Using Tables to Give Structure to Your Web Pages

Plan ahead. Make a sketch and import any images you plan to use into your images folder in Expression Web. It’s a good idea to check you page size so you will have a feel for how large your tables should be:

Open the attractions.htm page in the Key West web site in Expression Web and click on the Table icon to select the number of columns and rows:

(You can also use the table menu on the toolbar)
Choose the number of rows and columns that you want to start with (remember the nine-space grid in Belisle’s Easy Design Tips):

The table is inserted:

To make the borders invisible, right-click on the table and go to Table Properties. When the properties window opens, make sure the Border Size to “0”:
If you are designing for a specific size, you can set the pixel dimensions in this window also:

![Table Properties window]

You may want to join some cells and split some others – select the cells, and go to the Table menu to make your design decisions:

![Table menu]

Hint: Open View>Toolbars> Tables and try the Eraser tool.
Three cells merged into one – the result:

Once the framework is complete, you can start to add images and text to the table. Images can be added by dragging and dropping from the images folder:
The size of the text and images may affect the size of the cells, but you can adjust accordingly.
To make a cell color match a color in a photograph, you can use the color selection tool. First select the cells in which you wish to put a photo-coordinating colored background, then right-click and go to cell properties and to Background:

Choose More Colors and Choose Select:

Put the eyedropper on the photograph you wish to take a color from and click the mouse – the dropper will pick the selected color in the photograph – click OK.
Click OK, then OK again – the selected color from the photograph become the cell’s background color.

Continue to add graphics and text to the table:
Discover a city where real estate titles date back to the Kings of Spain. Stroll the palm-lined streets and discover gingerbread mansions, the roasted conch beside the Light House Hotel, and Ernest Hemingway's home. Walk in the footsteps of Thomas Edison, Lou Gehrig, Harry Truman, and Tennessee Williams. Gaze at the fabled treasure of the galleon Atocha. Discover tomorrow's fine art treasures by Key West's well-known and unknown artists. In Key West you can use convenient public transportation, taxis, pedi-cabs, tour trains, bicycles or even your own two feet to see the sights and attractions.