USEFUL CSS

Let's assume you're referring to this HTML:

```html
<div class="usefulcss">Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,\</div>
```

**CHANGE FONT SIZE**

```css
.usefulcss {
  font-size: 10px;
}
```

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,

You can use px (pixels), % (percentage of inherited size), or em (1em is the same as the inherited size; 2em is twice the size).

**CHANGE FONT**

```css
.usefulcss {
  font-family: helvetica, sans-serif;
}
```

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,

List the fonts you like in order of preference. If the user has the first font installed, the text will display in that font; otherwise, the text will display in the first font the user has.

**CHANGE FONT COLOR**

```css
.usefulcss {
  color: red;
}
```

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,

You can use some color names or you can use special codes (“hexadecimal codes”) that refer to specific colors. See W3C Schools for a list.

**ADD A BORDER**

```css
.usefulcss {
  border: black 1px solid;
}
```

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,

You can use any color and any width (the width refers to the weight of the line). You can make your border dotted or dashed, too.

**ADD A BACKGROUND COLOR**

```css
.usefulcss {
  background-color: yellow;
}
```

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,

You can use any color you want!
ADD SOME SPACE BETWEEN YOUR TEXT AND YOUR BORDER

```css
usefulcss {
    padding: 5px;
}
```
The padding is the space between the text and the border.

ADD SOME SPACE BETWEEN YOUR TEXT AND THE NEXT PIECE OF CONTENT

```css
usefulcss {
    margin: 10px
}
```
This creates a 10-pixel margin around your content. You can also put margins only on one or a few sides. See W3C Schools to find out how.

NEED MORE CSS?

www.w3schools.com
The go-to place for figuring out what does what.

Ian Lloyd, *Build Your Own Website the Right Way Using HTML & CSS*, 3rd edition (SitePoint, 2006).
My favorite guide to HTML & CSS.

www.htmldog.com
Good tutorials on HTML and CSS.

I find that Lifehacker tutorials are usually well-written and easy to understand.

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