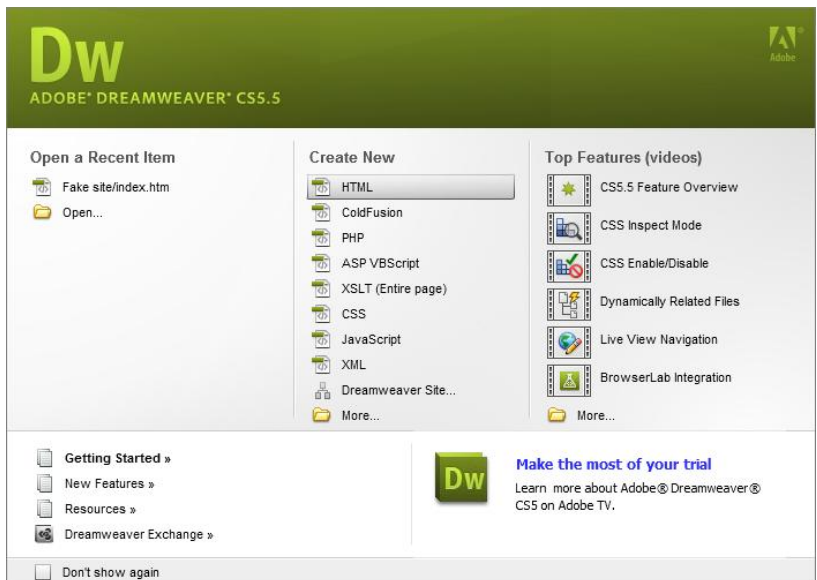# How to Insert a Navigation Bar to a Website using Dreamweaver

This tutorial will be teaching you to build a navigation bar in two different fashions: textual and graphic. It will allow you, the user, to create easily navigated and professional looking websites without a lot of effort. It uses Dreamweaver CS5.5 and Photoshop CS5. If you do not already own these products, please download a trial copy from http://www.adobe.com/products/dreamweaver.
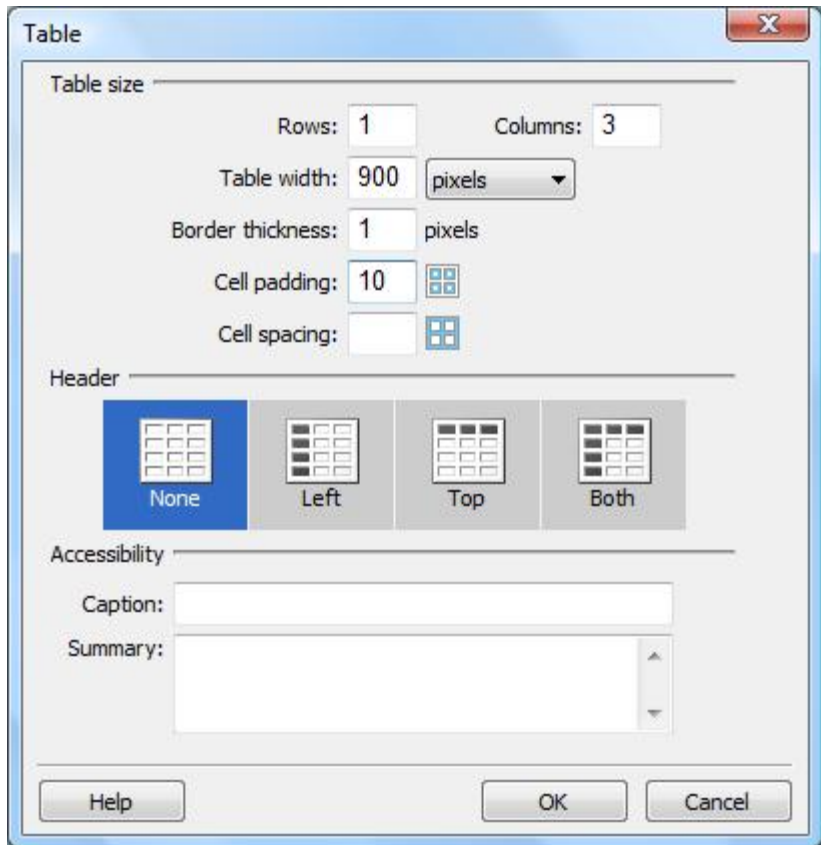
Creating a Basic Webpage in Dreamweaver

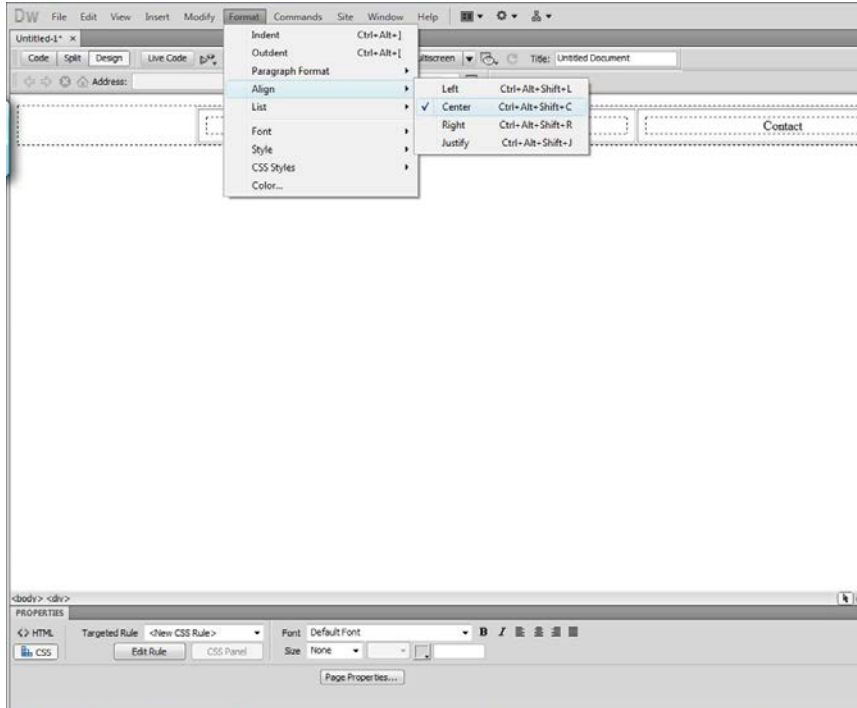1   Click "Create new HTML" on the Dreamweaver dashboard. A blank document will appear .

2   Click the Insert menu and select "Table." A new window will open.

3   Insert a 1 in the Row field and a 3 in the Columns field.

Table

Table size

Rows: 1   Columns: 3

Table width: 900   pixels ▼

Border thickness: 1   pixels

Cell padding: 10

Cell spacing:

Header

None   Left   Top   Both

Accessibility

Caption:

Summary:

Help   OK   Cancel

4   Set the Table Width to 900 pixels.

5   Set Cell padding to 10. This prevents the words inside from running into the border. Click "Okay."

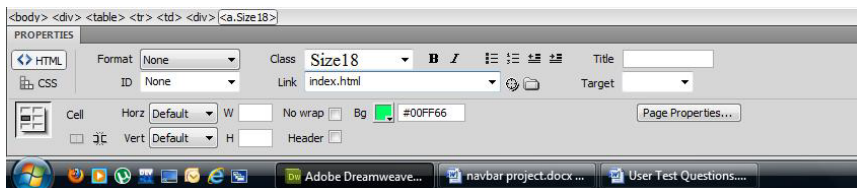| 6 | Select "Center" in the Alignment dropdown menu in the Properties tab located at the bottom of the screen. This centers the table on the page. | |

| 7 | Enter "Home" in the first cell, "Info" in the second cell, and "Contact" in the third cell. |

| 8 | Save the page as "index.html" to the root folder of your website. |

| 9 | Highlight "Home." |

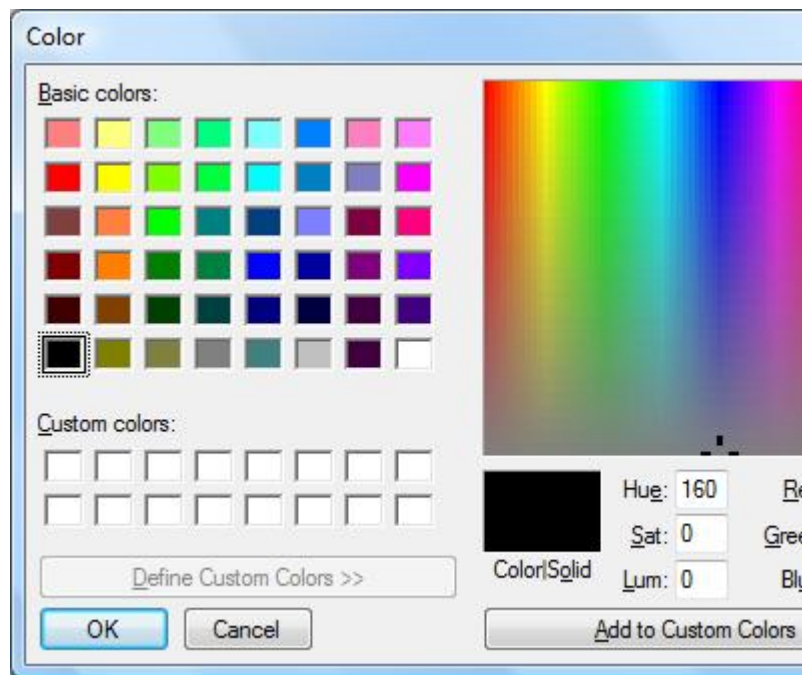| 10 | Enter "index.html" in the Link entry field in the Properties tab and hit Enter. The word "Home" will now be in blue text with an | |

underline.

11   Repeat steps 13-14 for "Info" and "Contacts," linking them to their respective pages.

12   Highlight the three words.

13   Select "Center" from the Align menu under the Format menu. The words should be centered in each cell.

Change Colors and Text on Text-based Navigation Bar

1   Open index.html if you have not already done so.

2   Click on the table with the navigation bar to make it active.

3   Select the "CSS" button in the Properties tab.

4   Click the grey box labeled "Bg" in the Properties tab. A dialogue box should appear.

5   Select a color and click "Okay."

6   Highlight "Home."

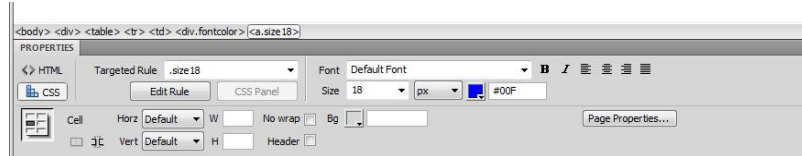| 7 | Select 18 in the "Font Size" dropdown menu in the Properties tab. A dialogue box should open. |

| 8 | Enter "size18" in the Selector Name entry field and click okay. |

| 9 | Highlight "Info." |

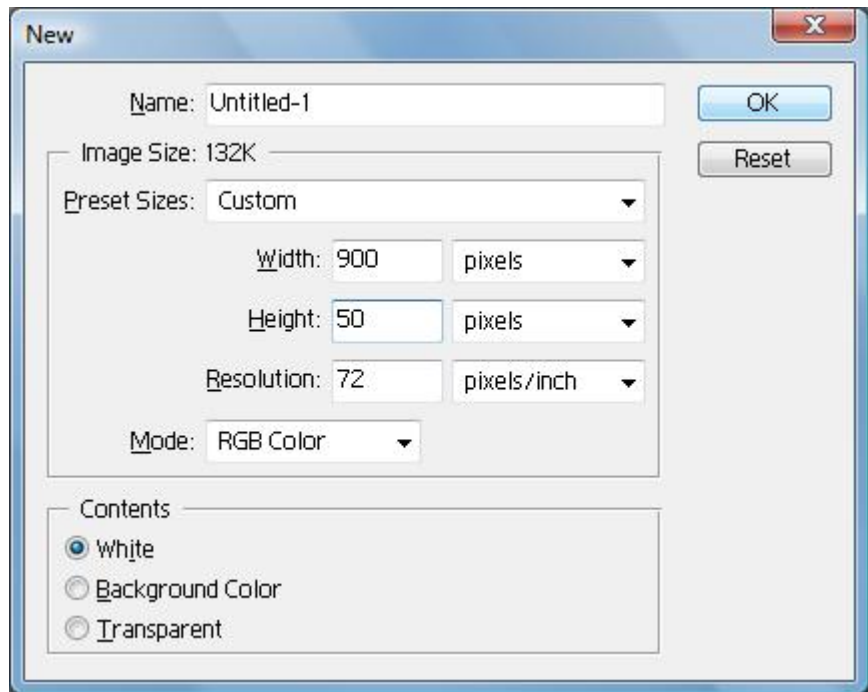| 10 | Select "size18" in the Targeted Rule dropdown menu in the Properties tab. |

| 11 | Highlight "Contact." |

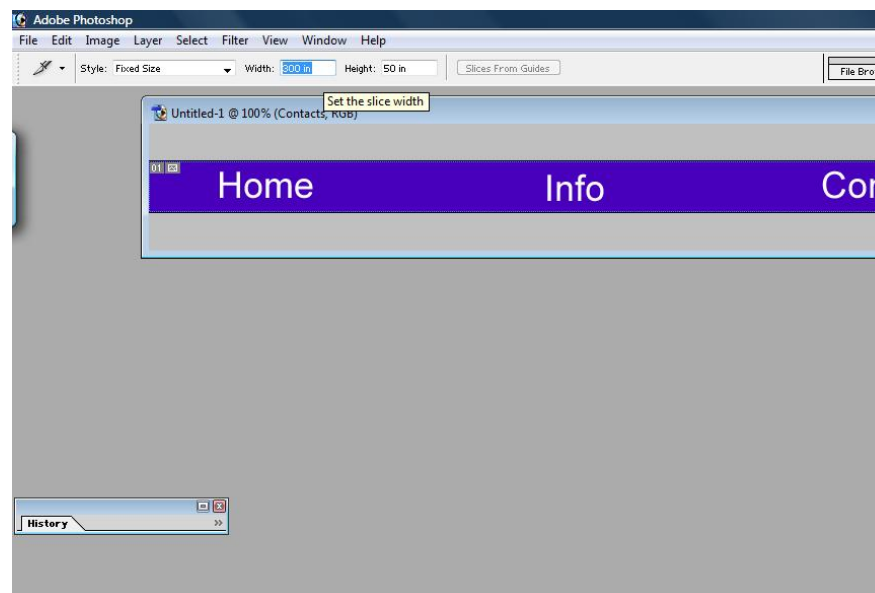| 12 | Select "size18" in the Targeted Rule dropdown menu in the Properties tab. |

Creating Buttons for a graphic navigation bar

1. Open a new project in Adobe Photoshop. A dialogue box will open.

2. Enter 900pt in the Width entry field and 50pt in the Height entry field.

3   Select the Paint
     Bucket tool.

4   Double-click the
     black color box in
     the Tools menu and
     select a color for
     your navigation bar.

5   Click anywhere in
     the document to fill
     in the color.

6   Select the Text tool
     in the Tools menu.

7   Double-click the
     colored box in the
     Tools menu and
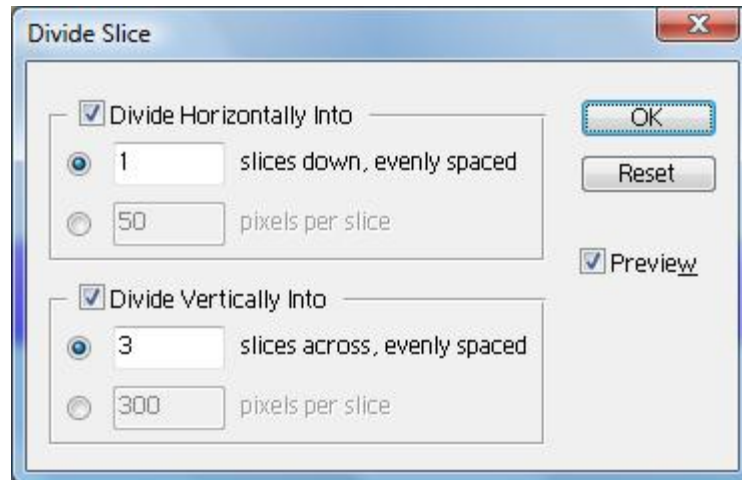   select a color for the

text.

8   Enter "Home,"
     "Info," and
     "Contacts" into the
     document, spaced
     about one third
     apart.

9   Adjust the typeface
     and size of the text
     in the Text menu
     bar at the top of the
     screen, if necessary.

10   Select the "Slice
     Select" tool from
     the Tool menu. It
     can be found by
     clicking the lower
     right corner of the
     Slice tool icon.

11   Select "Divide
     slice" from the
     drop-down menu in
     the Slice menu bar
     at the top of the
     screen. A new
     window should
     open.

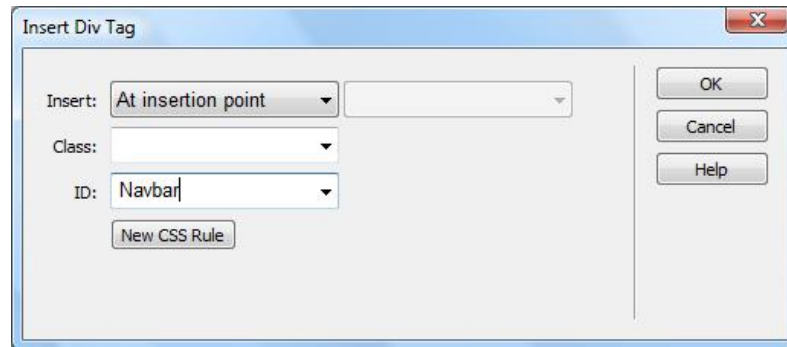| 12	Check the "Divide vertically into" box and enter "3" in the "slices across, evenly spaced" entry field.	

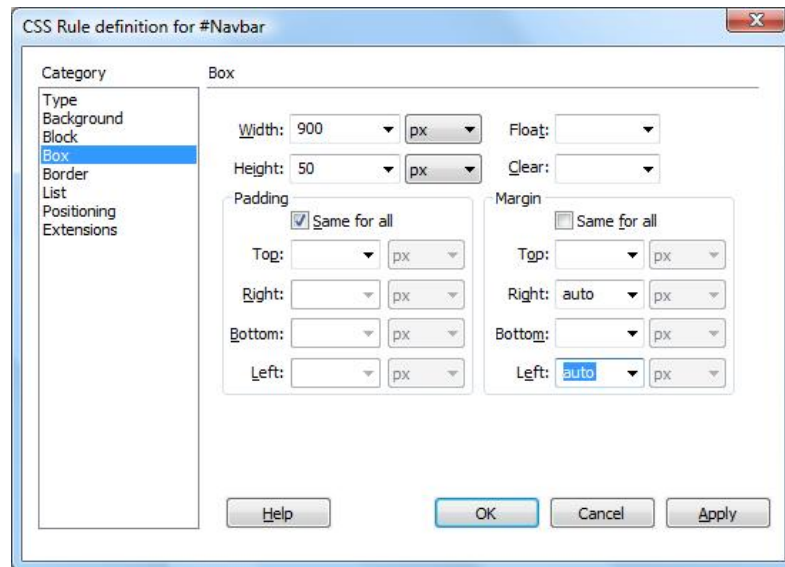| 13	Click "Okay."
14	Select the background layer of the "Home" button with the marquis tool.
15	Select the "Home" layer in the Layers window.
16	Select the move tool from the tool menu. Click "Align vertical centers" and "align horizontal centers" in the Move menu at the top of the screen to center the text.
17	Save all three buttons as JPEG images, naming them "Home1,"

"Info1," and "Contact1."

18　Select the background layer in the Layers window.

19　Select a darker color for the background. Use the "Paint Bucket" tool to apply the new background color.

20　Save the three new buttons as JPEG images with the "Save As" option under the File menu. Name these "Home2," "Info2," and "Contact2."

Insert a Graphic Navigation bar into Dreamweaver

1   Open index.html in Dreamweaver CS5.5

2   Insert a div tag using the Insert tab on the far right. If the tab is not available, access it through the Window dropdown menu.

3   Enter "Navbar" in the ID field.

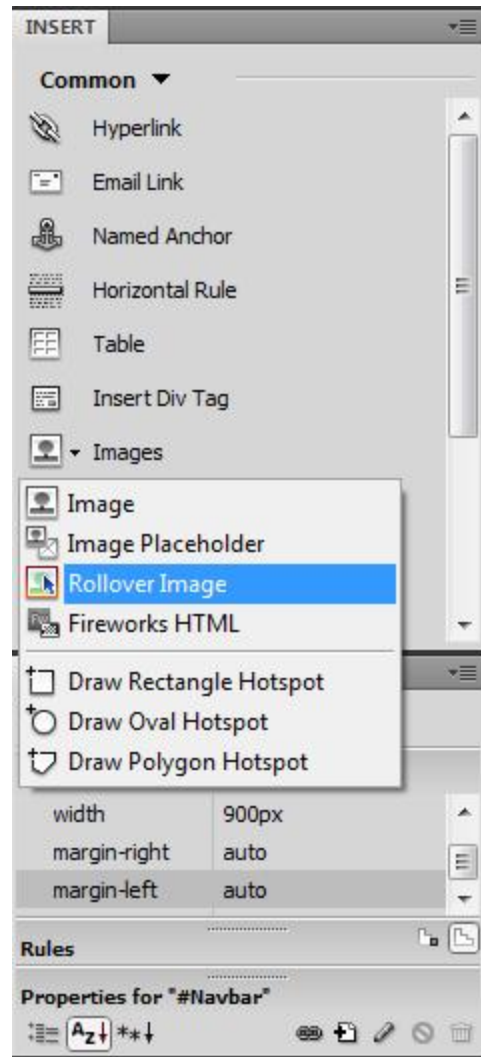4   Select "Make new CSS rule." A new window will open. Click "Okay" and another new window will open.

5   Open the Box tab. Enter 900 in the Width field and 50 in the Height. This is the same size as the navigation bar we created in Photoshop.
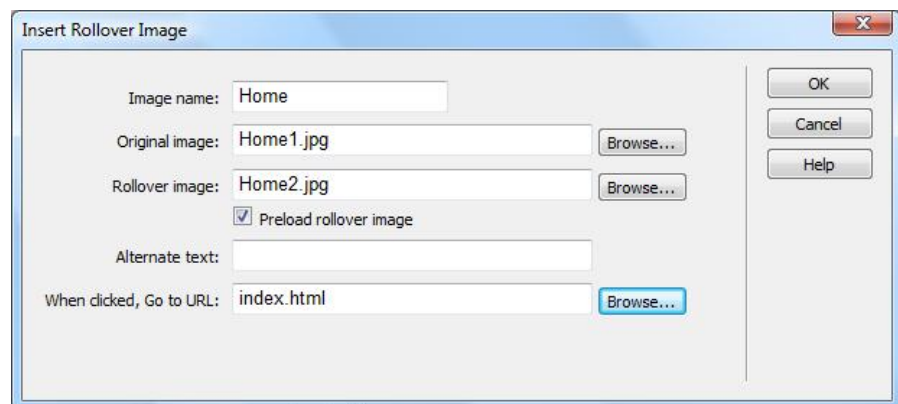

6   Uncheck the "Same for all" box under Margins. Enter "auto" for the Right and Left dropdown menus.

7   Click "Okay" to save changes and close the window. Click "Okay" again to insert the dev tag.

8   Highlight the text inside the dev tag box and delete it.

9   Click "Images : Rollover Images" in the Insert tab. A new window will open.

10   Enter "Home" in the Image Name field.

11   Select Home1.jpg in the "Original

image" field.

12   Select Home2.jpg in the "Rollover image field.

13   Check the "Preload rollover image" box.

14   Select "index.html" in the "When clicked, Go to URL" field.

15   Click "Okay" to finish creating the button.

16   Repeat steps 9-15 for all other buttons. Be sure to title and link them to the appropriate pages.