

Get a Domain Name:

Registering your own **domain name** gives your website a unique name throughout the Internet. Domain name registration is the act of staking out "mycompanyname.com" or something similar as your own. To find out if a domain name is available do a whois search at google.

Domain name registration prices vary, but should be \$35 per year or less (the best deals are much lower, but read the fine print; make sure you will legally own your domain name).

godaddy.com is one of the cheapest domain name registrars available. GoDaddy will strongly encourage you to purchase your web hosting service from them as well. And there's nothing wrong with their web hosting service. But keep in mind that you *do not* have to purchase domain name registration and web hosting from the same company.

Many web hosting companies can handle domain name registration for you in order to speed things along. They often offer the best deals on registration because they are counting on you to sign up as a hosting customer as well.

Choose a web host:

Next, you must choose a web hosting company to host your site for you. Hosting prices vary from \$5/month on up depending on the nature of your site and the amount of traffic you expect; extremely popular sites can expect to pay for a more expensive plan, or to pay extra bandwidth charges.

Things to look for in a web host:

24/7/365 support

Installed applications, php, mysql, cms's.

I like www.westhost.com

[Web Hosting Talk](http://www.webhostingtalk.com/)(<http://www.webhostingtalk.com/>)offers well-established forums in which to discuss the quality of various web hosting providers.

Build your site with Dreamweaver, connect with FTP

Create a site with Dreramweaver, and use the FTP feature to transfer files from your local computer to your host.