

## ***Designing with CSS for a Beautiful Web, DVD***

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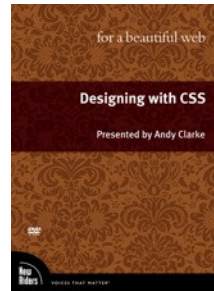
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A review by Pam Raisanen

This video shows the how and why of moving to standards compliant accessible web design. In it, CSS wizard, Andy Clarke presents his belief that creating a web site should be approached from a browser instead of from a fixed mock up of the design. He explains how end users can alter a layout as they often enlarge or shrink web pages to fit their screens or to make the print easier to read. Instead of beginning with a model that's done on a rigid page meant for print he relates how using a browser will let a design flow through all the changes that might be affected by the end user or viewing device.

Along the way, Andy covers the basics of CSS layouts, as well as working with type and color to enhance a design. His methods, tools and resources are shared. I particularly liked the way he pulls the background color throughout the other areas of a website. The humorous outtakes at the end of the video show a more comical side than is seen in the main portion.

If you haven't already been convinced to move to a more modern approach when building websites or need a refresher on why to do so, this video will be a valuable tool. Following Andy's advice will save work time as well as enhance design skills. I thoroughly enjoyed this DVD and would recommend it to anyone wishing to reinforce their web authoring ability.