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# Tailwind CSS Cheatsheet



*From design chaos to pixel-perfect harmony – build faster with utility-first magic ✨*

## ⚙ Installation & Setup

- 📌 Install Tailwind CSS via npm.

```
code  
1  npm install -D tailwindcss postcss autoprefixer # install  
2  npx tailwindcss init -p # generate config files
```

- ✓ Add Tailwind to your CSS file.

```
code  
1  @tailwind base; # resets default styles  
2  @tailwind components; # adds reusable UI styles  
3  @tailwind utilities; # enables utility classes
```

- 🔍 Configure template paths in `tailwind.config.js`.

```
code  
1  content: [ # define paths  
2    './index.html', # HTML entry  
3    './src/**/*.{js,ts,jsx,tsx}' # all source files  
4  ]
```



## Colors & Typography

- 📌 Tailwind provides a huge palette of colors.

A screenshot of a dark-themed code editor window titled "code". The code block contains three lines of CSS-like code:

```
1 text-blue-500 # blue text
2 bg-gray-100 # light gray background
3 border-red-400 # red border
```

- ✓ Control typography with utilities.

A screenshot of a dark-themed code editor window titled "code". The code block contains five lines of CSS-like code:

```
1 text-xl # extra large text
2 font-semibold # medium bold
3 italic # italic text
4 tracking-wide # wider letter spacing
5 leading-loose # relaxed line height
```

Use `font-sans`, `font-serif`, `font-mono` to switch font families.



## Layout & Spacing

- 📌 Control padding, margin, and space between elements.



code

```
1 p-4 # padding 1rem
2 px-8 # horizontal padding 2rem
3 py-2 # vertical padding 0.5rem
4 m-6 # margin 1.5rem
5 mx-auto # center horizontally
6 space-x-4 # 1rem horizontal spacing
7 space-y-2 # 0.5rem vertical spacing
```

- ✓ Create flexible layouts with display and positioning.



code

```
1 flex flex-col # vertical flex layout
2 justify-center # center along main axis
3 items-center # center along cross axis
4 grid grid-cols-3 # 3-column grid
5 gap-4 # grid gap 1rem
6 absolute top-0 left-0 # position top-left
```

Use `container mx-auto` for centered responsive layouts.

## 💡 Flexbox & Grid

- ✖ Flexbox utilities for alignment and distribution.

```
code  
1 flex flex-row # horizontal layout  
2 justify-between # space between items  
3 items-center # center vertically  
4 flex-wrap # wrap elements
```

- ✓ Grid utilities for complex layouts.

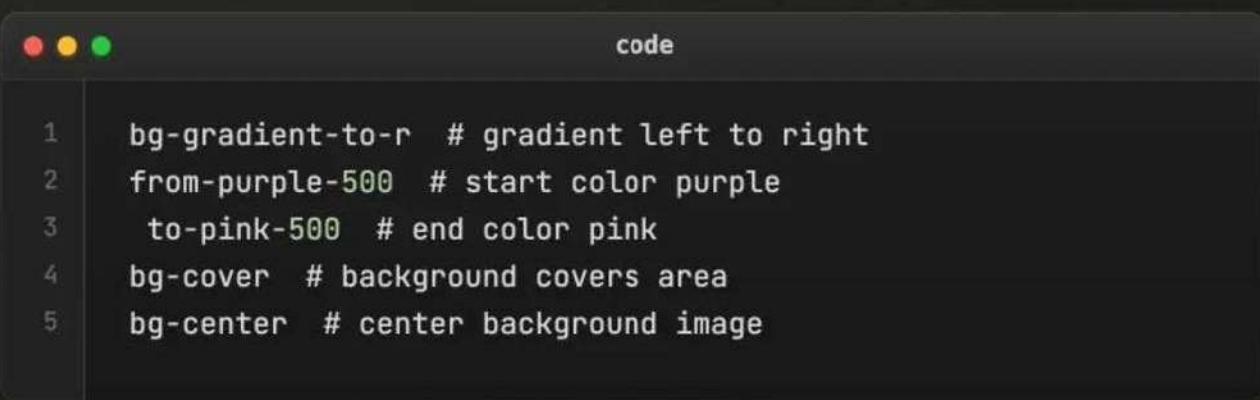
```
code  
1 grid grid-cols-3 # 3 columns  
2 gap-6 # spacing 1.5rem  
3 col-span-2 # spans 2 columns  
4 row-span-1 # spans 1 row
```

*Combine grid and flex for responsive, modular layouts.*



## Backgrounds & Borders

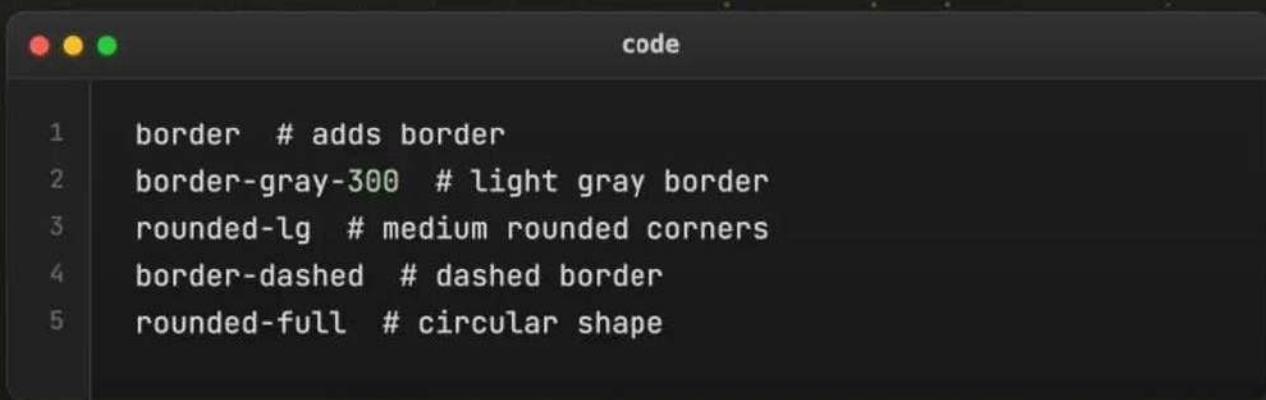
- ✖ Control background color, gradients, and images.



code

```
1 bg-gradient-to-r # gradient left to right
2 from-purple-500 # start color purple
3 to-pink-500 # end color pink
4 bg-cover # background covers area
5 bg-center # center background image
```

- ✓ Customize borders and radius.



code

```
1 border # adds border
2 border-gray-300 # light gray border
3 rounded-lg # medium rounded corners
4 border-dashed # dashed border
5 rounded-full # circular shape
```

*Use `shadow-md` , `shadow-lg` for depth and elevation.*



## Responsive Design

- ✖ Tailwind uses a mobile-first approach. Add breakpoint prefixes to apply styles on larger screens.

code

```
1 sm: # ≥640px
2 md: # ≥768px
3 lg: # ≥1024px
4 xl: # ≥1280px
5 2xl: # ≥1536px
```

- ✖ Use breakpoints for mobile-first design.

code

```
1 sm:text-sm # small screens
2 md:text-base # medium screens
3 lg:text-lg # large screens
4 xl:text-xl # extra large
5 sm:p-2 md:p-4 lg:p-6 # responsive padding
```

- ✓ Built-in breakpoints: `sm`, `md`, `lg`, `xl`, `2xl`.

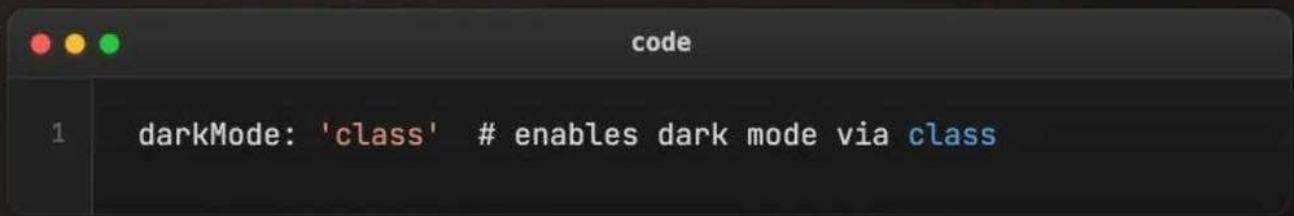
*Prefix utilities with breakpoints: `md:bg-blue-500` applies only on medium and larger screens.*



Save for later

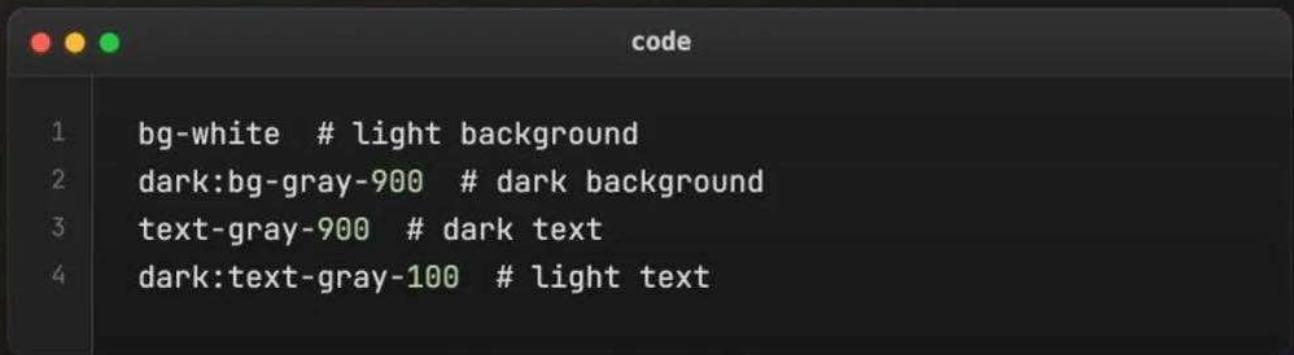
## 🌙 Dark Mode

📌 Enable dark mode in `tailwind.config.js`.



```
code
darkMode: 'class' # enables dark mode via class
```

✓ Apply dark variants to utilities.



```
code
bg-white # light background
dark:bg-gray-900 # dark background
text-gray-900 # dark text
dark:text-gray-100 # light text
```

*Toggle dark mode by adding `class='dark'` on the HTML or root element.*



## Components & Plugins

- ✖ Create reusable component classes with `@apply`.

A screenshot of a dark-themed code editor window titled "code". It shows a snippet of CSS code:

```
1 .btn-primary {  
2     @apply px-4 py-2 # padding  
3     bg-blue-500 # blue background  
4     text-white # white text  
5     rounded-lg # rounded corners  
6     hover:bg-blue-600; # darker on hover  
7 }
```

- ✓ Extend functionality with official plugins.

A screenshot of a dark-themed code editor window titled "code". It shows a snippet of JavaScript code defining a "plugins" array:

```
1 plugins: [  
2     require('@tailwindcss/forms'), # form styles  
3     require('@tailwindcss/typography') # prose content  
4 ]
```

*Plugins add utilities for forms, prose, aspect-ratio, and more.*