Make Your Own MySpace Layouts

The instructions for making your own MySpace layouts begin on the next page, but first I have an exciting and exclusive offer for you!

If you use backgrounds you get from others in your MySpace layouts, you won't truly have a one-of-a-kind site. There will be hundreds, thousands, or even tens of thousands of other sites using the same background (unless you pick out something really ugly no one else would want to use). However, with Background Magic you can easily create your own background images.

With Background Magic all you have to do is drag a background image into each of the two staging windows and you'll see how those backgrounds blend together in the third window.

There are many options for changing the images. You can end up with backgrounds that look nothing like the two you start out with—and besides, it's just plain FUN to play with!

You can import your own backgrounds that you find or make, but Background Magic comes with 100 blending tiles. I also have three different image packs—florals, textures, and patterns—that have 100 images in each pack. Here's the special and exclusive offer just for readers of this ebook...

If you purchase Background Magic at the regular price I'll GIVE you all three extra image packs for FREE. The image packs sell for $14.95 each, so that's a $44.85 cent free gift to you. Since Background Magic only costs $31.00, that's a pretty sweet gift!

You'll love playing with it, but for Windows Vista users you'll have to run it in compatibility mode, it won't run in native Vista. I can tell you how to do that though, and it's easy. Just let me know you run Vista when you order. Sorry Mac users, it's a Windows-only program.

To learn more about it visit the product page. To get the image packs for free, just order Background Magic from the product page, and on the order form enter "Free image packs for MySpace users" in the Comments field on the order form. That way I'll know to include them when I email your registration info to you.

How to Make Your Own MySpace Layouts

Your MySpace site doesn't have to be limited to the default look or to third party layouts. You have just found simple instructions for creating your own MySpace designs without having to be an experienced website designer.

Believe me when I tell you that there *is* an easy way to create your own MySpace layouts, and it won't cost you one single penny. It doesn't require wading through hours of tutorials and you don't even have to be very artistic.

All you really need is a few simple **free** tools and you can generate your very own unique MySpace Layouts to set your 'space' apart from everyone else.

Creating your own MySpace layout not only means your space will be unique, but you won't be required to include backlinks to the layout designer. In fact, you could offer MySpace layouts to others and require them to link to your site!

Are You Ready to Get Started?

Okay, let's go! The first thing you need to begin churning out your own MySpace Layouts is a little piece of free software which you can download from here: [MySpace Layout Tool](#).

Once you have it downloaded, you will of course need to install it on your computer. Then you can begin to tinker about with it for a bit to make a few 'plain Jane' layouts. To make fancier layouts that use images you will need to be connected to the Internet. For now, just toy around with the MYLT (MySpace Layout Tool) and see what it can do.

You'll have some fun doing this, and you'll see how this cool little piece of software pops out the code you need for you. All you have to do is simply copy and paste it inside the appropriate area of your MySpace profile area after you log in.

There's little need for me to go into the details of this software tool, it's pretty intuitive. If you've ever used any type of HTML editor you'll easily get the gist of this tool.

Be aware that in order to use a background image in your page design, or for the table backgrounds, then you will need to first upload your images to an image file host or your own web host space. Only then will the software pick up the image you intend to use within your layout code.

Here's a simple walkthrough for using your own uploaded images for background purposes on your layout design...

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1. First, upload your images to your file host or web host.

2. Open the MYLT tool so you can begin generating your own MySpace layout complete with your selected background image(s).

3. Finish your design by selecting your other elements, such as table border style and color, link style and color, link hover color, etc.

4. Copy the code to your computer's clipboard and then paste the code in the appropriate sections, inside the text box areas.

5. Save your new profile so it will show up on your MySpace site.

6. Check your site to be sure it is showing up as you intended.

From there you can tweak your design if needed, but that's all there is to it—six easy steps!

You should now have a brand new MySpace layout to impress all your buddies with. There are more things you can do once you have your base layout code set. You'll discover this as you play with the MYLT tool and experiment with designs.

You can use an image editor such as PhotoShop or Gimp (free) to design your own unique graphics to tuck into your layout coding for an even more exciting design. You can use any of the free graphics I offer on my site in your designs if you choose, although they weren't designed for MySpace use, many of the full page style backgrounds that will work nicely.

You'll find my image archive here: http://www.boogiejack.com/free_graphics.html

There are also sites that will give you extensive 'how to' information about creating MySpace layouts. Some also have special MySpace generators. A few of them are. . .

http://www.blinkyou.com/codes/generator/ (layout generator)
http://5thirtyone.com/archives/40 (tutorials)
http://www.mygen.co.uk/index.php?page=create (excellent layout generator)
http://www.mygen.co.uk/index.php?page=tutorials (tutorials)
http://www.freecodesource.com/index.php?page=myspacegenerators/index

The last one has several different generators, and of course, you can do a search using your favorite search engine to find more sites offering MySpace freebies.

Now that you have a MySpace Layout tool, there are plenty of things you can do once you become proficient at using it and designing layouts:

- Charge for creating custom layouts.

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- Create and sell non-exclusive layouts.
- Provide free layouts, requiring a link to your site for usage.

There are millions of MySpace users, so there will always be plenty of them on the hunt for new and unique layouts. The web design industry has taught us that people are willing to pay someone else to do the work for them. MySpace Layouts are no different in this regard. Most of the MySpace layouts I've seen are on the avant-garde side, catering to younger people. However, many older people are using MySpace nowadays, so including some more conservative designs and business-like designs could be a strong draw.

The most important thing to understand about doing MySpace layouts is that all are created using HTML and CSS coding, which is not difficult to learn.

Hand coding can take a considerable amount of time, but you'll be able to do things you can't if you only use generators. I offer HTML and CSS tutorials via my website and newsletter, and I also have a member's site with many additional tutorials not available on the public side. Here are links to some of my tutorials and products:

- Background Graphics
- HTML and CSS Tutorials
- CSS Made Easy
- Web Design Newsletter
- Member's Site

I do hope that this little guide has helped you and that you enjoy creating your own MySpace layouts.

I wish you well,   Dennis

A lesson from a flower: blossom where you are.

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