

## Rounded Corners Stack

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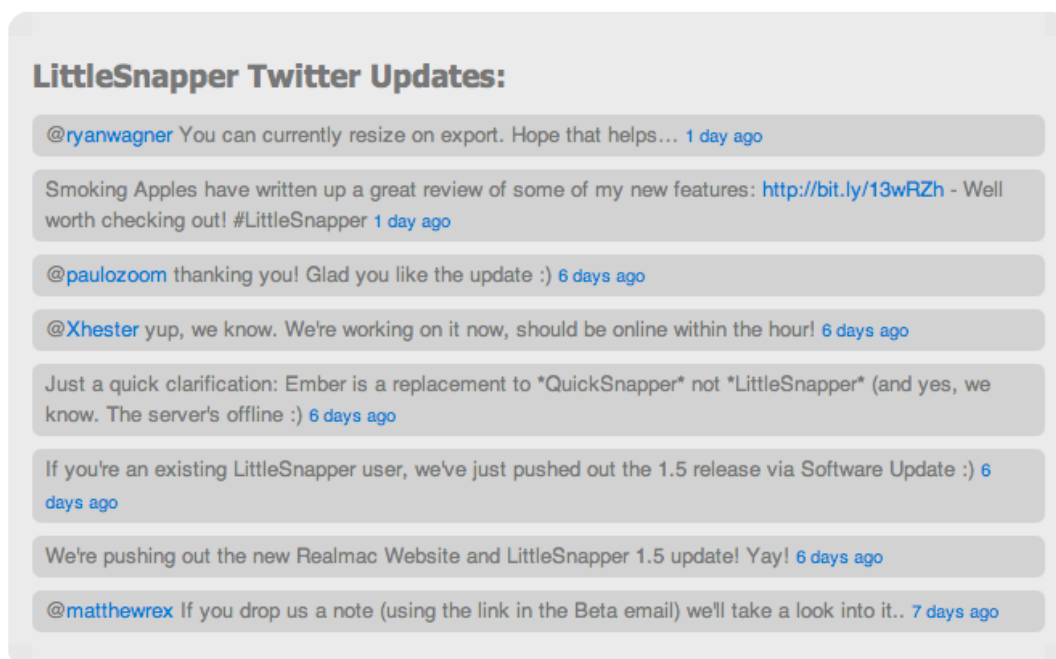
### About this stack

Rounded corners always look so easy and flexible to create in web designs, but in reality it is hard to find a method that offers true cross-browser compatibility. This stack relies on conventional images to create rounded corners on your stacks, so it is relatively easy to set up, offers true cross-browser compatibility and won't conflict with other scripts running in your page or slow down page rendering. It is a perfect stack to use in 'rounded corner' themes such as [Composition](#) or [Silk](#).

Here is an example of the rounded corner stack in use with a right floating image stack:



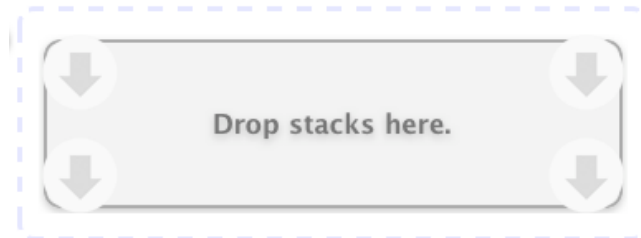
In this example pictured below, a Twitter stack was nested inside a rounded corner stack:



## How do I use this stack?

Start by installing the stack. As you are probably already aware, new stacks should be copied and pasted into `~/Library/Application Support/RapidWeaver/Stacks/` where `~` is the name of your home directory. Restart RapidWeaver for the new stack to become available.

Switch into edit mode in RapidWeaver and drag and drop the rounded corners stack into your stacks page like you normally do. You will see four placeholders for images in each corner like this:



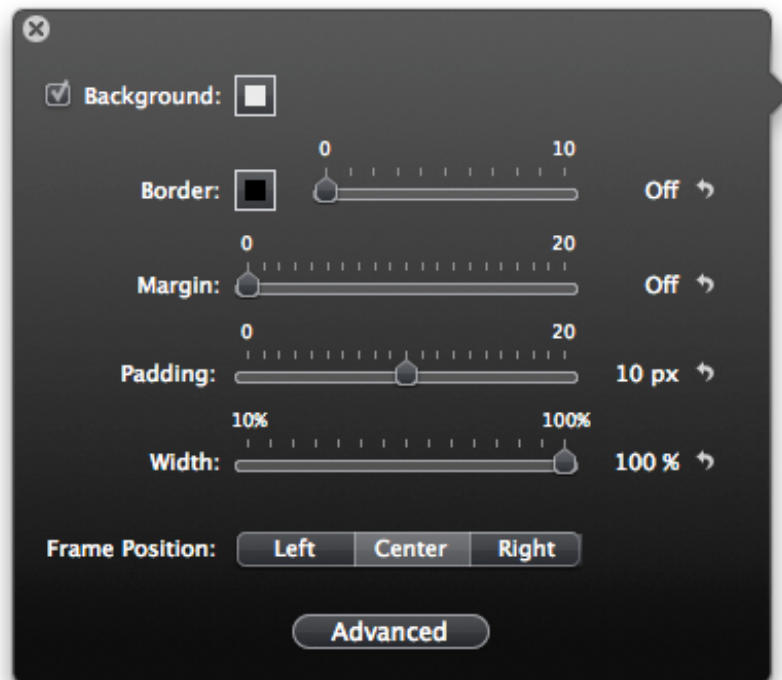
Your corner images can be dropped into each of the four image placeholders. You can make the rounded corner images yourself in a graphics editing program such as Photoshop, Gimp or VectorDesigner. Alternatively you may find it much quicker and easier to go along to one of many free online rounded corner image generators like [Rounded Cornr.](#)

While in edit mode in RapidWeaver, single click your rounded corners stack and open the inspector by clicking on the 'i' icon. This will reveal the Stack inspector, pictured below:



In the stack inspector, set the margin and padding settings down to 0px (zero). There is no need to change other settings here or apply background colour fills. Remaining in edit mode, drag and drop another stack into your rounded corners stack, such as a text, columns or image alignment stacks. This rounded corners stack is very robust, so you

should be able to nest almost any type of stack inside of it. Single click this second stack and click the 'i' icon to reveal the Stack inspector, which will look similar to the one pictured below:



Start customising this stack by ticking the background option and setting the background colour to match your rounded corners. Set the margin down to 0px (zero) but increase the padding slightly to push content away from your corners. In the example above, padding was set to 10px.

### Notes

There are no limits to the size of rounded corners you can use, but it is worth bearing in mind that stacks can only support padding up to 20px, so you should consider this as a limit unless you are prepared to nest your stack inside multiple stacks with padding applied.

Always use web safe images for your corners saved in a common format such as JPG, PNG or GIF. Images used in rounded corners should always have an ALT tag. You can specify ALT tags by double-clicking each individual corner image, opening the image inspector (by clicking the cog icon) and entering text in the ALT field. This will ensure your page passes HTML validation tests and is widely accessible.

You can safely use multiple rounded corner stacks within the same page.

### Questions, comments or suggestions for improvements?

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