

Create a drop shadow background effect

This guide will teach you how to create a drop shadow background effect for your website using only a single image and some CSS. Not only is a drop shadow effect simple to create (only a few lines of code) but it also adds a new dimension to your site and can really make your content stand out.

A fully detailed explanation, including all the code and graphics, can be downloaded at the bottom.

Drop shadow effect example:

The shadow effect is achieved by repeating the image of the drop shadow vertically (see download link below) by applying the style to your <body> using CSS. Two drop shadow images have been created, allowing you to use a larger width if necessary. Included sizes are optimised for 800×600 and 1024×768 monitor resolutions. Depending on which size you wish to use, simply change the width property of the #container style.

Now that the background effect is applied to the website, add a #container div to your html and give it the property margin: **0 auto**; this means it will always sit perfectly in the middle of your page. If you're using the smaller shadow image make sure the width of the #container is 760px or if you're using the wider image the width should be 960px.

HTML Code :

```
<div id="container">
  <p>Your Content Here</p>
</div>
```

CSS Code :

```
body {
  background-image: url(images/background_760.jpg);
  background-repeat: repeat-y;
  background-position: center;
  background-color: #f7f4ee;
}

#container {
  width: 760px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;
}
```

Download the full tutorial here:

http://www.heartinternet.co.uk/blog/Hi_Drop_Shadow.zip