I hate group work.

Tips for surviving design-by-committee
Simple, shallow, appropriately branded site through which users can access the digital materials of both the State Library of North Carolina & the North Carolina State Archives.
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The steps

Separately compiled DL sites we could copy thought worked well.
Collectively isolated site features that appealed to the group, supported our goal.
Created a mockup using isolated features.
Refined mockup through committee/staff input.
## Browse by Place

Click on a link below to view items related to that place.

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Questions? Comments? Need Help?
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This is about: —Please choose one—

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The following collections contain items from the State Archives:
- Archives Treasures
- Black Mountain College
- Civil War 150
- GIS Data
- NC Family Records
- Raleigh History
- Travel and Tourism Photos

The following collections contain items from the State Library:
- Civil War 150
- Era of Progress & Promise
- Health Publications
- NC Awards
- NC Census Data
- NC Family Records
- NC Mosaic
- Public Library History
- Raleigh History
- State Government Publications
- Urban Development
The tips

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“User Interface Design- Taking the Good with the Bad” (Digital Web Magazine) http://bit.ly/duTjq
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Two to go:
“Death to Design by Committee”
“Why Design-by-Committee Should Die”

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