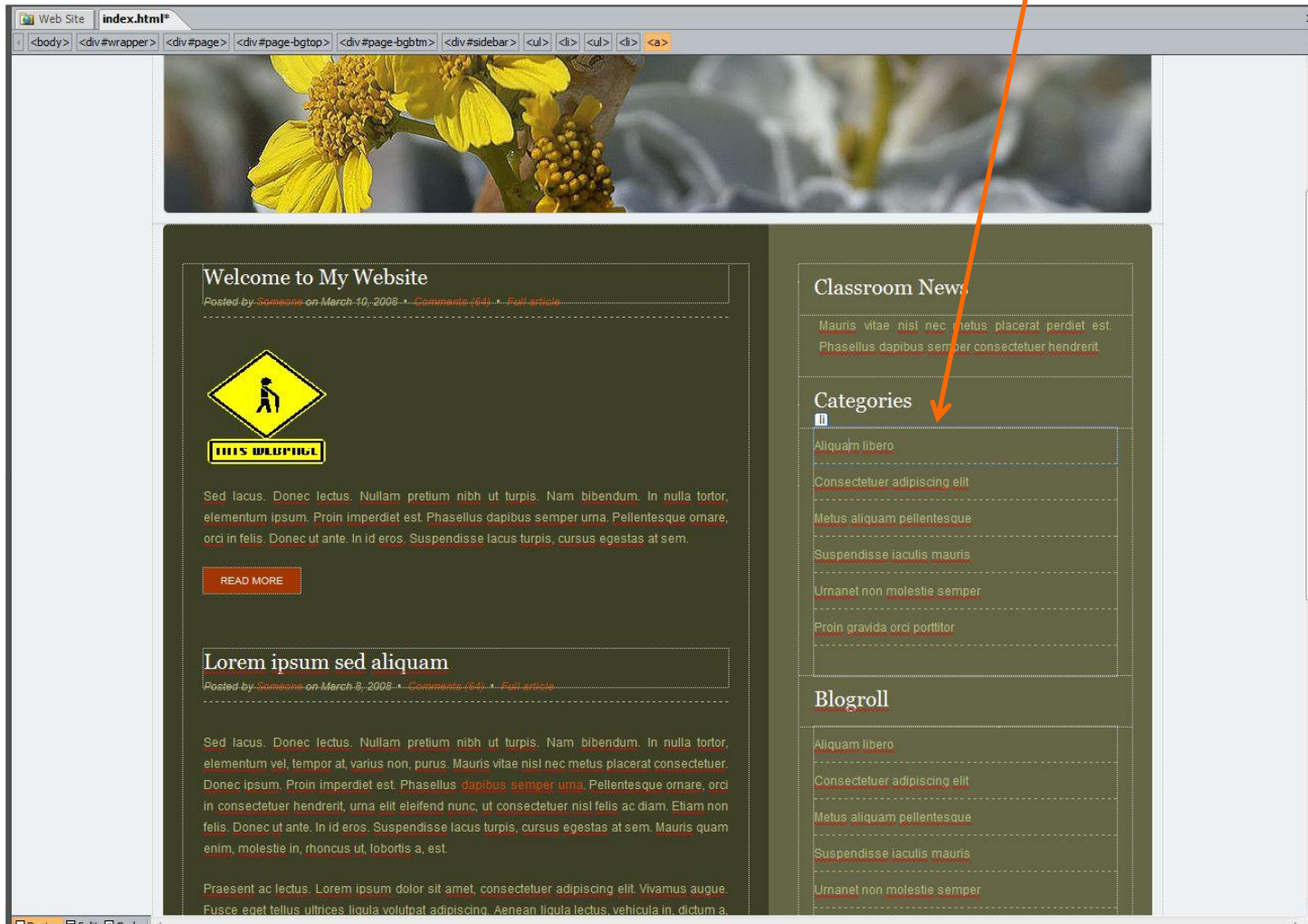




ADDING IMAGE BULLETS TO A LIST IN CSS

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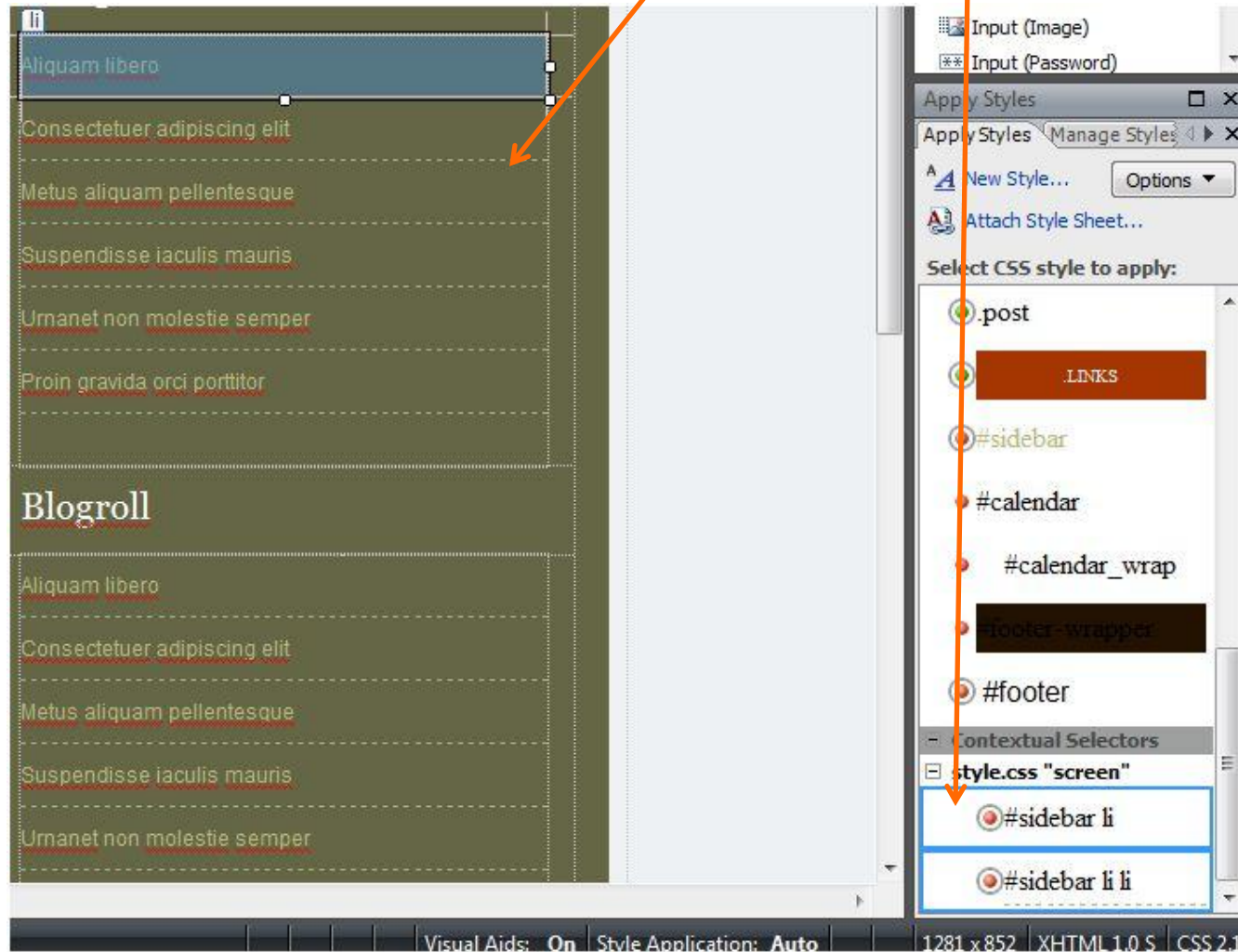
MANY CSS TEMPLATES WILL HAVE LISTS TO OFFER HYPERLINK POSSIBILITIES. THERE ARE MANY EDITING OPTIONS FOR YOU.



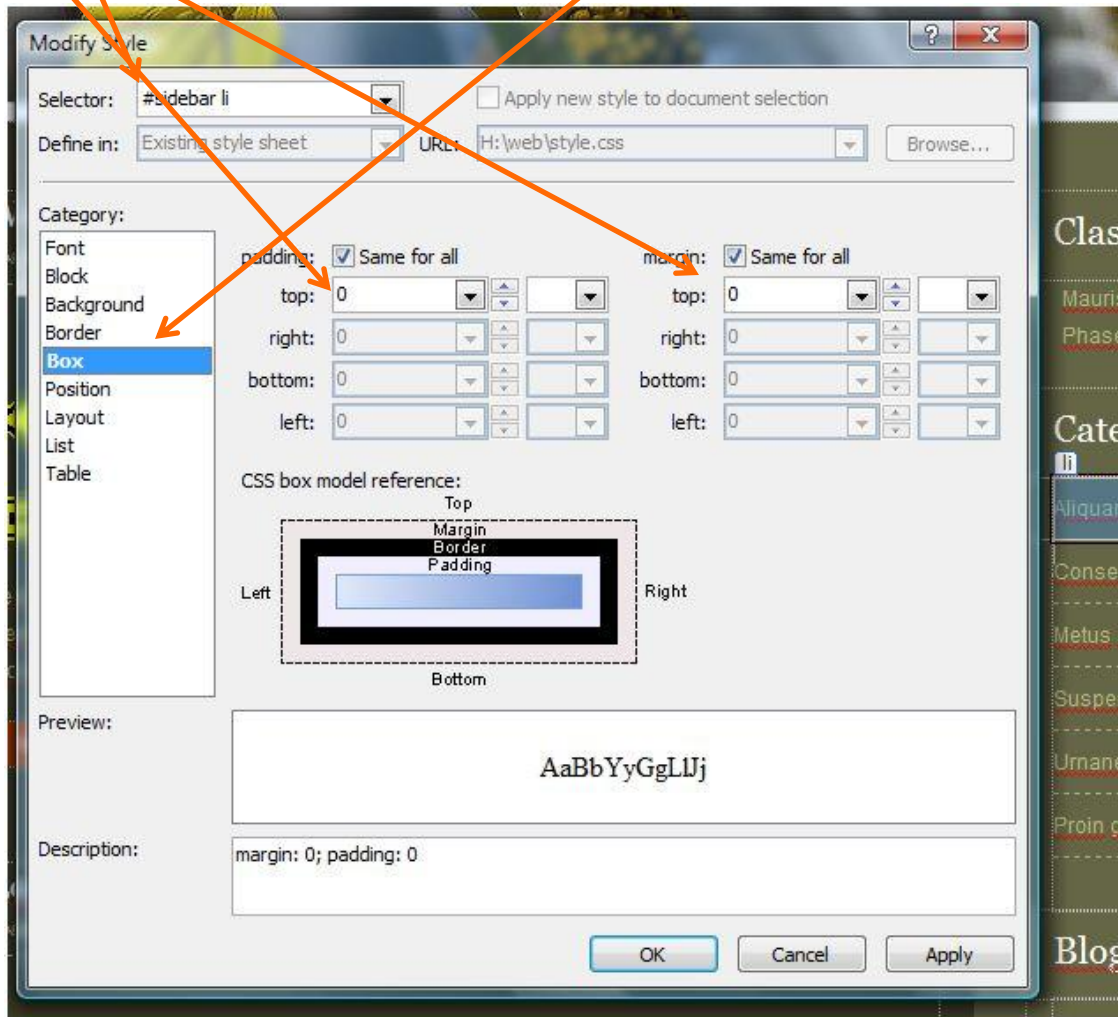
“LI” IS SHORT FOR LIST HERE IN THIS DIV. THE CSS STYLE SHEET GOVERNS HOW ALL INSIDE EACH OF THESE DIVS WILL BEHAVE. YOU CAN CHANGE THAT.



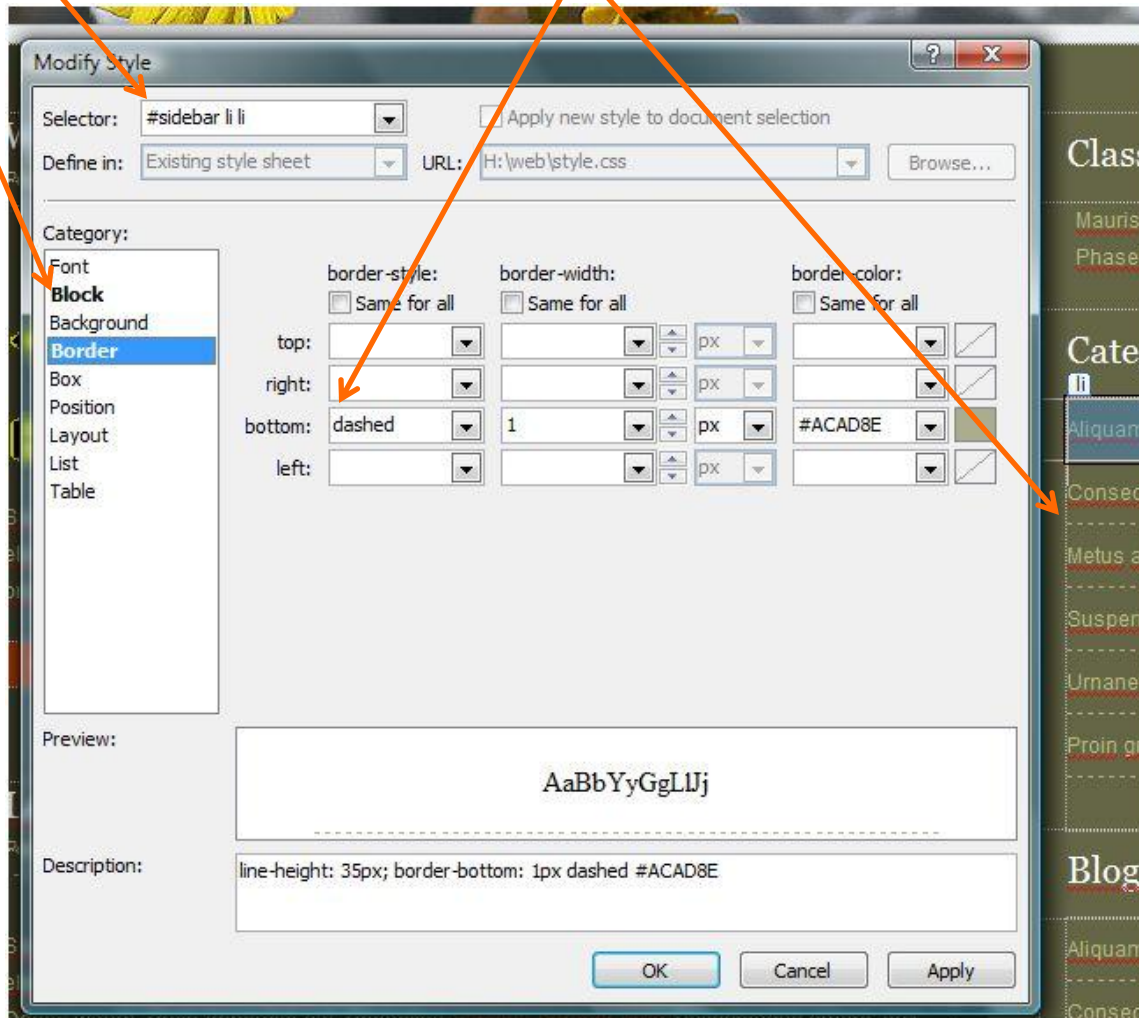
HERE, THE DESIGNER CREATED TWO STYLES (“SIDEBAR LI, SIDEBAR LI LI”) THAT GOVERN ANY LIST WITHIN THIS SIDEBAR DIV.



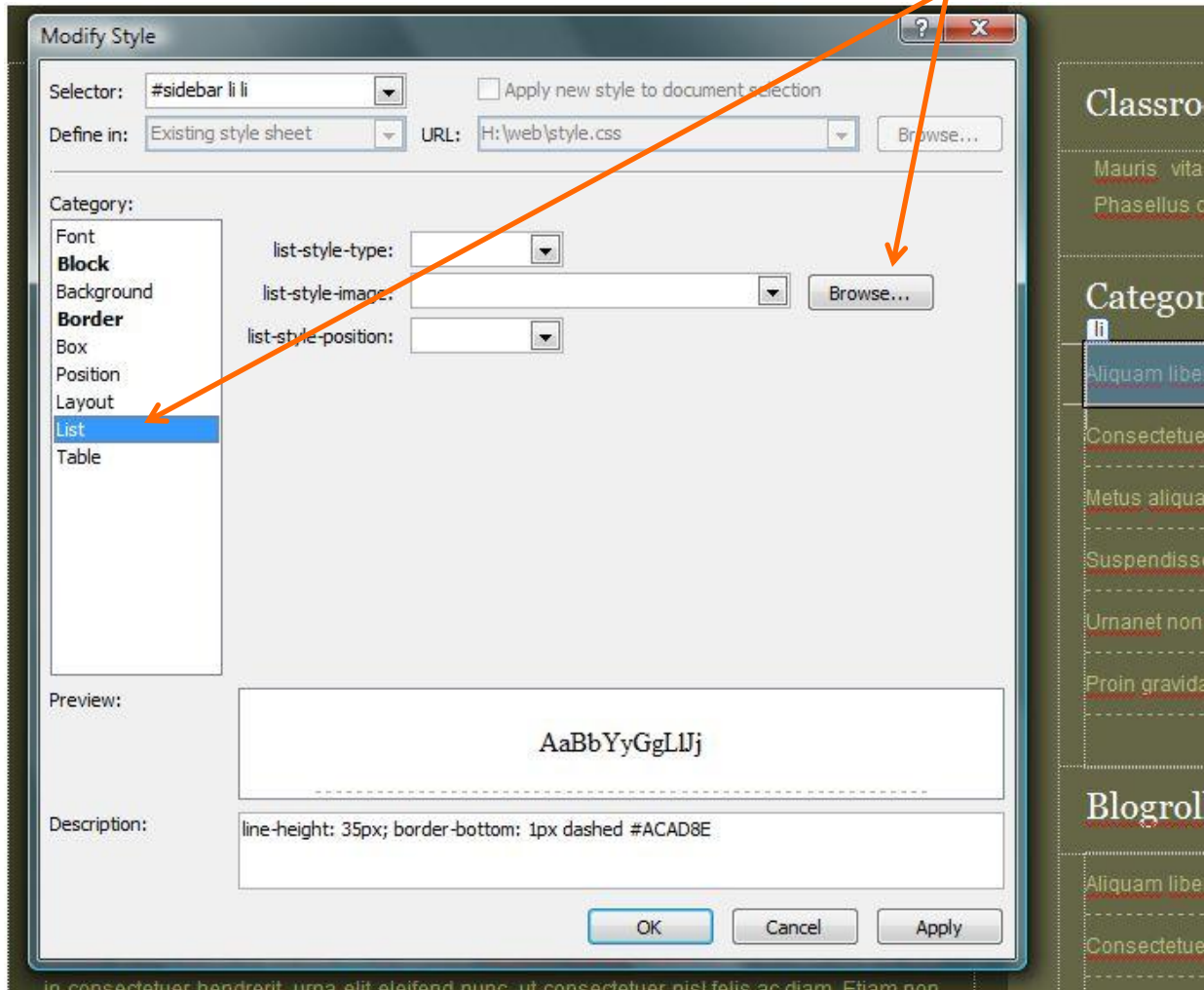
THE “SIDEBAR LI” ENSURES THAT THE “BOX” PROPERTIES WILL BE AT ZERO. SOME BROWSERS, BY DEFAULT, WILL ADD CHARACTERISTICS TO LISTS. JUST A SAFETY PRECAUTION.



“SIDEBAR LI LI” SETS A LINE HEIGHT (CREATES SPACE BETWEEN BOTTOM AND TOP OF FONT TEXT) IN “BLOCK” AND ADDS THE DASHED BORDER SEEN HERE.



TO ADD AN IMAGE BULLET, CLICK THE “LIST” CATEGORY THEN SELECT BROWSE TO FIND AN IMAGE YOU WANT AS THE BULLET.

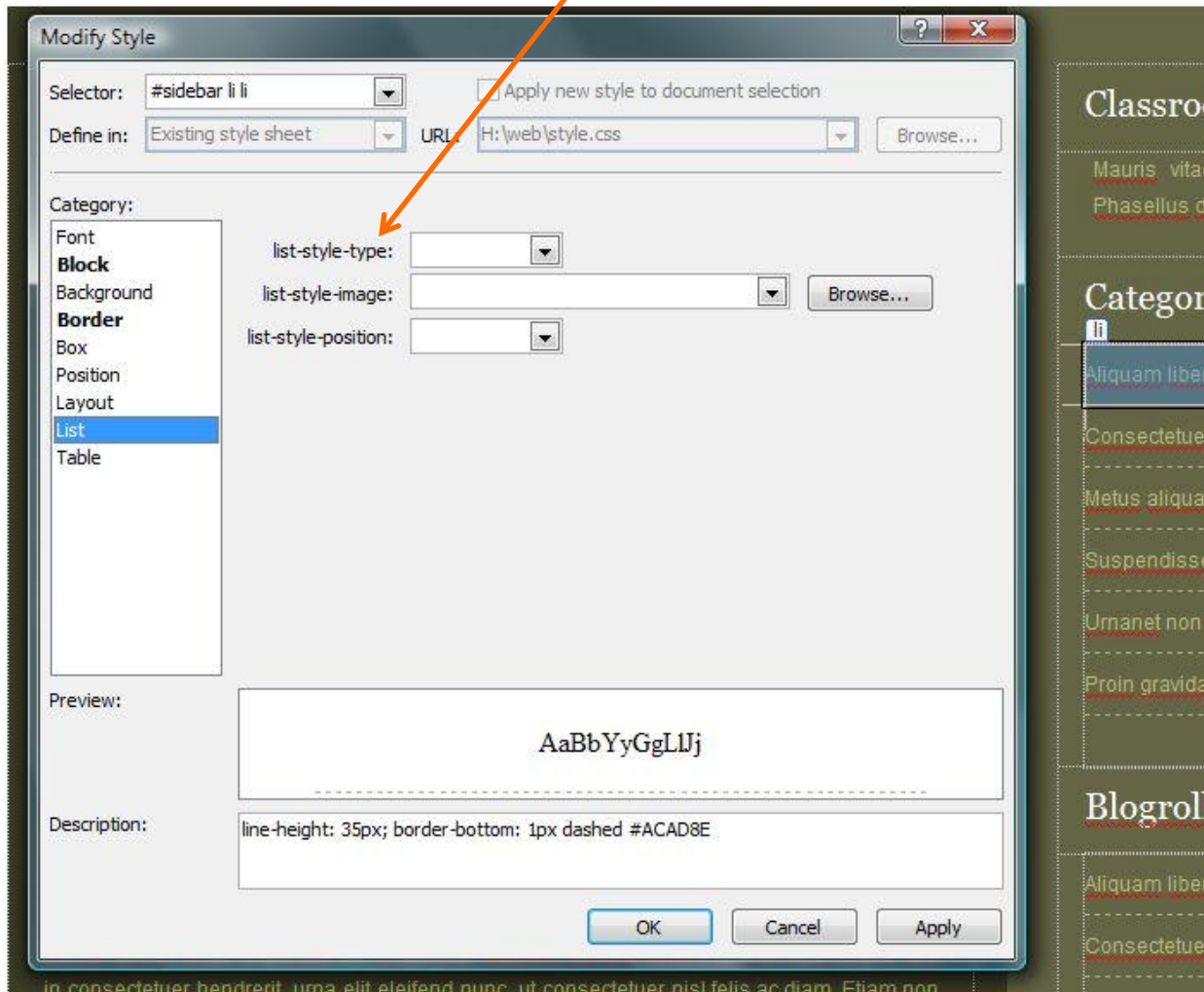


- Bullet 1
- Bullet 2

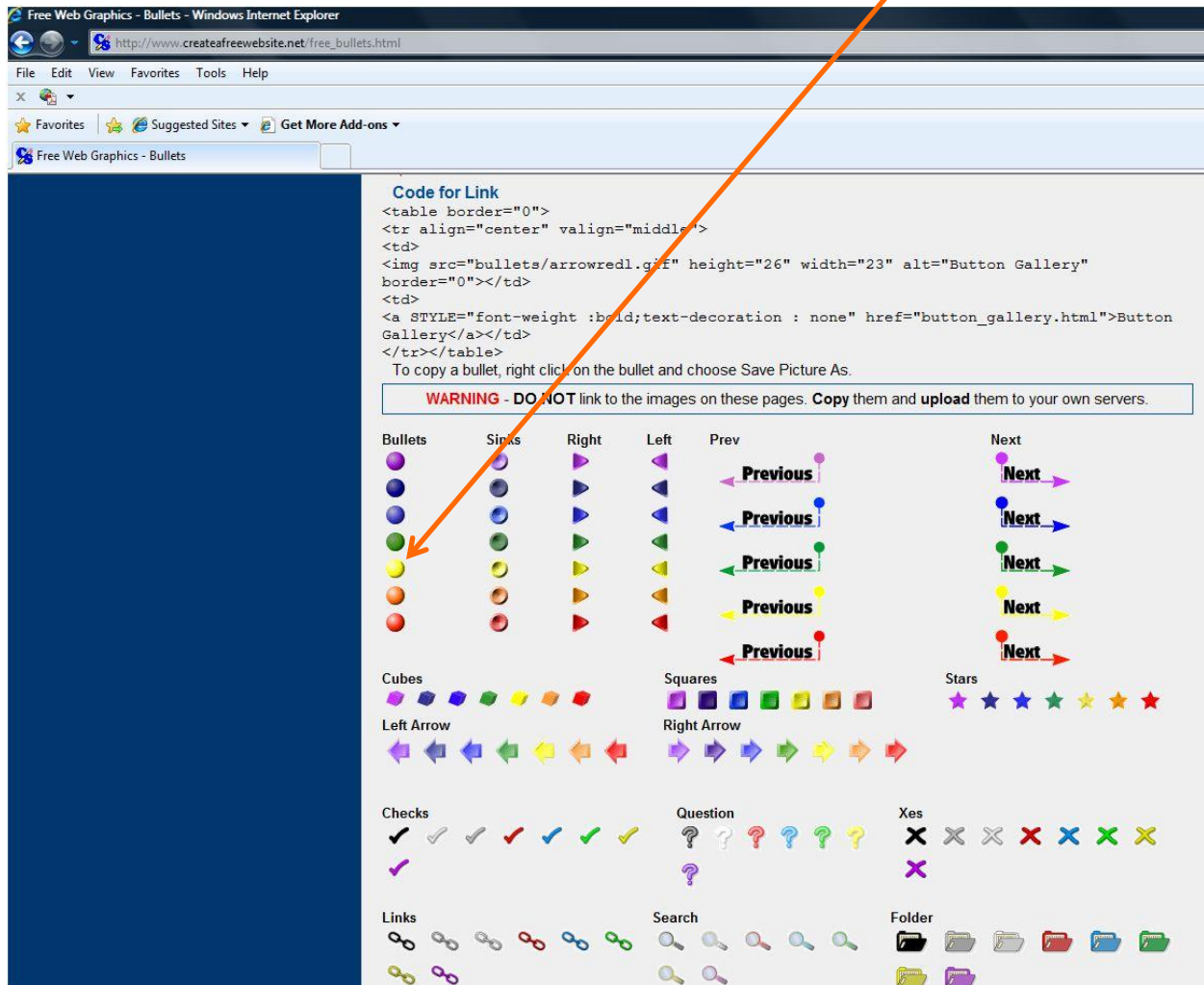
Example of an image bullet, rather than the boring black circle...you can use clipart here too.



YOU CAN ALSO USE THE DIFFERENT TYPES GIVEN IN EXPRESSION CSS. CLICK THE “LIST-STYLE-TYPE” DROP-DOWN MENU TO SEE IF THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT.



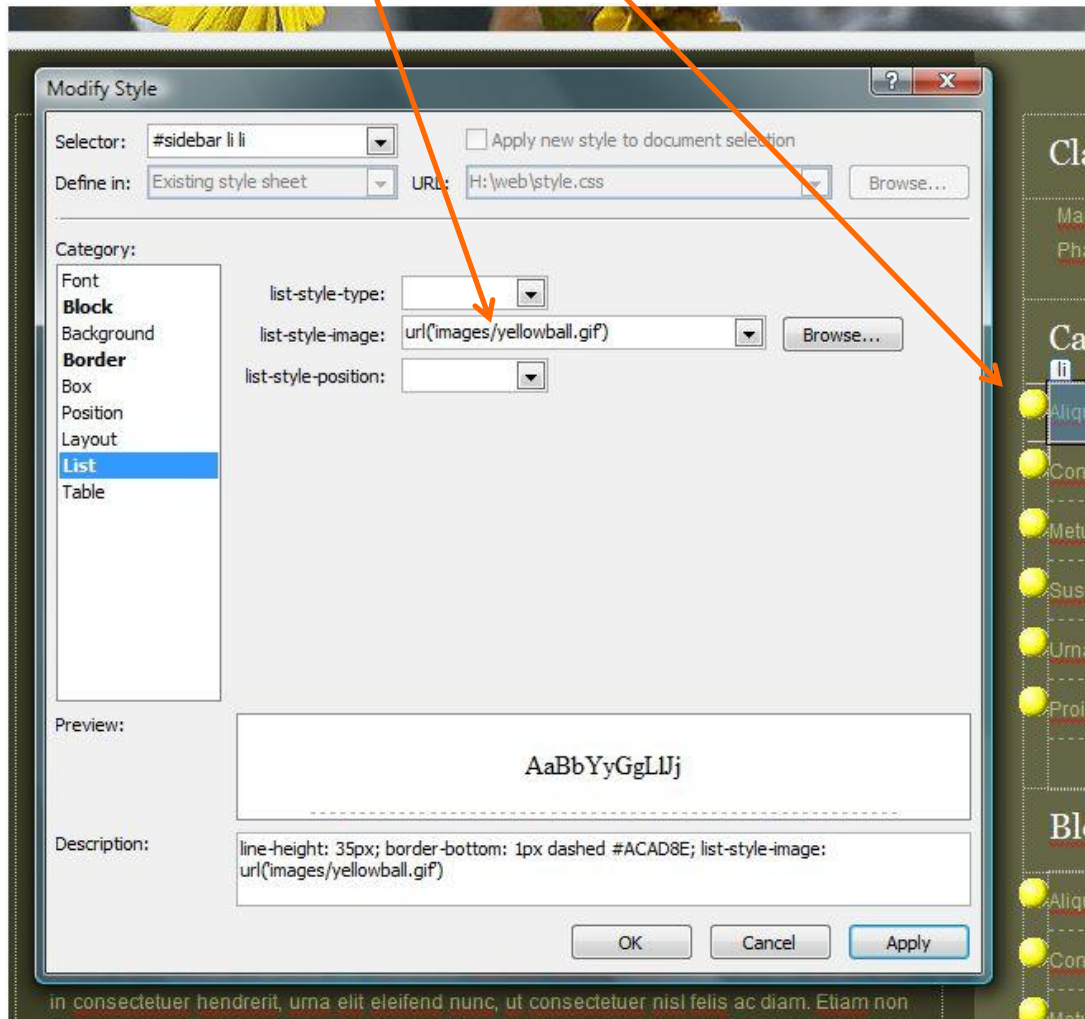
I TYPED “FREE WEB BULLETS” IN GOOGLE AND THIS IS A SITE LISTED. I RIGHT-CLICKED SAVED THE YELLOW BALL BULLET AND WILL USE THAT – MAKE SURE YOU SAVE IT AND THEN DRAG IT INTO THE FOLDER LIST. (SEE PREVIOUS TUTORIALS)



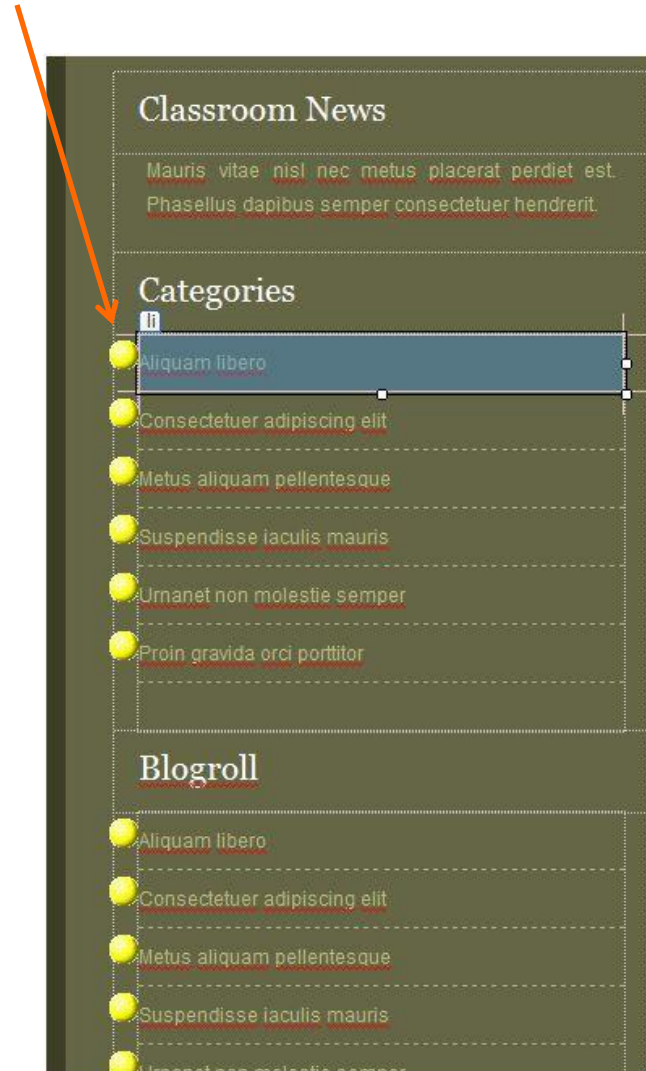
.gif image files are better to use given they can blend in to backgrounds better than .jpeg files. Try both to see the results.



HERE, “YELLOWBALL.GIF” IS LISTED AND YOU CAN SEE THEM AS THEY LINE UP FOR ALL DIVS THAT ARE PART OF THE LIST OR “SIDEBAR LI LI”



YOU CAN MODIFY THE POSITION. IT DEFAULTS TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE DIV BOX SHOWN HERE.



HERE I CHANGED THE “LIST-STYLE-POSITION” TO “INSIDE” AND THE BULLET IS NOW INSIDE THE DIV BOX.

The image shows a 'Modify Style' dialog box for a CSS selector '#sidebar li li'. The 'list-style-position' property is set to 'inside'. The dialog box also shows 'list-style-image' set to 'url(images/yellowball.gif)'. The 'List' category is selected in the left sidebar. The preview area shows the text 'AaBbYyGgLIJ;'. The description at the bottom of the dialog box reads: 'line-height: 35px; border-bottom: 1px dashed #ACAD8E; list-style-image: url(images/yellowball.gif); list-style-position: inside'. The background shows a web page layout with sections: 'Classroom News', 'Categories', and 'Blogroll'. The 'Categories' section shows a list of items with yellow ball bullets inside the list items. The 'Blogroll' section also shows a list of items with yellow ball bullets inside the list items. An orange circle is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.

THE TEXT WAS TOO CLOSE TO THE BULLETS, SO I CHANGED THE PADDING TO 5 PIXELS TO PUSH THE TEXT AWAY FROM THE BULLET.

The image shows a 'Modify Style' dialog box for a list item. The selector is '#sidebar li li'. The 'padding-left' is set to 5px. A diagram illustrates the CSS box model with padding highlighted. The preview shows the text 'AaBbYyGgLLJj' with a 5px left margin. The description shows the CSS rule: 'line-height: 35px; border-bottom: 1px dashed #ACAD8E; list-style-image: url(images/yellowball.gif); list-style-position: inside; padding-left: 5px;'.

Selector: #sidebar li li

Define in: Existing style sheet URL: H:\web\style.css

Category: Font, Block, Background, Border, **Box**, Position, Layout, List, Table

padding: Same for all

margin: Same for all

top: [] px

right: [] px

bottom: [] px

left: 5 px

CSS box model reference:

Top

Margin

Border

Padding

Left Right

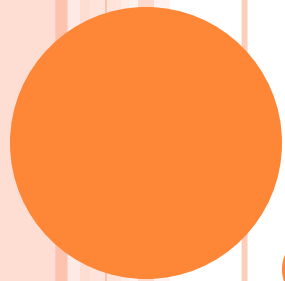
Bottom

Preview: AaBbYyGgLLJj

Description: line-height: 35px; border-bottom: 1px dashed #ACAD8E; list-style-image: url(images/yellowball.gif); list-style-position: inside; padding-left: 5px;

OK Cancel Apply





THE END

See links for image bullets in the Extra section of the Web Design Help site.