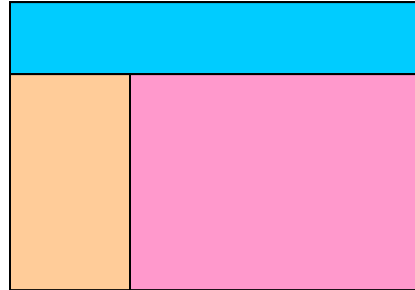


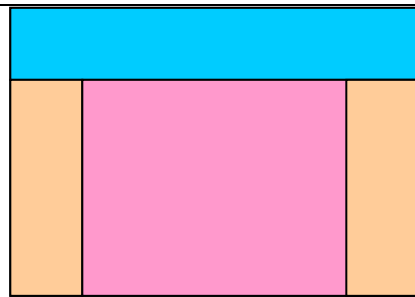
# Layout Options and Ideas

Laying out a web page involves a table or a set of division elements that control the location of content or text that goes in the cells (for tables) or boxes (for divisions). There are many ways to go with this. Look at the graphics below that represent a series of ideas and potential layouts.

**1.** A simple layout and typical of many. The Banner runs across the top with the Navigation menu in the smaller column to the left. The main content goes in the column to the right. This is created by a table by creating a 2 column and 2 row table. The upper row then has the two cells merged into one cell. An alternative would be to place the navigation column to the right.



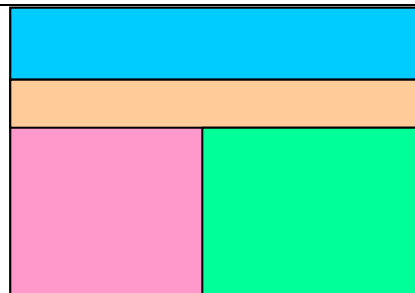
**2.** A more complicated layout popularized by a template called Plone, a user-friendly and powerful content management system for web sites. The top is a banner area and the middle box beneath it is the content window. To the left and right are navigation and news briefs or content chunks that run top to bottom. Create this with a 3 column and 2 row table with the top row merged into one cell.



**3.** Typically a centered presentation of content, this layout places the banner on the top, navigation in the middle, and the content box beneath. The navigation menu is typically laid out horizontally. This is simple to create with a 1 column and 3 row layout. Warning: Centered content becomes difficult to read and it is highly recommended that the content box be left justified.



**4.** Splitting a content box allows 2 columns of text but increases the number of columns. Essentially the same as the option above, the major difference is that you start with 2 columns and 3 rows. Then you merge the top two rows each into one single cell across.



**5.** A fairly simple design, this allows a logo to be placed in the upper-left and the navigation menu falls beneath it. The top-right is for the banner and beneath that is the content box. This is created with a simple 2 column and 2 row cell with the cell widths set to control the horizontal distance each box fills.

