

**Welcome  
to  
Dreamweaver MX  
Tips & Tricks**

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★ tidy

★ rounded

★ layers

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## A Tidy Table...

My Tidy Table		
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Nice table, eh?

- A crisp ONE-pixel, **coloured** border
- Border shows but the cell walls DON'T

To build great-looking tables, try nesting tables like this:

### Table #1

600 pixels wide and aligned “centre”

1 row, 1 column

cell padding = 1, spacing = 0, border = 0

background colour – your choice, but a dark colour

Inside table #1, insert a 2<sup>nd</sup> table

Width of 100%

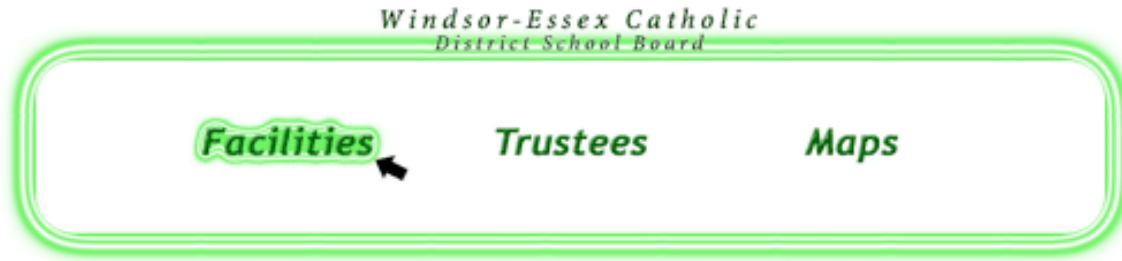
2 rows, 3 columns

cell padding = **10**, spacing = 0, and border = 0

- in the first row, select the row <tr> and “span” all 3 columns into 1 column, then type your table title in this row
- in 2<sup>nd</sup> row, select 1st cell <td> and set the width = 33% (MUST type the “%” sign)
- ..... select 2nd cell <td> and set the width = 33% (MUST type the “%” sign)
- ..... select 3rd cell <td> and set the width = 33% (MUST type the “%” sign)

... go ahead and enter your content into the table.

## Rounding it off



The trick here is to use a **hybrid table**, with a mix of fixed and variable cell widths and heights.

Start with a table

- 3 rows by 3 columns,
- with a width of 80 %,
- aligned to centre,
- and with border, spacing, padding all set to zero.

In each of the eight outside cells, use the appropriate piece of the curved graphic as that cell's **background**.

The four corner cells are **FIXED** width ... set the width and height of each corner cell to the same dimension as its background graphic. Don't forget to use a "spacer.gif" in two opposing corners to stop "empty cell collapsing" in some browsers.

The remaining four outside cells are **VARIABLE** width or height...they get the value 100% to expand to fill 100% of the remaining space. Remember – you must **TYPE** the "%" symbol into the **WIDTH** or **HEIGHT** box.

FIXED	Width = 100%	FIXED ( ... and use a spacer.gif)
Height = 100%		Height = 100%
FIXED ( ... and use a spacer.gif)	Width = 100%	FIXED

Now you can add as much content as you want to the middle cell!

## Behaving Layers



Layers are easy to build... but may NOT work for version 4 browsers (i.e. Netscape 4.7 or IE 4.0)

You MUST be in STANDARD mode, not LAYOUT mode

Step one:

- Use the DRAW LAYER button on the tool bar (on the LAYOUT tab) to draw a layer, then put your content on that layer
- In the ADVANCED LAYOUT window (window > others > layers), edit the layer name.

Step two:

- Repeat step one to draw another layer over top the first one.

Step three:

- Use the “Z” value for the layers (shown in the ADVANCED LAYOUT window) to put the layers in hierarchical order ... the biggest number will be on top.

Step four:

- Assign the layer behaviours for SHOW/HIDE layers, and use the EVENT pulldown triangle to set which events will trigger the behaviour (onclick, mouseover, etc.)