



Blueball Smooth Sandvox Designs

Customizing Tips For Smooth Blue, Smooth Brown, Smooth Red, Smooth Green, and Smooth Sky Designs

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

Color Hexcodes Used In The 5 Blueball Smooth Designs

Blueball Smooth Blue

Main Blue is #2D66C8
Text color is #292929
Title H1 color is #FFFFFF
Title paragraph color is #FFFFFF

Blueball Smooth Brown

Main Brown is #BF3A14
Text color is #444444
Title H1 color is #FFFFFF
Title paragraph color is #FFFFFF

Blueball Smooth Sky

Main Blue is #2187C6
Text color is #292929
Title H1 color is #0B87C3
Title paragraph color is #FFFFFF

Blueball Smooth Red

Main Red is #FF3333
Text color is #454545
Title H1 color is #FFFFFF
Title paragraph color is #FFFFFF

Blueball Smooth Green

Main Red is #76CD0F
Text color is #454545
Title H1 color is #FFFFFF
Title paragraph color is #FFFFFF

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 or select 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 72dpi RGB jpg image file.**

How To Change Your Title H1 Color

Go to your User > Library > Application Support > Sandvox folder and select and highlight the Blueball Smooth design you are using for your Sandvox site. Then "control click" on it and select the "Show Package Contents" option. In the new window that opens up select and open the "main.css" file using a CSS editor or a text editor.

We use CSSEdit here for all our CSS coding. SimpleCSS is a free CSS editor you can download from versiontracker.com. You could also use a decent text editor like TextWrangler, another free program you can also download from versiontracker.com. You could also Taco HTML Edit and even TextEdit (your Mac's free text editor).

Open the main.css file and scroll down to this block of css code in the Page-Top Header group:

```
h1 {
    position: absolute;
    font-family: "Gill Sans", "Lucida Grande", Verdana, Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif;
    top: 65px;
    left: 20px;
    right: 240px;
    font-size: 210%;
    /* Edit the color code below for the Title text color */
    color: #ffffff;
    line-height: 1.3em;
    letter-spacing: .4px;
    text-align: left;
    z-index: 90;
}
```

Change the color: #ffffff; line of code to the color you want to appear. You need to use a 6 digit hexcode color number to get the best results for your site.

To adjust the color of the Title h1 link states, just below the css div code noted above you will find these 2 css divs (blocks of css code):

```
h1 a:link, h1 a:visited {
    color: #ffffff;
    text-decoration: none;
}
```

```
h1 a:hover {
    text-decoration: underline;
    color: #ffffff;
}
```

Again, adjust the color lines only to the 6 digit hexcode color number you want to use for the active and hover states of the Title h1. Save your file. Refresh your page in Sandvox to see the changes.

How To Change Your Title Paragraph Color

Again, open the main.css file and scroll down to this block of css code in the Page-Top Header group:

```
#title p {
    position: absolute;
    bottom: 60px;
    left: 20px;
    right: 240px;
    font-style: italic;
    font-size: 130%;
    text-align: left;
    letter-spacing: .1px;
    /* Edit the color code below for the text color under the Title */
    color: #ffffff;
}
```

Change the color: #ffffff; line of code to the color you want to appear. You need to use a 6 digit hexcode color number to get the best results for your site. Save your file. Refresh your page in Sandvox to see the changes.

Add Your Logo Image To The Page-Top Banner Background

We include 5 photoshop files of the page-top banner images found in each of the Blueball Smooth designs. Open up the one for the design you are using and place your logo in the right area of the banner image. You can leave out your logo's background so that it will blend in seamlessly to the background of the supplied banner images. Then save your new image file using the name "smooth_banner1.jpg" and saving it as a 72dpi RGB jpg image file. Then drag and drop/select it into Sandvox as noted earlier and your image will appear in place after you refresh your page preview in Sandvox.

There Are 3 Page-Bottom Background Images In Each Design

The default background image in the page-bottom area is the one you see in each design when you preview your site page(s). To change the background image to a continuous light gray gradient that extends across the bottom of the page or the old default gradient shadowed corners, open up the main.css file and scroll down to this css div/block of code:

Default css code and page-bottom background image:

```
#page-bottom {  
    width: 800px;  
    margin: 20px 0px 10px 0px;  
    padding: 0;  
    text-align: center;  
    background: transparent url(Smooth_page_bottom3.jpg) bottom left repeat-x;  
}
```

For option 1, change the background line of css code to what is shown below:

```
#page-bottom {  
    width: 800px;  
    margin: 20px 0px 10px 0px;  
    padding: 0;  
    text-align: center;  
    background: transparent url(Smooth_page_bottom1.jpg) bottom left repeat-x;  
}
```

For option 2, change the background line of css code to what is shown below:

```
#page-bottom {  
    width: 800px;  
    margin: 20px 0px 10px 0px;  
    padding: 0;  
    text-align: center;  
    background: transparent url(Smooth_page_bottom2.png) bottom left no-repeat;  
}
```

Once you make the code changes, hit Command + S to save the file. Refresh your page(s) in Sandvox and your new background image will now appear in place across the bottom of your site pages.

Previewing Your Site In Internet Explorer 6 and 7

It is always best to preview your site using the actual browser(s) running on the actual operating system. If you don't have Windows XP running IE6 or Vista that's running IE7,

get a friend to check it out for you who has them running. Or go to your local library or coffee shop and get on a PC there. This is the best way to get accurate results to see if your site is displaying correctly or not in those browsers. A lot of Sandvox users are going to the netrenderer site and using it to preview their site page(s) in IE6 and IE7. **PLEASE NOTE: Netrenderer is not accurate in how it displays a lot of web site pages. There are known issues with how it previews margins and padding settings in IE6 and IE7.**

We do not recommend using the Netrenderer site to preview how your site pages will display in IE6 and IE7 as the results it shows are not accurate in how it displays your page content, especially regarding margins and padding settings on div elements used in your site page layout.

Some Apps We Recommend To Use For Editing Your Sandvox Design

There are many excellent shareware applications you can use to edit your designs with. No need to spend a fortune on major mainstream apps when the one's below will do the trick for you just as well.

Text Editing:	TextWrangler (Free)
HTML Code Editing:	Taco HTML Edit
Image Editing:	Imagewell, Photoshop Elements, Pixelmator, Acorn, Photoshop
CSS Code Editor:	CSSEdit (What we use here. Shareware) SimpleCSS (Free)

We Offer Affordable Sandvox Design Modification Services

If you get stuck or need another design modified for your Sandvox site, Blueball Design offers Sandvox Design modification services starting from \$30 and up. If you are wanting to change your color scheme, add in new images, 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 Hope The Tips We've Included Have Helped You Out In Customizing The Look of Your Blueball Smooth Design and Sandvox Web Site!

We tried to cover the basics of the most requested "How do I change this..." questions that we have received in support emails here at Blueball Design. If there are other's you would like to see included in future Readme files, please email us and let us know.

Best,
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