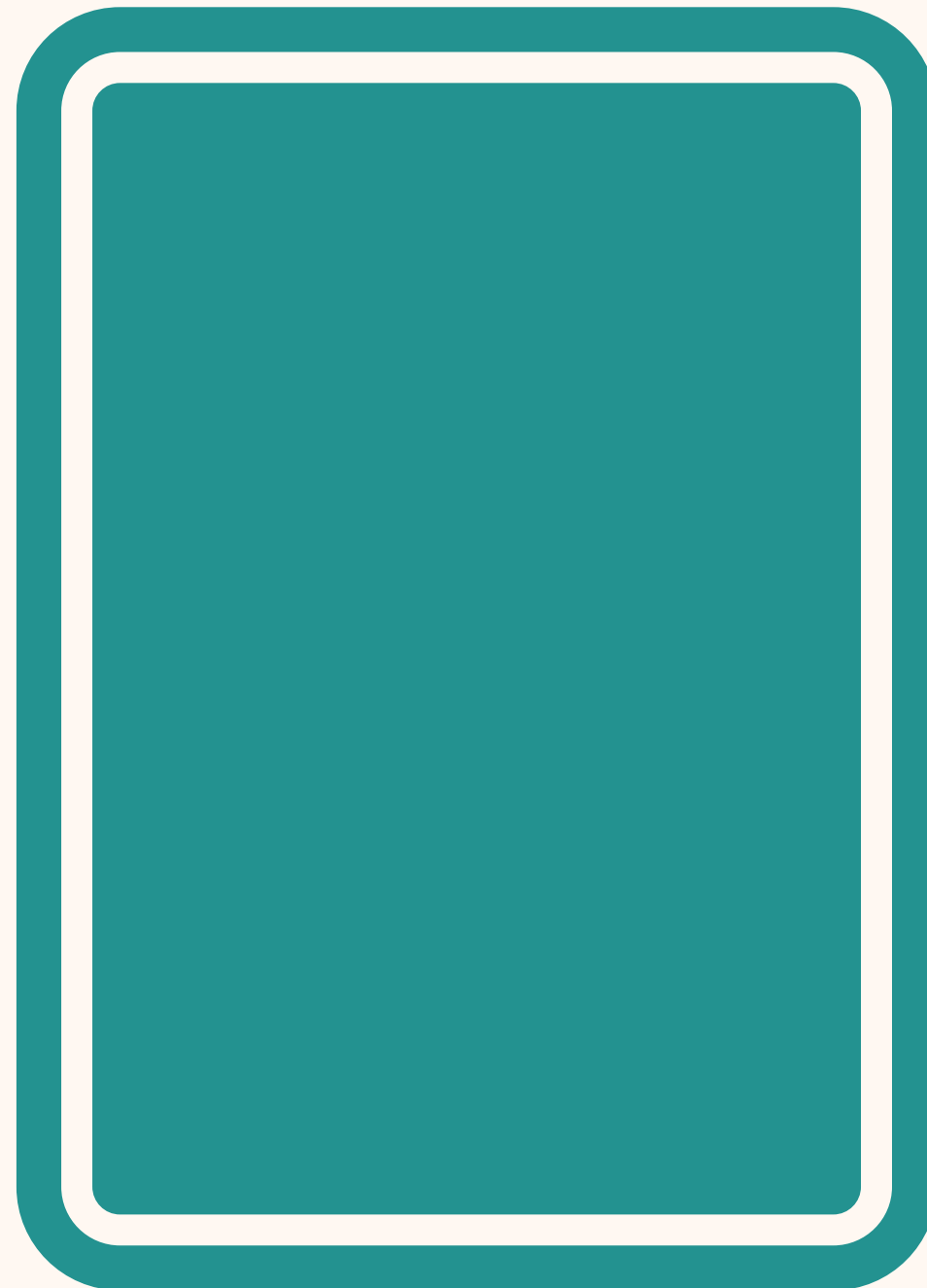
Hiller 95.2" Wide Sofa & Chaise by Andover Mills

From **\$819.99** ~~\$942.85~~

★★★★☆ (1421)

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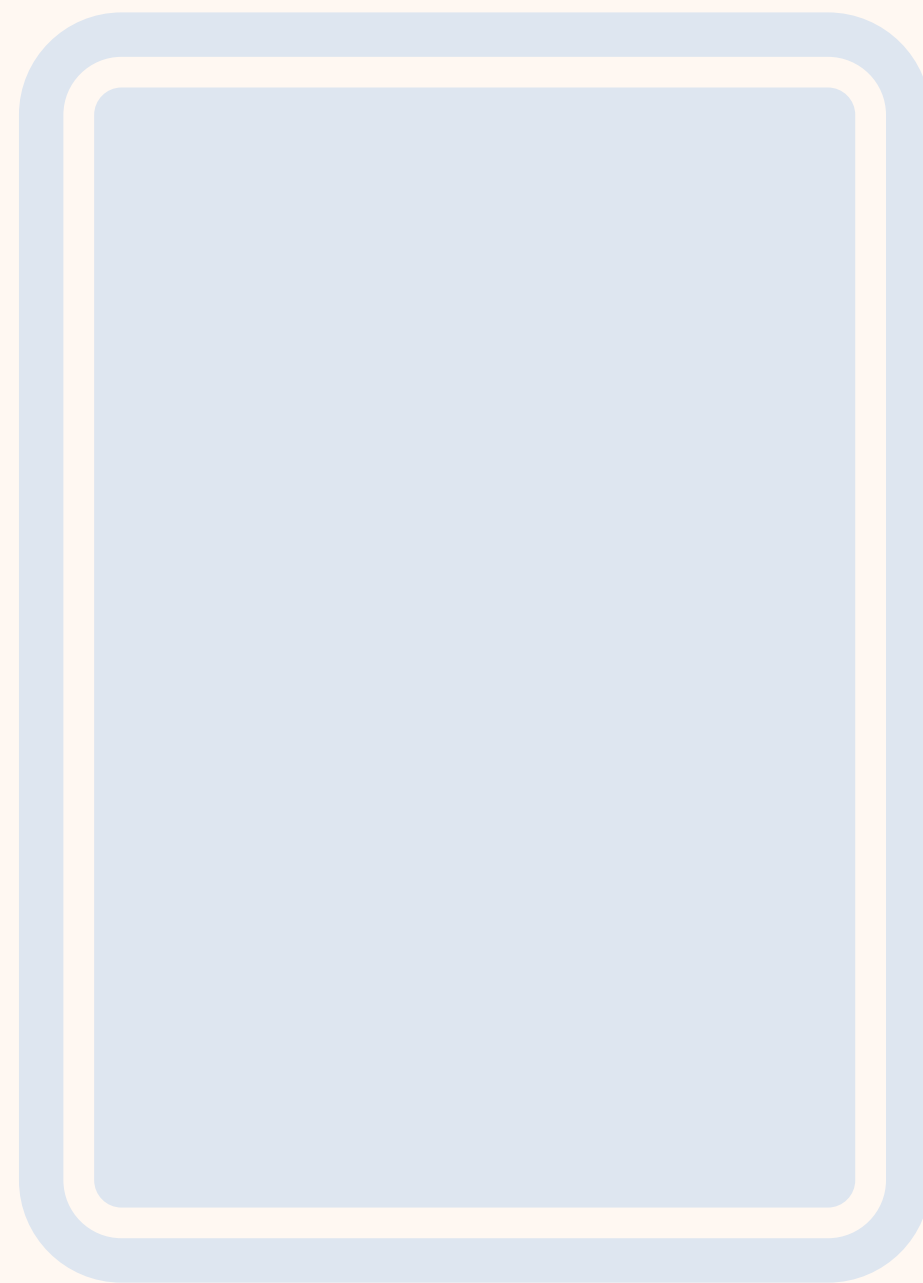
L2



Sub-category page

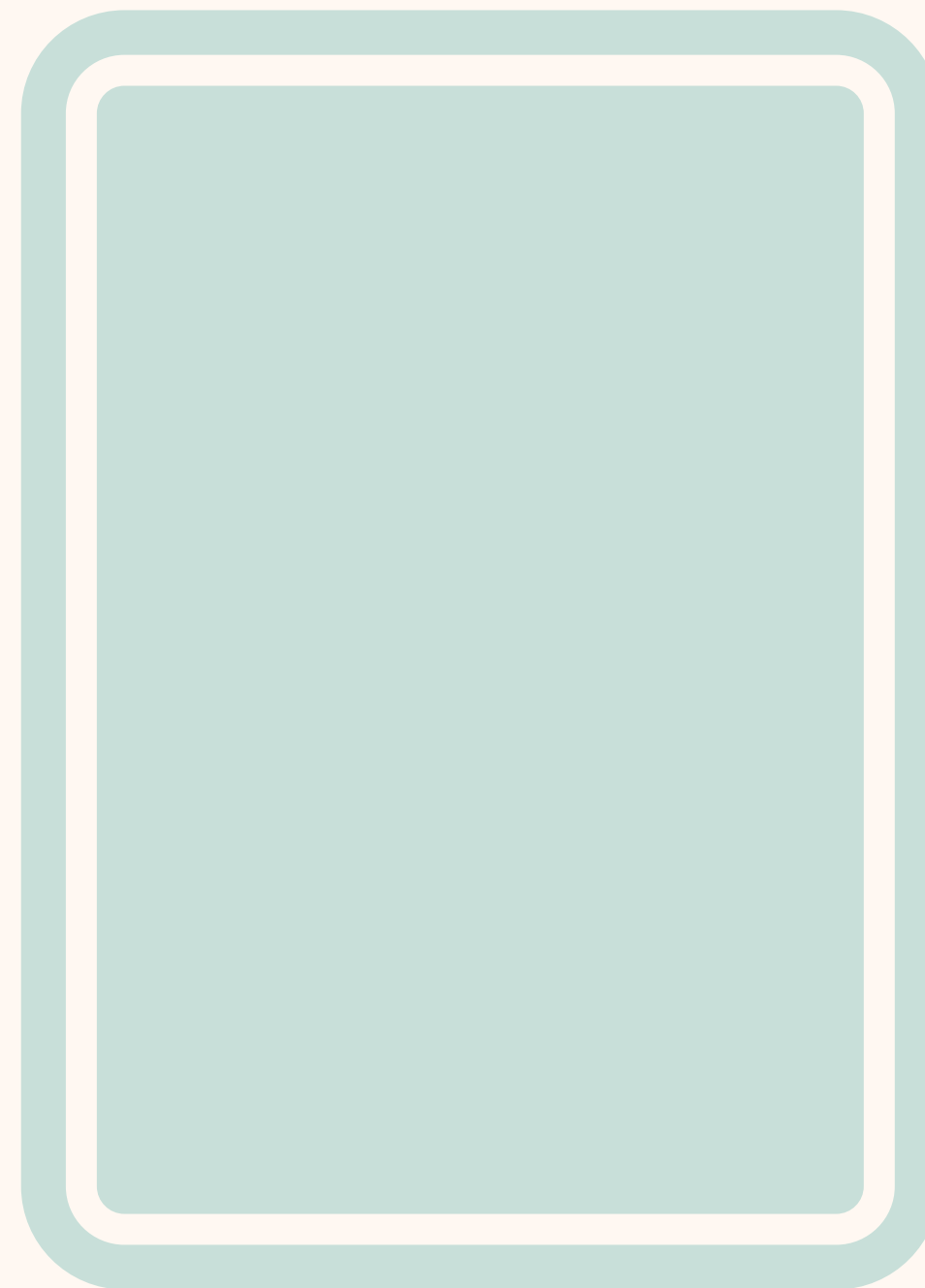
- Breadcrumbs
- Sidebar links
- Blocks above/below products

L1



Category page

L2



Sub-category page

L3



Product page

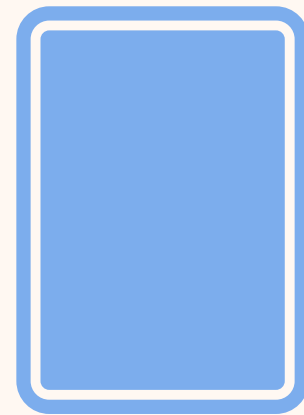
L3 pages link to:

L3

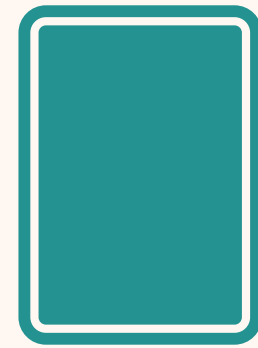


Product page

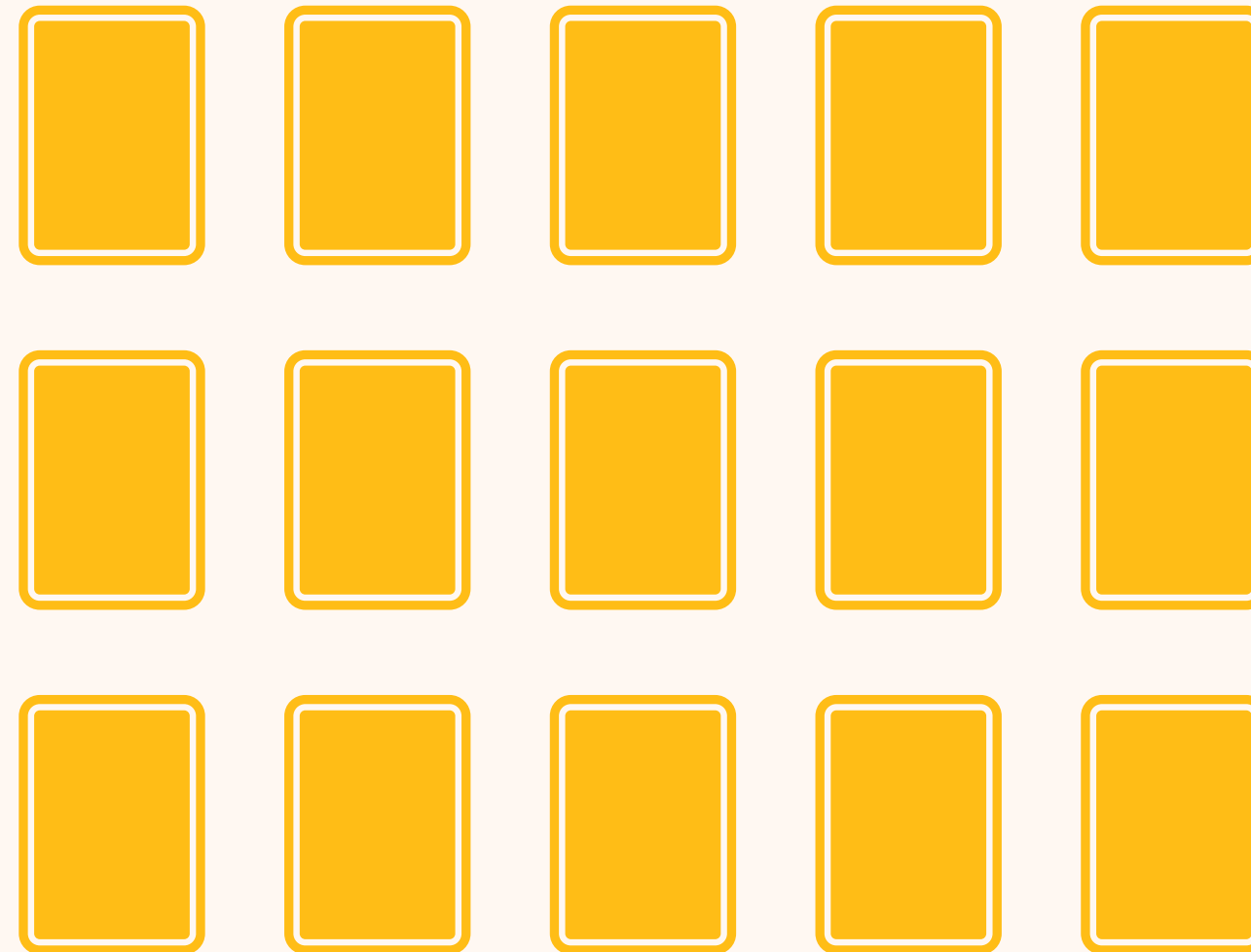
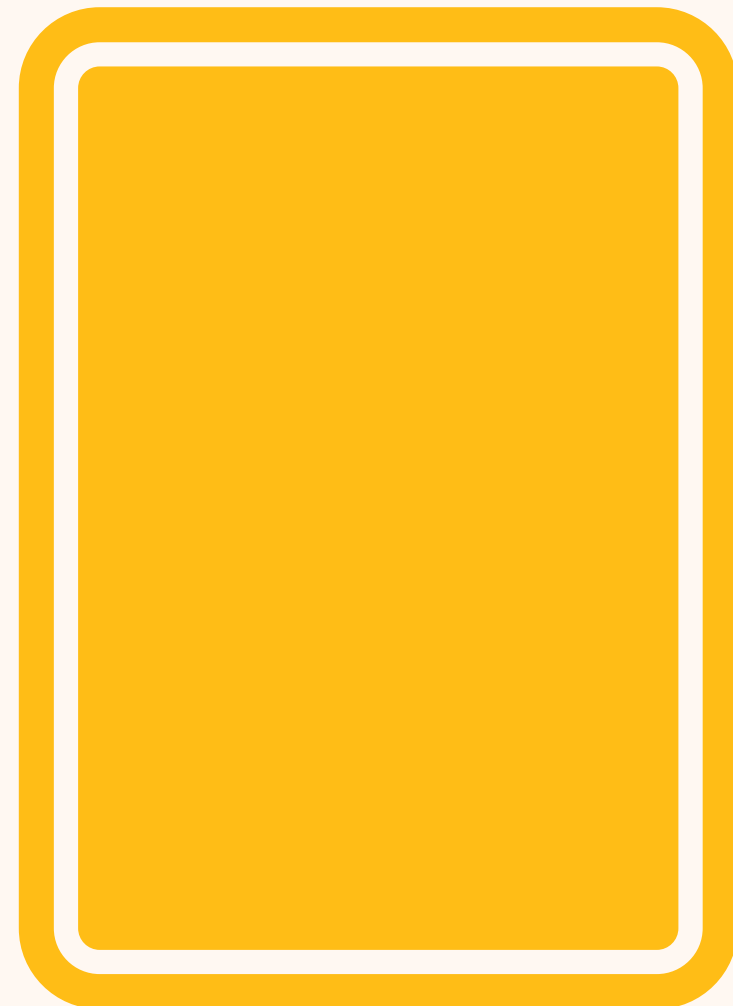
- The L1 page it belongs to
- The L2 page it belongs to
- Other relevant L3 pages



Category pages (L1)



Sub-category pages (L2)



Product pages (L3)

[← Back to Results](#) Furniture / Living Room Furniture / Living Room Sets / SKU: FMFC1021



Cantata Standard 3 - Piece Living Room Set

See More by [Kelly Clarkson Home](#)

★★★★☆ 4.7 [169 Reviews](#)

\$2,400.00 ~~\$2,669.99~~ 10% Off

Get \$25 off \$150 with the [Wayfair Credit Card](#)¹

Free shipping
Get it in 2–3 weeks
Ship to: [T1V 0A4 - High River](#) ▼

Select Pieces Included:

- ☐ **2 Piece**
1 Sofa, 1 Armchair, 5 Toss Pillows
\$2,080.00
- ☐ **3 Piece**
1 Sofa, 1 Loveseat, 1 Armchair, 1 Toss Pillows
\$3,000.00
~~\$4,179.97~~

Compare Similar Items



Cantata Standard 3 - Piece Living Room Set by Kelly Clarkson Home

\$2,400.00 ~~\$2,669.99~~
★★★★☆ (169)

Current Item

[Add to Cart](#)



Cantata Standard 3 - Piece Living Room Set by Kelly Clarkson Home

\$2,500.00 ~~\$3,219.97~~
★★★★☆ (216)

[Add to Cart](#)



Sale

Cantata Standard 2 Piece Living Room Set by Kelly Clarkson Home

\$2,400.00 ~~\$2,900.00~~
★★★★☆ (253)

[Add to Cart](#)



2-Pieces Upholstered Living Room Set by Canora Grey

\$839.99 ~~\$1,229.99~~
★★★★☆ (35)

[Add to Cart](#)



Mascout Living Room Set by Lark Living

\$4,820.00
★★★

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More From [Kelly Clarkson Home](#)

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Nursery Pink

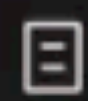
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 Shopping List



Matching Colors

Distant Gray

2124-70

Violet Stone

2069-40

Super White

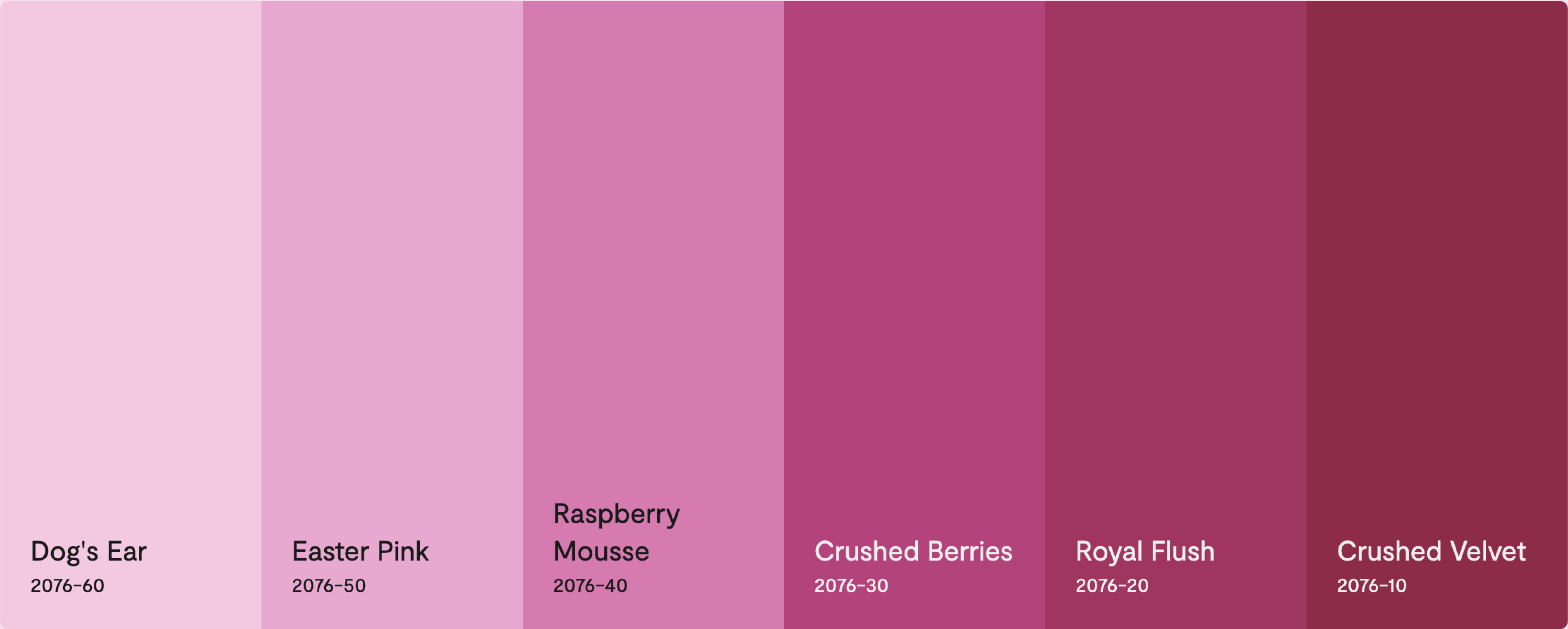
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Nightingale

AF-670



Different Shades



Similar Colors

I Love You Pink

2077-70

Charming Pink

2075-70

Candy Stripe

2079-70

Easter Bonnet

2074-70

 Shopping List



Color By Family



Great ways to add link blocks:

L3



Product page

- Breadcrumbs
- Related products
- “People Also Bought”
- “Similar products you might like”
- Products by the same brand
- Related categories/sub-categories



How to avoid “Oh-no, it’s still not working”

Make sure that the internal links are pointing to the canonical URLs

Make sure that the internal links are pointing to the 200 HTTP pages

Make sure that the internal links are added according to the web standards

Do:

`<a href="link">`

Don't:

- `window.location.href='/page-url'`
- `<a onclick="goto('https://store.com/page-url')">`
- `#page-url`

CREATE YOUR GIFT



BEST SELLERS



NEW ARRIVALS



GIFTS FOR HER



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action="/pages/search-results"
method="get">...</form>
▼<div class="shifter-navigation">
  ▼<ul id="mobileAccordion" class=
  "mobileNav" role="navigation">
    ▶<li class="navItem mainMenu">
    ...</li>
    ▶<div id="CREATE YOUR GIFT"
    class="sublinksMenu">...</div>
    ▶<li class="navItem mainMenu">
    ...</li>
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    ▶<li class="navItem mainMenu">
    ...</li>
    ▶<div id="NEW ARRIVALS" class=
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    ▼<li class="navItem mainMenu">
    ...
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    "window.location.href = "/
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    left-align">GIFTS FOR HER
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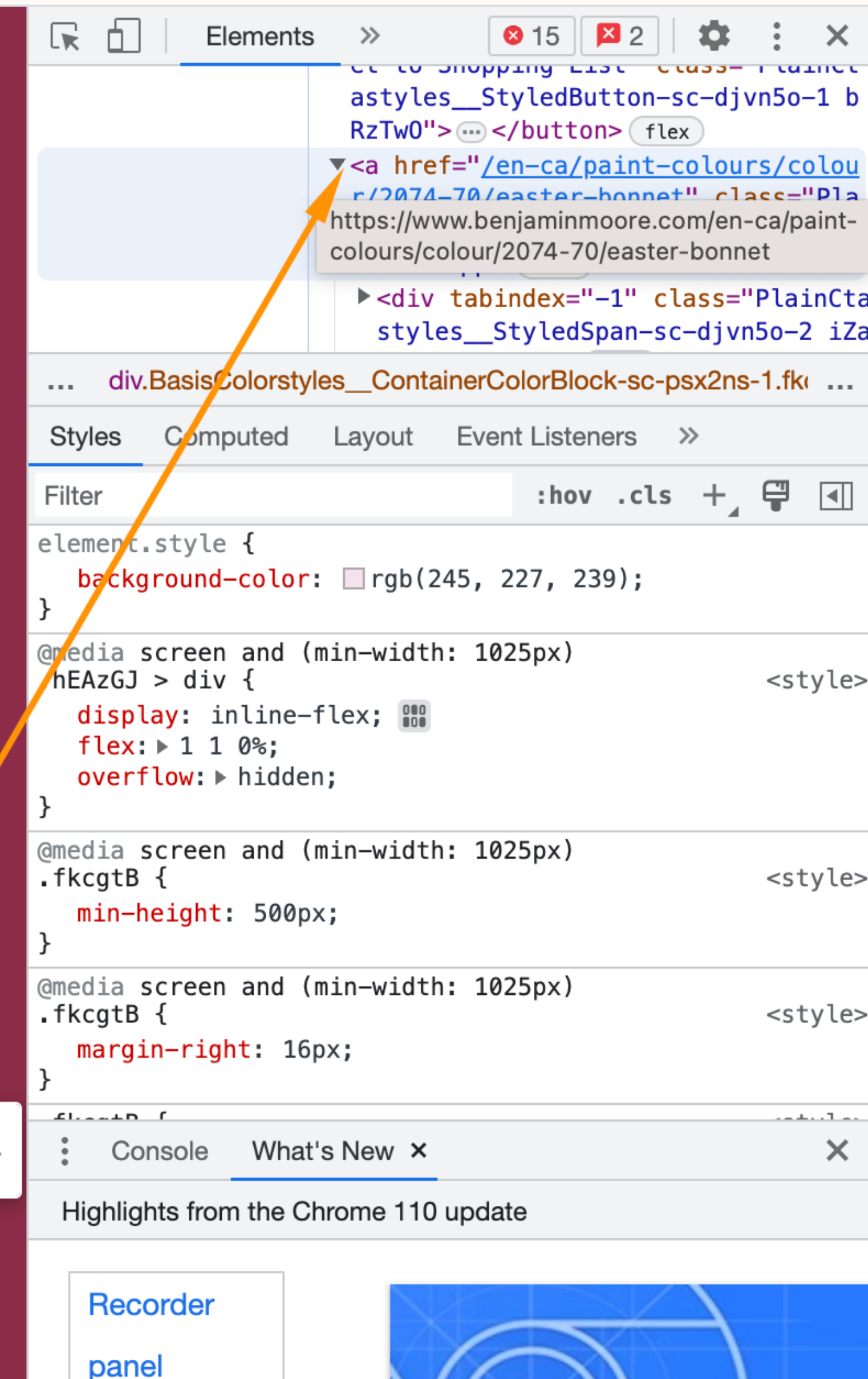
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← Mobile-Friendly Test

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Scalable Internal Linking *Summary*



- 1: Break down the pages into templates
- 2: Build logical relationships between these page templates
- 3: Use link blocks to scale your internal linking efforts
- 4: Make sure you link to the existing canonical pages
- 5: Make sure Google can see your internal links

Thank you!



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