

does inline element not get margin. height, width vs block elemnet

Inline elements and **block elements** behave differently in how they handle margin, height, and width:

Inline Elements

• Width and Height:

You **cannot set width or height** on inline elements. Any width or height property you apply will have no effect—the element will only be as wide/tall as its content [1] [2].

• Margin:

- Horizontal margins (margin-left, margin-right) work on inline elements.
- **Vertical margins** (margin-top, margin-bottom) **do not have any effect** on inline elements [3] [2] [4].

· Behavior:

- Inline elements do not start on a new line.
- They only take up as much width as their content requires.

Examples: , <a>, , ,

Block Elements

• Width and Height:

You **can set width and height** on block elements—they will respect these properties [5] [6] [1] [2]

• Margin:

- Both horizontal and vertical margins work as expected.
- Block elements start on a new line and take up the full available width by default.

• Behavior:

They stack vertically, one after the other.

Examples: <div>, , <h1>, , >

Summary Table

Property	Inline Element	Block Element
Width/Height	Not respected	Respected
Margin (top/bot)	Not respected	Respected
Margin (left/right)	Respected	Respected
Starts new line	No	Yes
Fills container	No (only as wide as content)	Yes (full width by default)

If you want an element to behave like inline but also respect width, height, and all margins, use display: inline-block; $\frac{[1]}{2}$ $\frac{[2]}{7}$.



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