

VIVA THEMES

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SPACE COLOR THEME INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Thank you for purchasing this theme. This is your first step towards having a great looking site. Please read the instructions below. If you need more help please use our [support forum](#)

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THEME OVERVIEW

This theme is created with a lot of different purposes in mind. Great to show your work and portfolio, and with a little bit of imagination you can use this theme for a lot of different purposes, small business sites, personal etc.

The theme comes with a lot of goodies, very flexible and easy to customize and as always with an advanced theme panel to make it easy for you to configure it without touching a bit of code.

- Theme compatible latest WordPress version
- 100% tableless css design.
- Post Thumbnail feature.
- WP 3.x menu navigation system
- WP 3.x background customization panel.
- Advanced theme options panel.
- Attractive front page slideshow, fully customizable.
- Multi level dropdown navigation.
- Threaded comments.
- Integrated blog pagination.
- CSS & XHTML valid.
- Cross-browser compatible.
- Additional full width page template.
- Delivered with .png source files (.psd files available in the forum)

HOW TO INSTALL THE THEME

Please unzip the '[spacecolor_unzip_first.zip](#)' file that you received.

The theme is the '[spacecolor.zip](#)' file inside the folder. 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 '[spacecolor.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 '[spacecolor.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 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 – Space Color Options](#)'. Please take a look at the different options you have there.

CHANGING THE LOGO

You can change the logo from the theme panel, by changing the 'Logo Image Url' with your new logo image url.

You can also switch to text logo from the theme panel. In this case your 'Site Title' will replace the logo.

CONFIGURING THE MENUS

There is one menu location in this theme: the 'Main Menu'

You need to go to 'Appearance – Menus' in your WordPress admin to start configuring your menu. You first need to create a menu 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. *Note that you have to have created your pages and categories first and they will be available in the list to include in the menu.*

In the left you will see the active menu location and you need to assign the new menu to the location using the dropdown selection.

To enable dropdown in the menu interface, you have to drag the menu items below another menu item (child item).

THE FRONT PAGE SLIDER

The front page slider is managed from the theme panel. Please go to 'Appearance – Space Color Options' to change the effect and speeds.

You can include any page or post in the slider, by simply creating a custom field in the page/post. The custom field name should be 'slider' and the value should be '1'. Custom fields area is located in the bottom of the screen when you edit a page/post. If your custom fields section is not visible, in the top right of your screen when you edit a page or post, you have a button named 'Screen Options', please click on it and enable the custom fields section. Note that you should use a different post/page for each slide.

When you include a page/post to the slider, by default the featured image will be used, and the slide will link to the page/post.

If you want to use another image, not the featured one, you can create a custom field with name 'slideimage' and value the url of the location of the image. Please note that if you use the 'slideimage' field, the image size should be exactly 880x380px, images won't be resized automatically.

If you don't want the slide to link to the page/post, you can create another custom field named 'slidelink' and in the value area enter the url to be linked to. Please check the screenshot below for an overview of the custom fields

Name	Value
slider	1
slideimage	http://demos.vivathemes.com/space-color/wp-content/themes/spacecolor/images/slide/img1.jpg
slidelink	http://www.vivathemes.com/

THE WIDGET AREAS OF THE THEME

This theme has 2 widget ready areas. The **FRONT BOTTOM WIDGETS** is the widget area in the front page, just below the slideshow, you can add as many widgets as you want there. The **RIGHT SIDEBAR** is the right bar visible in all interior pages. 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

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.

In this theme we have already set the thumbnail sizes, so you need to do nothing about it.

SETTING UP THE BLOG

You have two options to show the blog in the main navigation. You can create a category called '**Blog**' (or 'News' or whatever you want) and include it in the main menu using the menu navigation. But if you have different categories you might also want to have a blog that shows all latest posts from all categories.

To do so, in your WordPress admin go to 'Settings – Reading'. There you can select to have a page to show your latest posts. Select the page you want and don't forget to include it in the menu. The 'Reading Settings will ask you also to enable a static page to show as your front page, you can select any of your pages as we have disabled this in the theme so whatever you select, the slider will show up in the front.

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 to '[Appearance – Background](#)' and there you can easily make the necessary changes.

USING SHORTCODES

Shortcodes are custom styled elements ready for you to use. You can use them in your posts, pages or text widgets. To check out our shortcodes please see here :

http://demo.vivathemes.com/themes/space-color/?page_id=61

Sample usages:

Big buttons: `[bluebutton]link text[/bluebutton]` html is

`[bluebutton]text[/bluebutton]`

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

Boxes: `[download]some text[/download]`

Best regards,

The Viva Themes Team