Canvas:

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The homepage of Canvas is completely customizable with neat layout controls in the theme option's panel. The below screenshot gives you a rough overview of the general layout.

Canvas

A hugely flexible WP theme with loads of layouts, templates & styling options.



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Canvas is responsive!

by Woo Themes on July 5, 2012 in General

Canvas is a theme that is near and dear to us here at Woo. Due to it's flexible nature and myriad of styling options and possibilities, Canvas has also become

somewhat of a framework or boilerplate for many of us and many members of the WooCommunity (it has, after all, become our flagship theme). Since [...]

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CHOOSE CONTENT LAYOUT IN THE THEME OPTIONS. CHOOSE BETWEEN A 1, 2 OR 3 COLUMN LAYOUT.

ALTERNATIVELY, APPLY A CUSTOM PAGE TEMPLATE TO YOUR HOME PAGE. (E.G. MAGAZINE OR BUSINESS)

quick video overview of Canvas

rk Forrester on February 9, 2010 in General

element of Canvas is highly customizable through our options panel, so an make the design, layout and typography exactly like you want. We at show you how to customize Canvas. View all videos here.

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Image in a post

by Mark Forrester on January 11, 2010 in Category 1, General

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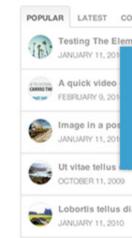
Testing The Elements

by Mark Forrester on January 11, 2010 in General, Sub Category 2

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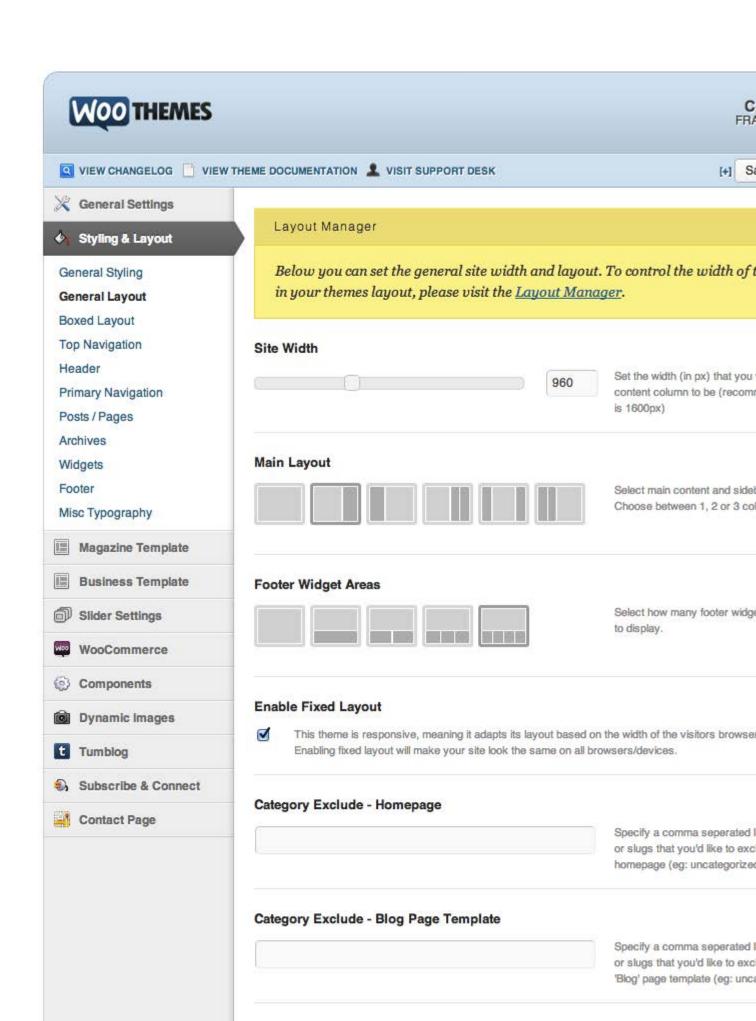


Please note: Canvas comes bundled with several <u>page templates</u>, any of which can be used as the homepage layout as well.

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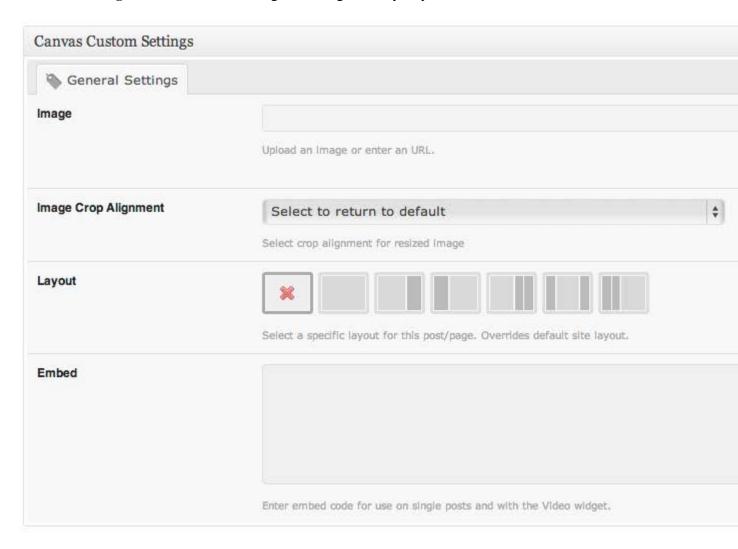
Canvas is different to most of our other themes in that we leave the design mostly up to you. We use our experience in usability and layout construction to create a clean starting point for you to design your website on top of. The options allow you to set general styling and layout, as well as styling for each section of your website (posts, pages, widgets, header, typography and more).

Go to Canvas > Theme Options > Styling & Layout to set the styling and layout of your site.



Set the layout per post or page

The column layout option can be overridden per-post or per-page as well, using the **Canvas Custom Settings** meta box when adding or editing an entry in your WordPress admin.



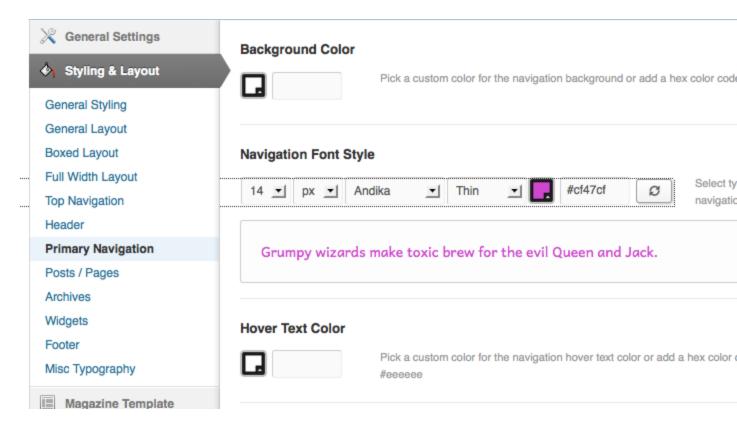
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You have complete control over your typography across your theme under the various sections under **Styling & Layout**. The **Misc Typography** options control only the basic typography, and you can **control the specific typography in the related section** e.g. Primary Navigation.

The typography option allows you to:

- Set the **font size** in px or em
- Select the **font** from <u>web-safe fonts</u> and <u>Google Fonts</u>
- Select the **font style**
- Select the font color

• **Preview** the current font selection

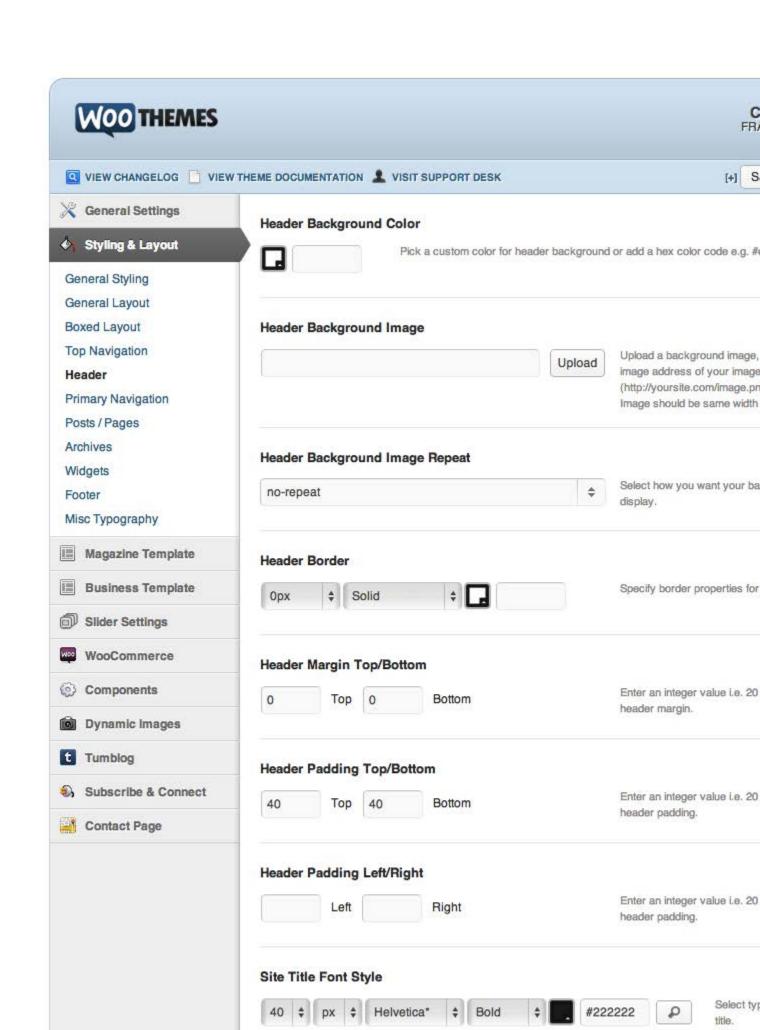


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The header is the first section of your website that your visitors will see. Therefore, it's important that your header showcases your brand and provides a clear menu for navigating your website.

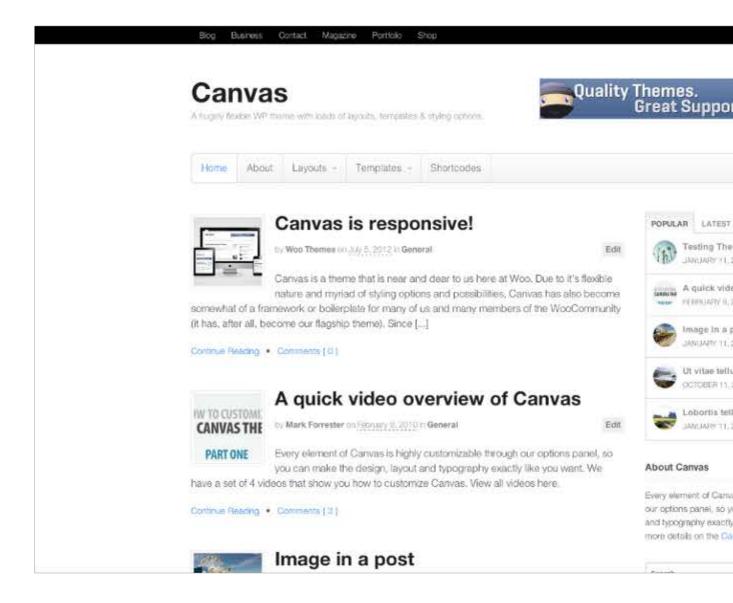
To get started with customising your header under **Canvas > Theme Options**, please use the following steps:

- 1. a Custom Logo under the General Settings > Quick Start screen.
- 2. Visit the **Styling & Layout > Header** section to optionally add a background image and header border.
- 3. Visit the **Styling & Layout > Primary Navigation** section to customise the look of your navigation menu (even the dropdown menus have options!)



Boxed Layout ↑ **Back to Top**

The **Boxed Layout** option, in the **Theme Options > Styling & Layout > Boxed Layout** section, allows you to place a box around your website's content and separate it from the background. This is best described in the below image.



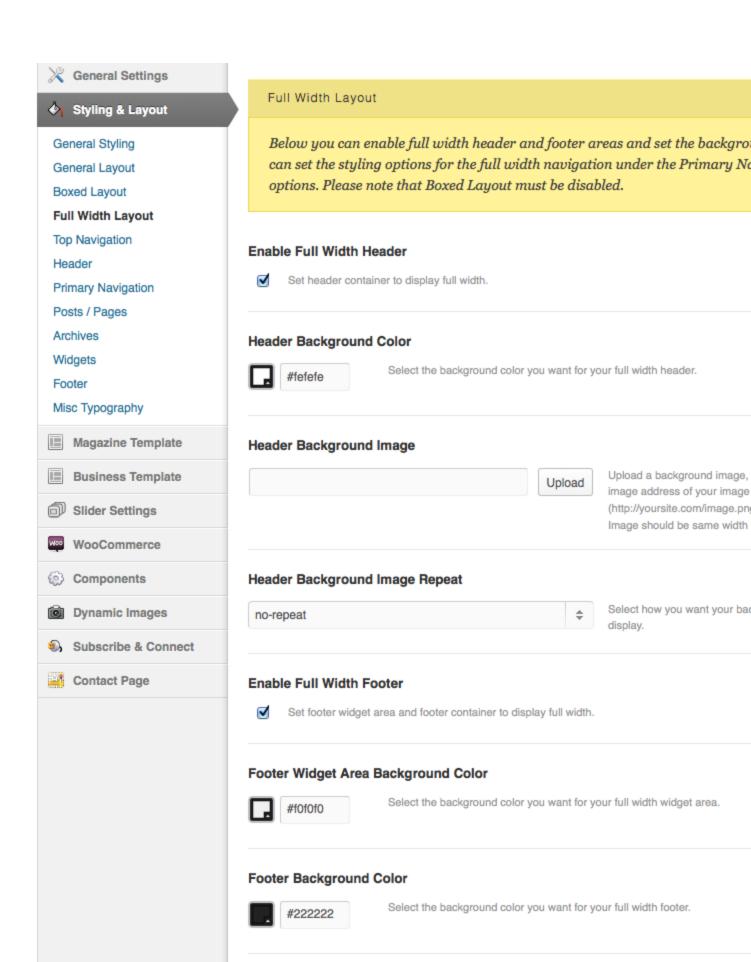
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Canvas 5.2 introduced a new full width layout option, which allows you to set your header, navigation and footer area to span the whole width of the browser.

This option can **not** be used in conjunction with the **Boxed Layout.**

Go to Canvas > Theme Options > Styling & Layout > Full Width Layout to set the following options:

- Enable Full Width Header option to make your header and navigation full width
- Set the color of your **Header Background Color** or upload a **Header Background Image**
- Go to Styling & Layout > Primary Navigation to change the navigation styling
- Enable **Full Width Footer** option to make your widgetized footer and footer area full width
- Set the color of your Footer Widget Area and Footer Area



Magazine Template ↑ **Back to Top**

Canvas includes a Magazine page template which includes a featured post slider and a grid based post layout.

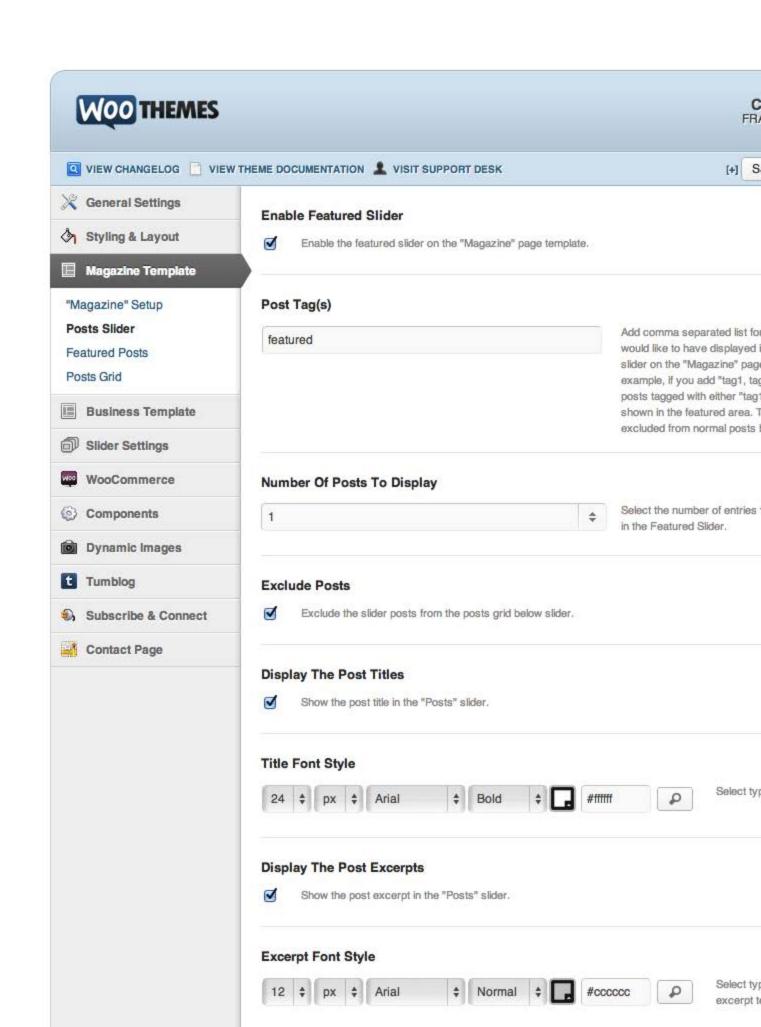
To set up the Magazine page template:

- 1. Add a new page with the Magazine page template
- 2. Go to **Canvas > Theme Options > Magazine Template** to set up your template

Setup the posts slider

The magazine template slider uses posts which have a featured image.

- 1. Enable the slider in **Magazine Template > Posts Slider**
- 2. Set which post tag to use in **Post Tag(s)** field
- 3. Add a new post or edit an existing post and tag your post with this tag
- 4. Add a <u>Featured Image</u> to the post

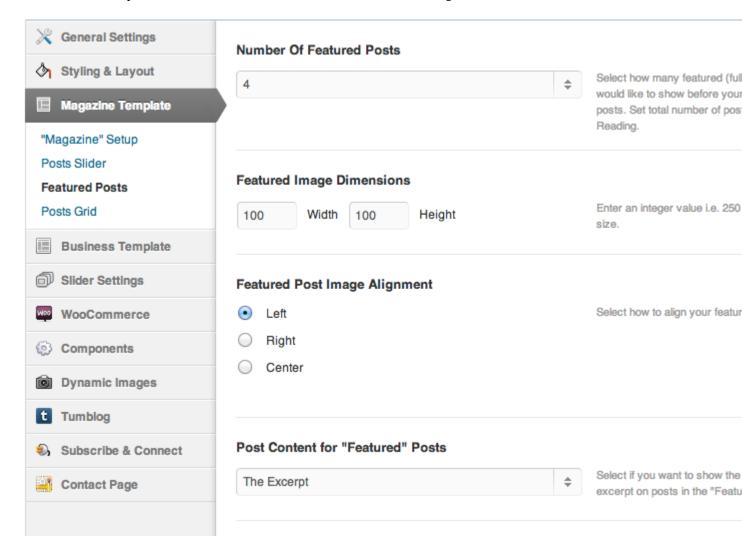


Setup the featured post

The magazine template has an option to show a full width post below the posts slider and above the post grid layout.

Go to Magazine Template > Featured Posts:

- 1. Select the **Number of Featured Posts** to show
- 2. If you have added a Featured Image to the post, you can control the size and layout
- 3. Select if you want to show the Full Content or The Excerpt

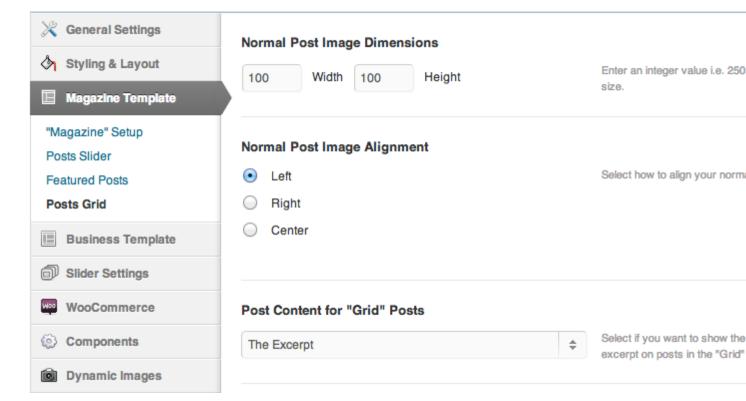


Setup the posts grid

The magazine template has a custom post grid layout.

Go to Magazine Template > Posts Grid:

- 1. If you have added a Featured Image to the post, you can control the size and layout
- 2. Select if you want to show the **Full Content** or **The Excerpt**

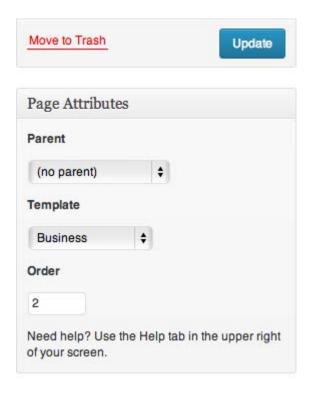


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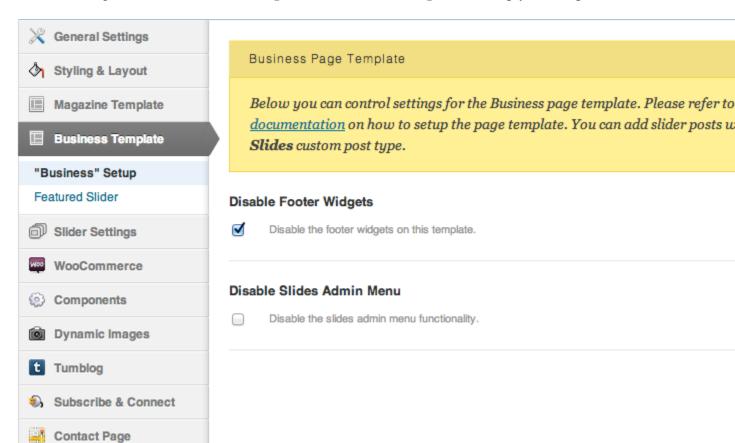
Canvas includes a Business page template which includes a featured slider page content below the slider.

To set up the Business page template:

- 1. Add a new page.
- 2. Go to: **Page Attributes > Template** option to select the **Business** page template.

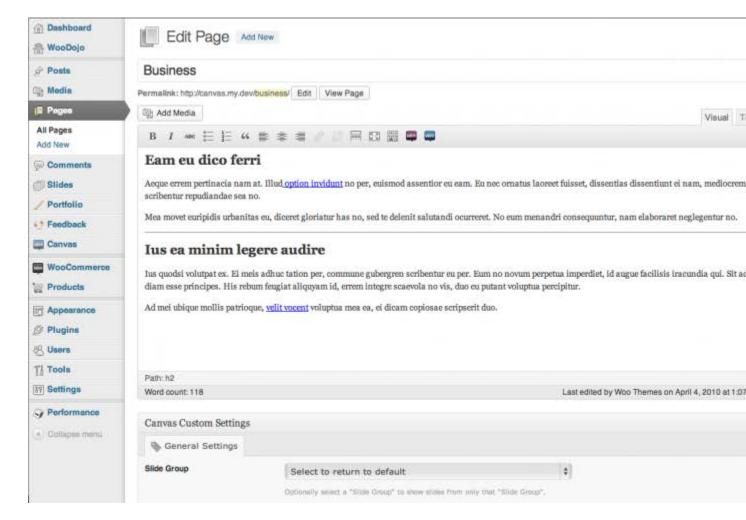


1. Next, go to: **Canvas > Theme Options > Business Template** to setup your template.



Content and sidebar setup

The content in the main column below the featured slider is the content on the page you set as your business page template as shown below. Unlike normal pages, the Business page template does not output a page title. This is to make it more flexible, as you can add your own title to the content of the page using a h2, h3, or h4 tag or leave it out completely.



If you want a unique sidebar for the business page, simply use the <u>WooSidebar</u> plugin to add a custom sidebar. If you use a 3 column layout for your page, the second sidebar will be the normal **Secondary** sidebar.

Featured Slider Setup

To setup the Featured Business Slider you will need to:

- 1. Add Slides.
- 2. Add Slides to a Slide Group.
- 3. Configure the Business Slider Theme Option Settings.

Add Slides to the Business Page Template

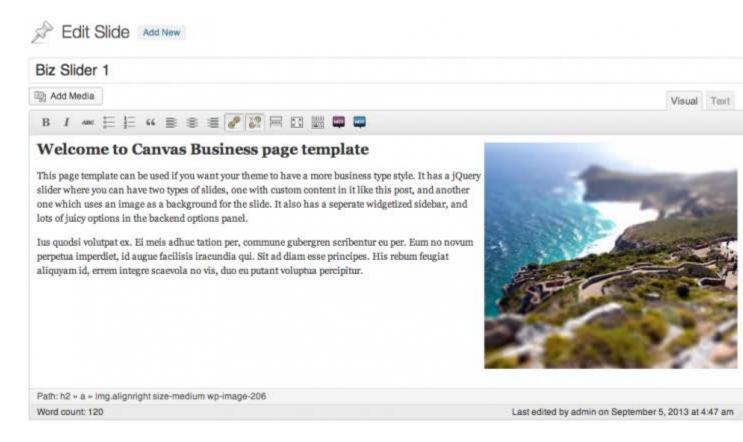
When adding slides you have two options, you can have an image fill the entire background area of the slide, or you can use the slide page layout instead.



Example of setting a Featured Image for the image to fill the background of the slide.

To add a slide to the business page template:

- 1. Go to: **Slides > Add New**.
- 2. Add slide content in the main content area, including a title and description.
- 3. Add the slide to a **Slide Group** or **Add a New Slide Group**.
- 4. If you want the image to fill the entire background of the slide add a <u>Featured Image</u> for the slide. The example below shows an image embed in the post of the slide aligned to the right.
- 5. Scroll down to review additional options in **Canvas Custom Settings** to optionally enter a URL to link the slide.
- 6. **Publish** slide to save.

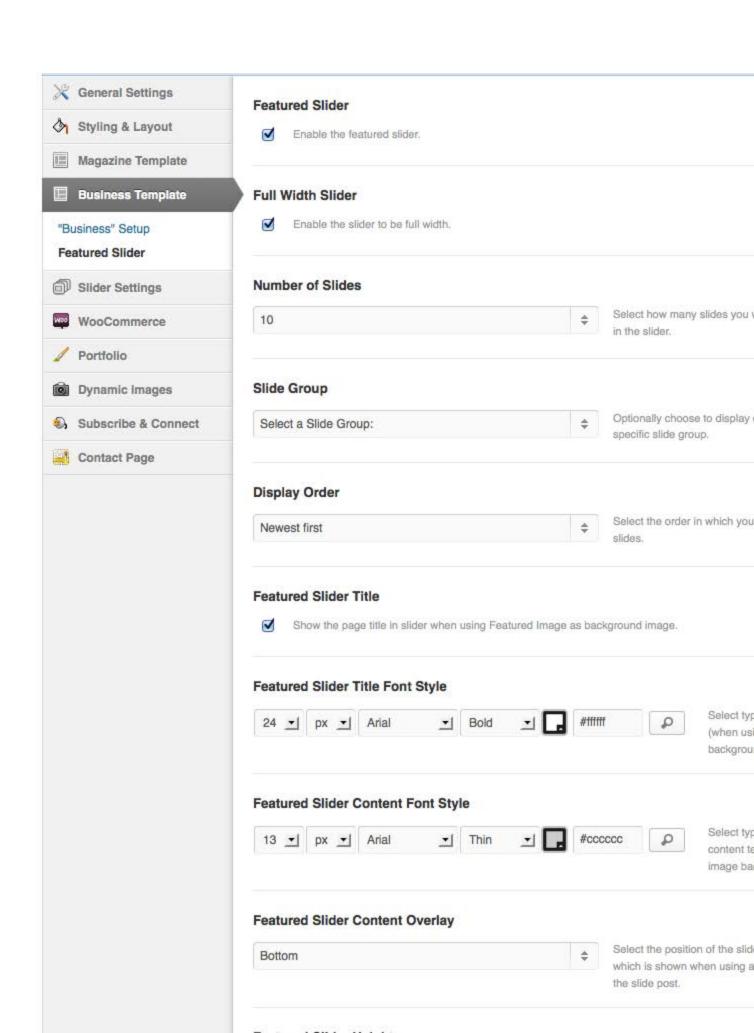


Add a new slide and add this to a Slide Page for your Business Slider.

Business Slider Theme Option Settings

To complete the setup of your Business Slider:

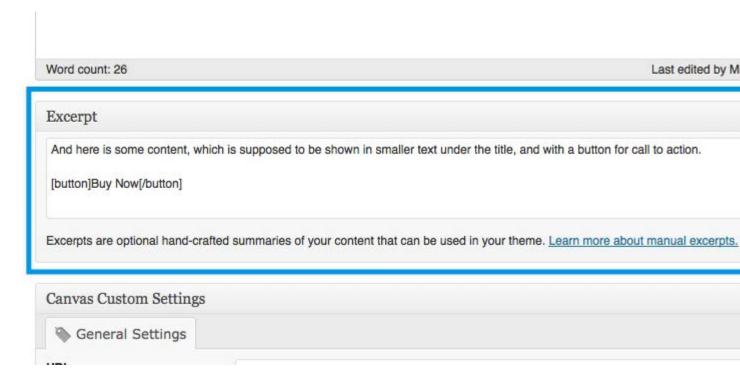
- 1. Go to: Canvas > Theme Options > Business Template > Featured Slider to Enable the featured slider.
- 2. Choose if you want the slider to be normal or **full width** to span the width of your browser window.
- 3. Select the **Number of slides** you would like to display.
- 4. Optionally select the **Slide Group** to show, if you are using WooSlider plugin.
- 5. Optionally configure the remaining settings for order, title, fonts, overlay position and height.
- 6. Save All Changes once complete.



Business Slider Theme Option Settings

Add a Button to a Slide

If you'd like to add a button to your slide you can use the <u>button shortcode</u>. To add a button or any other shortcode, you'll need to add it to the **Excerpt field**.



Add shortcode to the Excerpt field

If the Excerpt field is not visible on your Slide page, you need to enable it in **Screen Options** (upper right corner).

To learn more about all WooThemes Shortcodes please see our tutorial here: <u>WooThemes Shortcodes</u>

Set a page as Homepage ↑ Back to Top

To setup a page template as homepage, visit **Settings > Reading** and select your newly created page as static front page:

Reading Settings

Front page displays	○Your latest posts • A static page (select below)
	Front page: Business Posts page: Blog
Blog pages show at most	5 posts
Syndication feeds show the most recent	10 🛊 items
For each article in a feed, show	Full text Summary
Search Engine Visibility	Discourage search engines from indexing this site It is up to search engines to honor this request.
Save Changes	

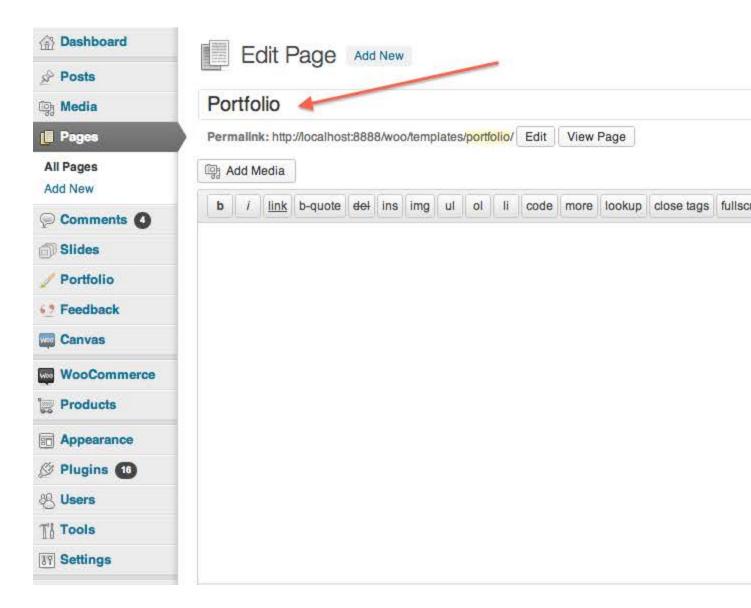
Please refer to our <u>Menu documentation</u> on how to customize your menu after adding a static page as homepage.

Portfolio Back to Top

This theme includes a portfolio custom post type which can showcase your work or products on the dedicated portfolio page template of your site. View our video and follow the steps below to add a portfolio to your site.

Add a Portfolio Page

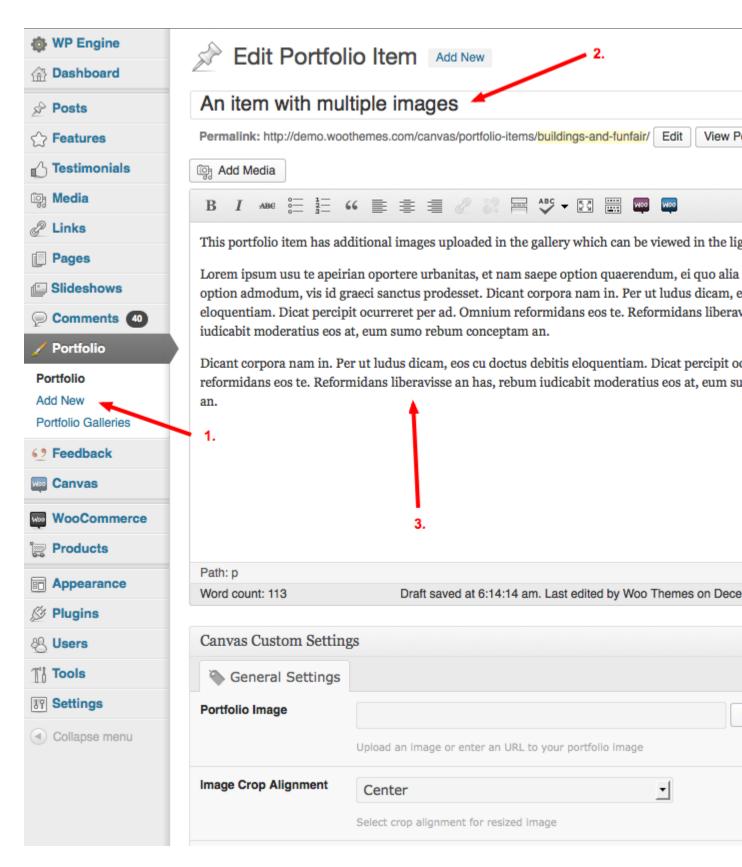
- 1. Go to Page > Add New
- 2. Add a **title** to the page e.g. "Portfolio"
- 3. Select the Portfolio page template in the Page Attributes panel on the right
- 4. Publish your page!



Add a Portfolio Post

The portfolio section uses a custom post type called **Portfolio**, obviously. This is how you add a new portfolio post:

- 1. Go to **Portfolio > Add New**
- 2. Add a title
- 3. Add text in the **content area** to describe your post
- 4. If you want, select a **Portfolio Gallery** or create a new one
- 5. Click **Set Featured Image** and upload your image(s) and set one as the featured image
- 6. Click Publish



Add multiple images to portfolio item

You can add more than one image to you your post by uploading multiple images in **step #5 above**. After you have uploaded the images, click **Save Changes or close the upload window**. The images that you upload will **automatically be shown** on your portfolio post.

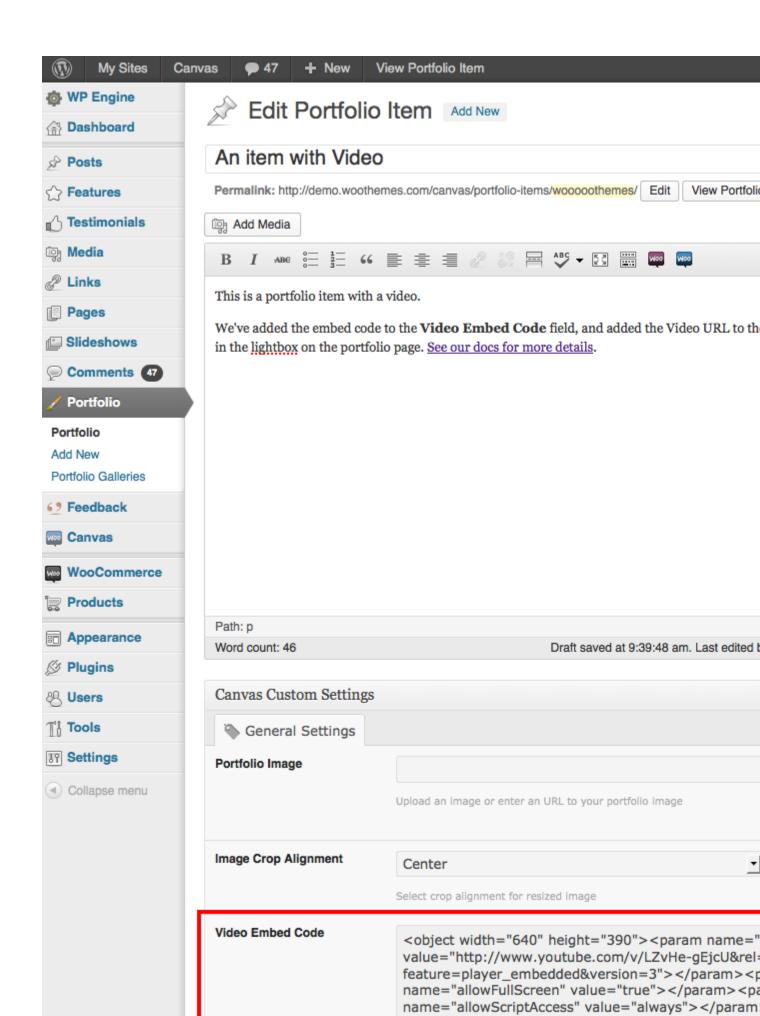
Do not insert the images directly into your post, as the images you upload will automatically be shown by the theme.

WordPress can't "attach" previously uploaded images in your media library. **They need to be uploaded to the post to be "attached"**. Only "attached" images are shown in the portfolio.

Add a video to portfolio item

You can have a portfolio item include a video like this:

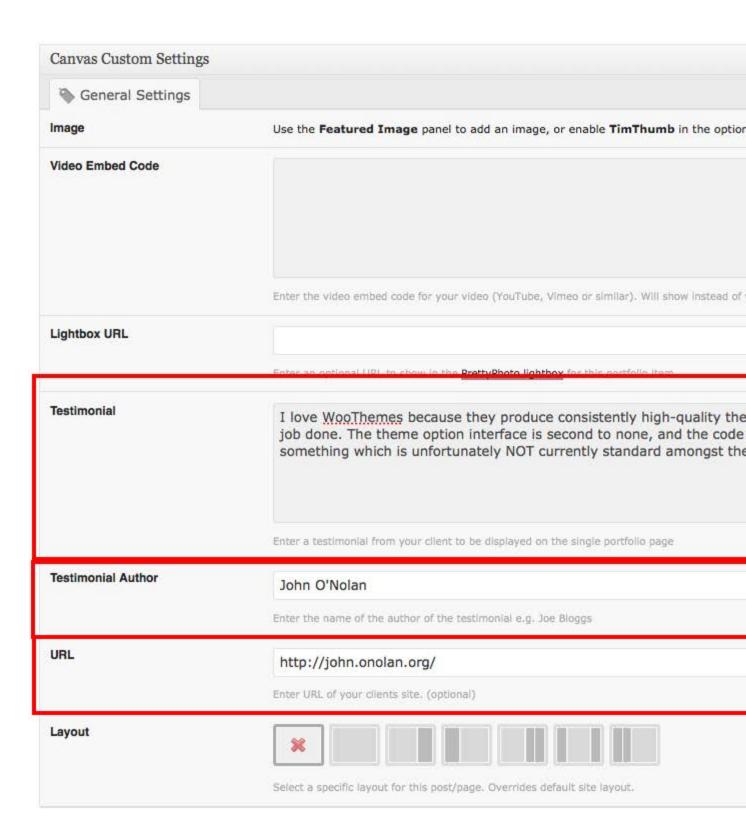
- 1. Go to **Portfolio > Add New** and add a **Featured Image**
- 2. Add your embed code to the Video Embed Code field
- 3. Add the video URL to the **Lightbox URL** field (YouTube or Vimeo only)



Add a testimonial to portfolio item

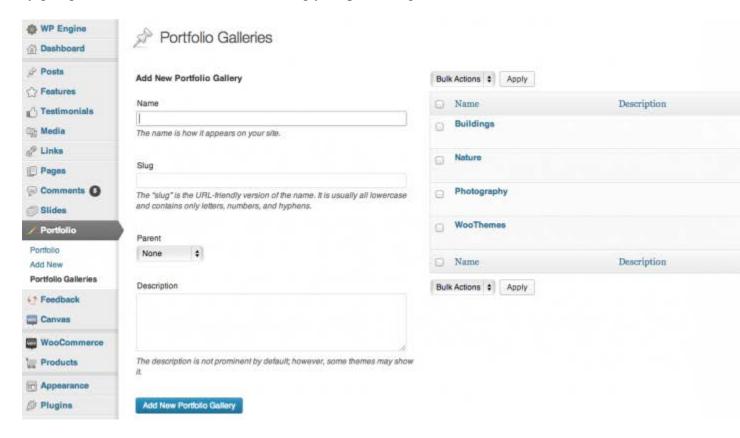
You can add a link to the client website and a testimonial in the Canvas Custom Settings:

- 1. Add the testimonial to the **Testimonial** field
- 2. Add the name in the **Testimonial Author** field
- 3. Add the address to the website in the **URL** field



Portfolio Galleries

Portfolio galleries are simply ways to categorize your portfolio section. You can create galleries by going to **Portfolio > Galleries** and adding your portfolio galleries:



Creating Galleries will enable sorting on the portfolio section of your site to help filter the portfolio items:



Features & Testimonials Back to Top

Canvas includes support for our free <u>Testimonials by WooThemes plugin</u> and <u>Features by WooThemes plugin</u>, which allows you to add **features** or **testimonial** blocks to any post or page. Canvas has styling and support for one to six columns for both plugins.

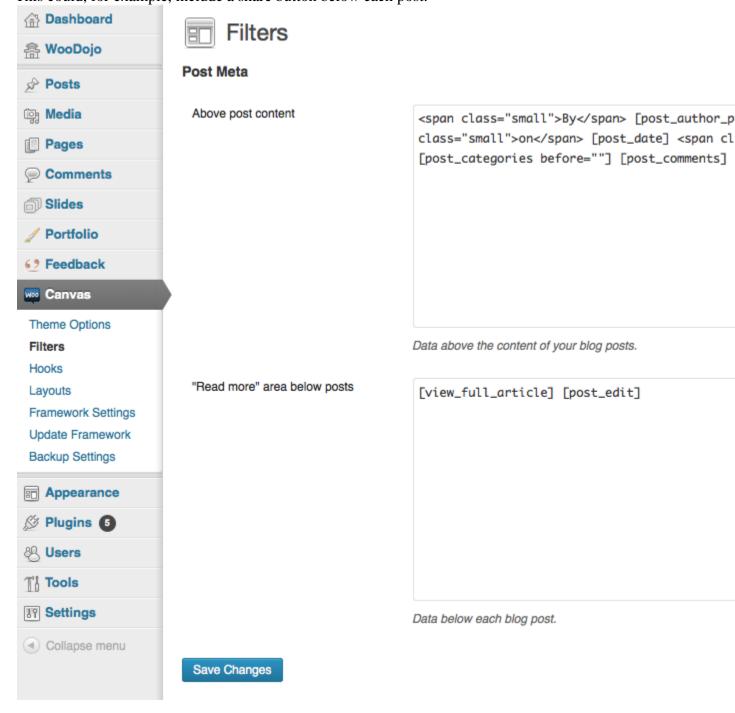
See our demo for examples of <u>features</u> and <u>testimonials</u>.

These plugins are only fully supported in **Canvas version 5.5.0**+. Testimonials replaces the previously used **Feedback** post type.

Filters (Post Meta) ↑ Back to Top

Use the Filters to customise the "Above Post Content" and "Read More" sections of each post on your website.

Use shortcodes, HTML and text in these sections to display your desired content in each section. This could, for example, include a share button below each post.



Shortcodes

As mentioned above, these new shortcodes have been designed to work with the Filters, primarily. Each can, however, function independently of it. The main shortcodes to note are:

• [view_full_article] - Link to read the full post.

- [post_date] The post date.
- [post_time] The post time.
- [post_author_link] The post author (link to the author's website).
- [post_author_posts_link] The post author (link to the author's posts archive).
- [post_comments] Comments for the post.
- $[post_tags] Tags$ for the post.
- [post_categories] Categories for the post.
- [post_edit] "Edit" link for the post.

Each shortcode is also pluggable (it can be overridden by child themes) and filterable using the following filter naming convention: woo_shortcodecode_shortcode (for example, woo_post_date_shortcode).

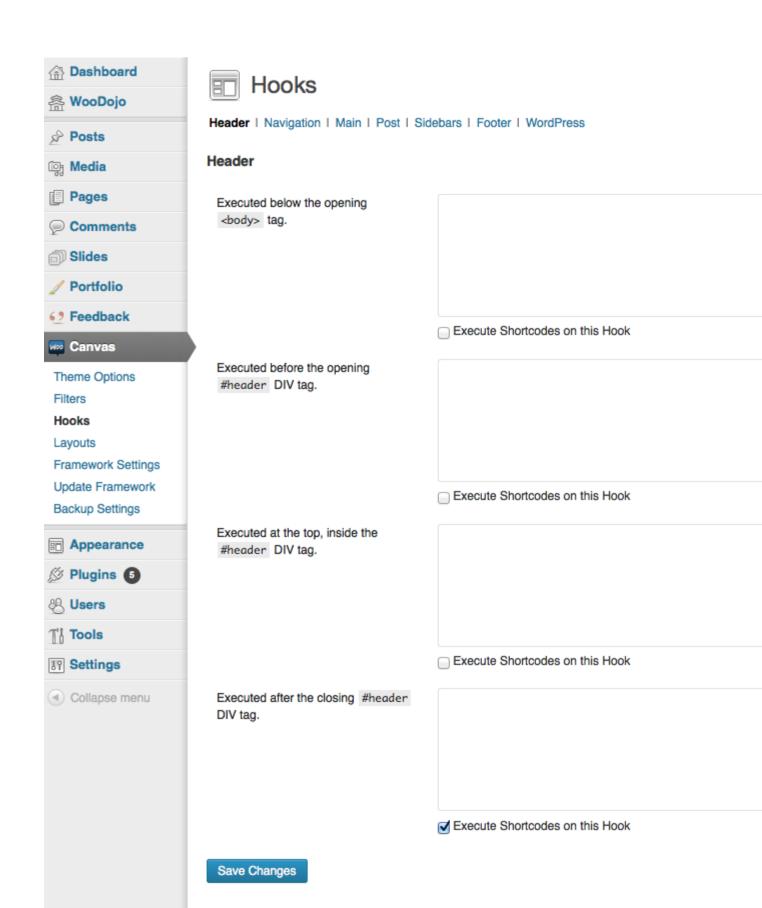
All other shortcodes are available for use here as well (for example, placing a "button" shortcode in the "read more" section of your blog posts).

The "Footer Left" and "Footer Right" sections can display shortcodes as well, using any shortcode available on your website.

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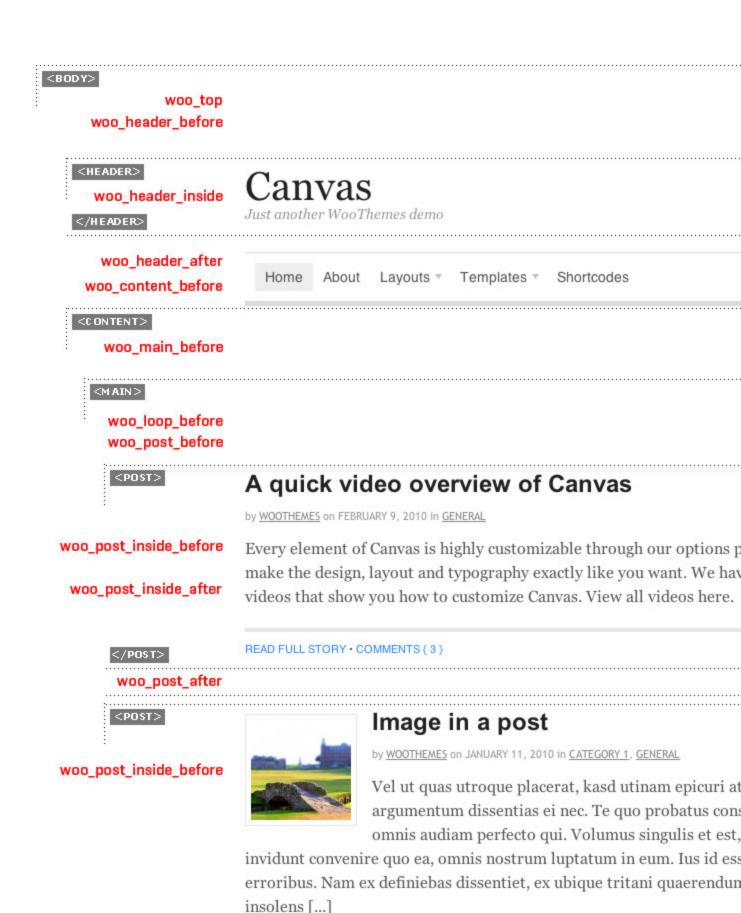
Hooks are points in the code of the theme where custom code can be loaded in. This is covered in more detail in the "<u>Using Hooks and Filters</u>" documentation.

Use the Hooks to add custom HTML and/or shortcodes at the various hook points within Canvas.



This could be used to add code after each post in an archive (maybe an advert or some sharing shortcodes?) or add extra HTML above or below certain areas of your theme without modifying the theme's code.

Any shortcode can be used in the Hook Manager. To execute shortcodes on a hook, simply check the **"Execute Shortcodes on this Hook"** checkbox below the desired hook.



woo_post_inside_after

</post>

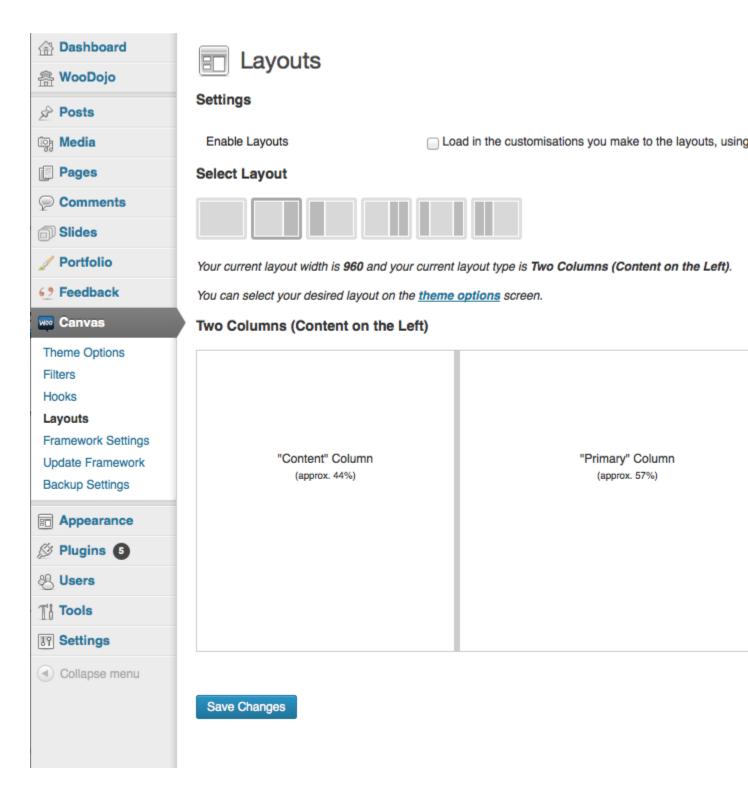
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woo_post_after

View the <u>Canvas hook/filter reference file</u> here.

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The Layouts screen provides a quick way to adjust the column widths in the various column layout possibilities built into Canvas.



To use the Layout Manager:

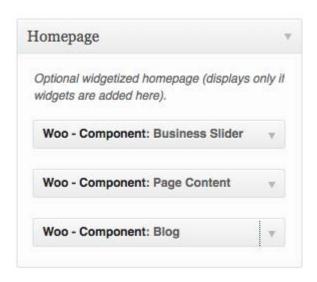
- Check the **Enable Layouts** checkbox.
- Choose the layout you'd like to adjust under the **Select Layout** section.

• Use the draggable interface to adjust the column widths as desired. The width percentage is displayed in each column.

Appropriate gutter spacing between each column is added automatically when calculating the values for each column.

The settings for each layout are preserved and saved for use whenever the various layouts are in use. For example, the default layout of your website can be "Three Columns with Content in the Centre", which you adjust. If you then adjust the layout of, for example, the "Two Column with Content on the Left" layout, and make use of it on a specific page, your customisations will be implemented on that page.

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Woo Component widget

The widget is used to load in any of these components:

- "Business" Slider
- "Magazine" Slider
- "Magazine" Posts Grid
- Blog Posts
- Current Page Content

The widget can be used in these widget areas:

- Homepage
- "Widgets" page template

The Woo Component widget is designed to be used in the **Homepage** widget area and on the **Widgets** page template, although it will work in other widgetized areas.

Homepage Widget Area

Adding widgets to this area will display them on your homepage and override the default homepage content. Use the **Woo Component** widget to setup a custom homepage.

Go to **Appearance > Widgets** to add the **Woo Component** widget to your **Homepage** widget area.

If you have set up a static page as your front page in **Settings** > **Reading**, the Homepage Widget area will not show.

Widgets Page Template

This page template uses its own widget area to display it's content. If no widgets are added to this widget area, the default page content is displayed.

Go to **Appearance > Widgets** to add the **Woo Component** widget to your "**Widgets**" page template widget area.

Using the Widgets page template on multiple pages

It is possible to use the "Widgets" page template to display different widgets in the content of different pages. To do this, please use the <u>WooSidebars</u> plugin.

- Create a **New Widget Area** in **WooSidebars**.
- Set the Sidebar to Replace for this widget area to Widgets Page Template.
- Add a condition for the page you'd like to customise the widgets for. Ensure that this page has the "Widgets" page template selected.

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Canvas v5.5.0 introduced a 'Header' widget area, allowing you to add any widget you like to the right of the header area. This replaces the previous 'Top Ad' section.

Page Templates Back to Top

Canvas includes a few unique templates, in addition to the standard ones which <u>you can add to</u> <u>your theme</u>:

- Magazine A fully fledged magazine page template with slider and two column layout.
- **Business** A business template with a slider and simple page/sidebar setup.
- Widgets A page that uses the "Widgets Page Template" widget area as it's content.

- **Feedback** A page that shows all your Feedback posts
- **Portfolio** A page that shows all your portfolio posts

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The Canvas content templating engine provides more control over how each post looks in various contexts. For example, customise how posts with the "aside" post format are displayed within your archives and search results. The templating engine is fully child theme friendly. Simply create the necessary template file within your child theme.

The templating engine works as follows: **Main Template File -> Loop File -> Content File**. An example of this would be as follows:

archive.php looks for loop-archive.php (defaults to loop.php) which, in turn, looks for content.php for each post. The content.php template lookup looks for the following files, in this order of priority:

- content-archive-test-of-image-attach-2.php (archives and posts page only)
- content-archive-post-1173.php (archives and posts page only)
- content-single-test-of-image-attach-2.php (single posts/pages only)
- content-single-post-1173.php (single posts/pages only)
- content-test-of-image-attach-2.php
- content-post-1173.php
- content-archive-post.php (archives and posts page only)
- content-archive.php (archives and posts page only)
- content-single-post.php (single posts/pages only)
- content-single.php (single posts/pages only)
- content-format-aside.php
- content-post.php
- content.php

Which translates, in general terms, to:

- content-archive-slug.php (archives and posts page only)
- content-archive-posttype-ID.php (archives and posts page only)
- content-single-slug.php (single posts/pages only)
- content-single-posttype-ID.php (single posts/pages only)
- content-slug.php
- content-post-ID.php
- content-archive-post.php (archives and posts page only)
- content-archive.php (archives and posts page only)
- content-single-post.php (single posts/pages only)
- content-single.php (single posts/pages only)
- content-format-postformat.php
- content-posttype.php
- content.php

Using this engine, it is possible to customise the look of a single post or of how a post type looks in the global context (for example, in a multiple post type search results list). In short, this is customisation of templates right down to the "per-post" level.