



## Blueball Gravitas Sandvox Designs v2. Works with Sandvox 2 only!

### [Overview and Usage Tips For Blueball Gravitas Sandvox 2 Designs](#)

**Thank you for purchasing one of our original Sandvox Designs bundle.**

Below we have listed various sections of information to help you maximize the use of your Blueball Gravitas Design(s) as you use it with Sandvox 2 to produce your new web site. If you see something we can do to make your experience better when using our Gravitas design with Sandvox 2 to create your web site, or have a suggestion, please let us know!

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### 1. Blueball Gravitas Designs Information and Tips

#### **How to install your Blueball Gravitas designs:**

After you download your Blueball Gravitas designs bundle file you will need to double click on it to unzip the file. In the Blueball\_ Gravitas\_v2\_SV2 folder you will find 6 individual Blueball Gravitas Sandvox 2 design files that end with the extension .svxDesign. **To install each Blueball Gravitas design you need to double click on each design file and the design will be automatically installed into Sandvox 2. By default all third party designs are installed into Sandvox's Application Support folder. After you finish installing your designs, you MUST restart Sandvox 2 before your newly installed designs will appear in the design preview window in the Sandvox 2 work window.**

#### **Your Gravitas design bundle includes:**

- 6 different Blueball Gravitas 980px wide designs with active content area width of 932px.
- 3 Readme files
- 2 Photoshop banner image files for you to use with the image editor of your choice to help create your custom banner images with.

## Adding Your Own Custom Banner Images Into The Gravitass Design

See the [“Custom Banner Readme file”](#) for detailed information on placing your own custom banner image into your Sandvox 2 site layout using Blueball Gravitass. Your custom banner image is placed above the horizontal nav menu in the layout. **Your custom banner image must be 980px wide by 190px tall for the best display results.**

### Logo Image

The logo image is placed in the upper left corner of the design layout above the horizontal nav menu and to the left of the Title and Tagline lines of text over the banner image area.

**The logo image size is 200px wide by 128px tall. Your logo image file must be that exact size or it will not display correctly in the design layout.** Be sure it is set to a 72 ppi resolution and RGB color mode (sRGB is fine too) and saved as a jpg or png file. We recommend using the Save For Web feature in your image editor with quality settings between 55% to 80% saving it to a .jpg file format to keep the file size small.

### Nav Menu Usage Tips - Important!

**The horizontal nav menu layout used in the Blueball Gravitass design allows you to have a normal amount of pages included in the top parent level, but provides the best display results when only 1 line of items is displayed in the main menu level.**

The nav menu names will not wrap to 2 lines, so we highly recommend keeping your nav menus names as short as possible for the parent menu level. **Yes, there ARE hierarchical sub menu levels included with the Blueball Gravitass designs.**

### Nav Menu Usage Tips - Important!

The horizontal nav menu layout used in the Blueball Gravitass theme allows you to have a limited number of page names in the main menu level - usually 5-7 depending on the length of your page names. **The individual nav menu names for your pages will only display in a single line of text and will not wrap to 2 lines in Gravitass, so we recommend keeping your page names as short as possible to make it easier for viewers of your site to navigate through your pages.**

### Color Hexcodes Used In The Blueball Gravitass Designs

Blue: #0064f4

Brown: #893d09

Green: #069348

Orange: #ef5d27 (accent color in Gravitass Business)

Purple: #752299

Red: #df0400

## Title and Title Paragraph Text Length

**Title and Title Paragraph Text Lines** - You can use up 1 line of text for the Title with up to 3 lines of Title Paragraph text. Or you can use 2 lines of Title text with 1 line of Title Paragraph text.

We recommend using 1 line of Title text with up to 3 lines of Title Paragraph text for the best results. Also both the Title and Title Paragraph text lines need to be left aligned when using a logo image.

## Using Images With Sidebar Objects

When placing images into Sidebar Objects (Pagelets in Sandvox 1.6) and Callouts, the Gravitass design will automatically resize your images to fit using the default sizing we have specified in the Gravitass design's plist file. You do not need to resize your image files unless you want to in Sandvox 2. This will be done automatically for you.

## Using Images In Sandvox 2 and The Blueball Gravitass Designs

### **Your Site Page Image Sizes Will Be Displayed The Full Width Of The Content Area By Default If Wider Than The Content Area Width.**

We have increased the default image sizing for the content area to better utilize the available content area widths in the Blueball Gravitass designs. In other words, the widths are set to fill up the available content area width (less 15px) by default with the sidebar showing instead of being restricted to just the Sandvox default image 320px width. Once you place your image into your page layout, you can resize it as needed in Sandvox 2 by selecting the image and dragging the handles to reduce or enlarge it's size.

### **We've Arranged Our main.css File Code Into Groups For Easier Modification By Advanced Sandvox Users**

If you open the main.css file you will see that the css code in our file is arranged in groups by areas of the design layout. We designed it this way to make it easier for advanced Sandvox users who want to "tinker under the hood" and customize the css some.

### **BE SURE TO MAKE A BACKUP COPY OF YOUR DESIGN BEFORE ATTEMPTING ANY MODIFICATIONS OF THE CSS CODE!**

**\*NOTE!!! We do not recommend modifying the css code in this design unless you are well versed and familiar with css styling and coding.** Modifying the css code could break the display functionality of the design in your Sandvox site. **Any modifications are at the sole risk of the user and Blueball Design does not guarantee the performance of any Blueball Sandvox Design which has been altered or modified and we cannot be held liable if problems arise from your modifications.**

## **We Offer Great Support Before and After Your Design Purchase**

Blueball Design has become known for our great customer support with our Rapidweaver Theme users over the past 7+ years and offer the same support to all our Sandvox Design users. If you have a question, please submit it to us using our contact form page. Our Technical Support policy is listed below.

### **Technical Support**

**Technical support will be limited to questions and problems specifically associated with unaltered designs in normal conditions.** We do not have the resources to offer free Sandvox 2 technical support or to provide training on how to use Sandvox 2.

We also cannot provide support for modified themes or graphics. We will be glad to assist you with modified design questions as time permits, but recommend you post questions to Karelia Software's forum.

You are responsible for adding or editing your web site's content. A complete and very helpful on-line Sandvox user manual with videos and tutorials can be found at: <http://docs.karelia.com>.

**We do offer support relating to our design products and encourage you to report any bugs or problems you have with one of them. We also welcome any questions you may have about one of our Sandvox design products.**

### **We Offer Sandvox Design Modification Services**

Blueball Design offers Sandvox Design modification services starting from \$40 and up. If you are wanting to change your color scheme, add in a new image, adjust the sizing of certain items, change the font styles, etc., please email us what you are wanting done and we'll be happy to help you out with your Sandvox design mod. We do not do "one off" custom Sandvox designs at this time.

### **A Final Word On Our Sandvox Designs**

**We believe that web design should be clean, simple, unique, professional and straightforward in functionality and design. Our Sandvox Designs are developed following this mission statement.** By keeping image use in the layout to a minimum our Sandvox Designs will produce sites that publish quicker with pages that load faster for your site viewers, and will offer more stable display functionality in all the major browsers.

## 2. Browsers Supported By Our Blueball White Design.

The Blueball White Designs have been tested on, and will display correctly on the following browsers: Safari 4+. Firefox 3.6+, Chrome, and Internet Explorer 7, 8, and 9.

### **Help Us Improve Our Sandvox Designs For Sandvox Users! Comments, Feedback, and Suggestions Are Welcome!**

What do you think of our Sandvox Designs? What would you like to see? We need you to let us know what we can do to make your experience using Sandvox with our Sandvox Designs better for you. Use the contact form on our site or email us at [themesupport@blueballdesign.com](mailto:themesupport@blueballdesign.com).

### **Send Us Your Site URL When You Have Your Site Up and Running!**

We like to see what Sandvox users have done with our designs. Please send your site url to us so we can check it out.

### **Good Luck With Your Sandvox Web Site!**

Best,  
Charlie

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