

## Using DIV Tags in Dreamweaver

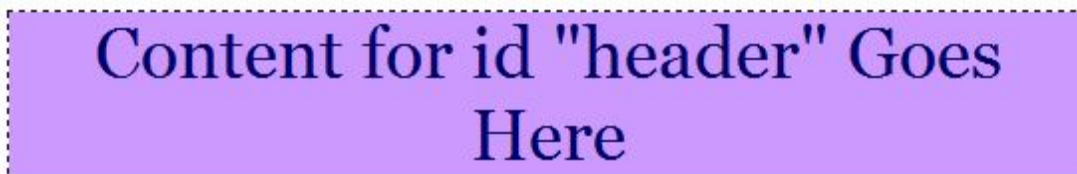
Div tags divide a webpage into sections of content. These tags allow you to group text, images and other items together and use CSS to apply formatting. Web pages can use multiple divs, and are commonly used with CSS as the preferred layout method in web design.

There are two types of div tags: **Absolute positioning (AP)** and **Floating**. AP divs allow you to specify the exact pixel coordinates of the div and will not resize based on the browser window size. Floating divs are flexible, as their size varies dependent on the content and screen resolution.

A container div tag (AKA wrapper div tag) is a div that is placed around the entire body content of a webpage. The purpose of the container div is to group all of the content of a page together and control size. You can add padding and margins, along with other CSS, to control the screen size of a webpage.

### Inserting floating div tags

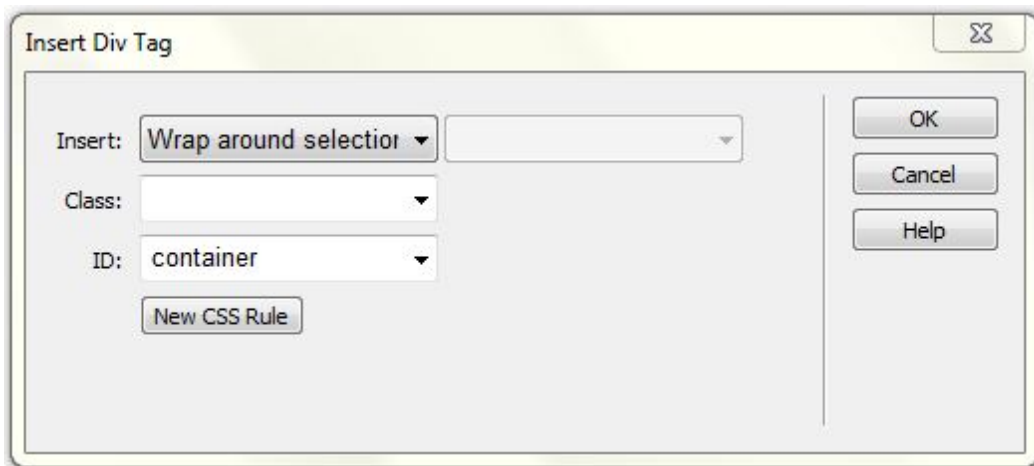
1. With a webpage open in Design View, move your cursor to the location where you want to insert the div. Let's assume you want a header div.
2. Go to **Insert > Layout Objects > Insert Div Tag**
3. Click **Insert** and **At insertion point**.
4. In the ID box type **header**.
5. Click New CSS Rule.
6. When the New CSS Rule window opens, click OK
7. Create a style for the container tag:
  1. Background color: #C9F
  2. Color: #006
  3. Font-family: Georgia
  4. Font-size: 36px
  5. Text-align: center
8. Click OK in the CSS window, then click OK on the Insert Div Tag window. Your header should be at the top of your document and look similar to this (size will vary):



9. Now you can select the text inside the div to edit.
10. Repeat adding divs for a left or right sidebar, a main content area, or a footer. If you want a left or right sidebar, be sure to add float: left or float:right in your CSS. By applying width and height you can control the size of your divs as well.

## Creating a container div

1. With your webpage open in design view, click **<body>** in the status bar.
2. Go to **Insert > Layout Objects > Insert Div Tag**



3. Click **Insert** and **Wrap around selection**.
4. In the ID box type **container**.
5. Click **New CSS Rule**.
6. When the **New CSS Rule** window opens, click **OK**
7. Create a style for the container tag:
  1. Background color: #09F
  2. Padding: 25px all sides
  3. width: 75%
8. Click **OK** in the CSS window, then click **OK** on the **Insert Div Tag** window.
9. View your page in a browser and modify your CSS as needed.