

People think having a website built is expensive. It doesn't have to be!

There is so much to do when building a site but a lot of it can be done by you to help bring the cost down. Below are a few of these tips! If you prefer, I can and will do any of the following for you.

Get a Domain name if you haven't already! See here for tips about selecting the best domain name. ***I use BlueHost for my website and couldn't be happier. Their Live Chat support is phenomenal!*** If you need assistance, let me know!

Create a folder on your computer named Website.

Preview sites within the same category and jot down anything you like:

Site address: www._____ Feature: _____

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Pages – What do you need? (checkmark selections)

<input type="radio"/> HOME	<input type="radio"/> CONTACT	<input type="radio"/> FEEDBACK
<input type="radio"/> ABOUT US	<input type="radio"/> SITE MAP	<input type="radio"/> PHOTO GALLERY
<input type="radio"/> PRODUCTS	<input type="radio"/> SERVICES	<input type="radio"/> PRICING
<input type="radio"/> OTHER	<input type="radio"/> OTHER	<input type="radio"/> OTHER

Images: When you find images you want to use, put them in a file marked images in your website folder.
o As you put your images in the folder, make sure you save them with a name, lowercase with no spaces and any captions you might want to use.

Start thinking about the following images:

- Business Logo- I can design if needed.
- Photographs (about us page, photo galleries, etc.)
- Icons- this could be anything!

Layout: There are many designs out there. How do you want your site to look? Navigation on the top, side, bottom, columns, etc. Draw it out on a separate piece of paper!

Content: To save you time and money, you can type up any content you might have for each page. The less typing I have to do, the less it will cost you!