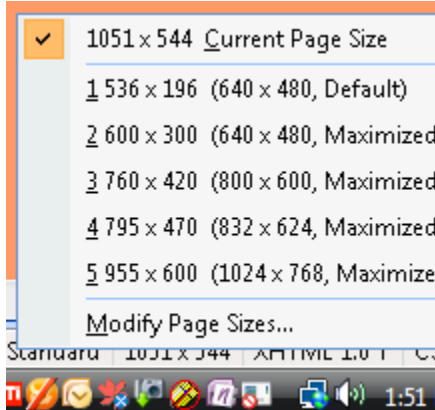
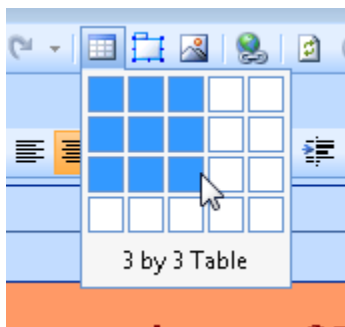


Using Tables to Give Structure to Your Web Pages

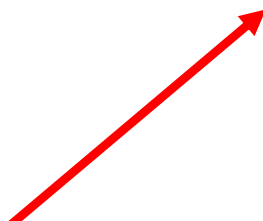
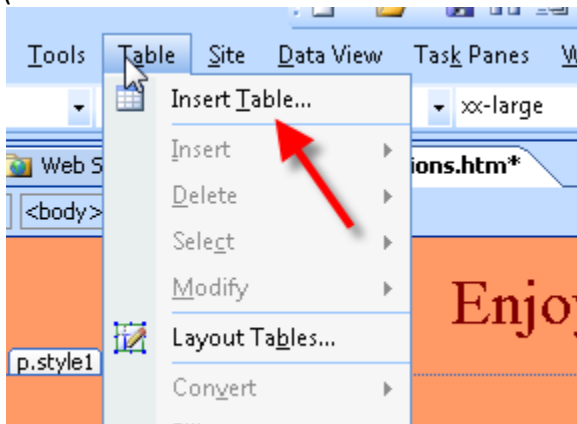
Plan ahead. Make a sketch and import any images you plan to use into your images folder in Expression Web. It's a good idea to check you page size so you will have a feel for how large your tables should be:



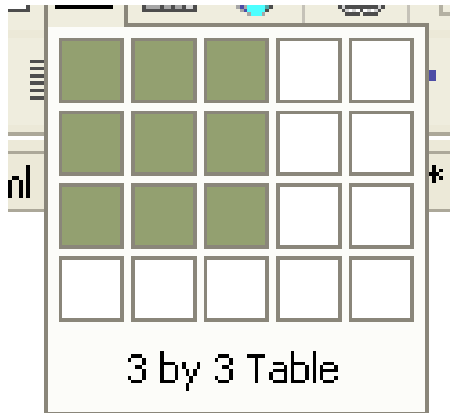
Open the attractions.htm page in the Key West web site in Expression Web and click on the Table icon to select the number of columns and rows:



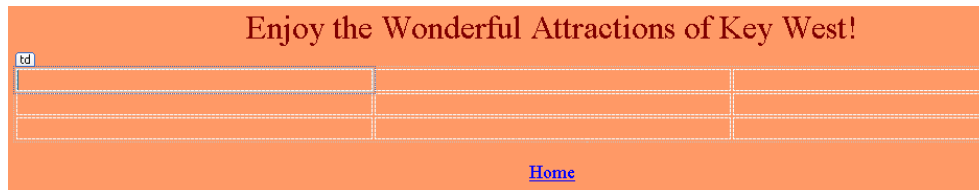
(You can also use the table menu on the toolbar)



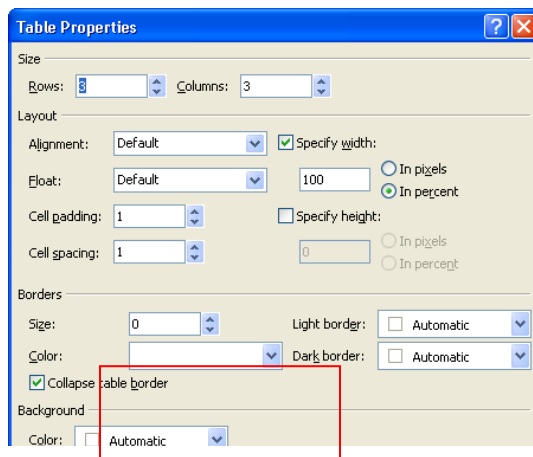
Choose the number of rows and columns that you want to start with (remember the nine-space grid in Belisle’s Easy Design Tips):



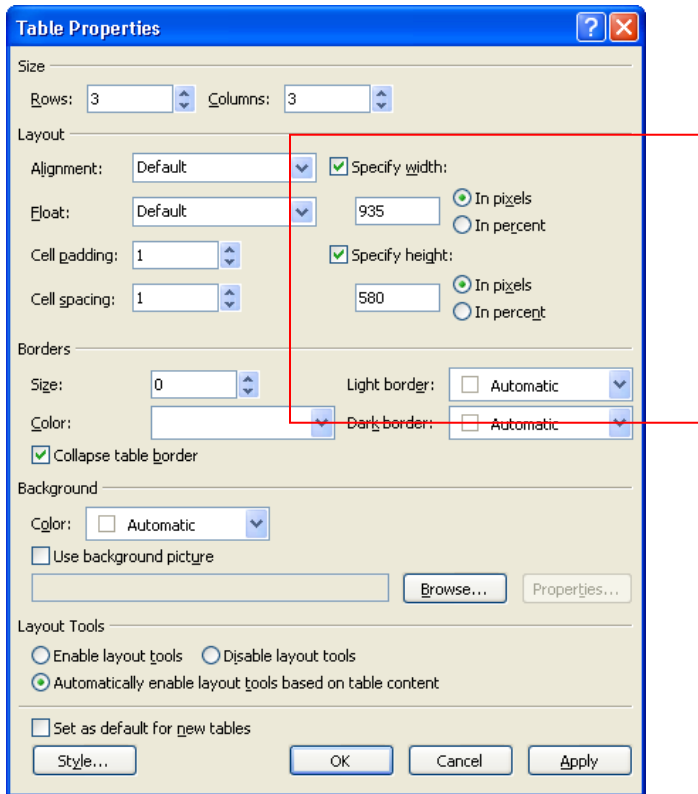
The table is inserted:



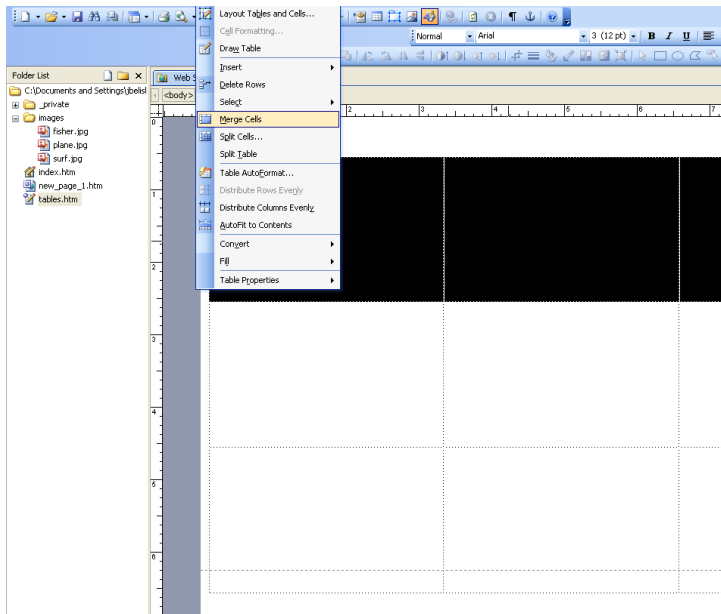
To make the borders invisible, right-click on the table and go to Table Properties. When the properties window opens, make sure the Border Size to “0” .:



If you are designing for a specific size, you can set the pixel dimensions in this window also:



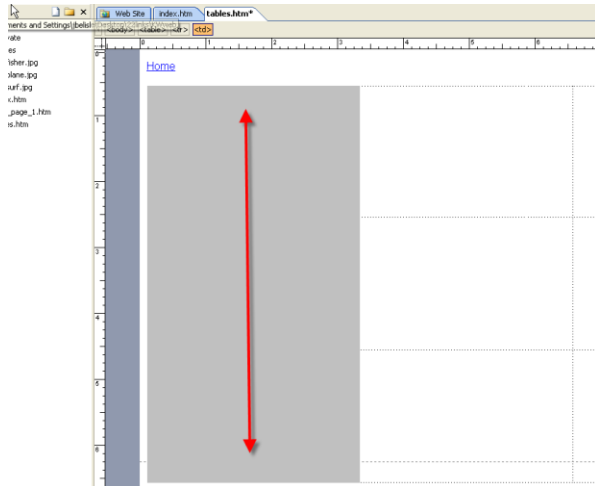
You may want to join some cells and split some others – select the cells, and go to the Table menu to make your design decisions:



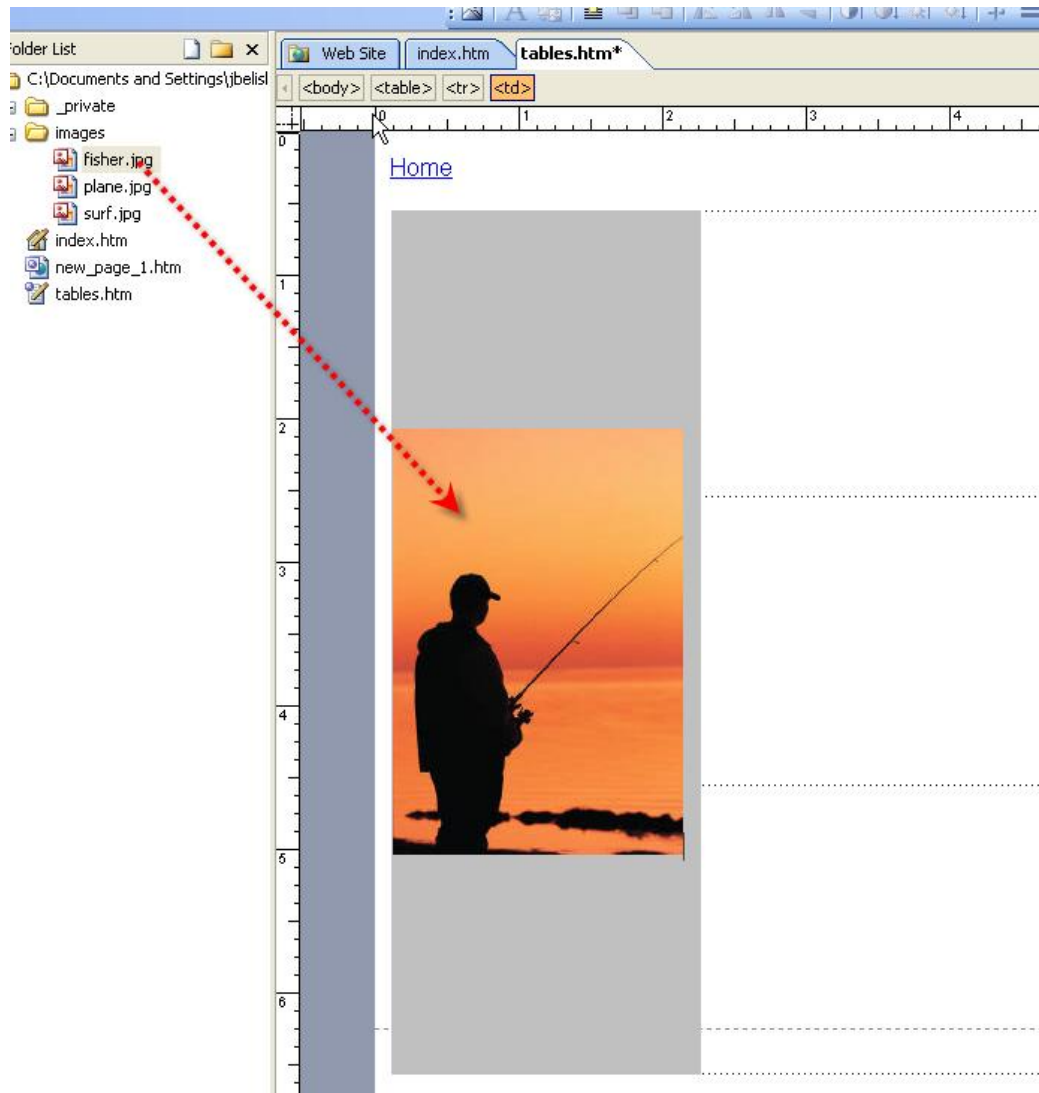
Hint: Open View>Toolbars> Tables and try the Eraser tool.



Three cells merged into one – the result:

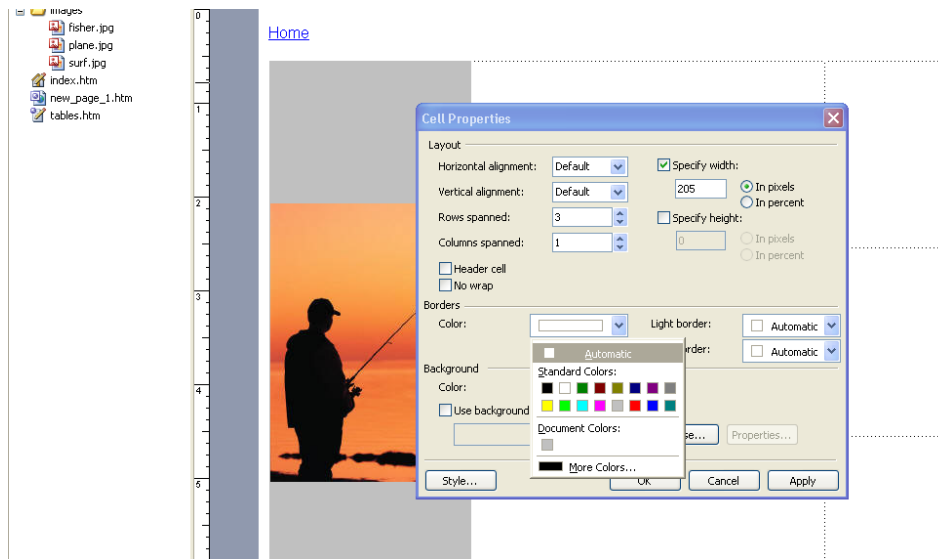


Once the framework is complete, you can start to add images and text to the table. Images can be added by dragging and dropping from the images folder:

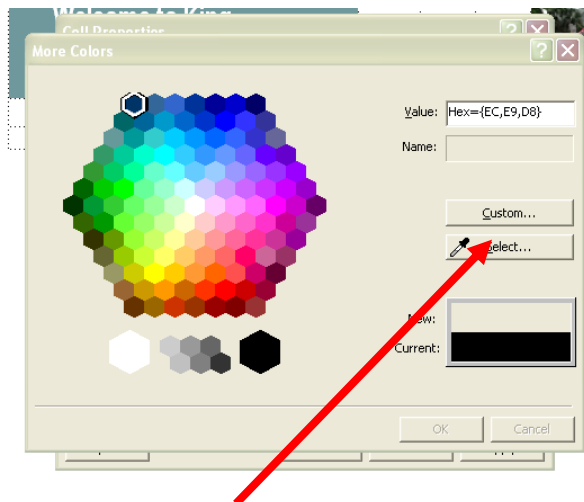


The size of the text and images may affect the size of the cells, but you can adjust accordingly.

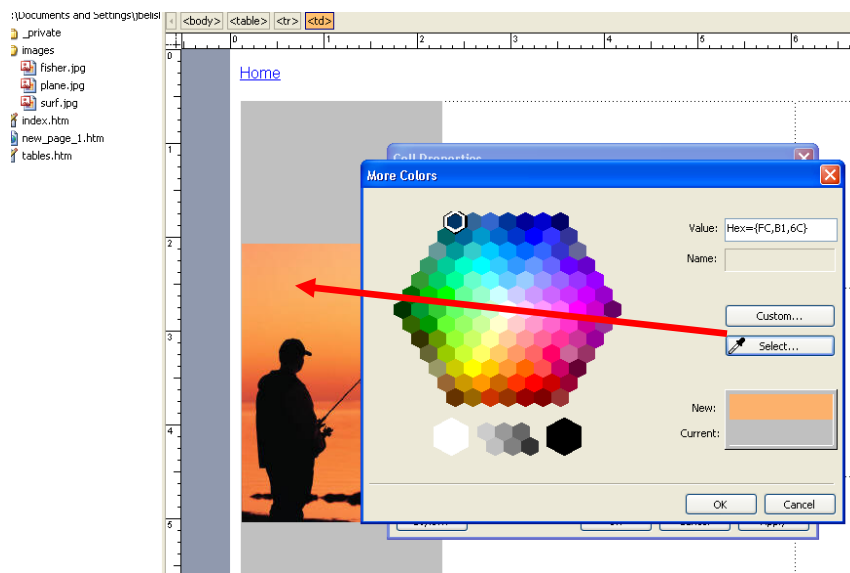
To make a cell color match a color in a photograph, you can use the color selection tool. First select the cells in which you wish to put a photo-coordinating colored background, then right-click and go to cell properties and to Background:



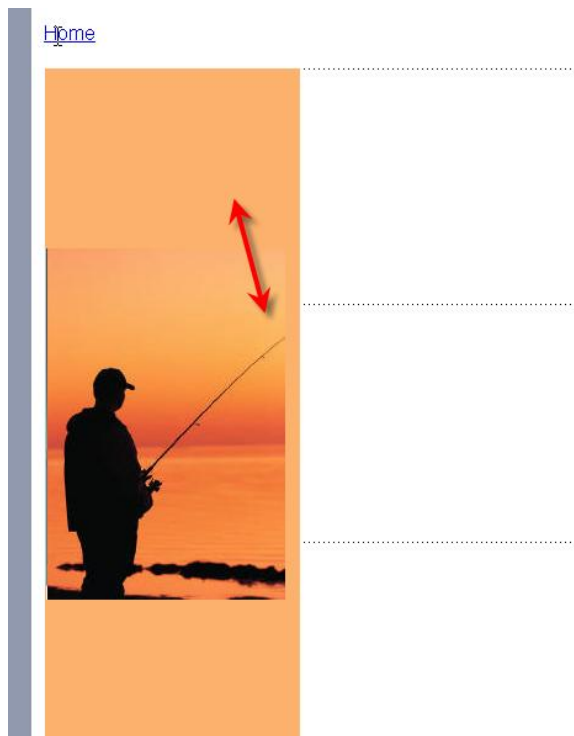
Choose More Colors and Choose Select:



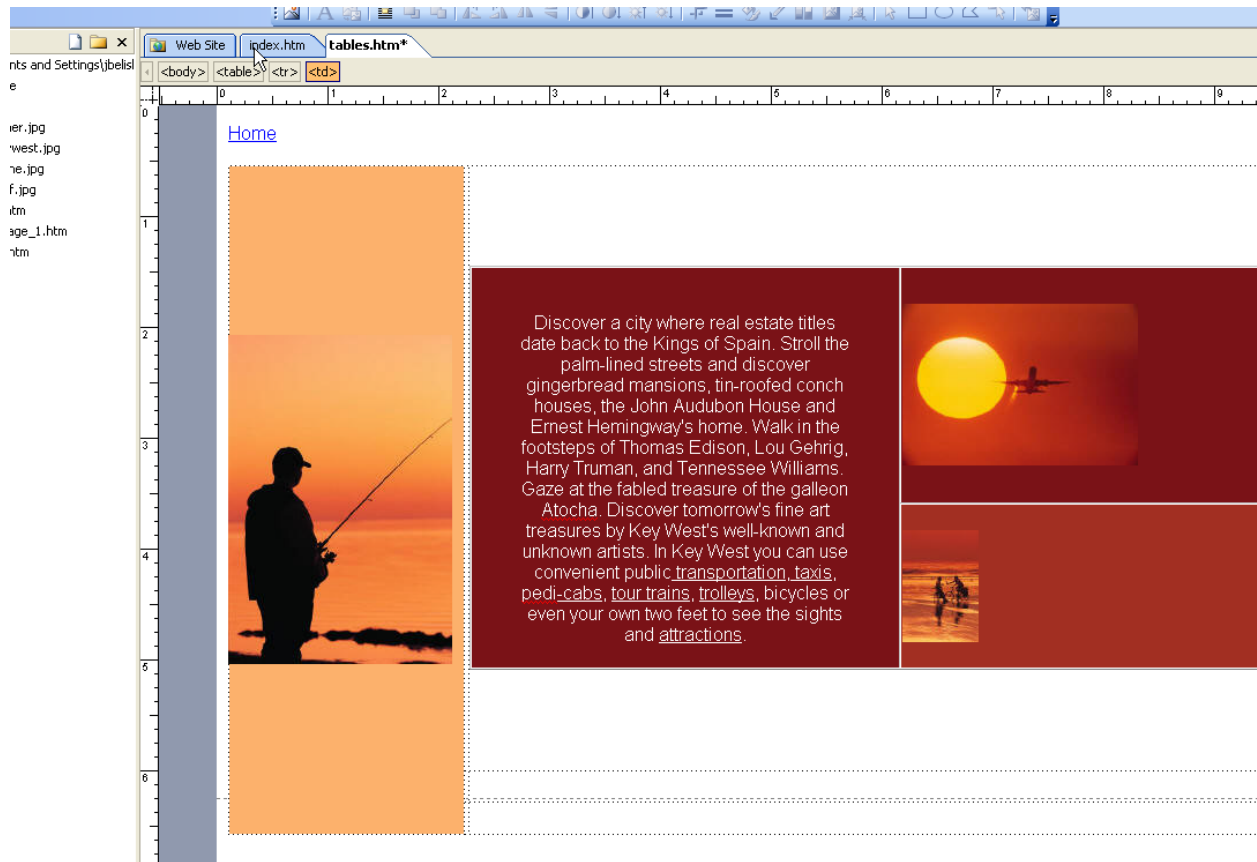
Put the eyedropper on the photograph you wish to take a color from and click the mouse – the dropper will pick the selected color in the photograph – click OK.



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:



Hints:

Text and hyperlinks can be copied from the Internet (watch for copyright)

Tables can be nested within tables.

Text color can be changed to match colors in the webpage graphics.