

## Video Supplement

# How To Create a Shadow Around a Webpage Using Photoshop and HTML

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# High Level Process To Create Shadow Using Photoshop and HTML

- Create 2 blank documents in Photoshop, one smaller than the other.
- On the smaller one, add a drop shadow that goes all the way around.
- Drag the smaller document on top of the larger one to create one flattened image.
- Slice the image into 3 smaller images and upload as 3 separate gifs.
- Create a table in your HTML document within the body.
  - The top `<tr>` holds the top shadow gif
  - The middle `<tr>` holds the middle shadow gif and the content
  - The the last `<tr>` holds the bottom shadow gif.
- See next pages for detailed diagrams.

This is a basic example of a shadow of a webpage all the way around a webpage. It was created in Photoshop using 3 separate gif images.

In this example:

- White content area on white body
- Gray shadow all the way around
- No header graphic (see last 2 pages for header graphic example).

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# Here's what you need to create in an Image Editor like Photoshop:

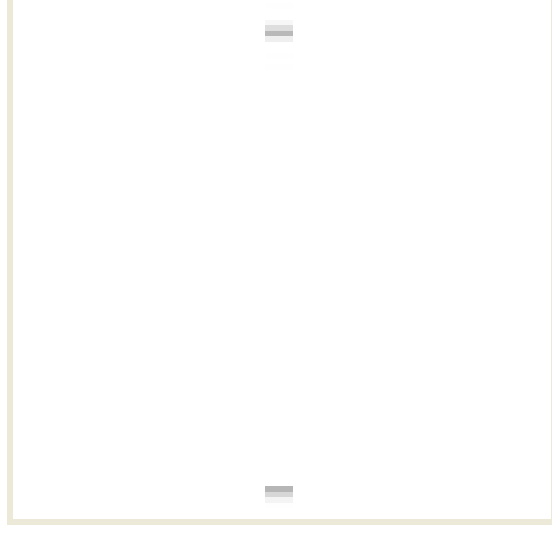
Gif #1



`shadow-top-gray`

Ex. 950 x 100

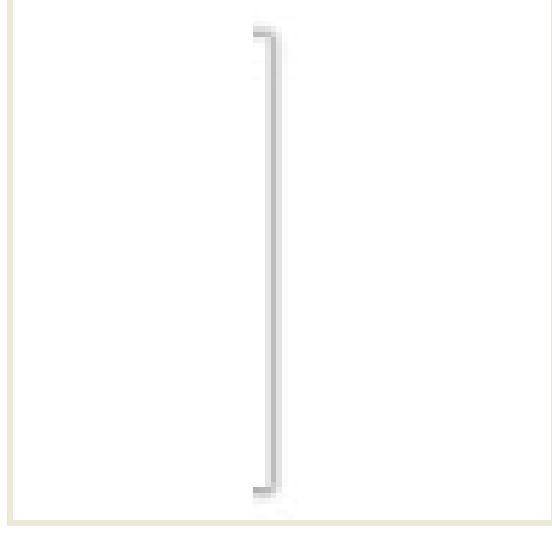
Gif #2



`shadow-middle-gray`

Ex. 950 x 50

Gif #3



`shadow-bottom-gray`

Ex. 950 x 100

It's one image sliced into 3 gifs—see bottom of next page.

# Photoshop Desktop Example

Untitled-3 @ 50% (RGB/8)

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Create first document the width of website template (ex. 950 px). Height doesn't matter but make it big enough to easily slice. Color should match body of site (ex 950 x 250).

2

Untitled-4 @ 50% (RGB/8)

Create 2<sup>nd</sup> doc smaller than first (ex. 800 x 100). Color should match content area. Shadow goes on this one.

Untitled-2 @ 50% (Shadow, RGB/8)

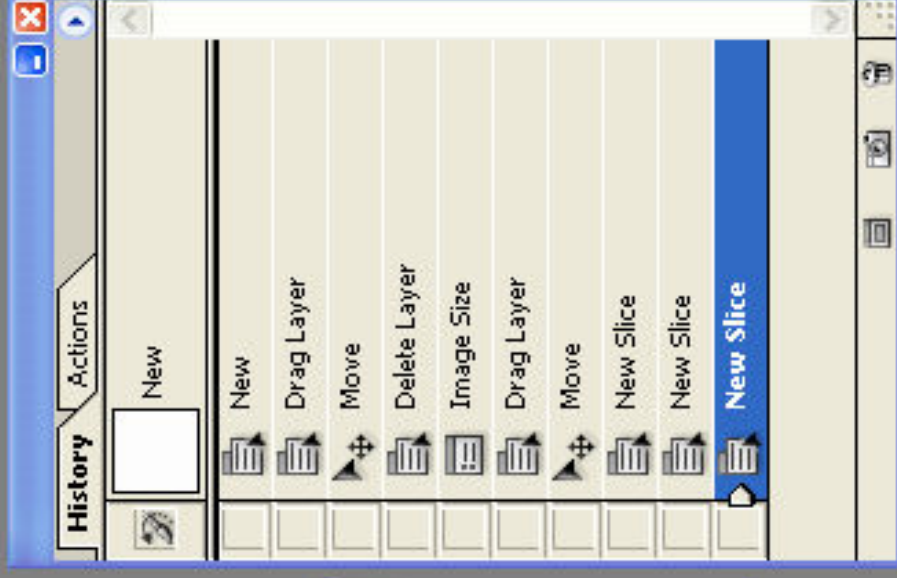
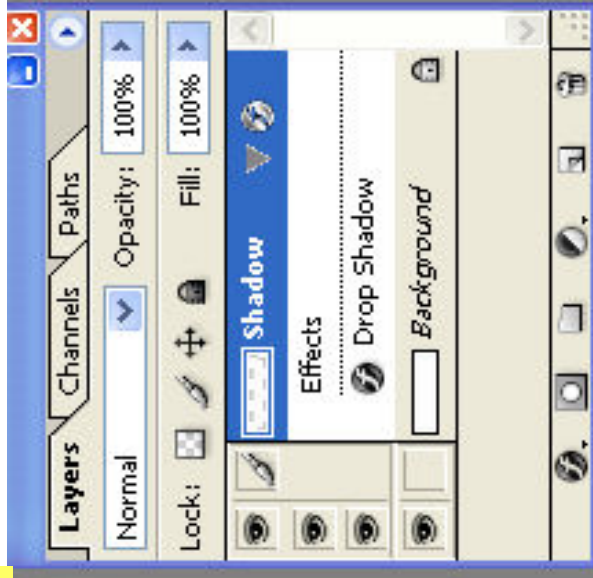
950 x 100—First gif

950 x 50—Second gif

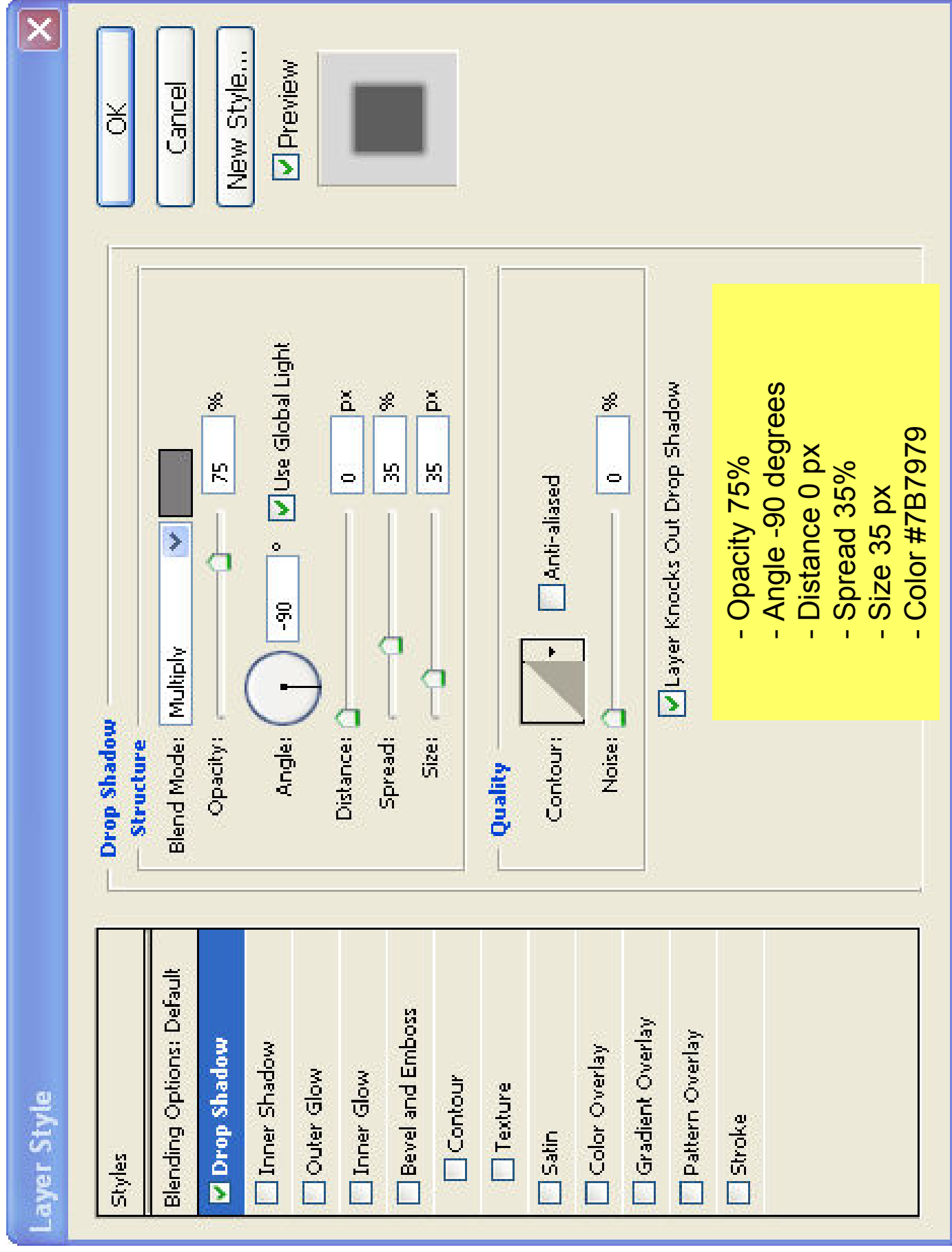
950 x 100—Third gif

3

Drag smaller doc with shadow onto bigger doc then slice and save as 3 separate gifs.



To create shadow on smaller document, open Layer Style box and choose Drop Shadow. Use these settings for a faint, gray shadow all the way around.



- Opacity 75%
- Angle -90 degrees
- Distance 0 px
- Spread 35%
- Size 35 px
- Color #7B7979

## To Create Slices

The screenshot shows the Adobe Photoshop interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Image, Layer, Select, Filter, View, Window, and Help. The top toolbar shows the Slicing tool selected, with a dropdown menu set to "Fixed Size". Below the dropdown, the "width:" field is set to "950 px" and the "Height:" field is set to "100 px". An arrow points from the "Fixed Size" dropdown to a yellow circle containing the number "2". Another arrow points from the Slicing tool icon in the toolbar to a yellow circle containing the number "1".

Choose "Fixed Size" in Style drop down and input the size of each slice.  
Example:

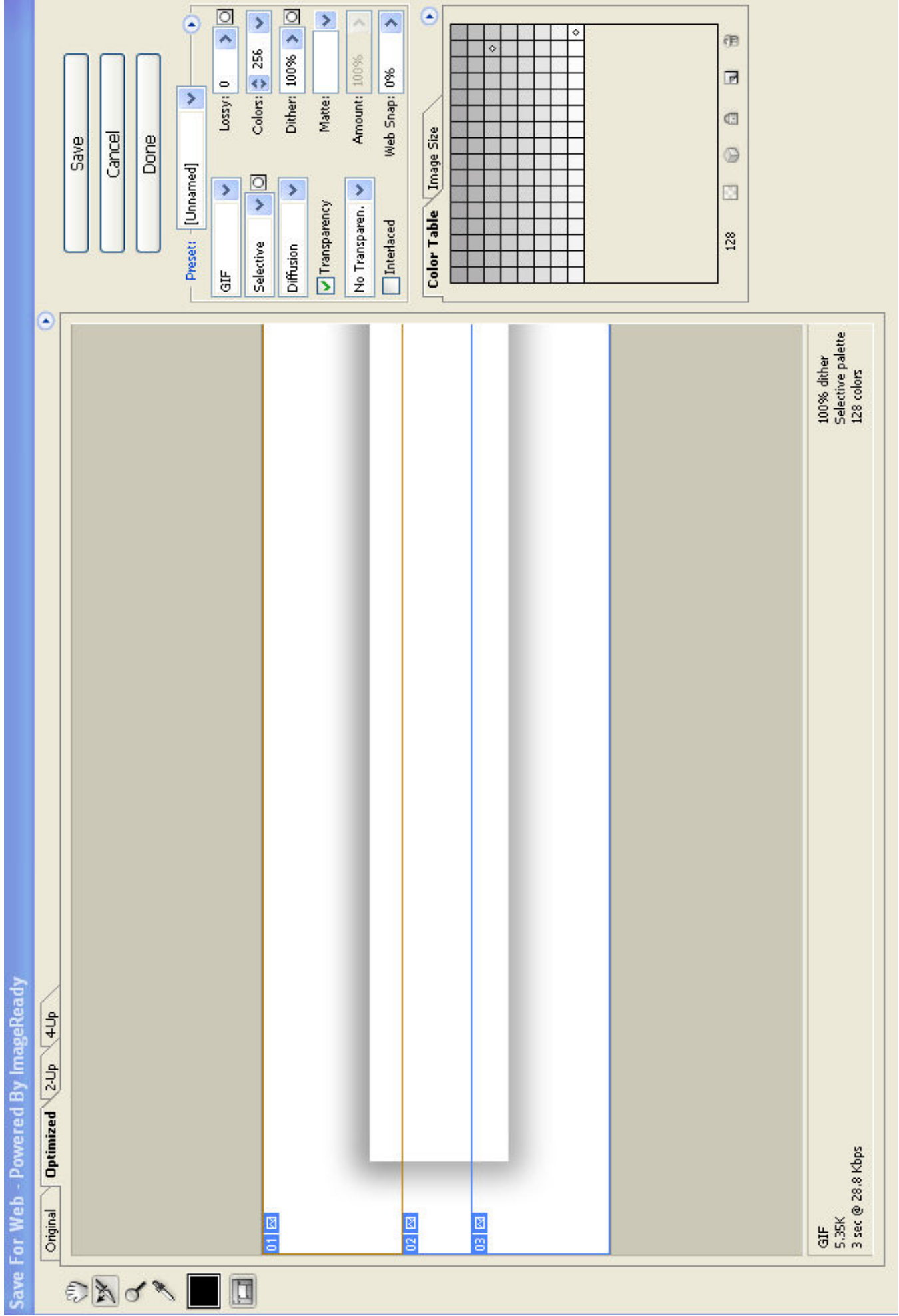
- Slice 1 is 950 x 100
- Slice 2 is 950 x 50
- Slice 3 is 950 x 100

Grab slicing tool from toolbar

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Click in document. Hold down mouse and draw box to create each slice.  
Using "Fixed Size" ensures exact proportions.

Save for the web. Click on each slice to save as a separate gif and upload as usual.



# HTML Code For Shadow Without Header

Body color matches bigger doc.

```
<body style="background-color: #ffffff"><!--Body color should match color you choose in Photoshop-->
```

```
<TABLE width="950" cellspacing="0" cellpadding="0" align="center">
```

```
<tr>  
<td>
```

Replace this with your image location and name.

```
  
</td>  
</tr>
```

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Top Shadow image with no header.

Replace this with your image location and name.

```
<tr style="background-image: url(http://www.free-website-tutorials.com/images/shadow-middle-gray.gif)">  
<td align="center">
```

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<p>This is the content area of my site.</p>  
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</tr>
```

2

Middle Shadow image expands with length of page.

Replace this with your image location and name.

```
<tr>  
<td>  
  
</td>  
</tr>  
</table>  
</body>
```

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Bottom Shadow image.

# Advanced Option

- Add Body Color
- Add Header to Top Shadow Image



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### Shadow Example #2

- White on colored background
- Gray shadow all around
- Top image includes header graphic

### Photoshop Notes

1. First document is 950 px by 500 px; colored background
2. Second document is 800 px by 350 px; white background with header built in.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> slice is 950 x 225.  
2<sup>nd</sup> slice is 950 x 50.  
3<sup>rd</sup> slice is 950 x 225.
4. Shadow stats are:
  - Opacity 75%
  - Angle -90 degrees
  - Distance 0 px
  - Spread 35%
  - Size 35 px
  - Color #7B7979

# HTML Code For Shadow With Header

Body color matches bigger doc.

```
<body style="background-color: #9e8534"><!--Body color should match color you choose in Photoshop-->
```

```
<TABLE width="950" cellspacing="0" cellpadding="0" align="center">
```

Replace this with your header code and shadow image name.

```
<tr>  
<td class="headerbg" colspan="3">  
<div align="center"></div>  
</td>  
</tr>
```

Top Shadow image with header.

Replace this with your image location and name.

```
<tr style="background-image: url(http://www.free-website-tutorials.com/images/background-middle.gif) ">  
<td align="center">
```

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```

Middle Shadow image expands with length of page.

Replace this with your image location and name.

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</table>  
</body>
```

Bottom Shadow image.

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