



Blueball Snapshot Sandvox Designs

[Overview and Usage Tips For Blueball Snapshot and Blueball Snapshot 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 Snapshot Designs Information and Tips

Your Snapshot design bundle includes:

12 Blueball Snapshot Designs - 6 800px wide Snapshot designs and 6 1000px wide Snapshot designs, 3 Readme files, 2 layered Photoshop files to use to create your own custom banner images with, and 2 customized KTScaledImageTypes.plist files as well as an original KTScaledImageTypes.plist file with image files reset for each Snapshot design width.

- Blueball Snapshot has a total fixed width of 800px.
- Blueball Snapshot Wide has a total fixed width of 1000px.

Adding Your Own Custom Banner Images Into Snapshot

(See the “[Custom Banner Readme file](#)” for detailed information on placing your own custom banner image into your Sandvox site layout

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

For the Blueball Snapshot Wide design you will have to manually add in your custom banner (see the custom banner image readme file for more details) into the design's Contents folder or use the customized KTScaledImageTypes.plist file (see the section below). **Your custom banner image must be exactly 1000px wide by 200px tall or it will not display correctly in the Snapshot Wide layout.** It must be named snapshotbanner1000.jpg and saved as a jpg image file.

Nav Menu Usage Tips - Important!

We recommend keeping your names as short as possible for your site pages on the nav menu. **The nav menu only allows single line names, and the number of names cannot extend beyond the one nav bar line, or the menu will not display or function correctly in Snapshot.** The menu item names will not wrap to a second line and display correctly due to the background images used in the nav menu area, so if you have more page names than will fit on a single line for your 800px Snapshot design width, look at using the 1000px width Snapshot design or adding in a collection or link pagelet to show your additional site page links in.

Logo Image

The logo image is placed in the left side in the page-top area to the left of the Title line of text. **The image size is 170px wide by 50px 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.

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 Snapshot designs. Using 2 lines will result in display errors with this design.

Title Paragraph lines display in the color area to the left of the snapshot images graphic and are designs to display best using 2 lines of text. This cannot extend to 3 lines of text or the design layout will not display correctly.

Using Images In Sandvox and The Blueball Snapshot 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.

You Now Have A New Option To Use With Our Blueball Snapshot Design and Sandvox 1.5 To Control and Increase Your Site Page Image Sizes

Use 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.

FOR ADVANCED USERS ONLY! - Use 1 Of The Customized KTScaledImageTypes.plist

Files Included With The Snapshot Design Bundle - We have included 2 customized KTScaledImageTypes.plist files that are set up for each available Snapshot design width. We have increased the image sizing for the content area images and for the single page images to better utilize the available content area and page widths. 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.

To use the KTScaledImageTypes.plist file with your Snapshot design: Quit Sandvox 1.5 first, then go to your Applications folder and select the Sandvox 1.5 program icon image while holding down the Control key and click on. Then select Show Package Contents. In the window that opens/appears go to the Resources folder and locate the KTScaledImageTypes.plist file. Drag it to the Trash (or drag it to your desk top). Then depending on which Snapshot width design you are using, copy the supplied KTScaledImageTypes.plist for that page width into the Resources folder replacing the one you just removed. Restart Sandvox, open your site file up, and the new image sizing will be in effect.

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 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 Snapshot Design.

The Blueball Snapshot 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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