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SOHO THEME INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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THEME OVERVIEW

Soho is a professional theme for WordPress. You can use this theme to build your business or personal, fashion website.

- Theme compatible with latest WordPress version.
- Front page video background.
- Rotating background images in interior pages.
- Post thumbnail feature.
- Custom menu navigation system, multi-level dropdown
- Theme options panel.
- Blog page template
- Custom shortcodes.
- One widget ready locations
- Threaded comments.
- Integrated blog pagination.
- CSS & XHTML valid.
- Cross-browser compatible.
- Delivered with .png source files (.psd files available in the forum)

HOW TO INSTALL THE THEME

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

The theme is the 'soho.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 'soho.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 'soho.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 some aspects of the theme without touching code. To access the options panel, in your WordPress administration area go to '*Appearance – Soho Options*'. Please take a look at the different options you have there.

CHANGING THE LOGO

You have to upload your logo image in the Media Manager, and enter the image url in the Logo Image Location field, in the theme panel.

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

CONFIGURING THE MENU

The theme uses in full the custom menu navigation. 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).

If you are still having difficulties you can watch this tutorial

http://www.vivathemes.com/configuring-the-wordpress-custom-menu/

THE VIDEO BACKGROUND

Inside the package that you downloaded you will find a folder named 'flash_video'. You have to upload all the contents of this folder **via ftp to the root of your WordPress installation**. The root is where the 'wp-config.php' file is located.

The video is located in the 'videos' folder. The name of the video file is 'video.flv'. You need to replace this file with your own via ftp, or before you upload the files to your server. Note that your video must be in **.flv** format, and name the file as 'video.flv' so it is rendered by the script.

The video will be resized automatically to fit every screen resolution.

If you want to have background images instead of the video, you can disable the video from the theme panel.

THE BACKGROUND IMAGES IN THE INNER PAGES

The theme is equipped with a background image rotator script. The images inside are located inside the "inheader" folder located inside the "images" folder of the theme. Whatever images you upload there, they will start rotating in the header, in each page refresh. The images should be uploaded via ftp and the full path to the folder is this one

wp-content/themes/soho/images/inheader

Note that the images will resize automatically to cover the hole screen, however it is suggested that the images are at least 1024x768px to maintain the quality.

USING THE THUMBNAIL FUNCTION

When you edit a post or a page, 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.

THE WIDGET AREAS OF THE THEME

This theme has one widget ready area. The LEFT SIDEBAR is the left bar visible in all 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. Note that you can add as many widgets as you want to each area.

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/

SETTING UP THE BLOG

You can use the Blog Page template this theme comes with. Just create a page, and in the right select the 'Blog Page' template. All your posts will appear in that page. Alternatively you can include categories in the menu.

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/soho/?page_id=22

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