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WordPress Basics Class 3



Wordpress.com Blocks

Review a comprehensive list of all blocks available with WordPress.com.

<https://en.support.wordpress.com/wordpress-editor/blocks/>

Self Hosted Blocks

Functionality of your blocks is affected by your theme choice. You may not be able to find some functionality and so you will have to ask your theme provider or web designer.

Best Free Themes WordPress.com

Use the search filters on WordPress.com to find themes that have the features you want.

<https://wordpress.com/themes/free>

Best Free Themes for Self Hosted

- <https://www.codeinwp.com/blog/best-gutenberg-compatible-themes/>
- <https://thishosting.rocks/best-themes-gutenberg-editor/>
- <https://winningwp.com/best-free-wordpress-themes/>

Understanding Themes

This is the hardest part:



Get to Know Your Theme

What is under Appearance?

What is in the Customize section?

Is there a theme options section?

What is under Widgets?

Are there any other sections with special names?

Does the theme have a website you can visit and are there tutorials?

What Are Widgets?

Widgets are simply special areas of your website where you can display information. They are usually associated with sidebars and footers and sometimes homepages.

Standard widgets come with all WordPress sites. Themes and Plugins can also add widgets based on their purpose.

What is the Customize Section?

This area can include basic settings and shortcuts to certain settings, as well as theme specific settings that are added once your theme is installed and activated.

Where are Special Theme Options?

- Look on your left hand manu to see if your theme or plugins have added new sections.
- Look under Appearance and Customize for special options.
- Look under Settings for additional options that have been added.

Choose as Theme

1. Take the time to do your research.
2. Stick to simple options, don't over complicate things.
3. Start with what Wordpress suggests under the Appearance section.
4. Download and install themes and test them first.
5. Have some ideas of what you want for a background and a header. You can create your own or use what the theme comes with.

Choose as Theme

6. Search online for different types of themes and purchase one that is easier to use and has more support if necessary.
7. Read reviews and listen to the experts.
8. Make sure you choose a RESPONSIVE theme that can meet Google's new mobile-friendly standards.
9. Get opinions from people you trust.
10. Pay attention to the graphic specs your theme provides and edit your images or graphics properly.

QUESTIONS?



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