



## Blueball Smooth Sandvox Designs

### Overview and Usage Tips For Smooth Blue, Smooth Brown, Smooth Red, Smooth Green, and Smooth Sky 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 Smooth Designs Information and Tips

**Your Blueball Smooth design bundle includes:**

5 Blueball Smooth Designs - Blueball Smooth Blue, Blueball Smooth Brown, Blueball Smooth Green, Blueball Smooth Red, and Blueball Smooth Sky. 5 Photoshop files (1 for each design color) to use to create your own custom banner images with, and 3 Readme files.

- Each Blueball Smooth design has a total fixed width of 800px.

### **Drag and Drop To Add Your Own Custom Banner Images**

We have set up the Blueball Smooth designs 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 800px wide by 200px tall exactly or it will not work with this Sandvox feature in the Smooth designs. It must be named smooth\_banner1.jpg and saved as a jpg image file.**

### **Nav Menu Tips**

We recommend keeping your names short as the 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 wrap to a second line and display correctly so if you have more page names than will fit on a single line of tabs you do not have to worry. Still we recommend trying to keep the names as short as possible.

## Logo Image

The logo image is placed to the right in the page-top area above the nav menu. **Sandvox by default resizes your image to 200px wide by 128px tall which is the default logo size used in your Blueball Smooth design.** We recommend making your original logo image file that size to begin with to keep the display quality and colors like you want it to appear. Be sure it is set to 72 dpi and RGB color mode, and saved as a gif, jpg or png file.

## Title and Title Paragraph Text Length

You must keep the Title text limited to one line of copy with any of the Blueball Smooth designs. Using 2 lines can result in display errors with this design. The Title Paragraph lines can be up to 2 lines of copy.

## Using Images In Sandvox and The Blueball Smooth Designs

**We have increased the default image resizing/scaling from Sandvox's default 320px width to 490px width for any content area images to better utilize the available content area width.** In other words, the widths are set to fill up the available content area width instead of being restricted to just the default maximum 320px width Sandvox uses when rescaling larger width images. So if your image is above 490px in width, when you drag and drop it into your page's content area, Sandvox will now scale it to 490px wide versus the old 320px max width. If your image is less than 490px in width, Sandvox will not rescale it.

We also highly recommend you create and web optimize your own images to the final size you actually want them to appear on your site page to give you the best possible display results for your images. This will also keep your overall Sandvox site file size down to a minimum since your images will be previously optimized for web use. 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.

For your single image pages, keep your images to a maximum width of 640px for the best results. Again it is best to create images already at this size saved to the quality level and size you want to appear on your Sandvox site pages.

If you want to let Sandvox resize your image files, Sandvox will do a very good job resizing them down, and will save them to the quality level settings you specify in the preferences window in Sandvox for your image output.

**Pagelet and Callout images have a maximum allowed width of 200px.**

## **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](http://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](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 Smooth Design.**

The Blueball Smooth 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](mailto: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.

Best,  
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