



Blueball Quantum Sandvox Designs

Overview and Usage Tips For Blueball Quantum and Blueball Quantum Wide Designs

Thank you for purchasing one of our original Sandvox Designs bundle.

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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How to install your Blueball Quantum designs:

After you download your Blueball Quantum designs bundle file you will need to double click on it to unzip the file. In the Blueball_Quantum_v3 folder you will find 6 individual Blueball Quantum Sandvox design files that end with the extension .svxDesign. **To install each Blueball Quantum design you need to double click on each design file and the design will be automatically installed into Sandvox. By default all third party designs are installed into Sandvox's Application Support folder. After you finish installing your designs, you MUST restart Sandvox before your newly installed designs will appear in the design preview area at the top of the Sandvox work window.**

Your Quantum design bundle includes:

6 Blueball Quantum Designs - 3 780px wide Quantum designs, and 3 980px wide Quantum designs, 3 Readme files, 6 Photoshop files of each Quantum page top image to use to create your own custom banner images with, and 2 layered banner image Photoshop files for users wanting to replace the black gradient area with their own image.

- Blueball Quantum has a total fixed background width of 852px with a maximum content width of 712px with the sidebar hidden.
- Blueball Quantum Wide has a total fixed background width of 1052px with a maximum content width of 912px with the sidebar hidden.

Adding Your Own Custom Banner Images Into Quantum

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

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 Quantum.** 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 852px Quantum design width, look at using the 1052px width Quantum design or adding in a collection index or link pagelet to show your additional site page links in.

Logo Image

The logo image is placed in the left side of the page-top area to the left of the Title and Title Paragraph lines of text. **The image size is 200px wide by 66px 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 jpg or png image 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 Quantum designs. Using 2 lines will result in display errors with this design.

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Using Images With Sidebar Pagelets

Your images will be automatically resized by the Quantum design's info.plist file to fit within the pagelet in the sidebar.

Using Images In Sandvox and The Blueball Quantum 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.

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Your Site Page Image Sizes Will Be Displayed The Full Width Of The Content Area With The Sidebar Showing By Default If Wider Than The Content Area Width.

We have increased the image sizing for the content area images to better utilize the available content area width in the Blueball Quantum designs. In other words, the image width is set to fill up the available content area width (less 15px) with the sidebar showing instead of being restricted to just the Sandvox default maximum 320px width. We have also increased the image width sizing to better fill up the content area width on single image pages typically used in a photo album collection too.

***NOTE: You may have to refresh your page view in the Sandvox work window to force Sandvox to resize your images that are affected by this built-in image scaling in the Blueball Quantum info.plist file.**

***NOTE: You may have to refresh your page when switching from the 852px Quantum designs to the 1052px Quantum designs to force Sandvox to resize your images that are affected by this built-in image scaling in the Blueball Quantum info.plist file.**

Working With 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 set at a 72 pixel resolution, and in sRGB color mode. Sandvox does not yet support png file transparency yet 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.

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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.

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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 5+ 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.

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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 Qubit Design.

The Blueball Qubit Designs have been tested and will display correctly on the following browsers: Safari (Mac/PC), Firefox (Mac/PC), and Internet Explorer 6, 7, and 8 (PC). This covers approx. 98% ± of the internet browser market. We do not support MAC Internet Explorer 5.2 or test our designs on Chrome, Opera, or Camino 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 so please send us your site url so we can check it out. **Good luck with building your Sandvox web site!**

Best,
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