

BASIC WEB SITE with DREAMWEAVER

sketch _____ design of page on paper first
open _____ DreamWeaver

Define Site

You must first 'define' a site for any links to work properly.
This includes making a folder just for this site, and organizing any subfolders depending on content. It causes problems if you want to change this configuration later, so get it right at the start.

open _____ FILES window [CMD] [SHFT] F
click on EXPAND/ COLLAPSE button to show the entire window
open MANAGE SITES window from SHOW... drop-down menu
click on _____ NEW SITE button at bottom right
enter site name
browse to choose site folder
open SERVERS window when you know your server address...

Create Home Page

create _____ new page [CMD] [SHFT] N
basic html
save immediately as index.html in root folder
set _____ color theme in PAGE PROPERTIES window [CMD] J
typeface, font size, link colors... *see section on 'Rollover effect'
insert _____ table
set width, columns, rows, space... [CMD] [SHFT] T
align to center in the Page Properties box
add _____ artist's name into a table cell (e.g. top left)
standard typeface (available on all computers), or -
custom logo typeface (create as an image in Photoshop)
add _____ main page image into a table cell [CMD] [SHFT] I
use SAVE FOR WEB in Photoshop to optimize image at exact size
add _____ footer links for other pages (this could become a side menu)
enter the names of other pages as text at the bottom of the page
e.g. bio, contact, etc.
wait until you have some other pages to create the links...

Preview in Browser

use the PREVIEW IN BROWSER in the top menu bar next to [CODE] [SPLIT] [DESIGN] buttons
to see how the page will look and function in any Browser
it looks like a small GLOBE icon
use MULTISCREEN VIEW to reduce the screen to the size of your target screen.
This can be set to the typical MacBook Pro screen or even Tablet or SmartPhone.
This icon is just to the left of the GLOBE icon for PREVIEW IN BROWSER.

Inspect Code

use the [CODE] [SPLIT] [DESIGN] buttons to see HTML code that Dreamweaver is writing
based on the visual design that is being made.

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Create a Contact Page

- repeat _____ the above procedure
- add _____ a link to your e-mail address INSERT> EMAIL LINK
- add _____ a link back to the home page using Properties Window
- copy & paste _____ the footer links from the home page
 - select the word home
 - click on the [FOLDER] button next to the LINK box
 - in the Page Properties box at the bottom of the Dreamweaver
 - navigate (browse) to find the page to be linked to
- add _____ a link to the Contacts page from the Home page
- copy & paste _____ the footer links from the CONTACT page to the HOME page
 - the links will come with it

Create a Bio Page (blank content for now)

- copy & paste _____ the footer links from the CONTACT page to the BIO page
 - can be done by FILE> SAVE AS... of CONTACT page [CMD] [SHFT] S
- make sure all links work from all pages...
- all footer links should be the same

Aligning Elements

- use FORMAT> ALIGN> LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT or JUSTIFY, as needed
 - [CMD] [OPT] [SHFT] L, [CMD] [OPT] [SHFT] C, [CMD] [OPT] [SHFT] R,
 - [CMD] [OPT] [SHFT] J

This creates a DIV tag around the element.

Text Rollover Effect

- set the LINK color to a color that is lighter than the LINK color on a dark background, or -
- set the LINK color to a color that is darker than the LINK color on a light background
- When you roll over the link the color will change, creating the rollover effect.

Image Rollover Effect

- create 2 versions of a text logo in Photoshop
 - make one a lighter (or darker) color than the other, or -
 - blur the rollover image
- use INSERT> IMAGE OBJECTS> ROLLOVER IMAGE to add both images to the web page

Create First Portfolio Page

- create _____ new page [CMD] [SHFT] N
 - basic html
 - save immediately as index.html inside the subfolder for that portfolio
- prepare _____ all photos for this site in Photoshop
 - save all optimized photo files to the portfolio subfolder
- set _____ color theme in PAGE PROPERTIES window [CMD] J
 - typeface, font size, link colors...
- insert _____ table [CMD] [SHFT] T
 - set width, columns, rows, space...
 - align to center
- add _____ photos to the page into a table cells [CMD] [SHFT] I
- add _____ a link to the home page at the bottom of the page
 - eventually you can add a submenu of links to all portfolio pages