Lycka WordPress Theme – Userguide

Thank you for purchasing Lycka WordPress Theme. If you have any question that is beyond the scope of this documentation, Please feel free to create a support ticket using Our Support Site.

This documentation covers everything you need to know to get the theme up and running in no time. Please read the documentation thoroughly.

Quick note: this theme required WordPress 4.1+. It's highly recommended that you have the latest version of your WordPress installed.

All set? Lets roll! :-)

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1. GETTING STARTED

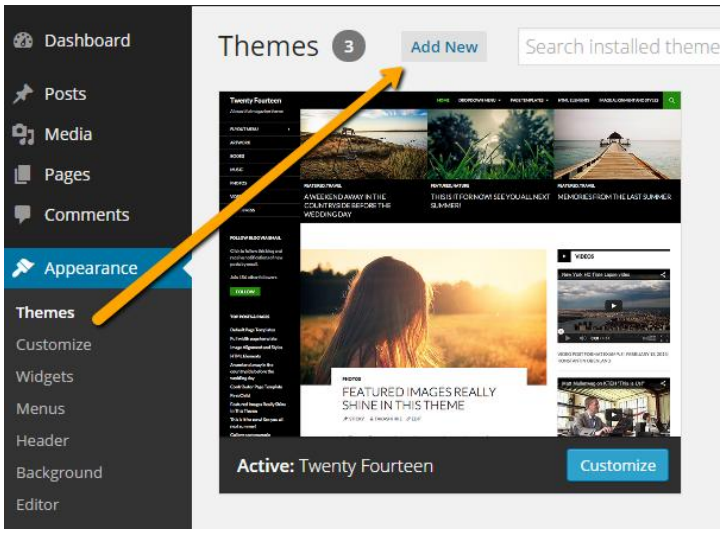
To install your new theme you must have a working version of WordPress* already installed. For information on how to install the WordPress software, please visit the WordPress Codex Installing WordPress.
* Preferably the latest available version of the WordPress software.

Installation

When you are ready to install your theme, you will first need to upload your theme files. When you have uploaded your theme, you will need to activate the theme itself. There are 2 ways to upload your theme files:

Step 1: Install Theme Via WordPress Dashboard

1. Go to 'Appearance > Themes' section
2. Click 'Add New' and select the 'Upload Theme' option



3. Choose the **lycka.zip** file and press 'Install Now'
4. Once the theme is uploaded you need to activate it.
5. Activating theme will take you to the **Lycka Dashboard**, Click the "Customize" link in Customization box menu to get started customizing theme
6. Click "**Save & Publish**" the Theme Customizer once, so that a theme customizer default value gets stored in the database.

if you face any problem during upload through dashboard, please upload the theme using FTP as guided below.

Step 2 (Alternative) : Install Theme Via FTP

1. Access your hosting server using an ftp client like FileZilla
2. Go to the 'wp-content/themes' folder of your WordPress installation
3. Extract the **lycka.zip** file or select 'Lycka' folder in the theme package and put in 'wp-content/themes/' folder
4. Go to 'WordPress Dashboard > Appearance > Themes' section to activate the theme
5. Activating theme will take you to the **Lycka Dashboard**, Click the "Customize" link in Customization box menu to get started customizing theme
6. Click "**Save & Publish**" the Theme Customizer once, so that a theme customizer default value gets stored in the database.

Install Child Theme

It is better to use child theme as if you need to modify anything you modify in child theme only. This way you can easily update your parent theme whenever new update becomes available. You can read more about child theme from here.

To install child theme, you need to upload the **lycka-child.zip** and activate it in the same way as you uploaded and activated the parent theme's **lycka.zip**.

Setting up your theme

Once you have uploaded and activated your theme, you're ready to set-up your brand new theme.

You're one step closer to getting your site up and running with Lycka!

The Customizer

All of the options provided in **Lycka** are handled using the WordPress Theme Customizer, which was added in version 3.4. This provides numerous distinct advantages over 3rd party options panels, including:

1. Utilizing native WordPress features.
2. A simple, intuitive interface.
3. Live preview of options changes before committing them.
4. Cutting down on code bloat.

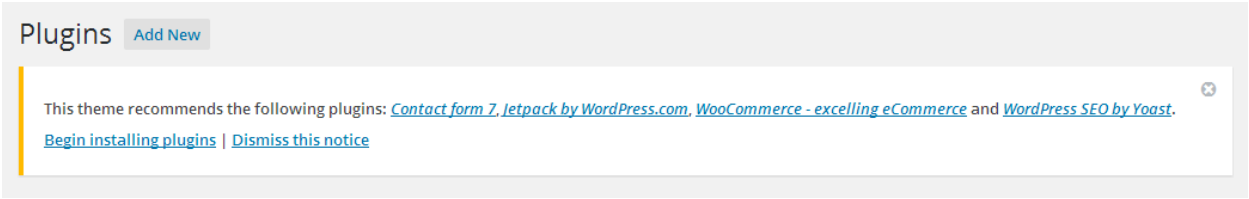
To get to the WordPress Theme Customizer, go to "**Appearance** > **Customize**" in the WordPress Admin Panel. Once you are there, you will be presented with a screen consisting of the options panel on the left and the preview of your site on the right. It should be noted that nothing you change in the Theme Customizer will be committed until you select "**Save & Publish**." This is an incredibly handy feature as it lets you to view everything you're changing on your site before any of your visitors see anything you're updating, allowing you to get 4 things exactly the way you want them before making them live.

Start using your new theme

Once you have uploaded, installed, active and set-up your theme, you're ready to start using your new theme!

2. PLUGINS SUGGESTED

After you have installed and activated the theme, there'll be a message of recommends plugins at the top of the WordPress dashboard.



Click on **Begin Installing Plugins** and it will take you to **Appearance > Install Plugins.** And Install the **recommends** plugins as per you need.

3. SET THE MENU

1. Go to "Appearance > Menus"
2. Select "create a new menu" at the top of the page.
3. Enter a name for your new menu in the Menu Name box.
4. Select the "Pages" or "Categories" by clicking the check box next to each "Pages" or "Categories" that you want to include in the menu.
5. Click the "Add to Menu" button located at the bottom of tab to your menu.
6. Click the "Save Menu" button.

Note: if you want a new menu just click "create a new menu", then you can move the items from the left side. At the bottom "Menu Settings > Theme locations", checklist "Primary Menu" and "Save Menu".

4. ADD THE ABOUT WIDGET

1. Go to Media > Add New
2. Click on "Select Files"
3. Upload a square or circle image of you. (Ideal size 250x200px)
4. Click on "edit"
5. Copy the link from "File URL"
6. Go to "Appearance > Widgets"
7. Move/ drag the "[Lycka] About Widget" to the Sidebar
8. Paste the url in the "Image URL"
9. Write a text in "About Description"
10. Add the url of your about page
11. Click on "Save"

5. ADD CUSTOM POST WIDGET

1. In the "Appearance > Widgets"
2. Move/ drag the "[Lycka] Custom Post" widget to the Sidebar
3. Select a Category you want to display or use Filter Posts by **Tags**

6. ADD INSTAGRAM WIDGET

1. In the "Appearance > Widgets"
2. Move/ drag the "[Lycka] Instagram Widget" to the Sidebar
3. Enter your Instagram user without "@"
4. Set the size of the thumbnails of your custom Size. (default = 150)

7. ADD SOCIAL LINKS WIDGET

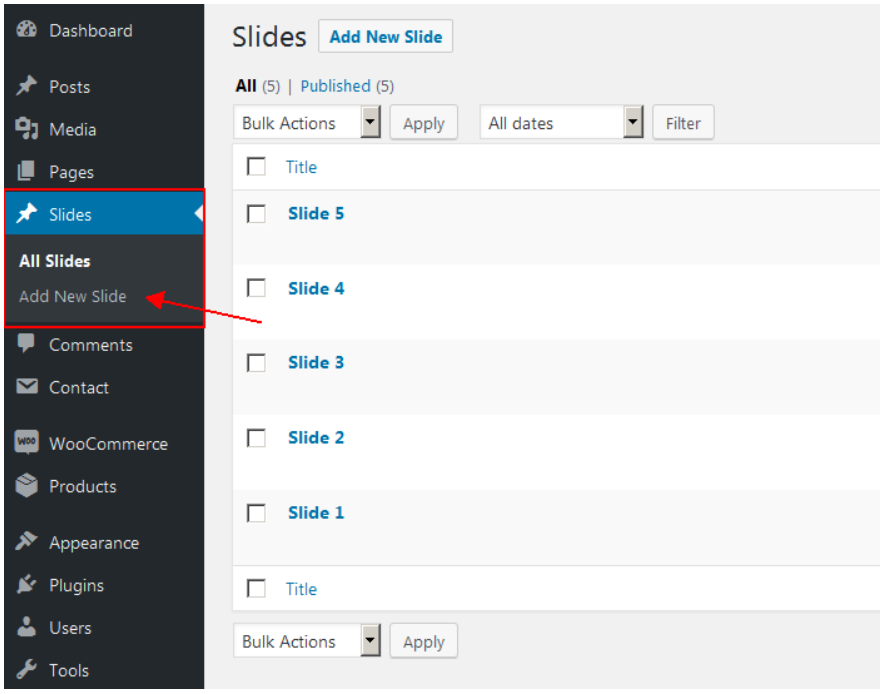
1. In the "Appearance > Widgets"
2. Move/ drag the "[Lycka] Social Links" widget to the Sidebar
3. Enter your social links to displaying social icons in the sidebar. (Leave blank the text boxes to not display icons.)

8. ADD SLIDER

Creating a Slider is very similar to creating a post. Just remember that Slider/Slideshow are showing on the homepage.

Creating a Slider on the homepage.

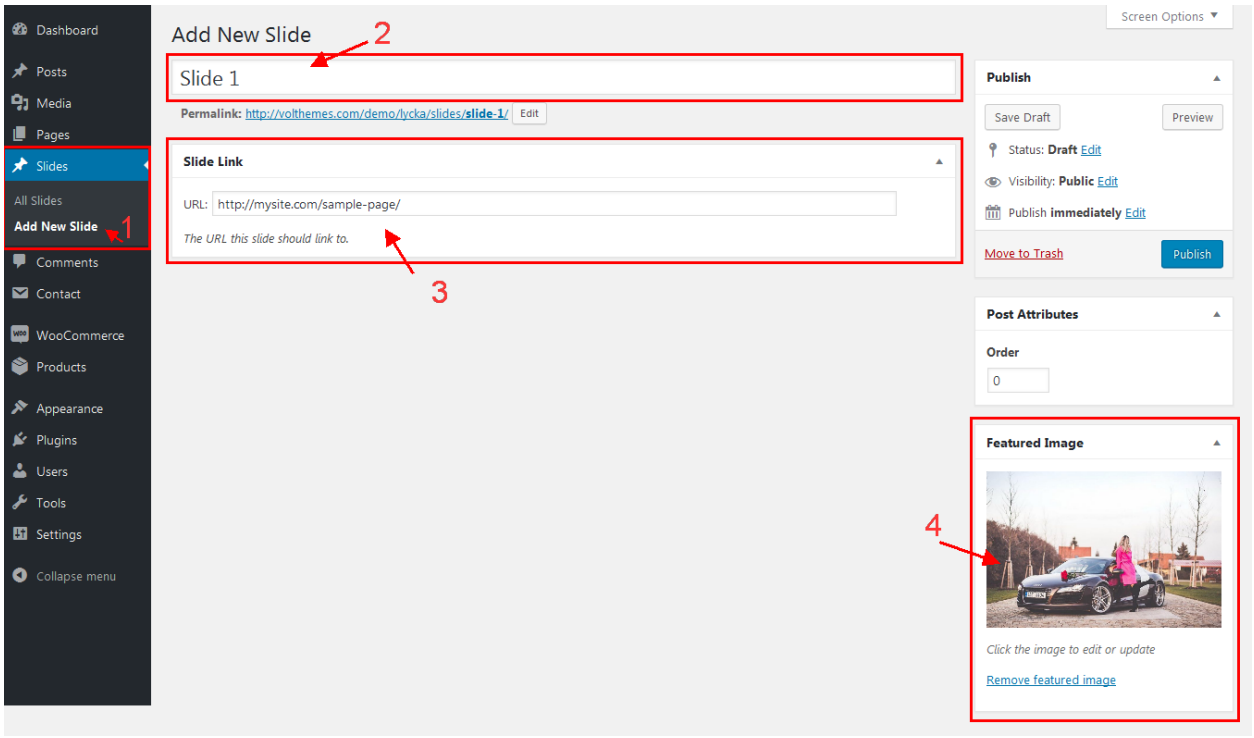
1. To get started adding a new Slider to your WordPress site, find the **Slides** menu in the WordPress Dashboard Navigation menu. Click **Add new.**



2. Enter the **Title** of the Slide, like *Slide-1*.

3. Enter the **Slide Link**/ The URL this slide should link to.

4. Next, add **Featured Image** under the **Page Attributes,** located on the right side of the screen**.**



5. The **Publish** section of the Slide editor is exactly the same as for writing posts. When you're ready to publish, you can either publish immediately, save this or a draft, or schedule the slide to be published later.

6. The **Post Attributes** box allows you to order your slide numerically. Usually ordered alphabetically, but you can choose your own order by entering a number in this field.

7. Click **Publish**. You've added a new Slide to your WordPress site/homepage.

9. CUSTOMIZE: HEADER IMAGE

In the "Appearance > Customize > Header Image", you can upload a custom header image or custom logo. The Customizer tells you the sizes suggested.
1. Click on "Add new image"
2. Click on "Select files"
3. Select your header image or custom logo
4. Click on "Select and Crop"
5. **Save & Publish** to apply changes.

10. LYCKA OPTIONS:

- LYCKA OPTIONS: LOGO IN THE HEADER

If you use a logo instead of full image for the header, check the option "Header image is a logo" to apply margins. Check the option “Center logo” to make the logo position to center.

- LYCKA OPTIONS: BLOG LAYOUT

Blog page layout Options: Right Sidebar, No Sidebar, Grid 2 Columns, Grid Right Sidebar, and Thumbnail Right Sidebar

Archive Page Layout: Grid Right Sidebar, No Sidebar, Grid 2 Columns, and Grid Right Sidebar
Single Blog Post Layout: Right Sidebar or No Sidebar

- LYCKA OPTIONS: SLIDER OPTIONS

Here you can activate slider that will appear on the Home page

- LYCKA OPTIONS: FONTS

You can choose the Google fonts that you like and add to your website.

1. Go to to “Appearance > Customize > Lycka Options > Fonts”
2. Go to http://www.google.com/fonts and choose your fonts.
3. Add them to the collection, then click on Use.
4. Copy the link to the fonts like this one:

   http://fonts.googleapis.com/css?family=Open+Sans|Slabo+27px

5. Paste it in the first text area (Insert the Link Code).
6. Now you can insert the name of the font wherever you want. For example in the text area of the Body Font.
7. You can edit the Font Size too.

- LYCKA OPTIONS: COLORS SETTINGS

You can change the colors of a lot of sections and elements like Menu Background, Link color, Titles, Headings, Widget Title, etc…

- LYCKA OPTIONS: FOOTER CREDITS

You can change with the custom Footer Credits text. You don’t need to credit or link us back.

- LYCKA OPTIONS: CUSTOM CSS

You'll be able to add you custom CSS if you want. Add any custom css here. It will override the default values.

- LYCKA OPTIONS: CUSTOM SCRIPTS

Add Custom Code or Scripts in this section.

- Use Header Script (For example: meta tag verification, google fonts url,etc)
  They will be added before < /head> tag.

- Use Footer Script (For example: google analytic, histats,etc)
  They will be added before < /body> tag

11. PAGE TEMPLATES

In an empty page you can choose some page template under "Page Attributes –> Template" like **Full-width Page Template** or **No Sidebar Centered**.

12. HOW TO CREATE A LANDING PAGE WITH A SLIDER**

1. Go to Pages > **Add New**
2. Title for example: Landing Page
3. Paste the shortcode: [slider]
4. Select the template "Full-width Page Template" under *Page attributes > template* on the right side
5. Add new page with the Title (called *blog* for example) which will act as your blog page.
6. Under *Settings > Reading,* set the *front page* and select *Landing Page* and set the *posts page* select to *Blog.*

*See how to use Shortcode on the bottom

You're ready to go!

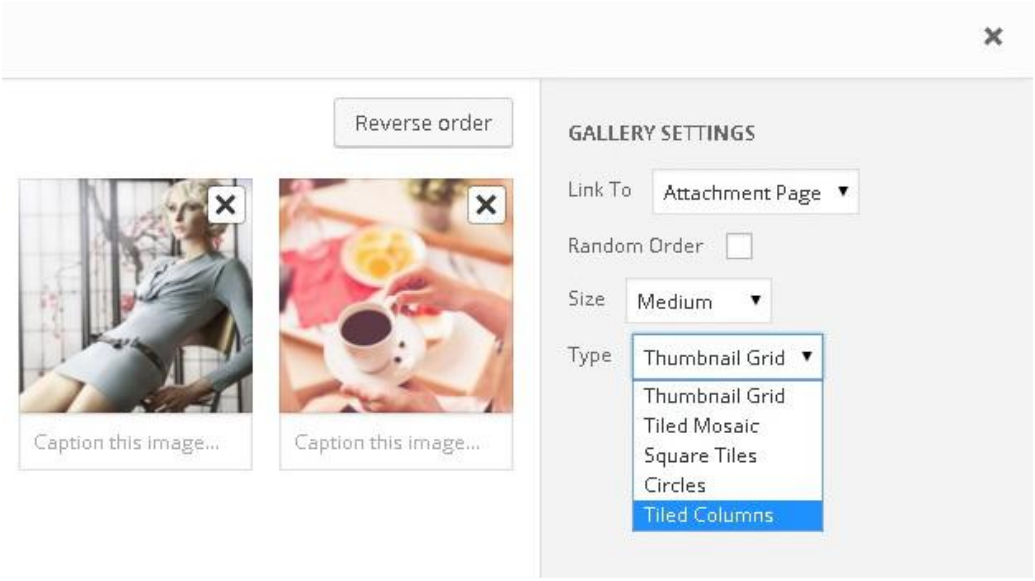
13. HOW TO CREATE TILED GALLERIES

To use Tiled Galleries, first make sure the Jetpack WordPress plugin installed and the module is activated in your Jetpack dashboard. (see point number **2. Plugins Suggested**)

With Tiled Galleries you can display your image galleries in three new styles: a rectangular mosaic, a square mosaic, and a circular grid. The rectangular and square tiled layouts also have hover-over captions to save space while making captions accessible.

You can create your Tiled Gallery by following these steps:

1. Make sure the module is activated in your Jetpack dashboard
2. Create a new gallery with the "Tiles" option selected.
3. Optional: To make all of your galleries tiled by default, go to "Settings > Media" in your blog's dashboard and select the box next to "Display all your gallery pictures in a cool mosaic."



14. SHORTCODES

On the live demo you can find the page SHORTCODES where you'll find a lot of code snippets ready to copy and paste wherever you want. http://volthemes.com/demo/lycka/shortcodes/

15. TRANSLATION

It is ready for theme translations. You can add your own translation or customize an existing translation easily using the WordPress plugin Codestyling Localization. If you want to share your translation with us, please send an email to support[@]volthemes.com

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