

# Set up and Housekeeping

## Create new template...

1. File > New  
[or from the pop up window when Dreamweaver starts: click **More...** from the **Create New** panel]
2. Page Type: **HTML**
3. Layout: **2 column fixed** [or liquid], **left sidebar, header and footer**
4. Doc type **XHTML – transitional**
5. Layout CSS - **add to new file**
6. Preferences... [can also be accessed via Edit > Preferences or ctrl + u]
  - a. Preview in Browser: Check Preview using temporary file
7. Save Dialogue:
  - a. Location: the css folder in your project folder
  - b. Name: styles.css / default.css / anything\_you\_like.css
8. Click **OK**

*It's a really good idea to **manage sites** before saving your new file...*

## Manage Sites...

1. File window > Site list drop down > Manage sites > New
2. Site...
  - Site name - type the name of you your site. eg. My Awesome Site
  - Local site folder - set the location of your project
3. Advanced Settings > local info...
  - Default images - **set folder**
  - Links - **relative to the site root**
4. Advanced Settings > Templates...
  - Uncheck - **Don't rewrite relative document paths**
5. Click **OK!** [never mind the warning message]

## Tidy Workspace...

Remove panels we don't need

1. Drag off panel and click the close icon in the corner  
Keep:
  - ✓ CSS Styles
  - ✓ Properties
  - ✓ Files

## Clear out the demo text and create editable regions...

1. Highlight all the text in the body
2. Insert > Template Objects > Editable Region [ctrl + alt + V / + option + v]
  - Name: Content
  - Click **OK**
3. Press Delete [make sure the text is still highlighted]  
[Repeat for the sidebar text with the name sidebar]
4. Highlight and delete the Footer text
5. Click the Logo section in the top left and click delete

## Save...

6. File > Save as Template
  - a. Site: your project [Dreamweaver will auto create a template folder within your project]
  - b. Description: [optional]
  - c. Save as: Something descriptive. Eg: sitename\_home, sitename\_subpage
7. Update Links? **Yes**
8. Click **Save** [ctrl + s / ⌘ + s]

# Create Pages and Navigation

## Home Page...

1. File > **New...** [ctrl + n / ⌘ n]
2. Page Type: **HTML**
3. Layout: **2 column fixed** [or liquid], **left sidebar, header and footer**
4. Doc type **XHTML – transitional**
5. Layout CSS – **Link to Existing File**
6. Click the small **link icon** to select your existing .css file - browse for the file and click **OK**
7. Click **Create**
8. File > **Save As...** [ctrl + shift + s / ⌘ + shift + s]  
Location: root level of your project folder  
File name: index.html

## Subpages...

1. File > **Save As...** [ctrl + shift + s / ⌘ + shift + s]  
Location: pages folder inside your project folder  
File name: page\_title  
Save as type: html
2. Repeat for each subpage
3. Click **Save** [ctrl + s / ⌘ + s]

## Apply the template to your new pages...

1. Open index.html: Double-click it from the Files window
2. Modify > Templates > Add Template to Page
3. Select your template from the list
4. Click **Select**
5. If *the Inconsistent Region Names* dialogue Box appears:  
Document body – nowhere  
Document head - head
6. Click **OK**
7. **Save** [ctrl + s / ⌘ + s]  
[repeat for the remaining pages]

## Link your Pages to the Navigation Menu...

1. Open your template.dwt file: Double-click it from the Files window
2. Design view: rename all the link titles eg: home, about, gallery, contact
3. Click in the first link text eg: home
4. Properties window > Link: select the index.html
5. Design view: click in the second link text
6. Properties window > Link: select the corresponding page.html  
[repeat for other pages]
7. **Save** [ctrl + s / ⌘ + s]

## One last css thing...

1. Code view: Find this line...  
`<link href="/css/twoColLiqLtHdr.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" /><!--[if lte IE 7]>`
2. Remove the forward-slash before the first css, so it looks like this
3. `<link href="css/twoColLiqLtHdr.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" /><!--[if lte IE 7]>`
4. **Save** [ctrl + s / ⌘ + s]  
[repeat for other pages]

## Test your site...

1. Click the world icon [F12]  
Preview in the browser of your choice
2. Make sure the links and styling works

*Ta daaaaaa! – you have made a functional website...*