

Warning: Trying to access array offset on value of type null in  
/var/www/vhosts/thecmsbcookbook.com/httpdocs/recipeDetail3.php on line 44

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**HELPING CLIENTS PICK PAGE BACKGROUND COLORS - Mar 18th, 2011**

A client asked if I could allow their visitors to pick a background color for the page that they were viewing and here's what I found. I've also used a modified version of this to allow clients to choose the color they wanted for

page backgrounds. (Well actually <div> backgrounds that fill the whole page).

When you mouse over a color, the background changes and stays that color until another color is chosen.

You can see a sample of this effect at:

[www.thecmsbcookbook.com/colors.php](http://www.thecmsbcookbook.com/colors.php)

Here's how it's done:

First, create a multi-record section editor called "colors", with 2 fields. A "Color Hex Code" text field and a "Color Image" upload field and make them both required fields. Set the Color Image" upload field thumbnails to around 20 x 20 pixels

On your viewer page, add an id="theContainer" to the Body tag.

```
<body id="theContainer">
```

Insert the following code where you want your color table to appear:

```
<table>
<tr><?php foreach ($colorsRecords as $record): ?>
  <td ><a href="#" onmouseover="document.getElementById('theContainer').style.backgroundColor = '#<?php echo
$record['color_hex_code'] ?>'; return false;"><?php foreach ($record['color_image'] as $upload): ?>
    " height="<?php
echo $upload['thumbHeight'] ?>" alt='#<?php echo $record['color_hex_code'] ?>' />
  <?php endforeach ?></a> </td><?php endforeach ?>
</tr>
</table>
```

You can substitute Div tags with different id names instead of the body tag and of course you can style your color table any way you want to.

You can change the action to require clicking on a color, by changing "onmouseover" to "onclick".

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