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MINIMALISTE THEME INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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THEME OVERVIEW

The Minimaliste theme as you can understand also from the name is a stylish minimalist theme. It is basically based on a grid category layout utilizing successfully the post thumbnail function.

Having also a featured category slider and a couple of widgetized areas, is a thoughtfully designed theme to enable you to have a great blog where you can post plenty of photos, or use it as a personal website to showcase your portfolio, projects and ideas.

There's nothing missing in this theme if you want to have a professional look for your personal website.

- Theme compatible with Wordpress 3.0.x
- 100% tableless css design
- WP 3.0 custom menu system
- Custom background panel
- Post Thumbnail feature.
- Theme options panel.
- Custom shotcodes
- Slider managed from the theme panel, include pages or posts.
- Easily change logo or switch to text from theme panel.
- Integrated blog pagination.
- Threaded comments.
- Cross-browser compatible.
- Delivered with .png source files (.psd files available in the forum)

HOW TO INSTALL THE THEME

Please unzip the 'minimaliste_unzip_first.zip' file that you received.

The theme is the 'minimaliste.zip' file inside the folder. As you might be aware, starting from WordPress 2.8 version you can actually install the themes from your administration area. To do so, in your WordPress administration area, go to '*Appearance -Themes*'. In the top there appears a new tab navigation. Click on the '*Install Themes*' tab, then click the '*Upload*' item in the new menu and browse for the 'minimaliste.zip' file in your computer and after locating it press the '*Install Now*' button and after that '*activate*' the new theme.

You can also install this theme the traditional way, by unzipping the 'minimaliste.zip' file, and upload the theme folder using an ftp client to the 'wp-content/themes' folder of your WordPress installation.

After installing the theme, go to '*Appearance-Themes*' in your WordPress administrator area, and click the '*activate*' link of the newly installed theme. The theme is now the active one.

THE THEME OPTIONS PANEL

This theme comes with an advanced options panel that allows you to configure different aspects of the theme without touching code. To access the options panel, in

your WordPress administration area go to '*Appearance – Minimaliste Options*'. Please take a look at the different options you have there.

CHANGING THE LOGO

You can easily change the logo with your own from the theme panel. You have a field there where you can enter your new logo image url.

You can also switch to text logo from the theme panel.

CONFIGURING THE MENUS

The theme uses in full the custom menu navigation system introduced in WordPress 3.0. There are two menu locations in this theme: 'Main Left' and 'Main Right'.

You need to go to '*Appearance – Menus*' in your WordPress admin to start configuring your menus. You first need to create two different menus in the right side and then from the left you can select the pages and categories you want to be part of each menu. Don't forget to click 'Save Menu' after you add the items.

In the left you will see the two active menu locations and you need to assign a menu to each location using the dropdown selection.

THE SLIDER

To include a page or post in the slider, in the custom field area (located in the bottom when you edit that page/post) create a new custom field named 'slider' and in the

value field enter the digit '1' The post/page will be included in the slider. To add an image simply add a featured image to that post/page. To have a better look, please use images with size 540x180 px, to avoid distortions.

THE WIDGET AREAS OF THE THEME

This theme has 2 widget ready areas. The TOP LEFT widget which is the small section in the left of the slider. Note that you have to assign the background image and target url of this widget from the theme panel. The other area is the RIGHT SIDEBAR. You can add widgets to each area by going into '*Appearance – Widgets*' in your WordPress administration area and dragging & dropping widgets into each bar.

You might also find these articles useful :

http://www.vivathemes.com/blog/how-to-add-links-in-a-text-widget/

http://www.vivathemes.com/blog/adding-an-image-in-a-text-widget/

USING THE THUMBNAIL FUNCTION

One of the fantastic features presented in WordPress 2.9 is the Post Thumbnail feature, which is supported by this theme. Please note that we have eliminated the usage of any additional plugins, this enables using the WordPress features in full, makes your site safer and lighter.

First, please go to *SETTINGS – MEDIA* and change your thumbnail size as 180x180px.

When you edit a post, in the bottom of the right column you have a new area called *Featured Image*. Click on the Set Featured Image link and you will be taken in the image uploader interface, where you can upload or select one of the existing images. Make sure that after you view your image press the 'Use as Featured Image' link. The image will be resized and cropped to fit your thumbnail size. The thumbnail is visible only in the category view. It will not be visible when viewing the full post. You can add the full sized image directly to your post if you want to.

CUSTOM BACKGROUND PANEL

One of the new features introduced is the custom background that enables you to easily change the background color of your website or upload an image as your background.

To do so, in your WordPress admin go tp *Appearance – Background*' and there you can easily make the necessary changes.

USING SHORTCODES

Shortcodes are custom styled elements ready for you to use. To check out our shortcodes please see here :

http://demos.vivathemes.com/minimaliste/?page_id=87

Sample usages:

Big buttons: [bluebutton]link text[/bluebutton]

Small buttons: [smallblue]link text[/smallblue]

Boxes: [download]some text[/download]

Best regards,

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