

## **Minimalist – Theme Documentation**

Thank you for purchasing Minimalist! This documentation covers the installation and the usage of this theme, so we encourage you to read through this document and keep it handy for reference. If you have any questions about your theme, or need assistance with something, please feel free to contact us and our dedicated support staff will be happy to assist you.

**Contact Support:** <http://community.mythemeshop.com/>

### **A) Getting Started**

#### **A1. Installing Minimalist:**

- 1) First, make sure you have the latest WordPress installation, by checking the update panel within your current WordPress installation. If you don't have WordPress already, you can download it from the WordPress repository here: <http://wordpress.org/download/>
- 2) Download the WordPress theme ZIP file from the MyThemeShop admin panel, and save it somewhere handy on your computer, as you will be using the included files for the rest of the installation process. Unzip the downloaded ZIP file onto your computer, but don't upload the unzipped folder to your WordPress installation just yet.
- 3) Inside the unzipped folder, you will notice a variety of files and folders such as theme PSDs, documentation, your license, and also a Minimalist.zip file. From here, you have two options for installation, outlined below and explained in detail in the following sections:
  - Installation from the WordPress admin panel: If you want to upload the theme via WordPress admin, simply navigate to the 'Appearance' tab, choose the 'Themes' tab, and select 'Install Themes'. Then, simply select Minimalist.zip from the extracted folder, and upload it using the WordPress integrated uploader.
  - Installation via FTP: If you are using FTP client (such as FileZilla) to upload your theme files, simply extract Minimalist.zip from within the unzipped folder, and then upload the resulting Minimalist folder to /wp-content/themes.

#### **A2. Installing via WordPress Admin panel:**

Login to your WordPress admin panel, such as [yoursite.com/wp-admin/](http://yoursite.com/wp-admin/) and then navigate to Appearance > Themes > Install Themes, and upload Minimalist.zip file.

The image consists of two screenshots of the WordPress dashboard. The top screenshot shows the 'Manage Themes' page. On the left sidebar, the 'Appearance' menu is expanded, and 'Themes' is highlighted with a red arrow and the text 'step 1'. In the main content area, there are two buttons: 'Manage Themes' and 'Install Themes'. A red arrow points from the 'Install Themes' button to the text 'step 2'. Below the buttons, the 'Current Theme' section displays 'Twenty Eleven 1.3 by the WordPress team'. A description of the theme follows, mentioning it is a 2011 theme with various options and features. At the bottom of this section, there are links for 'Options: Widgets | Menus | Theme Check |' and a list of tags. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Install a theme in .zip format' section. The left sidebar is the same as in the top screenshot. In the main content area, there are buttons for 'Manage Themes' and 'Install Themes'. Below these are search and filter options: 'Search | Upload | Featured | Newest | Recently Updated'. The section title is 'Install a theme in .zip format', followed by the instruction: 'If you have a theme in a .zip format, you may install it by uploading it here.' Below this is a file upload area with a 'Choose File' button, the text 'No file chosen', and an 'Install Now' button. A red arrow points to the 'Choose File' button with the text 'Step 3'.

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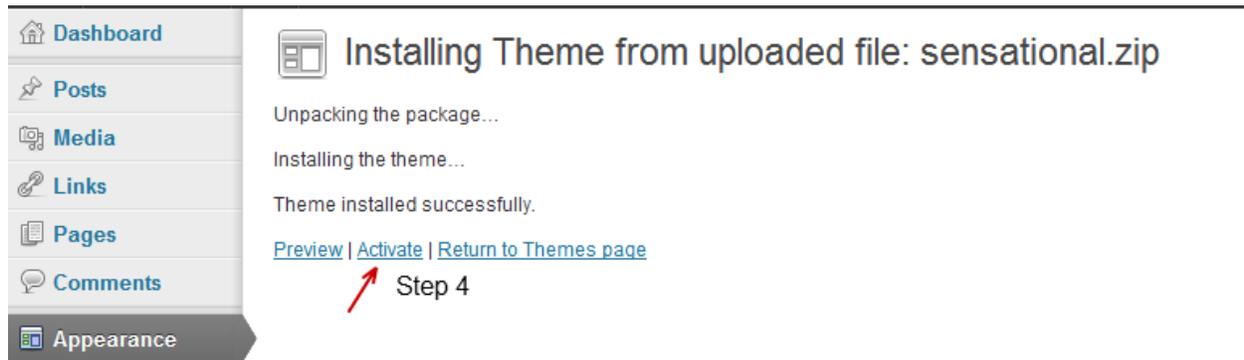
### A.3 Installing via FTP:

- 1) Open your FTP client application (example: FileZilla).
- 2) Fill in your login details (host, username, and password), then press connect.
- 3) Once connected, navigate to 'wp-content' folder.
- 4) Navigate to 'themes' folder.
- 5) Now upload the "Minimalist" folder to /wp-content/themes.

### A4. Activating the theme:

If you installed from the admin panel, after the theme .zip file has finished uploading, you should be presented with three options (Preview, Activate, Return to Themes). Select the “Activate” option.

If you installed via FTP, you will see these options appear on the Themes page.

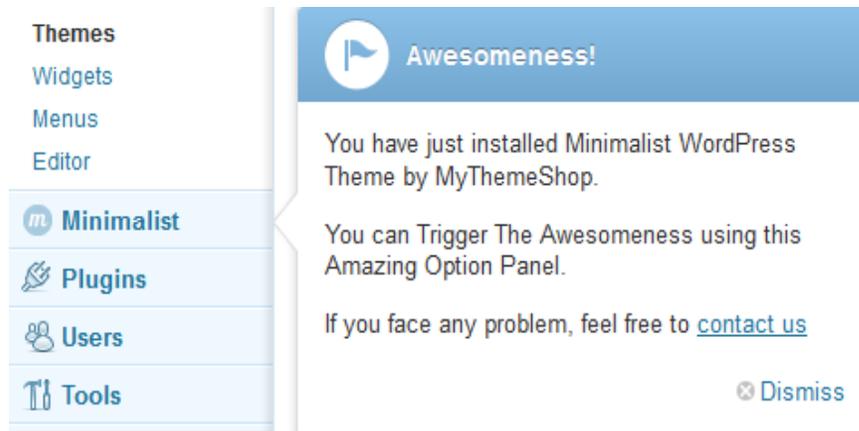


**Note:** Got an error during installation process? Try the following:

- Make sure you are using the latest version of Wordpress.
- Make sure your hosting is running the latest version of PHP and MySQL.
- Be sure you have at least PHP 5 with GD-library installed on your server. PHP 5 is better. GD library is something that can be installed by your web server admin. If you do not have this, please ask for that to your web administrator, and also at least Wordpress 3.2 engine is installed.
- Make sure your WordPress user has permissions to install themes and ability to upload to the /wp-content/themes/ folder.

## **B) Theme Options**

Once you have activated the theme, you will see a welcome message, which will show you how to use the theme options panel. The theme options panel will allow you to configure the settings of your theme.



You will find all the instructions for each setting inside the MyThemeShop options panel. Now, have fun configuring your brand new theme, and explore the various options to make your site truly customized.

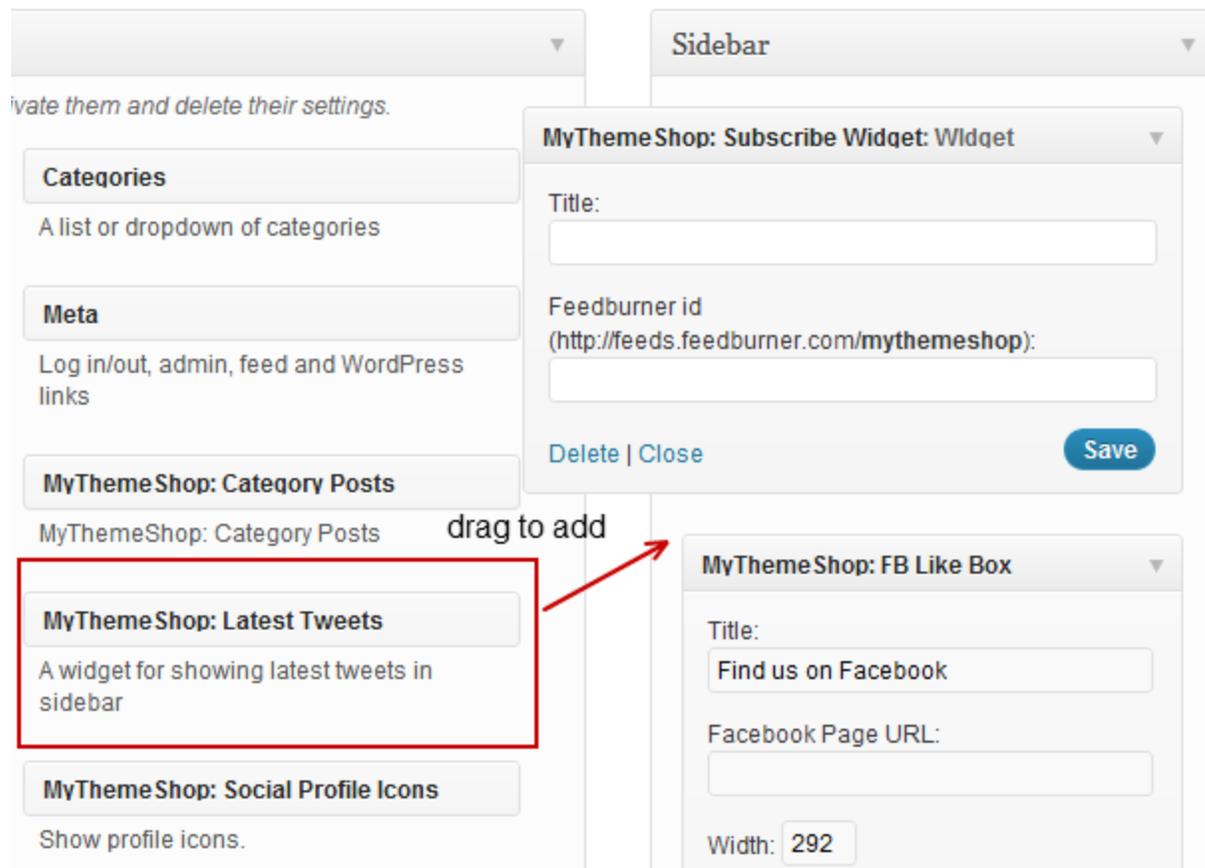
**More info:** <http://demo.mythemeshop.com/Minimalist/options-panel/general-settings/>

## **C) Custom Widgets**

MyThemeShop offers 12 powerful custom widgets to help you easily add features and functionality to your WordPress theme without having to tinker with any code.

### **C1. Adding widgets:**

First, decide what widget you are looking to add, and where you want it to appear on your site. To add the custom widget in your theme, navigate to "Appearance > Widgets", and drag the desired widget to the right side, under the "Sidebar" or "Footer" widgets box.



## C2. MyThemeShop 125 x 125 Ad Widget:

This widget allows you to configure and display up-to **six** 125 x 125 banner advertisements.

- **Title:** Title of the widget.
- **Ad image url:** The URL of your banner image e.g. <http://example.com/image.jpg>.
- **Ad link url:** The destination URL of your banner ad e.g. <http://example.com>.
- **Randomize ads order?** Check this box to shuffle the display of the banners in a random order on each page load.

The screenshot shows a sidebar widget titled "MyTheme Shop: 125x125 Ads". It contains the following fields:

- Title:
- Ad 1 image url:
- Ad 1 link url:
- Ad 2 image url:
- Ad 2 link url:
- Ad 3 image url:

### C3. Custom 300 x 250 Ad Widget:

This widget allows you to configure and display a 300 x 250 banner advertisement.

- **Title:** Title of the widget
- **Ad image url:** The URL of your banner image e.g. <http://example.com/image.jpg>
- **Ad link url:** The destination URL of your banner ad e.g. <http://example.com>

The screenshot shows a sidebar widget titled "MyTheme Shop: 300x250 Ad". It contains the following fields:

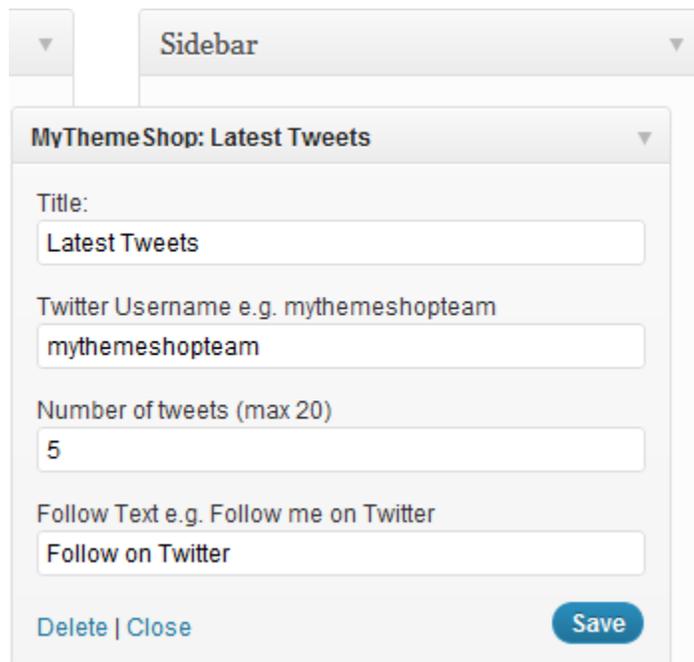
- Title:
- Ad image url:
- Ad link url:

At the bottom of the widget, there are two buttons: "Delete | Close" and "Save".

#### C4. MyThemeShop Latest Tweets Widget:

This widget allows you to configure and display your latest Twitter tweets.

- **Title:** Title of the widget
- **Twitter Username:** Enter the username of your Twitter account
- **Number of tweets:** Choose the number of tweets to display – maximum allowed tweets is 20
- **Follow Text:** Choose the anchor text of the link to your Twitter profile. Omit this option if you do not wish to display a link.



The image shows a screenshot of the MyThemeShop Latest Tweets widget configuration interface. The widget is titled "MyThemeShop: Latest Tweets" and is located in the "Sidebar" area. The configuration fields are:

- Title:** Latest Tweets
- Twitter Username e.g. mythemeshopteam:** mythemeshopteam
- Number of tweets (max 20):** 5
- Follow Text e.g. Follow me on Twitter:** Follow on Twitter

At the bottom of the configuration panel, there are two buttons: "Delete | Close" and "Save".

#### C5. MyThemeShop RSS, Twitter and FB Counter:

Show the count of your FeedBurner subscribers, Twitter followers and FaceBook fans with the help of this widget.

- **Title:** Title of the widget.
- **RSS Account:** Your FeedBurner ID
- **RSS Refresh Text:** FeedBurner resets subscriber counts daily. During this period, your subscriber count may become unavailable for a few hours. Enter the replacement text you would like to display during this period.
- **Twitter Account:** Your Twitter username, e.g. MyThemeShopTeam
- **Facebook Fan page id:** Enter your Facebook fan page ID. You can check it from **Edit Page** link on your Facebook fan page e.g. 188548574529343

The image shows a sidebar widget configuration window titled "MyThemeShop: Twitter & RSS Count". It contains several input fields: "Title:" (empty), "RSS Account:" (filled with "mythemeshop"), "RSS Refresh Text:" (filled with "1000+"), "Twitter Account:" (filled with "mythemeshopteam"), and "Facebook Fanpage id:" (filled with "219675898134490"). At the bottom, there are "Delete | Close" and "Save" buttons.

### C6. MyThemeShop Category Posts Widget:

This widget allows you to display the posts from a particular category, with thumbnails.

- **Title:** Title of the widget.
- **Category:** Choose the category from which you want to display the posts.
- **Number of posts to show:** Control the number of posts that you want to display.
- **Sort by:** Order the article list by date, title, number of comments, or randomly.

Sidebar

**MyThemeShop: Category Posts**

Title:

Category:

Number of posts to show:

Sort by:

Reverse sort order (ascending)

Make widget title link

Show number of comments

Show post date

Show post thumbnail

Thumbnail dimensions:  
W:  H:

[Delete](#) | [Close](#) [Save](#)

### C7. MyThemeShop Popular Posts Widget:

This widget allows you to easily display the popular posts with thumbnails.

- **Number of posts:** Control the number of posts that you want to display.

Sidebar

**MyThemeShop: Popular Posts**

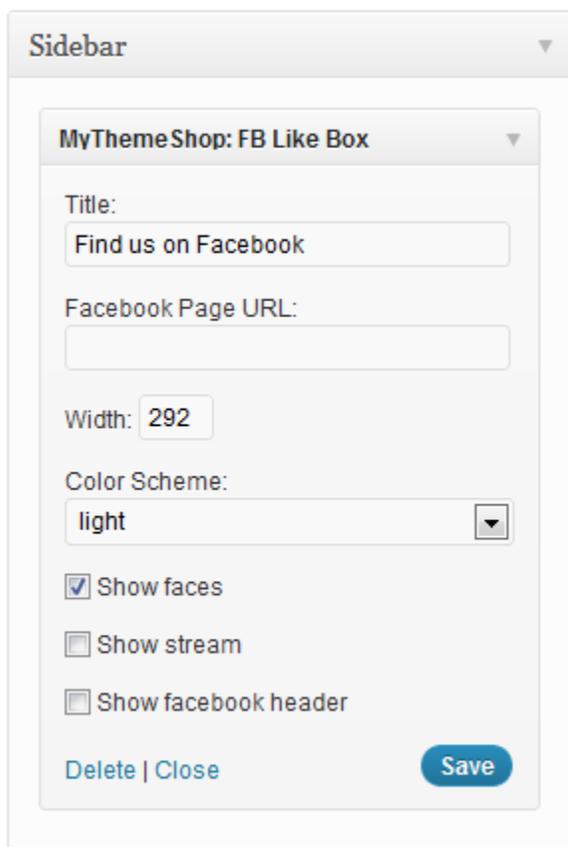
Number of posts:

[Delete](#) | [Close](#) [Save](#)

## C8. MyThemeShop Facebook Like Box Widget:

This widget allows you to add the Facebook Like box, and you can also configure the look and feel of it.

- **Title:** Title of the widget.
- **Facebook Page URL:** Add the URL of your Facebook fan page.
- **Width:** Control the width of the widget with this option.
- **Color Scheme:** This allows you to control the color scheme of the Facebook box to best match your theme.
- **Show Faces:** This option controls whether or not profile pictures are displayed in the widget.



The image shows a screenshot of a WordPress sidebar widget configuration window. The window is titled "Sidebar" and contains a widget titled "MyThemeShop: FB Like Box". The configuration options are as follows:

- Title:** A text input field containing "Find us on Facebook".
- Facebook Page URL:** An empty text input field.
- Width:** A text input field containing "292".
- Color Scheme:** A dropdown menu currently set to "light".
- Show faces:** A checked checkbox.
- Show stream:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Show facebook header:** An unchecked checkbox.

At the bottom of the configuration window, there are two buttons: "Delete | Close" and "Save".

## C9. MyThemeShop Recent Posts Widget

This widget allows you to show the latest posts with thumbnails.

- **Title:** Title of the widget.
- **Number of posts to show:** Control the number of posts that you want to display with this option.

The image shows a configuration window for a widget titled "MyThemeShop: Recent Posts". The window is part of a "Sidebar" and contains the following elements:

- Title:** A text input field.
- Number of posts to show:** A numeric input field with the value "5".
- Include post thumbnail**
- Include post excerpt**
- Show expert options**
- [Delete](#) | [Close](#)
- [Save](#)

### C9. MyThemeShop Social Profile Icons Widget

This widget allows you to connect with your audience on different social networks.

- **Title:** Title of the widget.
- **Open links in a new window:** When enabled, this will have the profile links all open in a new window, so that users are not directed away from your site.

**Note:** Connect with your audience/fans on different social media sites. Just enter the complete URL, e.g. <http://twitter.com/#!/mythemeshopteam>, in the box below the name of the desired social network.

Sidebar

MyThemeShop: Social Profile Icons

Title:

Open links in new window?

Icon Border Radius:  px

Icon Color:

Hover Color:

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Dribbble URI:

Email URI:

Facebook URI:

Google+ URI:

LinkedIn URI:

### C.10 MyThemeShop Subscribe Widget:

This widget allows you to add the FeedBurner email subscribe box on your blog.

- **Title:** Title of the widget
- **FeedBurner ID:** Just enter your FeedBurners ID, e.g. [mythemeshop](#)

MyThemeShop: Subscribe Widget

Title:

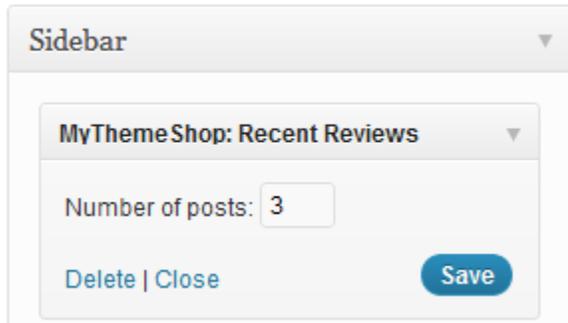
Feedburner id (<http://feeds.feedburner.com/mythemeshop>):

Delete | Close

### C.11 MyThemeShop Recent Review:

This widget allows you to add the recent review posts in the sidebar/footer section.

**Number of posts:** This option allows you to control the number of posts that are displayed.



### C.12 MyThemeShop Recent Review:

**Number of random posts to show:** This option allows you to control the number of posts that you want to display.



## D) Shortcodes:

Your theme comes pre-packaged with a number of shortcodes, allowing you to add styled content to your site with little effort. For your convenience, the available shortcodes have been included in a one-click menu.

### D.1 Adding shortcodes:

When creating a page or post, choose the Visual Editor, and click the green “+” icon to reveal the list of shortcodes. Choose the functionality you wish to include, and click “insert”. This will insert the necessary code for you.

## Add New Post

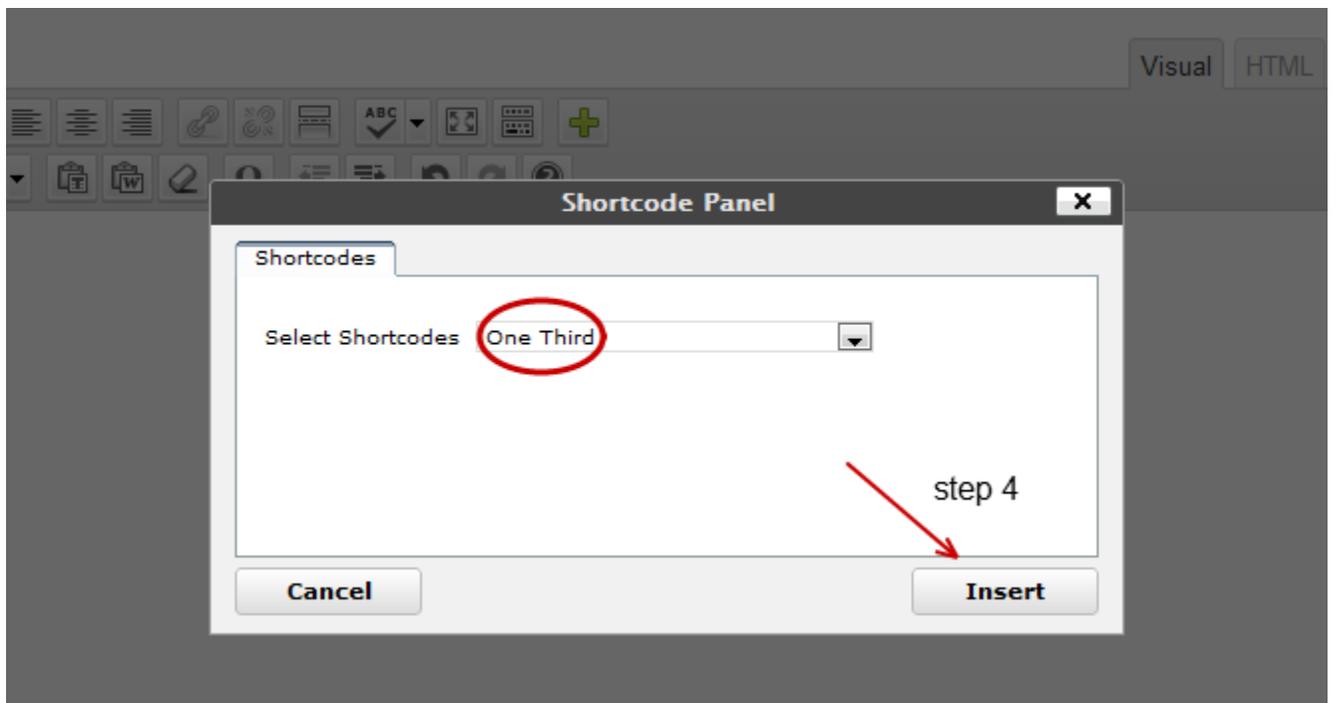
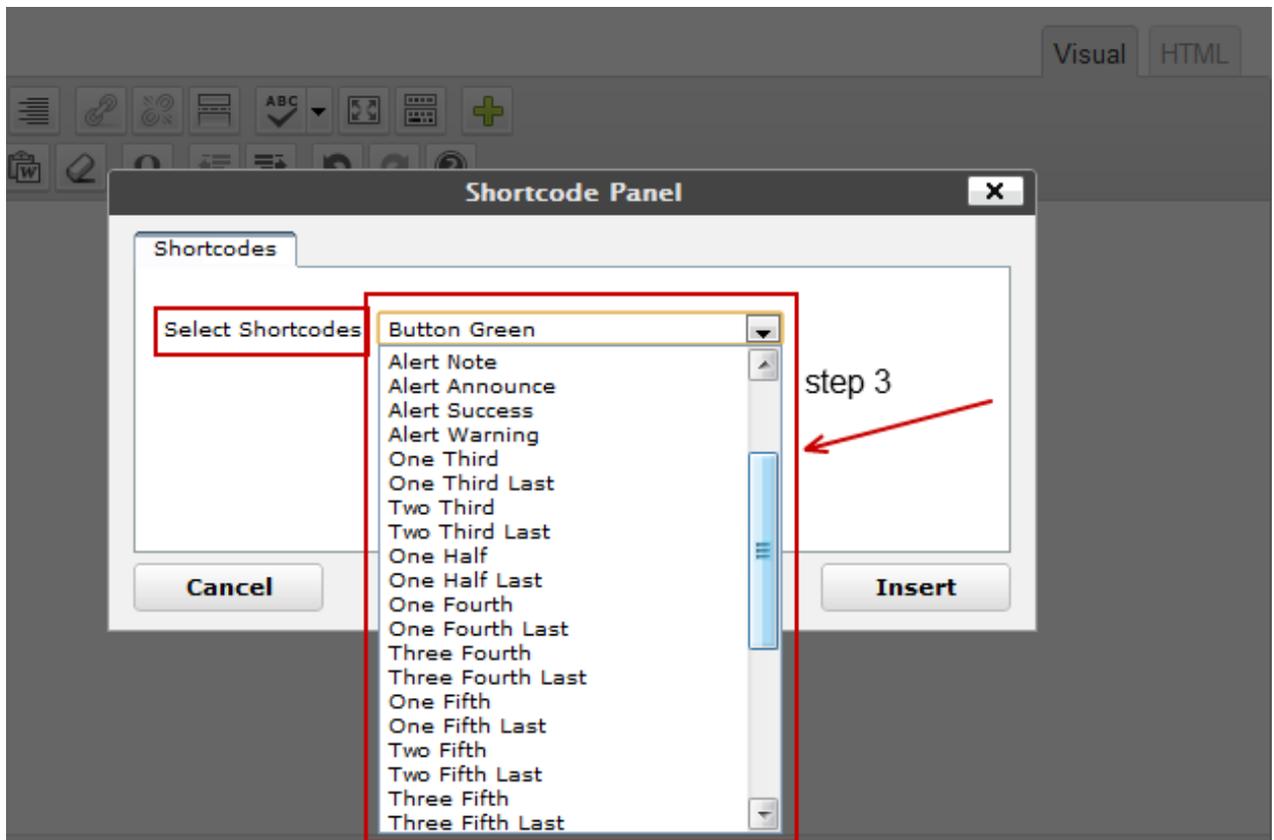
Enter title here

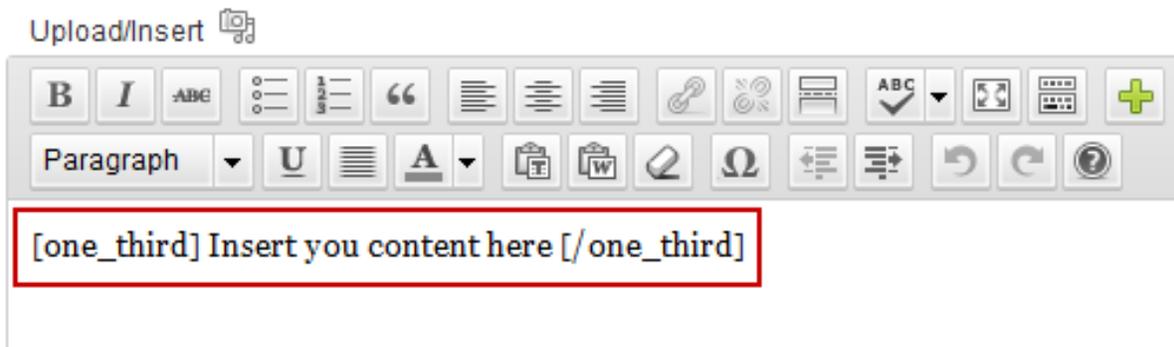
Upload/Insert 

step 2 step 1

Visual HTML

Paragraph **B** *I* ABC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      



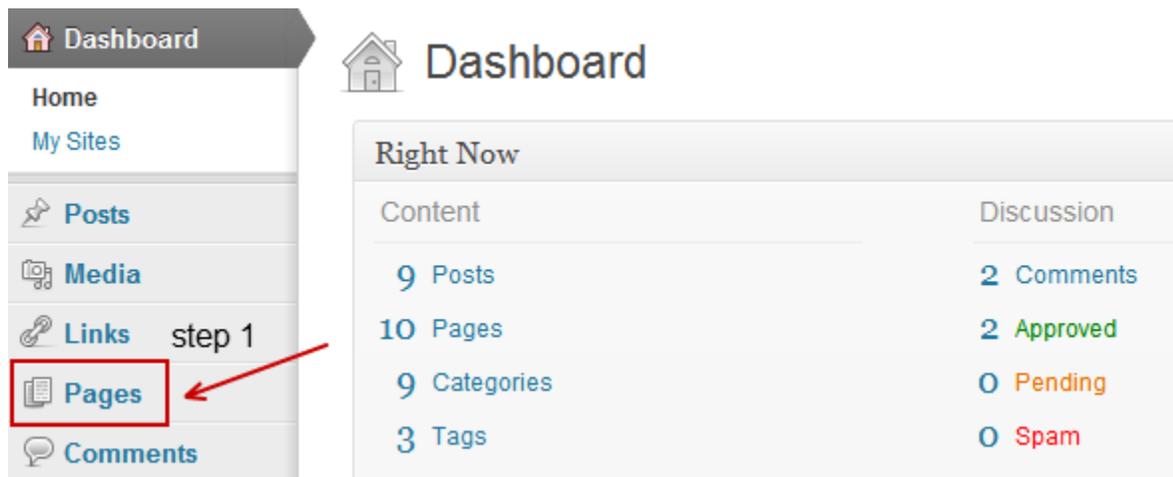


## **E) Contact Page**

Your theme comes with a pre-made contact page template that is very easy to add into the theme.

### **E.1 Adding the contact page:**

Go to your WordPress Admin panel, navigate to Pages > Add New, go to Page Attributes > Template and choose the “Contact” template from the drop-down menu.



**Page Attributes**

**Parent**

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**Template**

Default Template ▼

**Order**

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Need help? Use the Help tab in the upper right of your screen.

**Page Attributes**

**Parent**

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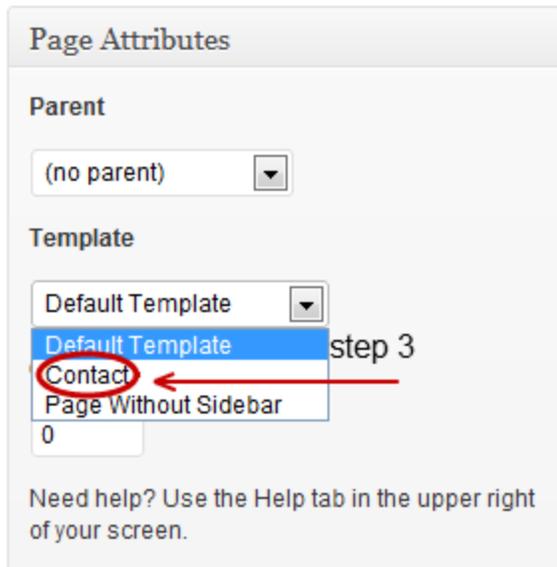
**Template**

Default Template ▼ **step 2** ←

**Order**

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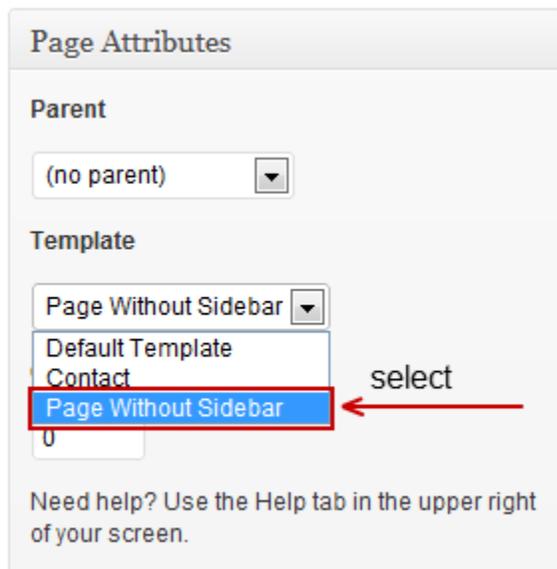


## **F) Full-Width Page**

Your theme comes with a pre-made “Page without Sidebar” template that is very easy to add into the theme.

### **F.1 Adding the full width page:**

Go to your WordPress Admin panel, navigate to Pages > Add New, go to Page Attributes > Template and choose the “Page without Sidebar” template from the drop-down menu.



**Contact Support:** <http://community.mythemeshop.com/>

If you have any questions about the features of your theme, issues with your installation, or just want to tell us how much you like your new theme, please feel free to contact us.