

Black Marble Theme Tutorial

This tutorial is designed for creating replacement Banner and Menu/Footer Bar Images as well as other theme changes. It assumes you have image creation software. For this tutorial, I used Paint Shop Pro.

The theme modified was Reflection Black. It can readily be adapted for modifying other themes by changing colors, images, font styles, etc. The tutorial assumes you have an understanding of Shozam steps and the Advanced edition is installed. If you are not experienced with creating themes, you may want to have the Shozam help files available.

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Step 1 - Gallery Creation

1. Create a new gallery with one album using nine images. Name the album what you want.
2. Hide text in all images while selected.
3. Choose Black Reflection theme.
4. Generate the gallery naming it what you want.

Note – You can use a gallery you already have. Just generate it under another name for now.

Step 2 - Banner and Menu/Footer Image Creation

Standard Shozam images are 771 X 50 pixels for the Banner and 771 X 22 for the Menu/Footer Bar.

1. Create a black (#000000), image 767 X 48 pixels.
2. Add 2 pixel borders to the top, left and right sides using #909090 as your color.
3. Your image should now be 771 X 50 pixels.
4. Save the image as bm_banner.jpg in a folder.

5. Create a black (#000000) image 771 X 18 pixels.
6. Add 2 pixel borders to the top and bottom sides using #909090 as your color.
7. Your image should now be 771 X 22 pixels.
8. Save the image as bm_menu_footer.jpg in a folder.

Step 3 - Replacing Banner & Menu/Footer Background Images

1. Go to Step 4 --> Customize --> Banner Background --> ImageFile
2. Insert your bm_banner.jpg.
3. Go to Menu/Footer Bars --> Menu/Footer Background --> ImageFile
4. Insert your bm_menu_footer.jpg.
5. In right panel, choose Save As. In box, name it **Black Marble** and click OK.
6. Generate your gallery.

Step 4 - Changing Background Image

1. Go to Step 4 --> Customize --> Global Defaults --> GlobalDefaultsBackground --> ImageFile
2. Insert marble.jpg. (You can get it by saving it from the gallery I created)
3. In right panel, choose Save.
4. Generate your gallery.

Step 5 - Matching Vertical Border Color to your Banner & Menu/Footer Border Color

1. Go to Step 4 --> Customize --> Middle Section --> MiddleSectionBorders
2. Change #666666 to #909090.
3. In right panel, choose Save.
4. Generate your gallery.

We could stop here but here are some changes you may want to make.

Step 6 - Hide Main (Album) Divider lines

1. Go to Step 4 --> Customize --> Middle Section --> MainDividerLines
2. Change style to hidden.
3. In right panel, choose Save.
4. Generate your gallery.

Step 7 - Hide the Gallery Title

The title is not needed because you have the Intro link where the title takes you. You can leave it if you want.

1. Go to Step 4 --> Customize --> Banner --> GalleryTitleText
2. Change Font to Verdana - FontWeight to Bold - All Colors to #000000 - All Text Decoration to None
3. Manually Edit Font size to 2px.
4. In right panel, choose Save.
5. Generate your gallery.

Step 8 - Change Banner Link Style

If you hid the Gallery Title, you may want a Banner Link. You could also add text to the Banner Image when you created it as long as you know precisely where the Title is hidden or it will bleed over your text.

1. Go to Step 4 --> Customize --> Banner --> BannerLinkText
2. Change Font to Verdana - FontColor to #ffffff - FontSize to 11px - FontWeight to Bold - LinkActiveColor to #ffff00
3. Change LinkActiveDecoration to None - LinkNormalColor to #ffffff - LinkNormalDecoration to None.
4. In right panel, choose Save.
5. Go to Step 5 - Link
6. Enter your Banner Text and Link.
7. Generate your gallery.

Step 9 - Finish

1. In Step 4 - Customize
2. Change your GlobalDefaultsBodyText and MenuFooterText identical to 2 & 3 in Step 8 except FontSize should be 10px.
3. Go to Step 5 and in Link - Enter Footer Text and in Label --> Change the Names to your choice.
4. Generate the gallery.

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This tutorial should give you a understanding of modifying themes where you can now create your own themes by experimenting and changing other attributes.