

CSS Border Properties

The CSS **border** properties allow you to specify the **style, width, and color** of an element's border.

Border Style

The **border-style** property **specifies what kind of border** to display.

The following values are allowed:

- **dotted** - Defines a dotted border
- **dashed** - Defines a dashed border
- **solid** - Defines a solid border
- **double** - Defines a double border
- **groove** - Defines a 3D grooved border. The effect depends on the border-color value
- **ridge** - Defines a 3D ridged border. The effect depends on the border-color value
- **inset** - Defines a 3D inset border. The effect depends on the border-color value
- **outset** - Defines a 3D outset border. The effect depends on the border-color value
- **none** - Defines no border

The **border-style** property can have from one to four values (for the top border, right border, bottom border, and the left border).

Example

```
p.dotted {border-style: dotted;}
p.dashed {border-style: dashed;}
p.solid {border-style: solid;}
p.double {border-style: double;}
p.groove {border-style: groove;}
p.ridge {border-style: ridge;}
p.inset {border-style: inset;}
p.outset {border-style: outset;}
p.none {border-style: none;}
```

Result:

A dotted border.

A dashed border.

A solid border.

A double border.

A groove border. The effect depends on the border-color value.

A ridge border. The effect depends on the border-color value.

An inset border. The effect depends on the border-color value.

An outset border. The effect depends on the border-color value.

No border.

Border Width

The `border-width` property **specifies the width of the four borders**.

The width can be set as a specific size (in px, pt, cm, em, etc)

The `border-width` property can have from one to four values (for the top border, right border, bottom border, and the left border).

5px border-width

Example

```
p.one {  
  border-style: solid;  
  border-width: 5px;  
}
```

```
p.three {  
  border-style: solid;  
  border-width: 2px 10px 4px 20px;  
}
```

Border Color

The `border-color` property is used to **set the color of the four borders**.

The `border-color` property can have from one to four values (for the top border, right border, bottom border, and the left border).

Red border

Example

```
p.one {  
  border-style: solid;  
  border-color: red;  
}
```

```
p.three {  
  border-style: solid;  
  border-color: red green blue yellow;  
}
```

Border - Individual Sides

From the examples above you have seen that it is possible to **specify a different border for each side**.

In CSS, there are also properties for specifying each of the borders (top, right, bottom, and left):

Different Border Styles

Example

```
p {  
  border-top-style: dotted;  
  border-right-style: solid;  
  border-bottom-style: dotted;  
  border-left-style: solid;  
}
```

If the `border-style` property has four values:

- **border-style: dotted solid double dashed;**
 - top border is dotted
 - right border is solid
 - bottom border is double
 - left border is dashed

Border - Shorthand Property

To shorten the code, **specify all the border properties in one property**.

The `border` property is a shorthand property for the following individual border properties:

- `border-width`
- `border-style` (required)
- `border-color`

Example

```
p {  
  border: 5px solid red;  
}
```

Some text

You can also specify all the individual border properties for just one side:

Left Border

```
p {  
  border-left: 6px solid red;  
  background-color: lightgrey;  
}
```



Some text

Bottom Border

```
p {  
  border-bottom: 6px solid red;  
  background-color: lightgrey;  
}
```



Some text