

## Styling an unordered `<ul>` list as a menu

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### The HTML for the list:

```
<ul>
  <li>item 1</li>
  <li>item 2</li>
  <li>item 3</li>
</ul>
```

### Step 1: Target the `<ul>` with CSS

Remove the bullet points, margin and padding of the list

```
ul {
  list-style-type:none;
  padding:0;
  margin:0;
}
```

### Step 2: Target the `<li>` with CSS

Place the list items in a line, if required\*. *Omit this step for a vertical menu*

```
ul li {
  float:left;
}
```

### Step 3: Target the links `<a>` with CSS

Most of the styling to change the appearance is applied to the links

```
ul li a {
  text-decoration:none;
  color:#000000;
  background-color:#C0C0C0;
  padding: 5px 10px 5px 10px;
}

ul li a:hover {
  background-color:#FFC13B;
}
```

For the vertical menu, add the CSS attribute of `margin-bottom:` to `ul li` a to prevent the menu items overlapping

**\*important**

Floating list items left will cause content in the page after the menu to move up beside it. The following CSS will fix this:

```
ul:after {  
    content: "";  
    clear:both;  
    display:block;  
}
```