



Blueball Cubicle Sandvox Designs

Overview and Usage Tips For Blueball Cubicle and Blueball Cubicle Wide Designs

Thank you for purchasing one of our original Sandvox Designs.

Below we have listed various sections of information to help you maximize the use of your Blueball Design Sandvox Design(s) as you use it with Sandvox to produce your new web site.

If you see something we can do to make your experience better when using our design with Sandvox to create your web site, or have a suggestion, please let us know!

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1. Blueball Cubicle Designs Information and Tips

How to install your Blueball Cubicle designs:

After you download your Cubicle designs bundle file you will need to double click on it to unzip the file. In the Blueball_Cubicle_v5 folder you will find 2 individual Cubicle Sandvox design files that end with the extension .svxDesign. **To install each Cubicle design you need to double click on each design file and the design will be automatically installed into Sandvox. By default all third party designs are installed into Sandvox's Application Support folder. After you finish installing your designs, you MUST restart Sandvox before your newly installed designs will appear in the design preview area at the top of the Sandvox work window.**

Your Cubicle design bundle includes:

2 Blueball Cubicle Designs - A 790px wide Cubicle design and a 990px wide Cubicle Wide design, 3 Readme files, 20 custom banner images for each Cubicle design, and 2 layered Photoshop files to use to create your own custom banner images with.

- Blueball Cubicle has a total fixed width of 790px.
- Blueball Cubicle Wide has a total fixed width of 990px.

Adding Your Own Custom Banner Images Into Cubicle

(See the “[Custom Banner Readme file](#)” for detailed information on using the provided 40 custom banner images)

We have set up the Blueball Cubicle 790px wide design to allow you to place your own custom banner images into the design’s page-top area. To do this, open up the Site Inspector window, click the Media tab and then drag your image into the box labeled “Banner” and your new image will replace the default image in the design. **NOTE! Your custom image must be exactly 782px wide by 200px tall or it will not work with this Sandvox feature in the Cubicle design. It must be named cubicle_banner.jpg and saved as a jpg image file.**

For the Blueball Cubicle Wide 990px wide design you can use the banner swap Snadvix feature now too. **Your custom banner image must be exactly 982px wide by 200px tall or it will not display correctly in the Cubicle Wide layout. It must be named cubiclewide_banner.jpg and saved as a jpg image file.**

Nav Menu Tips

We recommend keeping your names as short as possible on the nav menu is set up to allow only a single line of text in each tab. You cannot use 2 lines of text in a menu tab. The menu tabs will not wrap to a second line and display correctly due to the background images used in the nav menu states, so if you have more page names than will fit on a single line of tabs, look at using the 990px width Cubicle design or adding in a pagelet

Logo Image

The logo image is placed in the top right area in the page-top area, centered over the sidebar. **The image size is 200px wide by 90px tall. Your logo image file must be that exact size or it will not display correctly in the design layout.** Be sure it is set to 72 dpi and RGB color mode and saved as a gif, jpg or png file. We recommend keeping your logo centered and slightly smaller than the noted size to allow some margin around your logo for greater visibility and impact. We have found that leaving a 10px top and bottom margin of white on your logo gives you the best results when displaying your logo in the Cubicle design layout.

Title and Title Paragraph Text Length

Title Text - You must keep the Title text limited to one line of copy with any of the Blueball Cubicle designs. Using 2 lines will result in display errors with this design.

Title Paragraph lines can be up to 3 lines of copy.

Using Images In Sandvox and The Blueball Cubicle Designs

Since Sandvox by default will currently resize your image files in the content area down to 320px wide if they are wider than that originally and down to 640px in width on the single photo page any Sandvox user has been limited on how they can adjust and use larger images in the site page content area until Sandvox 1.5.

Your Site Page Image Sizes Will Be Displayed The Full Width Of The Content Area Now In Sandvox 1.5 By Default

We have increased the image sizing for the content area images to better utilize the available content area widths in both the Cubicle 790px and 990px width design. In other words, the widths are set to fill up the available content area width instead of being restricted to just the Sandvox default maximum 320px width.

*NOTE: You may have to refresh your page when switching from the 790px Cubicle design to the 990px Cubicle Wide design to force Sandvox to resize your images that are affected by this built-in image scaling in the Blueball Cubicle info.plist files.

Working With Sandvox's Default Sizing - For new and average Sandvox users we recommend you create your own images at the final display size, and drag and drop them into position on your site pages. This will also keep your site file size down to a minimum. Be sure your images are at 72dpi and in RGB color mode. Sandvox does not yet support png file transparency so be sure to flatten your image files before saving them. Or you can let Sandvox resize them and not do any image file creation. Either way will work but be sure to open the preferences window and set your final image output quality levels if you are letting Sandvox crop and reduce your original image files.

We've Arranged Our main.css File Code Into Groups For Easier Modification By Advanced Sandvox Users

If you open the main.css file you will see that the css code in our file is arranged in groups by areas of the design layout. We designed it this way to make it easier for advanced Sandvox users who want to "tinker under the hood" and customize the css some.

BE SURE TO MAKE A BACKUP COPY OF YOUR DESIGN BEFORE ATTEMPTING ANY MODIFICATIONS OF THE CSS CODE!

*NOTE: We do not recommend modifying the css code in this design unless you are well versed and familiar with css styling and coding. Modifying the css code could break the display functionality of the design in your Sandvox site. Any modifications are at the sole risk of the user and Blueball Design does not guarantee the performance of any Blueball Sandvox Design which has been altered or modified and we cannot be held liable if problems arise from your modifications.

If you have questions on how to modify the css code elements used in this theme, post them on our Blueball Sandvox forum on our site at sandvoxdesigns.blueballdesign.com or on the Sandvox Yahoo user group at: <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/sandvox/> or the Sandvox Yahoo CSS user group at: <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/sandvoxcss/>.

Another very helpful resource is available from Karelia Software for doing simple modifications to your Sandvox design at: http://docs.karelia.com/z/Quickly_modifying_existing_designs.html

We Offer Great Support Before and After Your Design Purchase

Blueball Design has become known for our great customer support with our Rapidweaver Theme users over the past 3-1/2 years and now offer the same support to our Sandvox Design users. If you have a question, please submit it to us using our contact form page. Our Technical Support policy is listed below.

Technical Support

Technical support will be limited to questions and problems specifically associated with unaltered designs in normal conditions. We do not have the resources to offer free Sandvox technical support or to provide training on how to use Sandvox.

We also cannot provide support for modified themes or graphics. We will be glad to assist you with modified design questions as time permits, but recommend you post questions in our Blueball Sandvox forum or in the Sandvox Yahoo groups.

You are responsible for adding or editing your web site's content. A complete and very helpful on-line Sandvox user manual with videos and tutorials can be found at: <http://docs.karelia.com>.

We do offer support relating to our design products and encourage you to report any bugs or problems you have with one of them. We also welcome any questions you may have about one of our Sandvox design products.

We Offer Sandvox Design Modification Services

Blueball Design offers Sandvox Design modification services starting from \$40 and up. If you are wanting to change your color scheme, add in a new image, adjust the sizing of certain items, change the font styles, etc., please email us what you are wanting and we'll be happy to help you out with your Sandvox design mod. We do not do "one off" custom Sandvox designs at this time.

A Final Word On Our Sandvox Designs

We believe that web design should be clean, simple, unique, professional and straightforward in functionality and design. Our Sandvox Designs will be developed following this mission statement.

By keeping image use in the layout to a minimum our Sandvox Designs will produce sites that publish quicker and download faster for your site viewers, and will offer more stable display functionality in all the major browsers.

2. Browsers Supported By Our Blueball Cubicle Design.

The Blueball Cubicle Designs have been tested and will display correctly on the following browsers: Safari (Mac/PC), Firefox 3.0 (Mac/PC), and Internet Explorer 6 and 7 (PC). This covers approx. 98.5% ± of the internet browser market. We do not support MAC Internet Explorer 5.2 or Opera at this time.

Help Us Improve Our Sandvox Designs For Sandvox Users! Comments, Feedback, and Suggestions Are Welcome!

What do you think of our Sandvox Designs? What would you like to see? We need you to let us know what we can do to make your experience using Sandvox with our Sandvox Designs better for you. Use the contact form on our site or email us at sandvoxdesigner@gmail.com.

Send Us Your Site URL When You Have Your Site Up and Running!

We like to see what Sandvox users have done with our designs. And we are developing a new Sandvox showcase area in our Blueball Sandvox site. If you'd like to have your site considered for our showcase area, please send your site url to us so we can check it out.

Good Luck With Your Sandvox Web Site!

Best,
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