

Website Step 3 – Styling the Mainbox

You should have worked through Step 1 and Step 2 with your webpage called **homepage.html**

This guide will show you how to finish things off to make it all look quite cool.

1. **Open** your webpage file in **Notepad** (Right click > Open with > Notepad)

Styling the mainbox div

The mainbox div is the tricky one to style. We need a way to move the text in from the left to get it looking right

2. To do this, we need to start by adding a new div called **container**
3. Right **after your <body> tag** add the tag shown in the screenshot
You'll find this underneath your styles section

```
</head>

<body>
  <div class="container">

  <div class="header">
    
  </div>
```

4. Now go to the **bottom** of your document. **Right before the closing </body> tag**, add a closing </div> tag as shown

```
  <div class="footer">
    &copy; 2023 Dave's Travel Blog
  </div>

</div>

</body>
</html>
```

What we did here was wrap everything on the page up inside a div called container. This means that we can organise everything on the page really carefully

5. Now, **add this code** to the styles section to style the **container**

```
<style>
body {
    font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
    background: lightgray;
}

.container {
    width: 1024px;
    background: white;
    margin-left: auto;
    margin-right: auto;
    border: 1px solid gray;
}

.header {
    text-align: center;
}
```

This code makes sure that everything goes in the middle of your page

- it sets the width to 1024 pixels;
- margin-left and margin-right are set to auto, which centres the page
- the border style adds a nice border to define where the page is nicely

6. **Save** your file (**File > Save**) and **test it** in the web browser

Well, that looks a bit better

Adding a bit more style

There are some things you can change in the styles to add just a touch more style to everything

7. **Add the lines shown** to your styles section

8. **Save** your file (**File > Save**) and **test it** in the web browser

You might want to change some of the styles a bit. That's your choice now.

There's all sorts of help out on the internet – you just have to try things out and see if they work

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.navigation {
    text-align: center;
    font-size: 1.5em;
    padding: 15px;
    border-bottom: 1px solid gray;
}
```