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Styling and Customization

My personal webpage featured an About Me section, where I talked about my interests and hobbies. I continued on a separate page, going more into depth about one of my favorite hobbies. More specifically, I described my interest in baking and for strawberry shortcake cupcakes. Because of this topic choice and the image of the cupcakes that I chose, I incorporated a pink color palette to match. I ensured that the shades of pink used were readable and used strategically to highlight portions of the webpage, such as for headers, the navigation bar, and important information. For each header or paragraph element, I made sure to adjust the padding and the margins until everything was spaced in a legible and non-cluttered manner. I used the font “Trebuchet MS” as my custom font because I find it easy to read, yet still clean and friendly.

I chose to center all of the content on my webpage because I prefer the look of a balanced webpage, especially when the information being presented is not extremely plentiful or complex. To expand on my choices for headings, I implemented a darker shade of pink and a larger font size for my main headers so users can understand the general topic of the page. On my webpage about cupcakes, I utilized a smaller font size and lighter shade of pink to still highlight this topic in comparison to the all black paragraphs, but keep it organized under the main header. For paragraphs, I set the width of the paragraph container to be smaller than the width of the screen as I believe it improves readability.

For my box/border element, I chose a darker purple-pink shade to define a clear border for the information within the box. I padded each side of the border so that the content would be easier to read. I gave the background a lighter pink color to further define this section as well as complement the rest of the webpage. I made the width of this box 35% of the webpage width because I wanted to make it stand out, and I found that all the information I wished to present fit sufficiently within this width.

My navigation bar was designed with colors that also matched the color palette. For the navigation links themselves, I spaced them appropriately and designed them in a different color to the bar color so that they could be read. I also got rid of the underline feature on the links as it provided a cleaner look. When hovering over each link in the bar, they turn hot pink so that users know what they are about to select. Additionally, I decided to put unordered lists within my ordered list elements on my second page because I found it appropriate for the recipe information I was displaying. I ensured that my numbers and bullets were contained inside my box, along with making each element readable via adjusting the spacing.