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LIVELY HOOD 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

The Lively Hood theme is a clean theme great for business websites. It has a feminine feeling to it, soft colors and can be used also as a personal blog.

- Theme compatible with latest WordPress version
- Custom menu system, multi level drodpwon
- Custom background panel
- Very lightweight and fast loading theme.
- Post Thumbnail feature.
- Advanced theme options panel.
- Localized and Multilingual ready.
- Translations in 15 different languages.
- Attractive front page slideshow, fully customizable from the theme panel.
- Additional top menu.
- Threaded comments.
- Integrated blog.
- CSS & XHTML valid.
- Cross-browser compatible.
- Additional full width and blog page template.
- Delivered with .png source files (.psd files available in the forum)

HOW TO INSTALL THE THEME

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

The theme is the 'livelyhood.zip' file inside the folder. 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 'livelyhood.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 'livelyhood.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 – Lively Hood 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

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

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.

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

THE FRONT PAGE

In this theme by default you have the latest posts showing in the front page. To have a static page in front like in our demo, in your wordpress administrator go to '*SETTINGS – READING*' and select to have a static page in front, you have to select also the page you want in front there too. After selecting a static page in front is important that you don't include that page in the main and the top navigation, otherwise it will be highlighted when a visitor is in the home page. In that case you have to also select another page where you want the latest posts to be available.

THE FRONT PAGE SLIDESHOW

The front page slideshow is managed from the theme panel. Please go to '*Appearance – Lively Hood Options*' to edit it. To change the images you need to upload your own images somewhere (better in your website) and then in the corresponding fields change the image url with your own.

Please make sure that the images size is **820x345px**. You can link each of the slides to an interior page/post and also add a caption to each of the slides using the theme panel.

You can also change the effect and the speed of the slider again from the theme panel.

THE WIDGET AREAS OF THE THEME

This theme has 2 widget ready areas. The FRONT WIDGETS which is the right bar in the front page. Widgets published here will be visible only in the front page. The other area is the RIGHT SIDEBAR which is visible in all the 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.

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 THE THEME IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

This theme has already been translated in many languages. You can find the available languages in the support forum. New languages may become available so check with our site if you need a new one.

To run WordPress in a language other than English you need first that language file. The language files are maintained here: http://svn.automattic.com/wordpress-i18n/

Get your language file and copy it in the '/wp-includes/languages/' directory of your WordPress installation. If the directory does not exist you need to create it. After that open the 'wp-config.php' file and set the locale. Look for the line that defines WPLANG and change it. Get the locale code from the WP i18n project page.

For example the line for the Spanish locale should be :

define ('WPLANG', 'es_ES');

You need also to copy the theme translation file in the root of the theme folder and you're good to go.

RUNNING YOUR SITE MULTILINGUAL

This theme is multilingual ready using the http://wpml.org plugin. You need to download and install this plugin. Note that we do not offer support for this or any other 3rd party plugin.

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/lively-hood/?page_id=35

Sample usages:

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

[bluebutton]text[/bluebutton]

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

Boxes: [download]some text[/download]

Half column: [halfcolumn]some text[/halfcolumn]

One third column: [onethirdcolumn] some text[/onethirdcolumn]

Best regards,

The Viva Themes Team