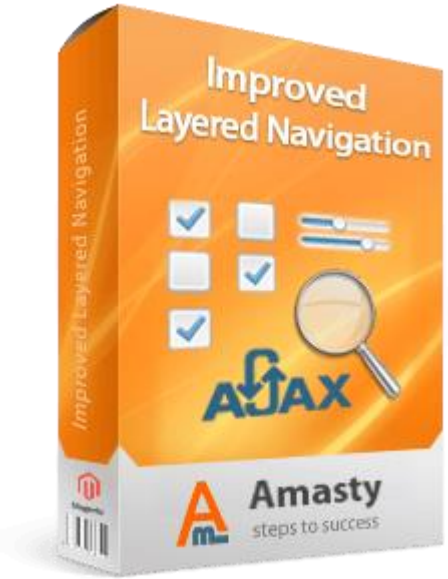
Improved Layered Navigation



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1. Layered navigation filters

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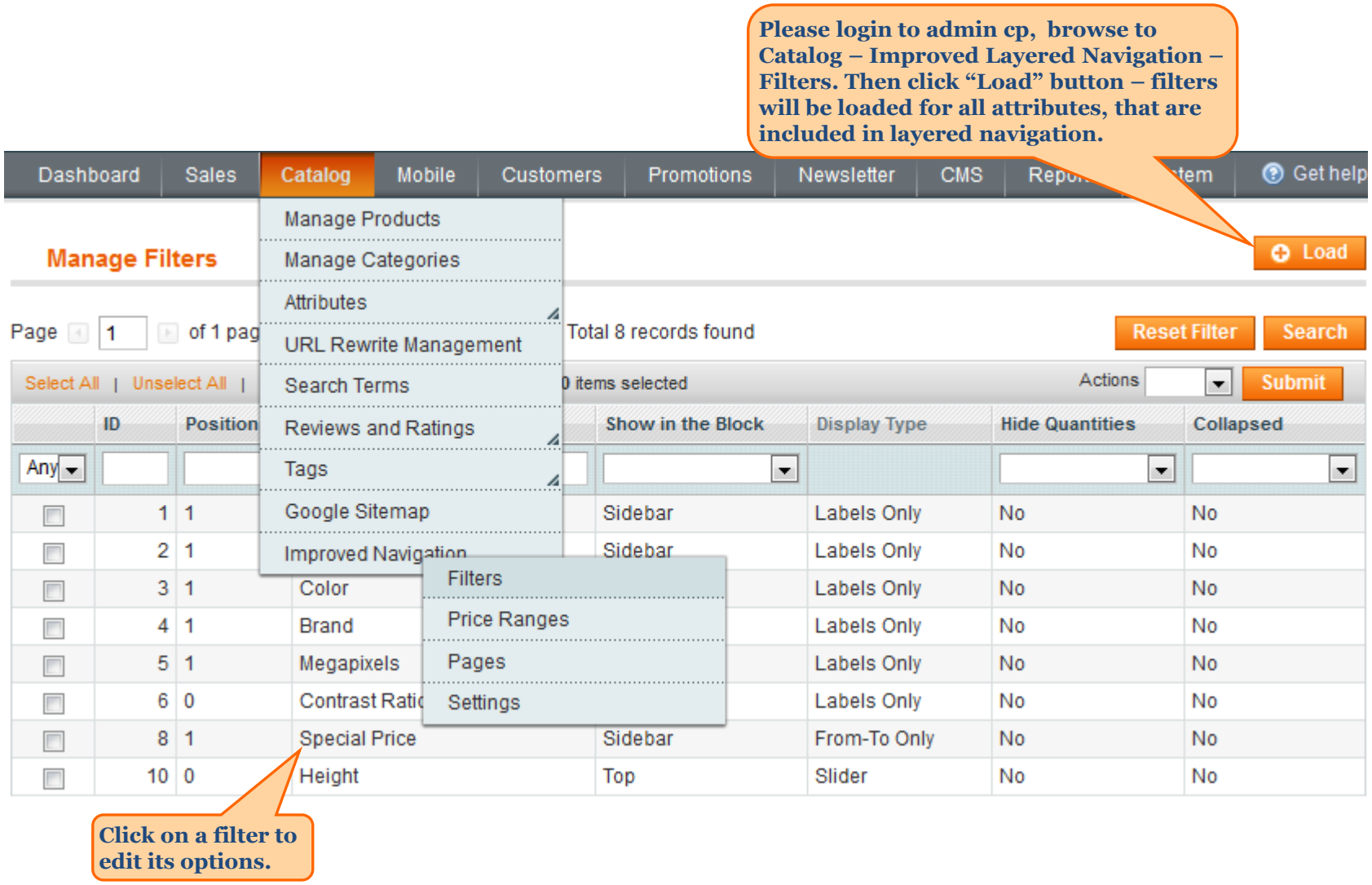
1. Creation and configuration of attribute filters



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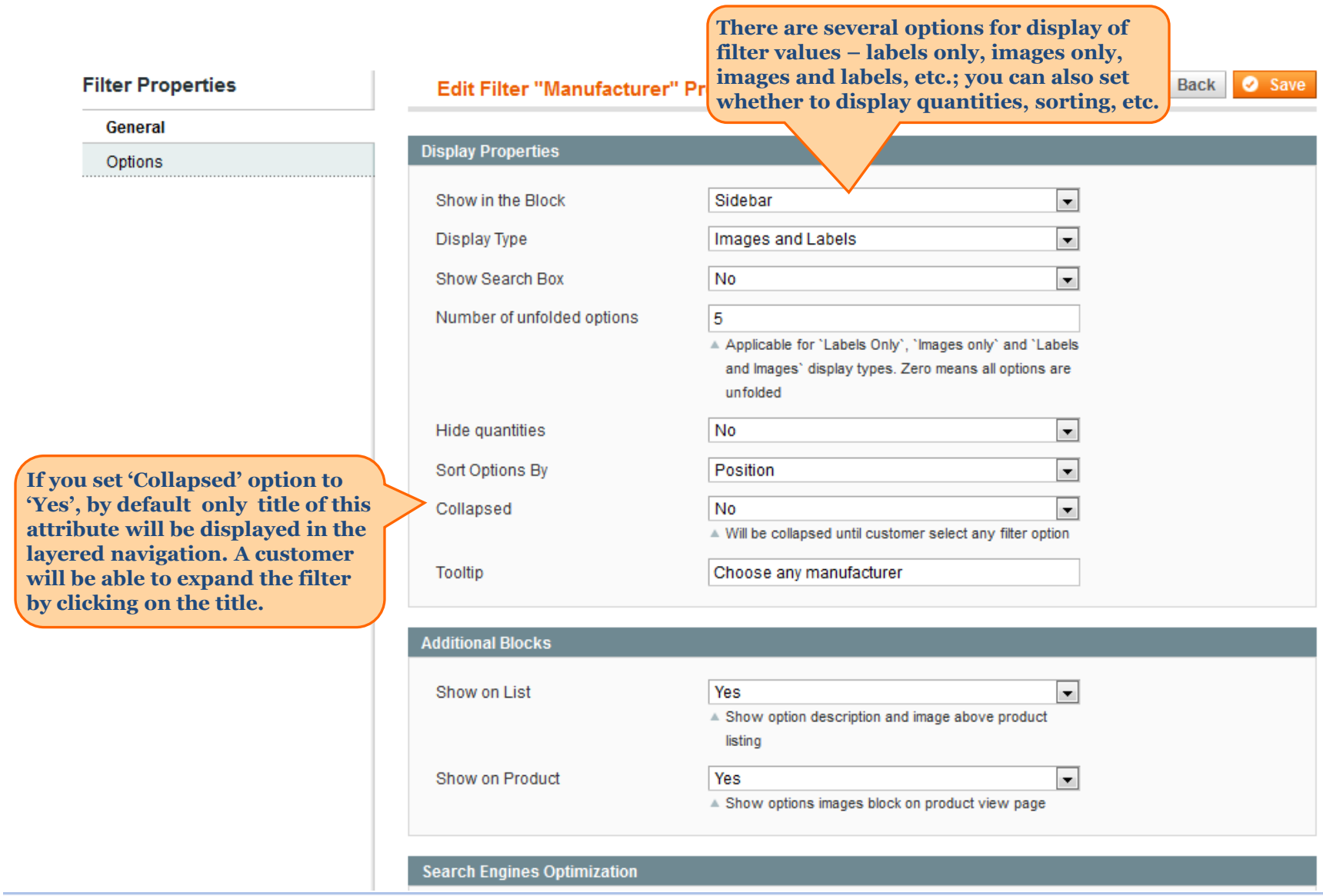
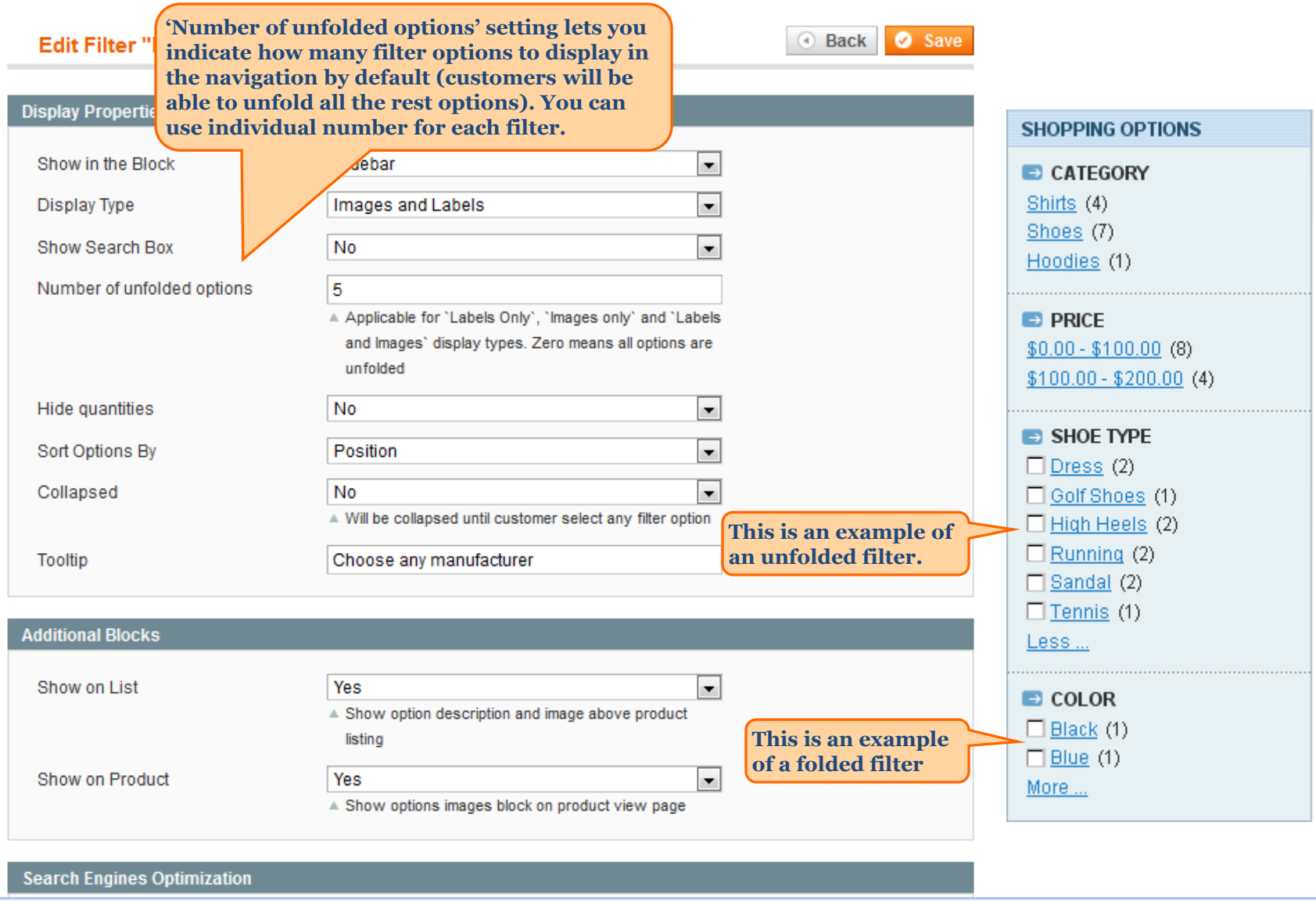
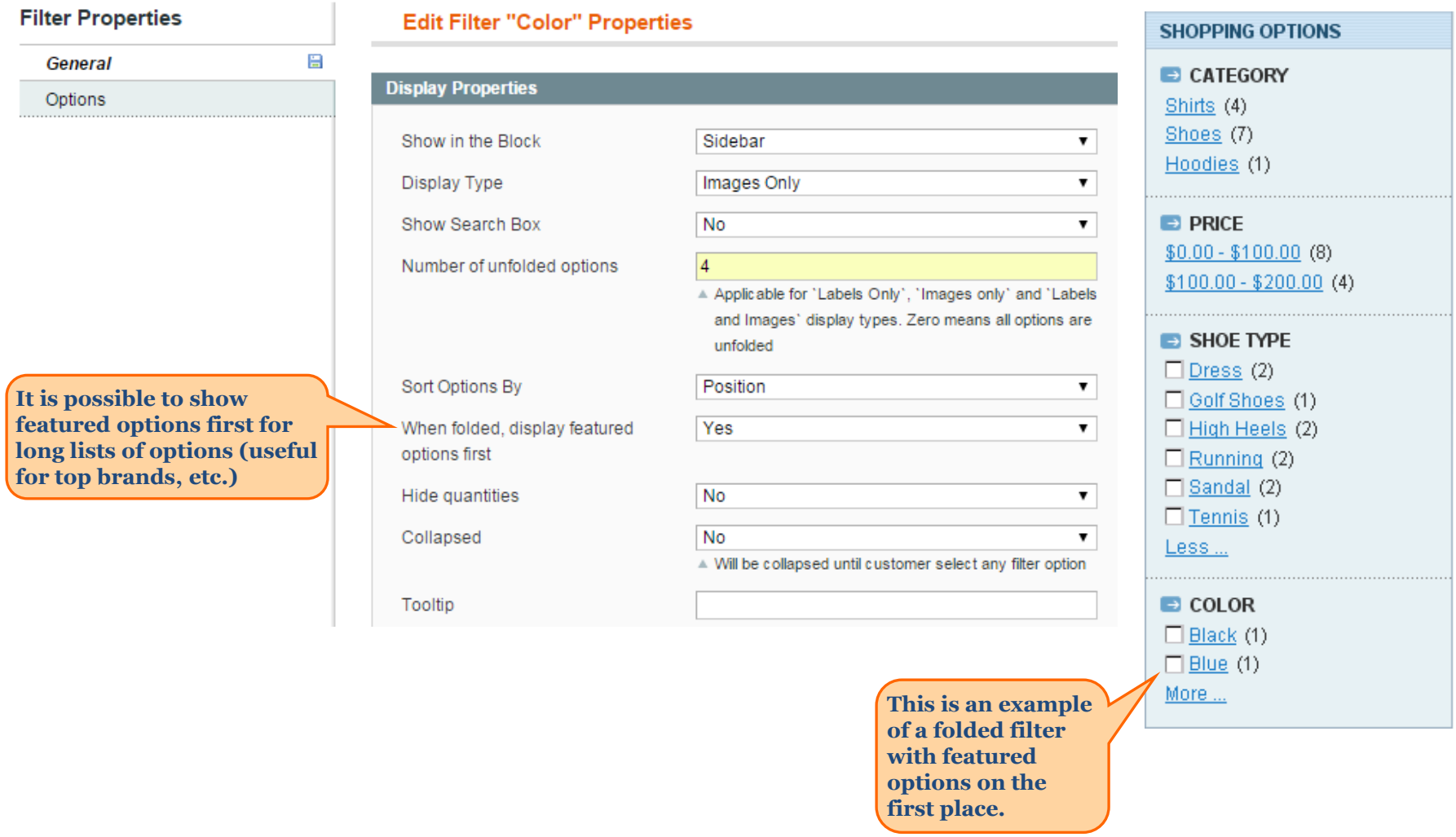



'Number of unfolded options' setting lets you indicate how many filter options to display in the navigation by default (customers will be able to unfold all the rest options). You can use individual number for each filter.
Edit Filter "
Back
Save
Display Properti
Show in the Block
Display Type
Images and Labels
Show Search Box
No
Number of unfolded options
5
Applicable for `Labels Only`, `Images only` and `Labels and Images` display types. Zero means all options are unfolded
Hide quantities
No
Sort Options By
Position
Collapsed
No
Will be collapsed until customer select any filter option
Tooltip
Choose any manufacturer
Additional Blocks
Show on List
Yes
Show option description and image above product listing
Show on Product
Yes
Show options images block on product view page
Search Engines Optimization
This is an example of an unfolded filter.
This is an example of a folded filter
SHOPPING OPTIONS
CATEGORY
Shirts (4)
Shoes (7)
Hoodies (1)
PRICE
$0.00 - $100.00 (8)
$100.00 - $200.00 (4)
SHOE TYPE
Dress (2)
Golf Shoes (1)
High Heels (2)
Running (2)
Sandal (2)
Tennis (1)
Less ...
COLOR
Black (1)
Blue (1)
More ...


Filter Properties
General
Options
Edit Filter "Color" Properties
Display Properties
Show in the Block
Sidebar
Display Type
Images Only
Show Search Box
No
Number of unfolded options
4
Applicable for `Labels Only`, `Images only` and `Labels and Images` display types. Zero means all options are unfolded
Sort Options By
Position
When folded, display featured options first
Yes
Hide quantities
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Collapsed
No
Will be collapsed until customer select any filter option
Tooltip
It is possible to show featured options first for long lists of options (useful for top brands, etc.)
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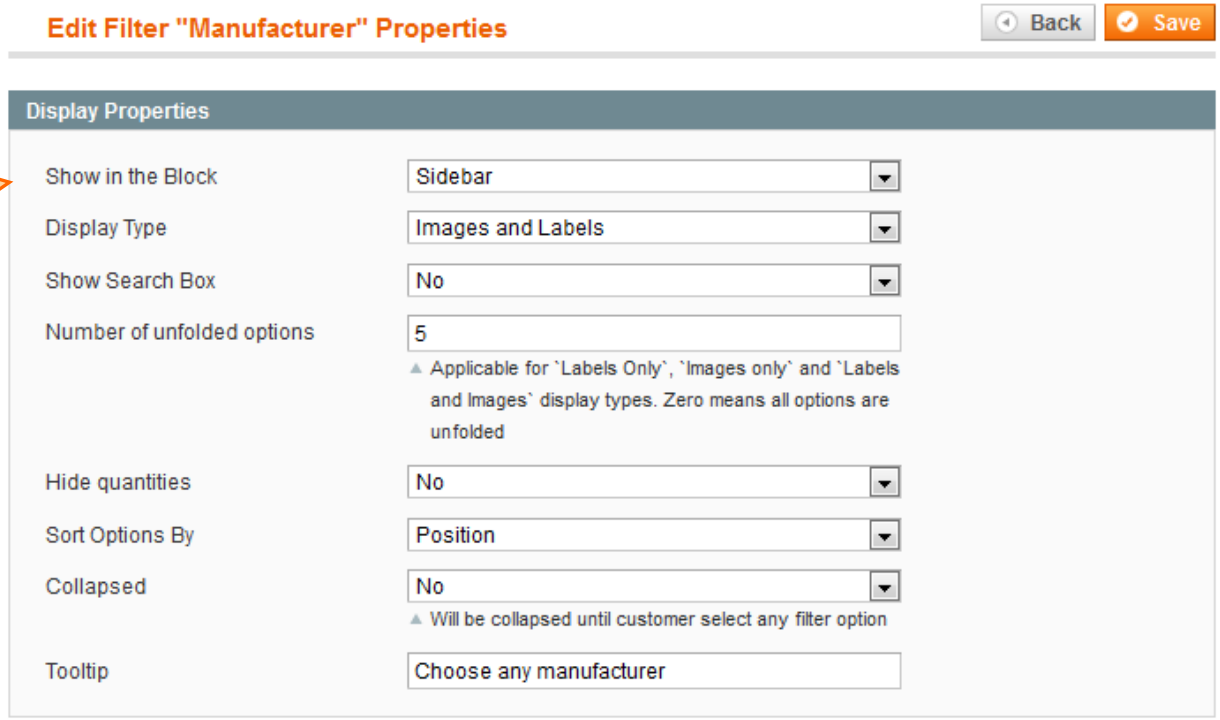
Tennis (1)
Less ...
COLOR
Black (1)
Blue (1)
More ...
This is an example of a folded filter with featured options on the first place.

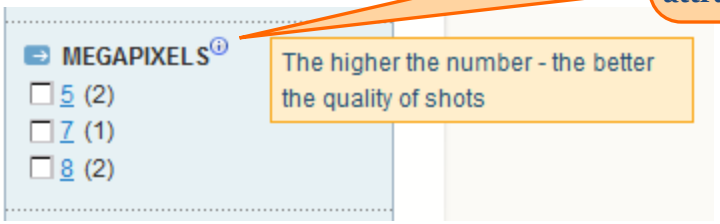
3. Display mode and creation of tooltips for filters

You can choose whether to display the filter in left column or in the top block of the main column. In such a way you can have Magento Vertical and horizontal navigation blocks.

To help customers with the navigation you can add a tool tip for each filter.



The tips are displayed only when customers hover mouse over the tool tip icon. You can use text, HTML or even images for tool tips to make them attractive and integrated with your store.



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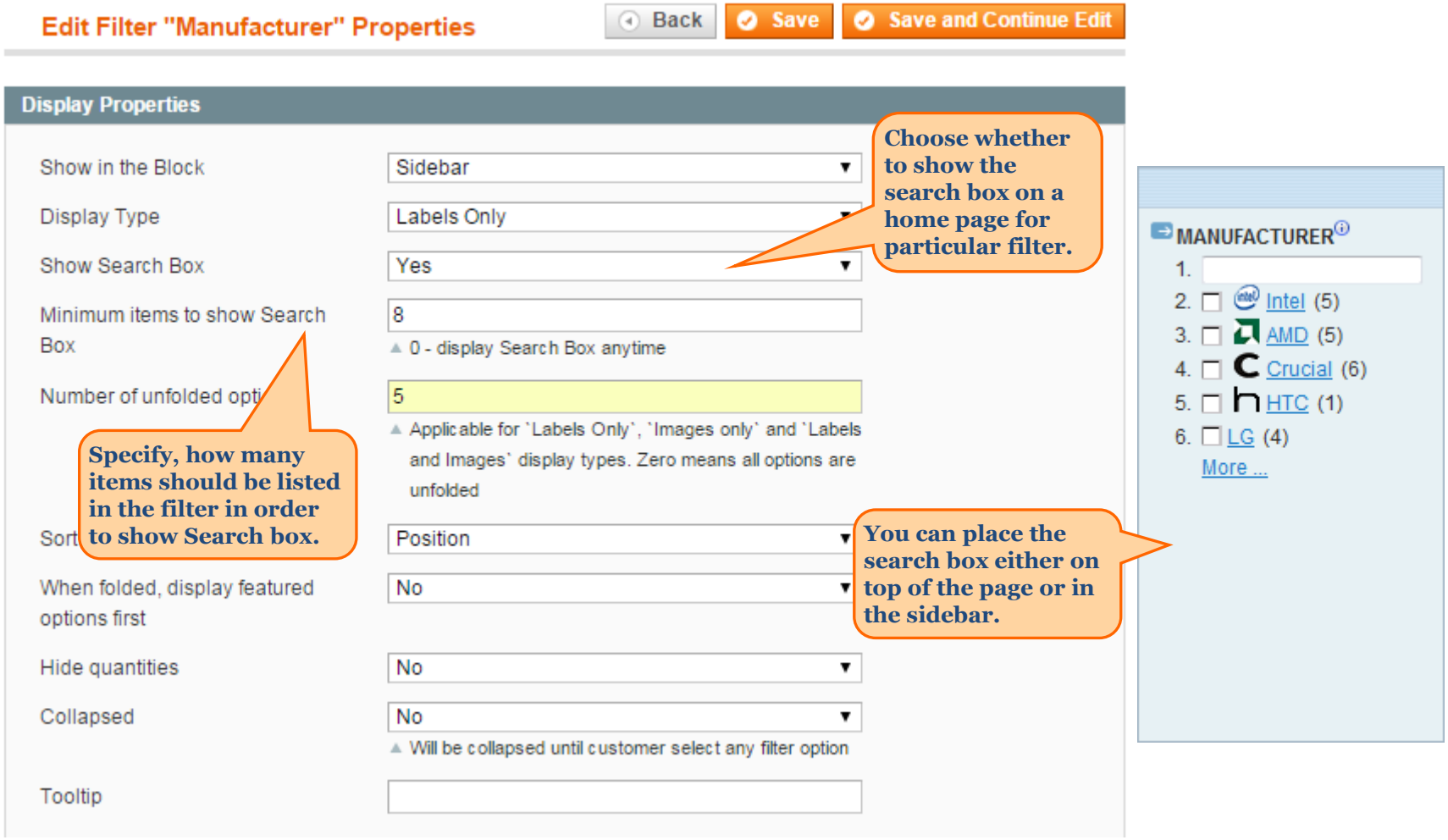
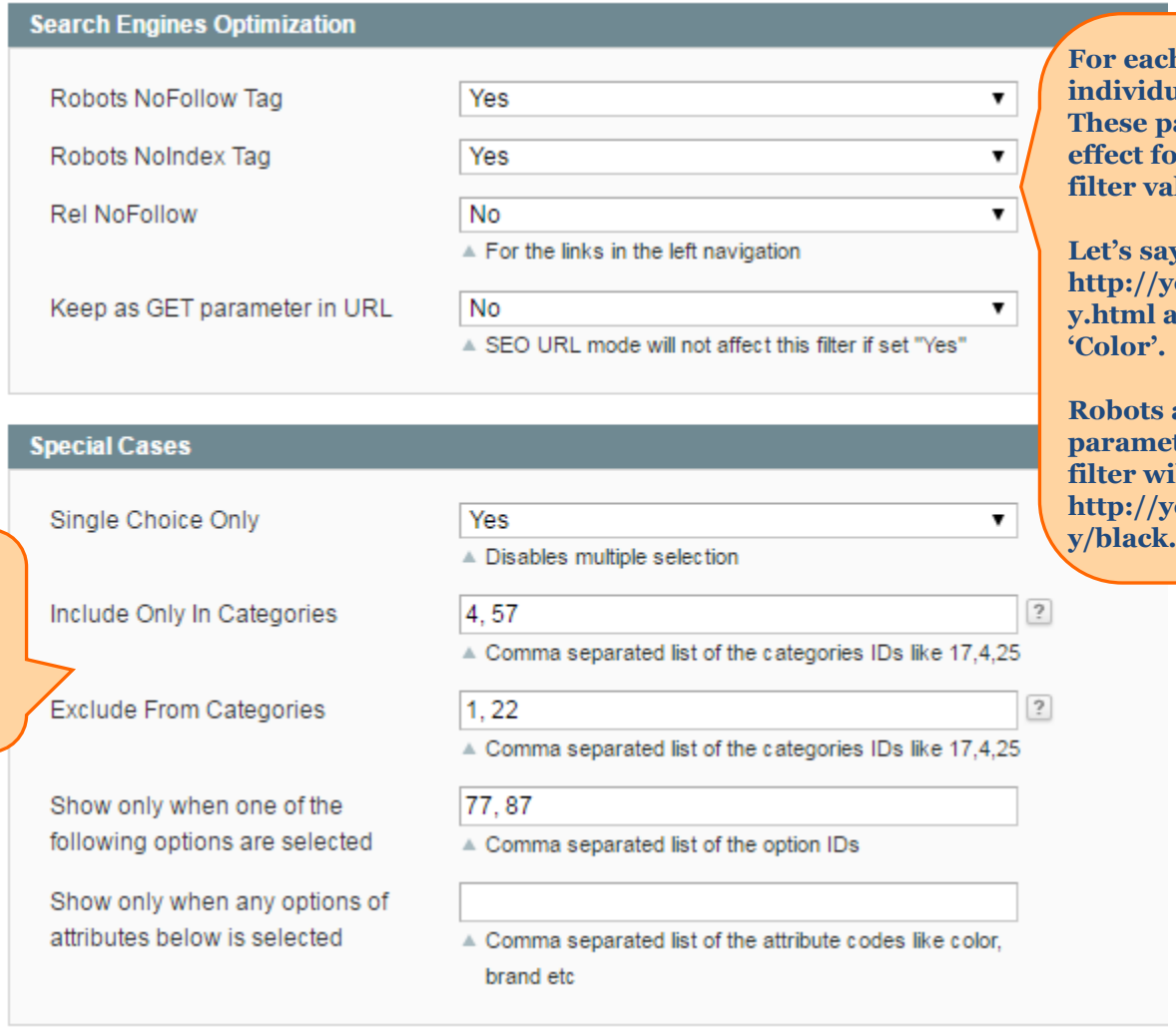


4. SEO parameters for filters. Hiding of filters for certain categories



For each filter you can specify individual SEO parameters. These parameters will take effect for all pages on which the filter values are selected.

Let's say you go to page http://your_store.com/category.html and select 'black' in filter 'Color'.

Robots and rel nofollow parameters specified for 'Color' filter will be applied to page http://your_store.com/category/black.html.

If you want to display the attribute and its options on the page of particular categories, indicate the ids of the categories in this field.

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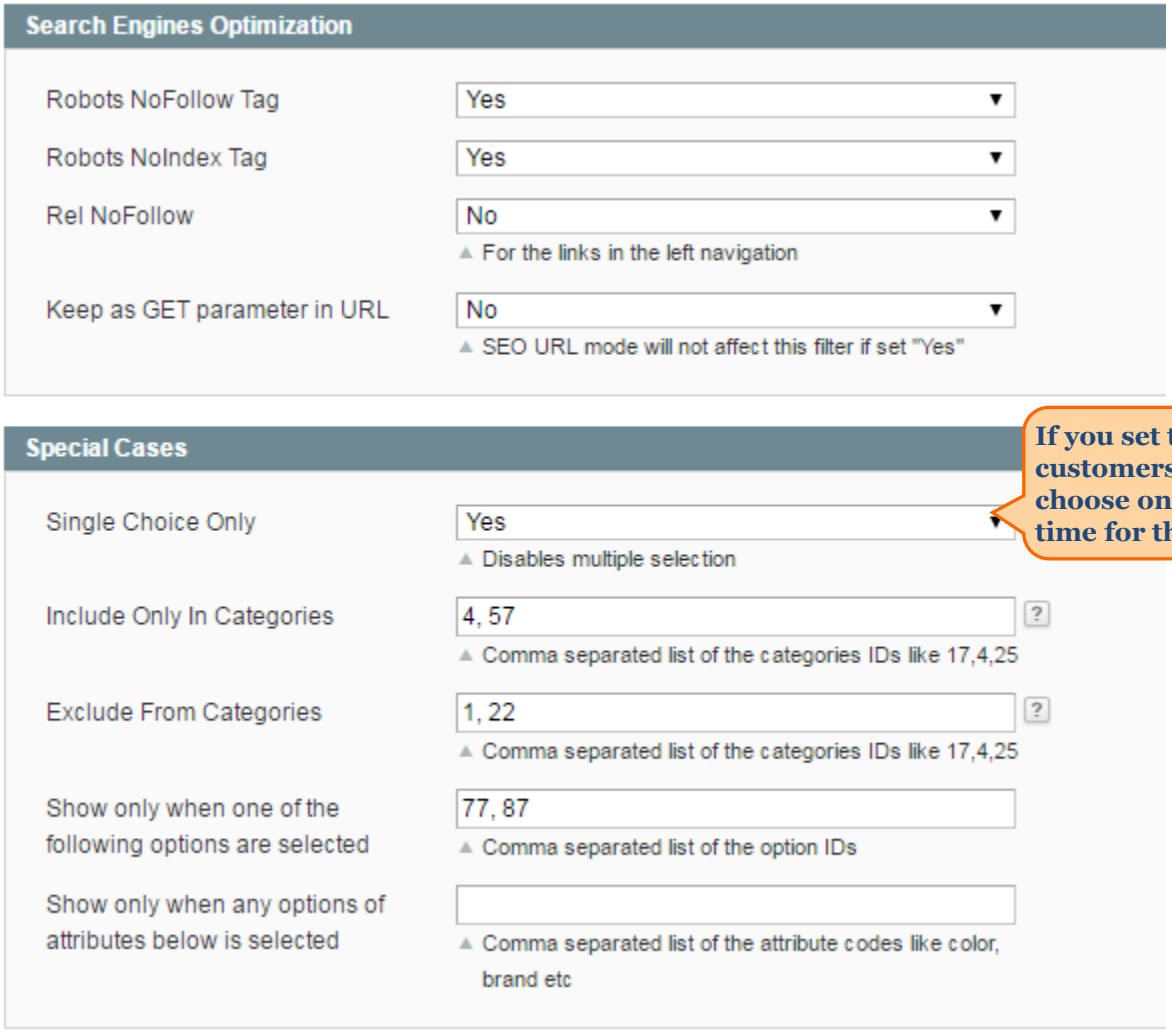

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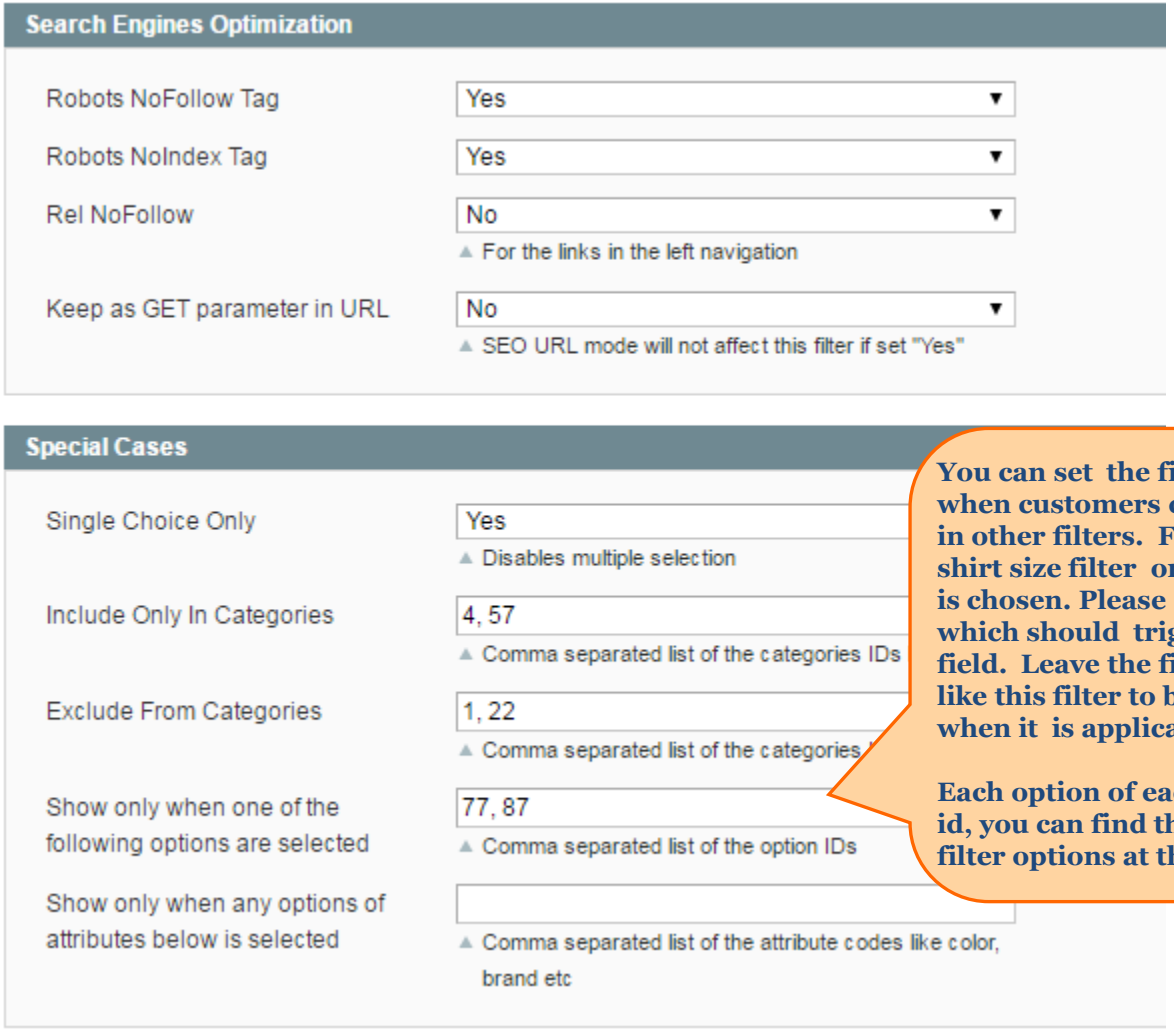
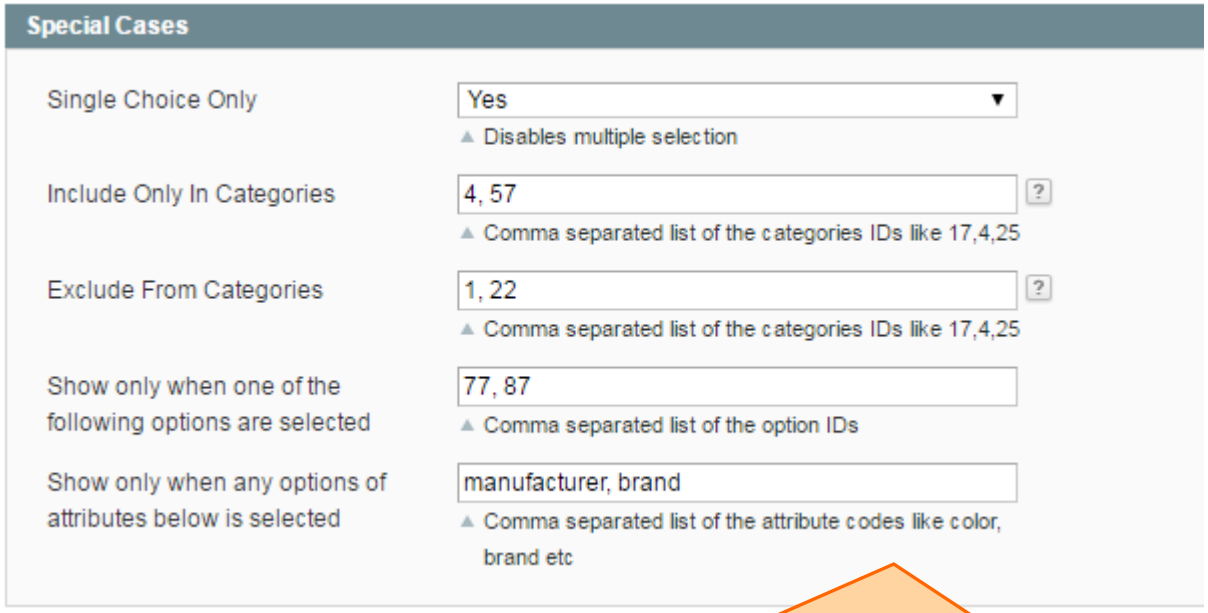


You can set the filter to be displayed when customers choose certain options in other filters. For example, display shirt size filter only when 'Gucci' brand is chosen. Please specify ids of options, which should trigger the filter, in this field. Leave the field blank if you would like this filter to be displayed each time when it is applicable.

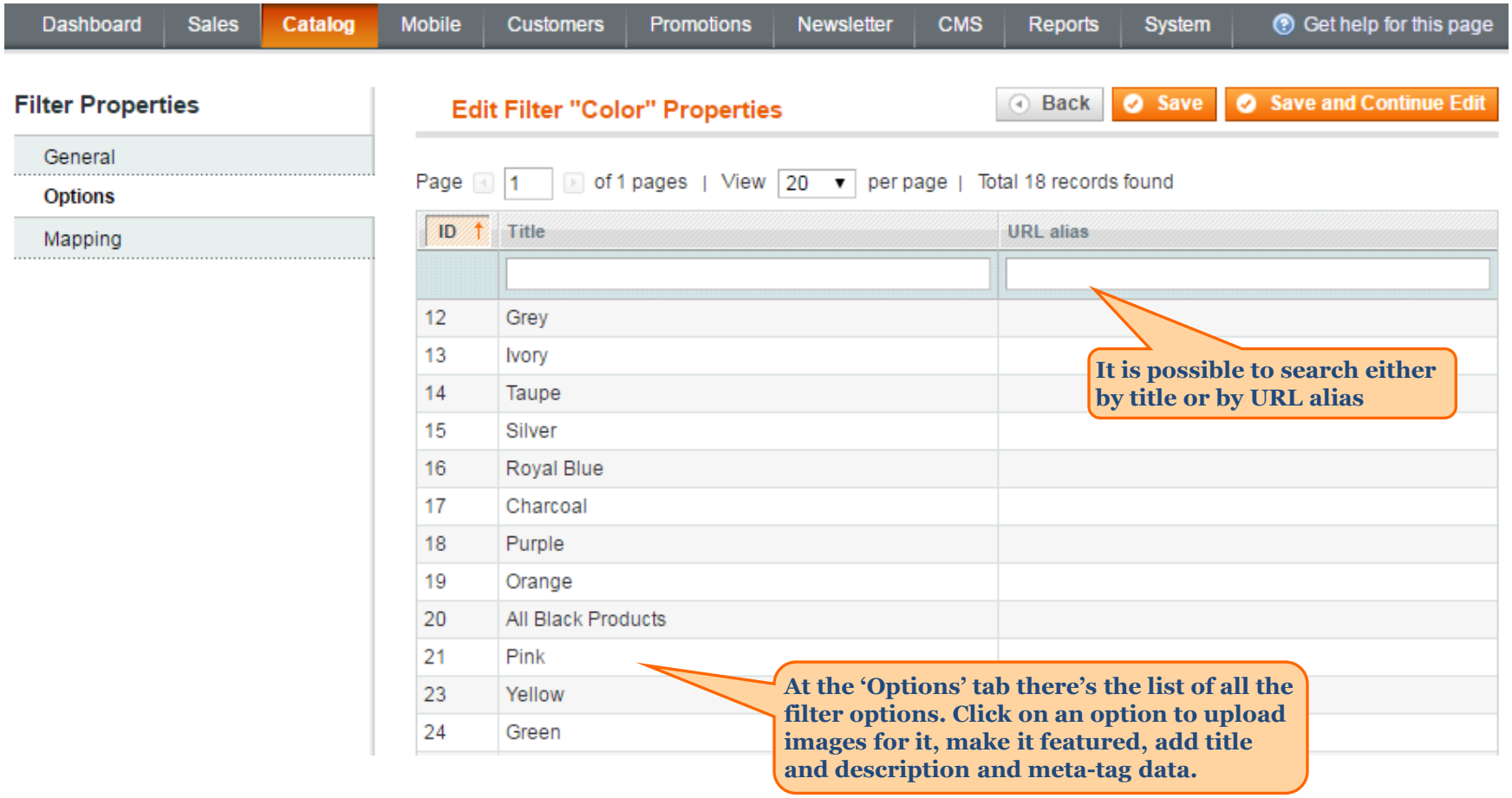
Each option of each filter has a unique id, you can find the ids on the list of filter options at the 'Options' tab.

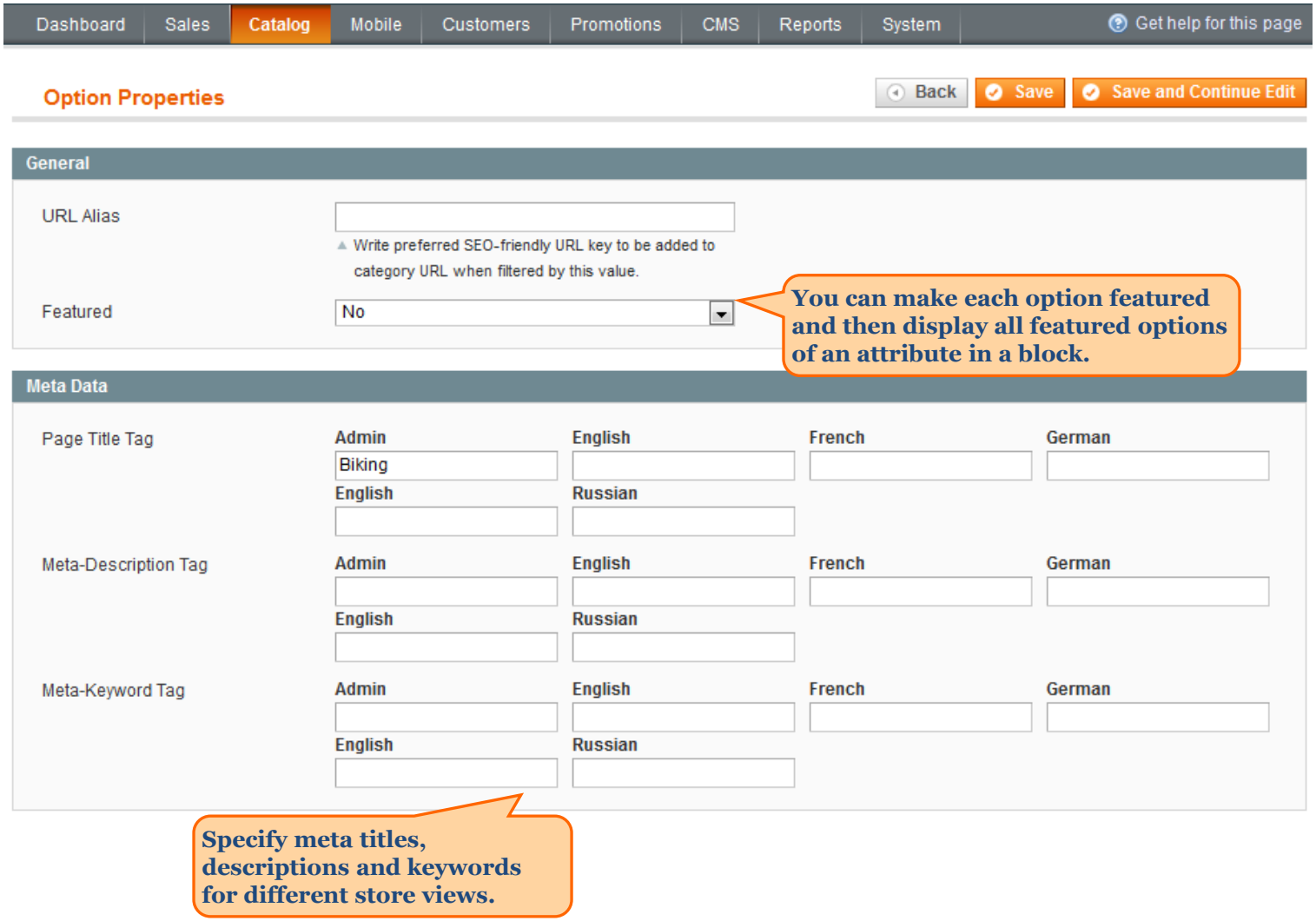


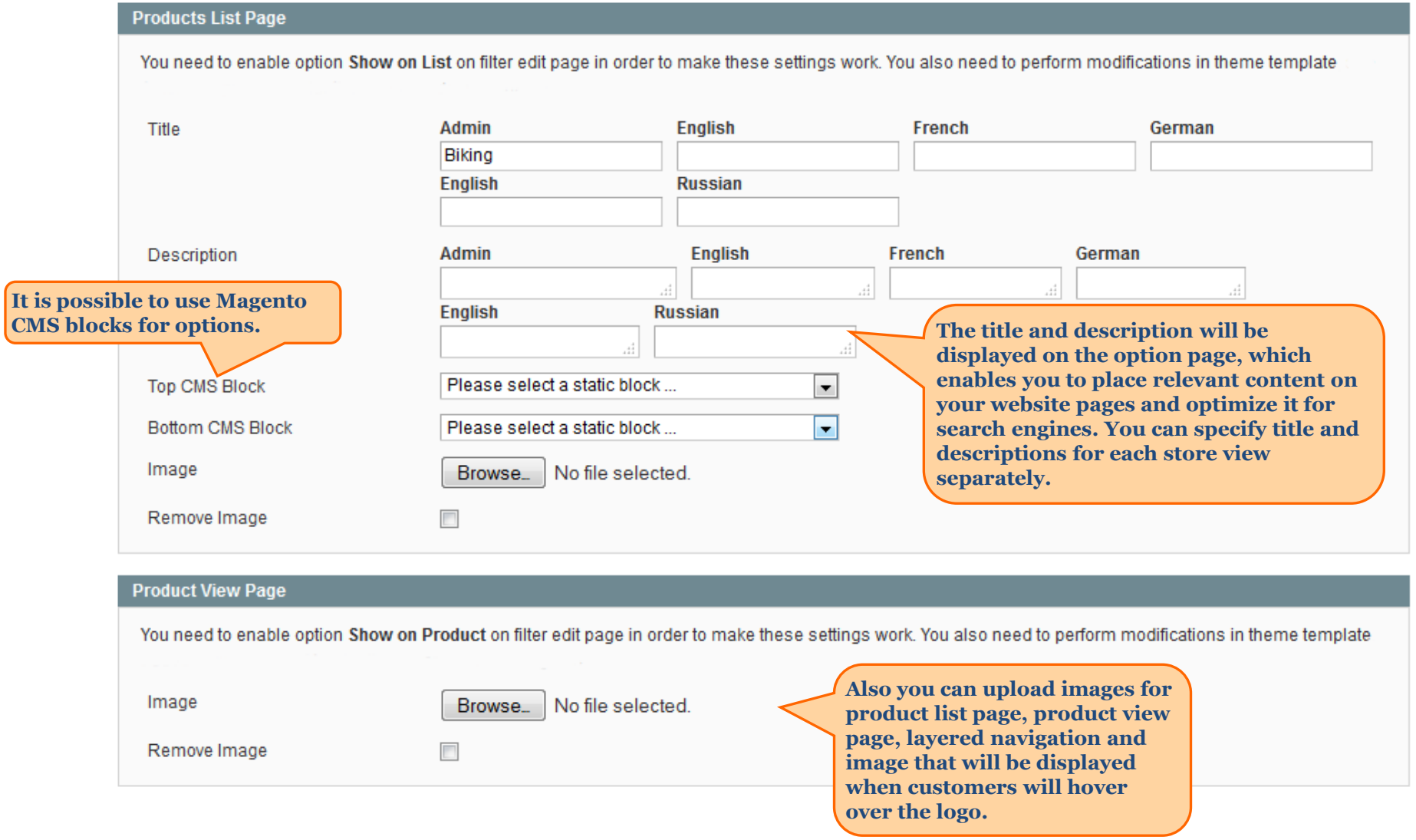
You can make the filter to be displayed when customers choose ANY option in other filters (for example, shirt size filter gets displayed only when an option of filter «brand», e.g. Gucci, Mango, is chosen). Please use this field to specify attribute codes* of the filters, by which current filter should be triggered. Leave the field blank if you would like this filter to be displayed each time when it is applicable.

***Each filter (attribute) has an attribute code, you can find the code on the list of attributes in admin panel -> Catalog -> Attributes -> Manage attributes.**

6. Editing of filter options




Dashboard
Sales
Catalog
Mobile
Customers
Promotions
CMS
Reports
System
Get help for this page
Option Properties
Back
Save
Save and Continue Edit
General
URL Alias
Write preferred SEO-friendly URL key to be added to category URL when filtered by this value.
Featured
No
You can make each option featured and then display all featured options of an attribute in a block.
Meta Data
Page Title Tag
Admin
Biking
English
French
German
English
Russian
Meta-Description Tag
Admin
English
French
German
English
Russian
Meta-Keyword Tag
Admin
English
French
German
English
Russian
Specify meta titles, descriptions and keywords for different store views.


Products List Page
You need to enable option Show on List on filter edit page in order to make these settings work. You also need to perform modifications in theme template
Title
Admin
Biking
English
French
German
English
Russian
Description
Admin
English
French
German
English
Russian
It is possible to use Magento CMS blocks for options.
The title and description will be displayed on the option page, which enables you to place relevant content on your website pages and optimize it for search engines. You can specify title and descriptions for each store view separately.
Top CMS Block
Please select a static block ...
Bottom CMS Block
Please select a static block ...
Image
Browse...
No file selected.
Remove Image
Product View Page
You need to enable option Show on Product on filter edit page in order to make these settings work. You also need to perform modifications in theme template
Image
Browse...
No file selected.
Remove Image
Also you can upload images for product list page, product view page, layered navigation and image that will be displayed when customers will hover over the logo.

7. How to add layered navigation to home page

II. To add the layered navigation to the homepage, please do the following:

1) Open your home page in admin area (CMS > Pages)

2) switch to the "Custom Design" tab

3) set layout to "2 columns with left sidebar“

4) copy-paste these lines:

```
<reference name="left">
      <block type="amshopby/catalog_layer_view" name="amshopby.navleft" after="currency" template="catalog/layer/view.phtml"/>
</reference>
```

Please be aware that some or all of the existing Layout Update XML may be surrounded by the comment tags '<!--' and '-->'. If so, please make sure that you paste the above lines outside of the comment tags.

5) save the page

6) set "is anchor" to "yes" for root category

7) If you would like to show horizontal navigation at the home page, add cms block to the content area

```
{{block type=amshopby/catalog_layer_view_top name=amshopby.navtop template=amasty/amshopby/view_top.phtml}}
```

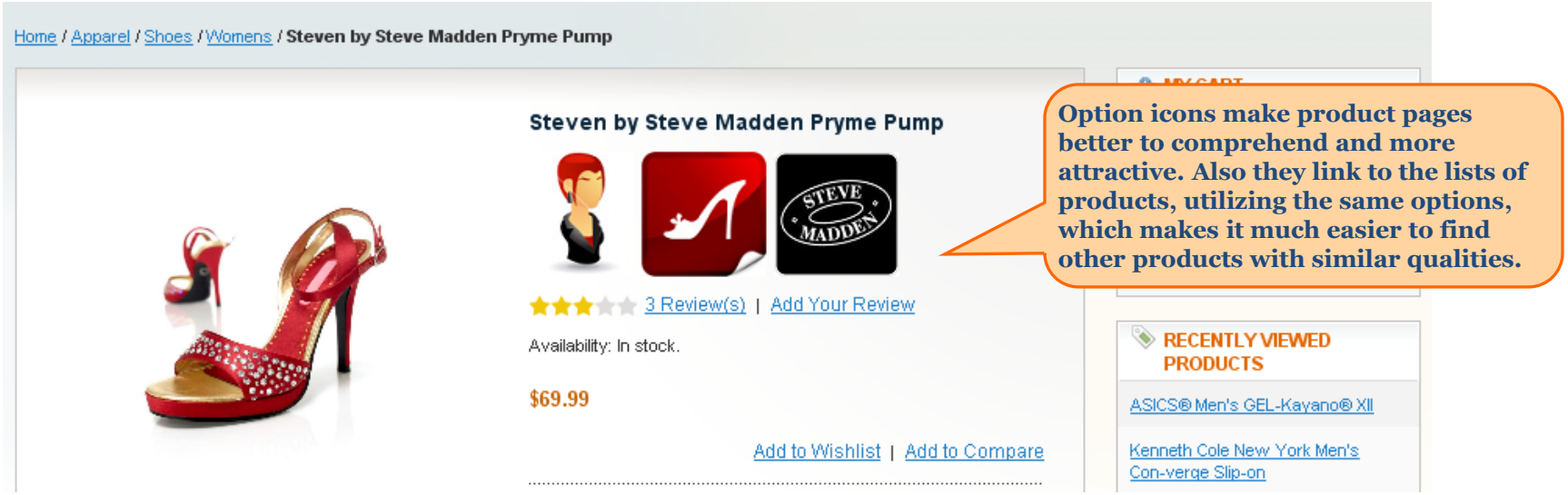
III. To show attribute images with links on product page please use this code:

```
<?php if (Mage::helper('core')->isModuleEnabled('Amasty_Shopby')) {
echo Mage::helper('amshopby')->showLinks($_product);} ?>
```

paste the above code in the app\design\frontend\base\default\template\catalog\product\view.phtml file right after the:

```
<div class="product-name">
<h1><?php echo $_helper->productAttribute($_product, $_product->getName(), 'name') ?></h1>
</div>
```

Here's an example:



9. How to show attribute icons on category pages

IV. To show attribute icons on product list page (category page), follow these steps:

1) open app\design\frontend\base\default\template\catalog\product\list.phtml, where `base` is your current design package and `default` is your current theme and :

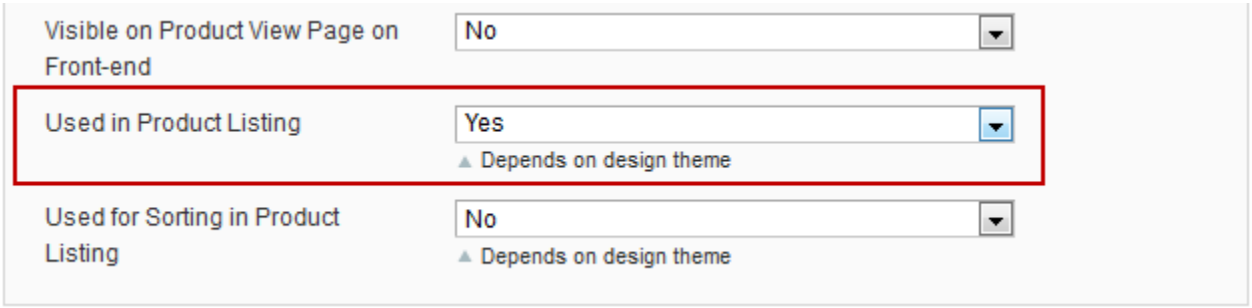
2) add this line (**2 times**, one for **grid** mode and one for **list** mode)

```
<?php if (Mage::helper('core')->isModuleEnabled('Amasty_Shopby')) {
echo Mage::helper('amshopby')->showLinks($_product, $this->getMode());} ?>
```

after the product name code:

<h2 class="product-name"> ... </h2>

Then log in to admin panel, browse to Catalog > Attributes, go to edit front end properties of the attribute, icons of which you would like to display, and set "Used in Product Listing" setting to 'Yes':



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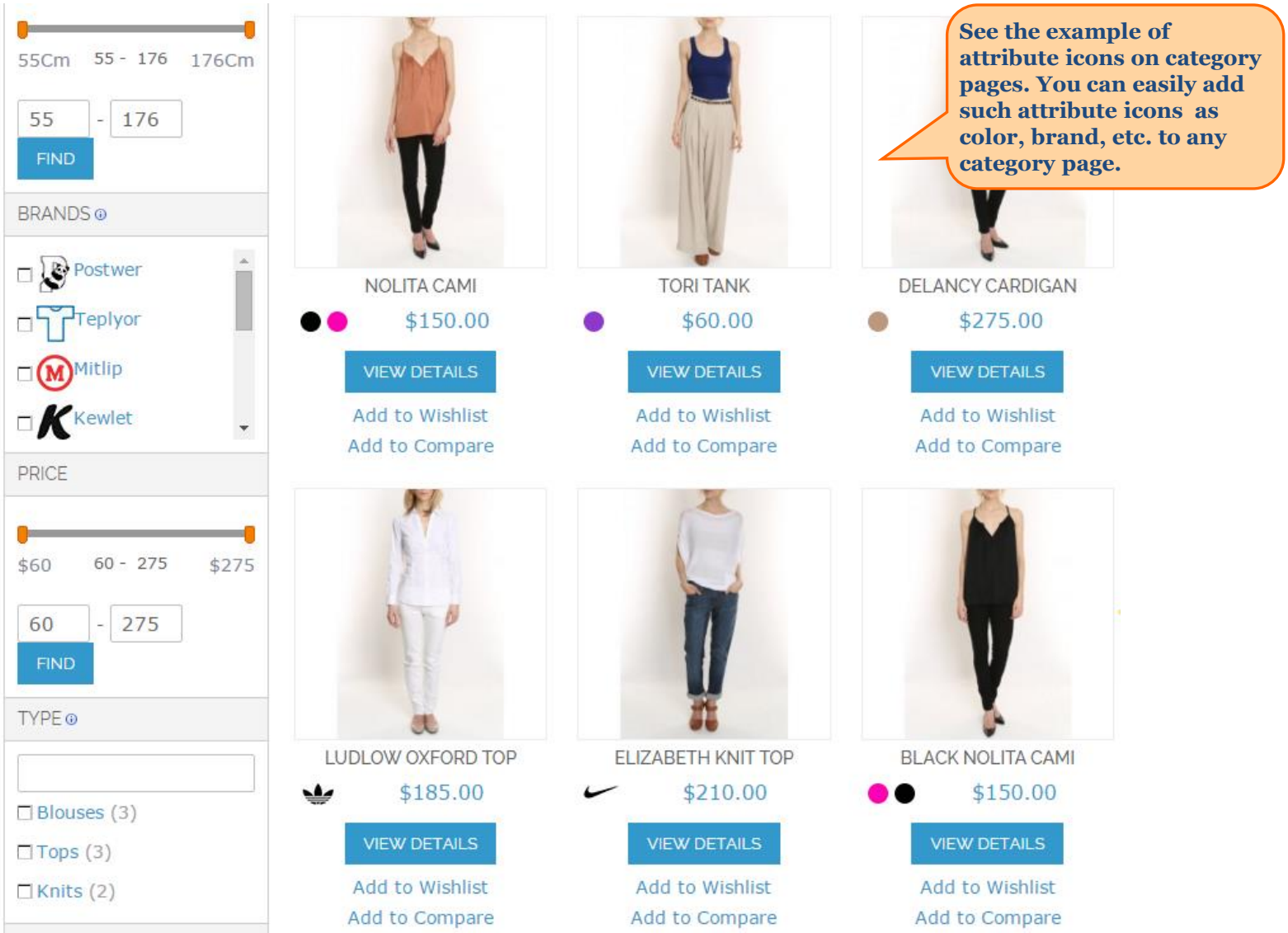
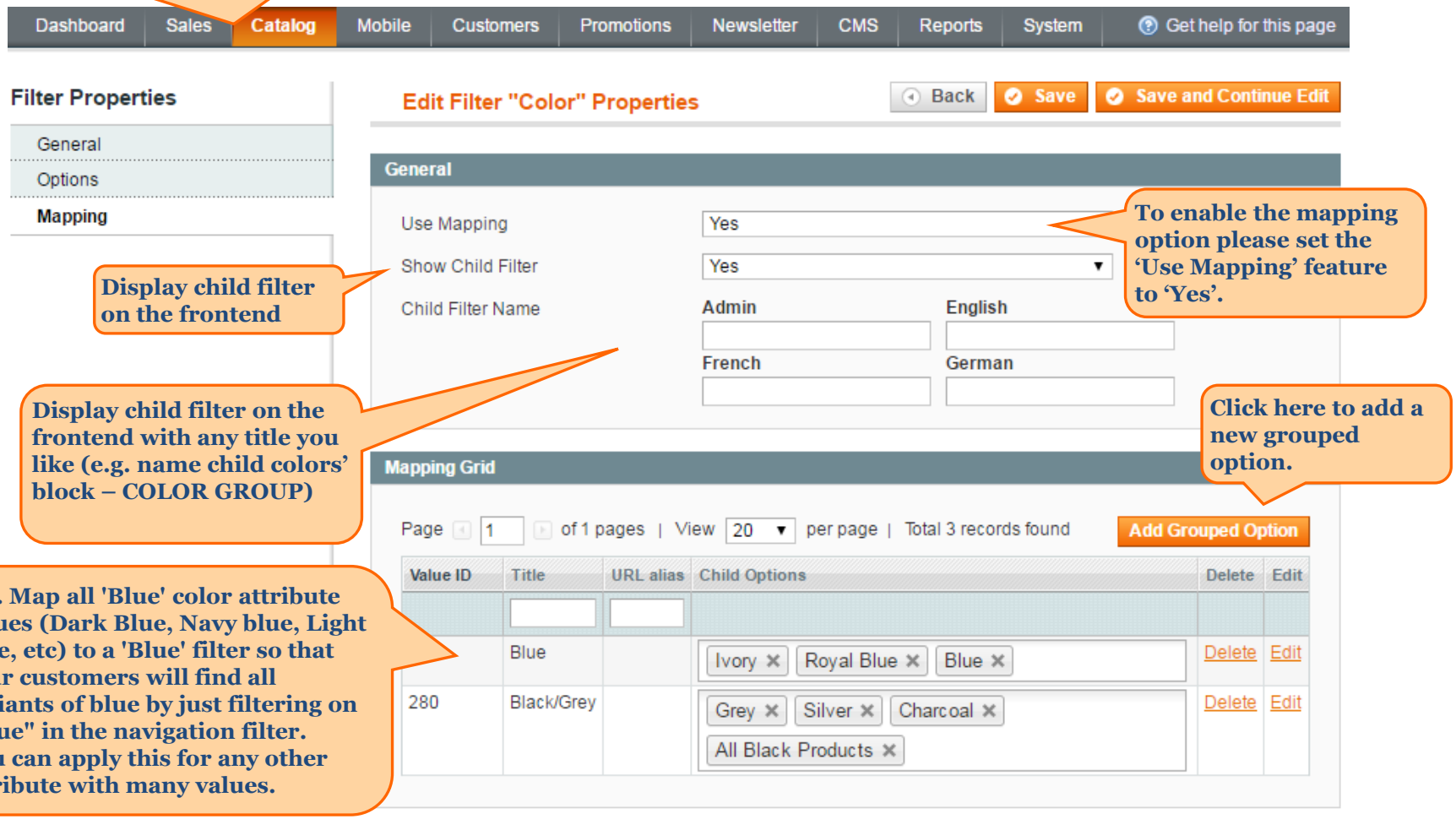


10. Filter Mapping Settings

To configure mapping settings go to Catalog -> Improved Navigation -> Filters and choose the filter you need.
NOTE: The option is useful for filters with a great number of values like color, size etc.



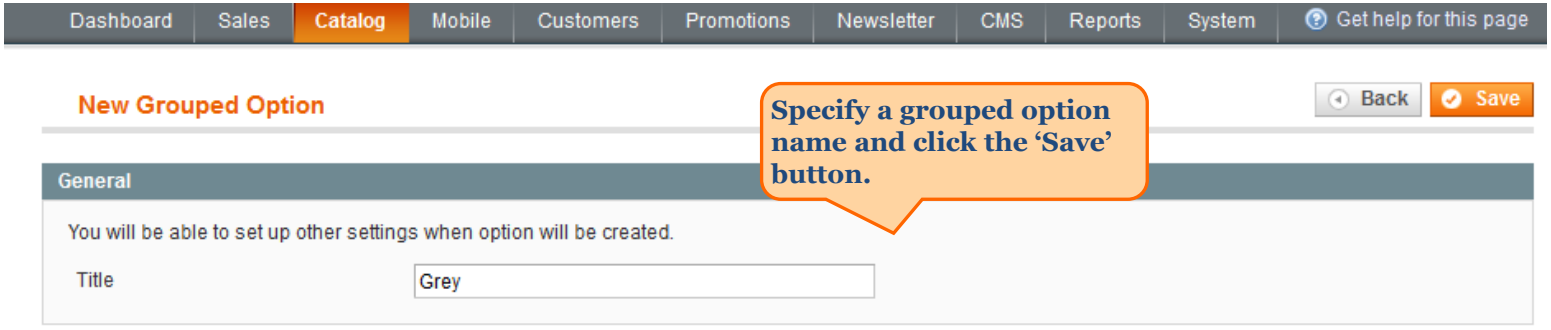
To enable the mapping option please set the 'Use Mapping' feature to 'Yes'.

Display child filter on the frontend

Display child filter on the frontend with any title you like (e.g. name child colors' block – COLOR GROUP)

Click here to add a new grouped option.

E.g. Map all 'Blue' color attribute values (Dark Blue, Navy blue, Light blue, etc) to a 'Blue' filter so that your customers will find all variants of blue by just filtering on "Blue" in the navigation filter.
You can apply this for any other attribute with many values.


Dashboard
Sales
Catalog
Mobile
Customers
Promotions
Newsletter
CMS
Reports
System
Get help for this page
New Grouped Option
Back
Save
Specify a grouped option name and click the 'Save' button.
General
You will be able to set up other settings when option will be created.
Title
Grey

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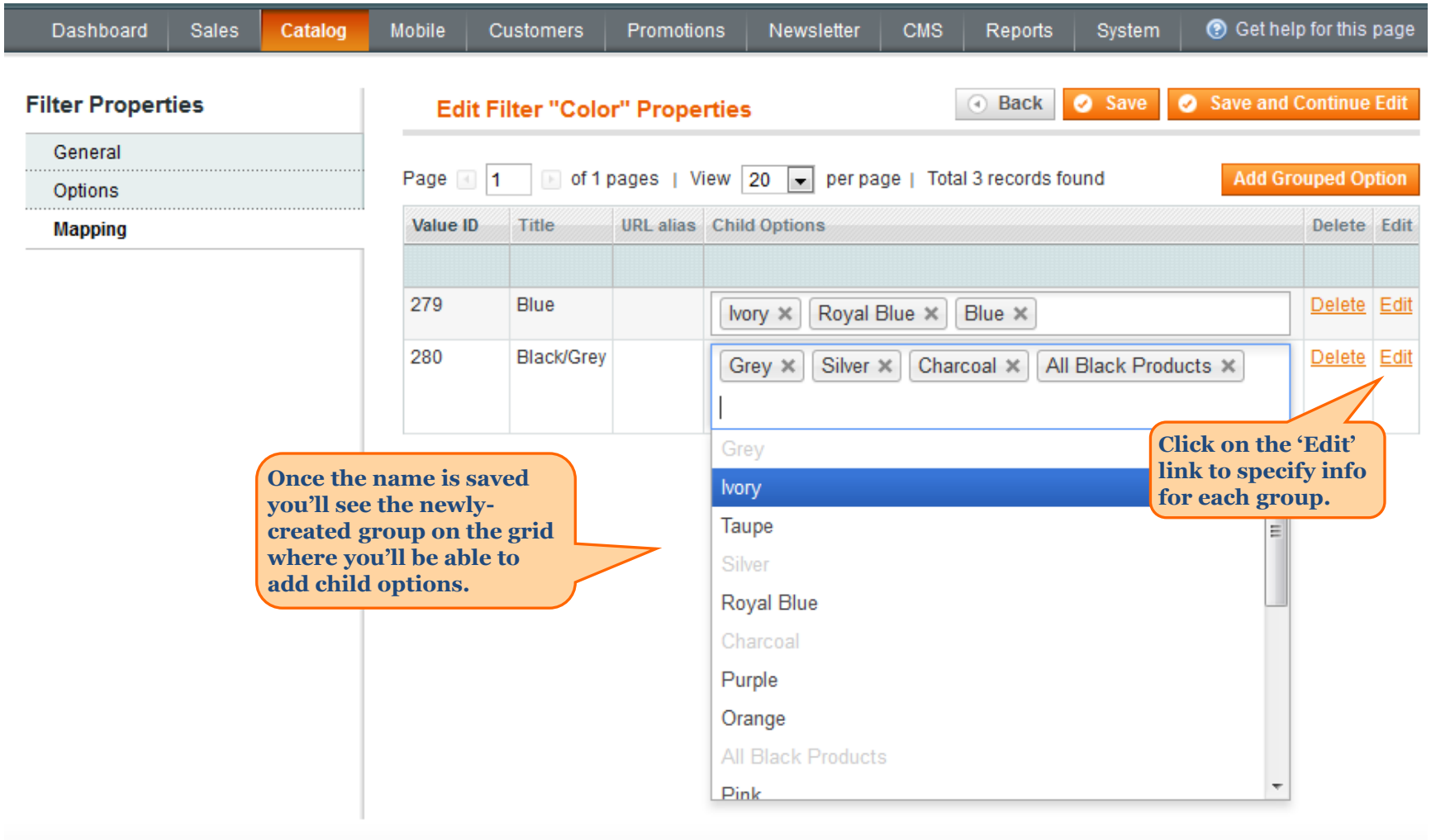
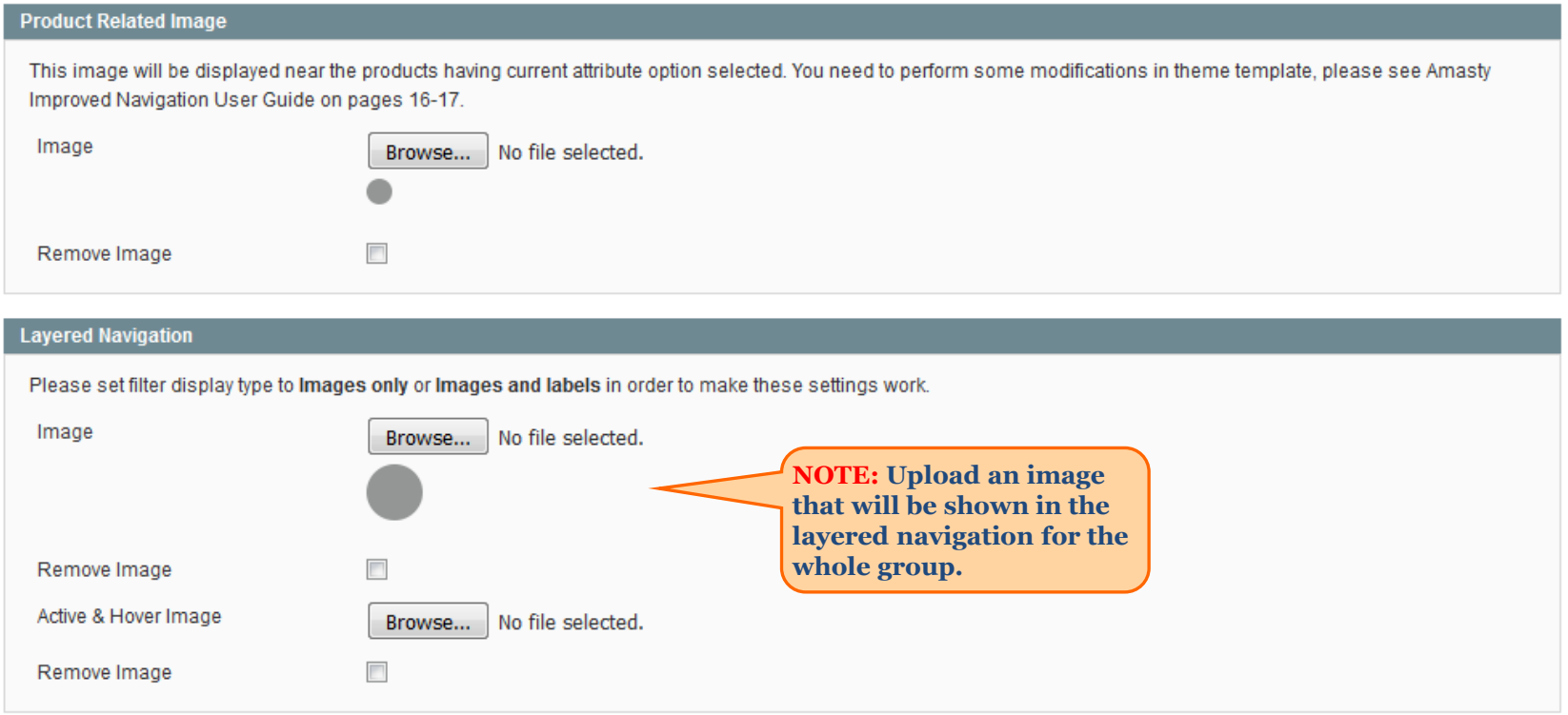
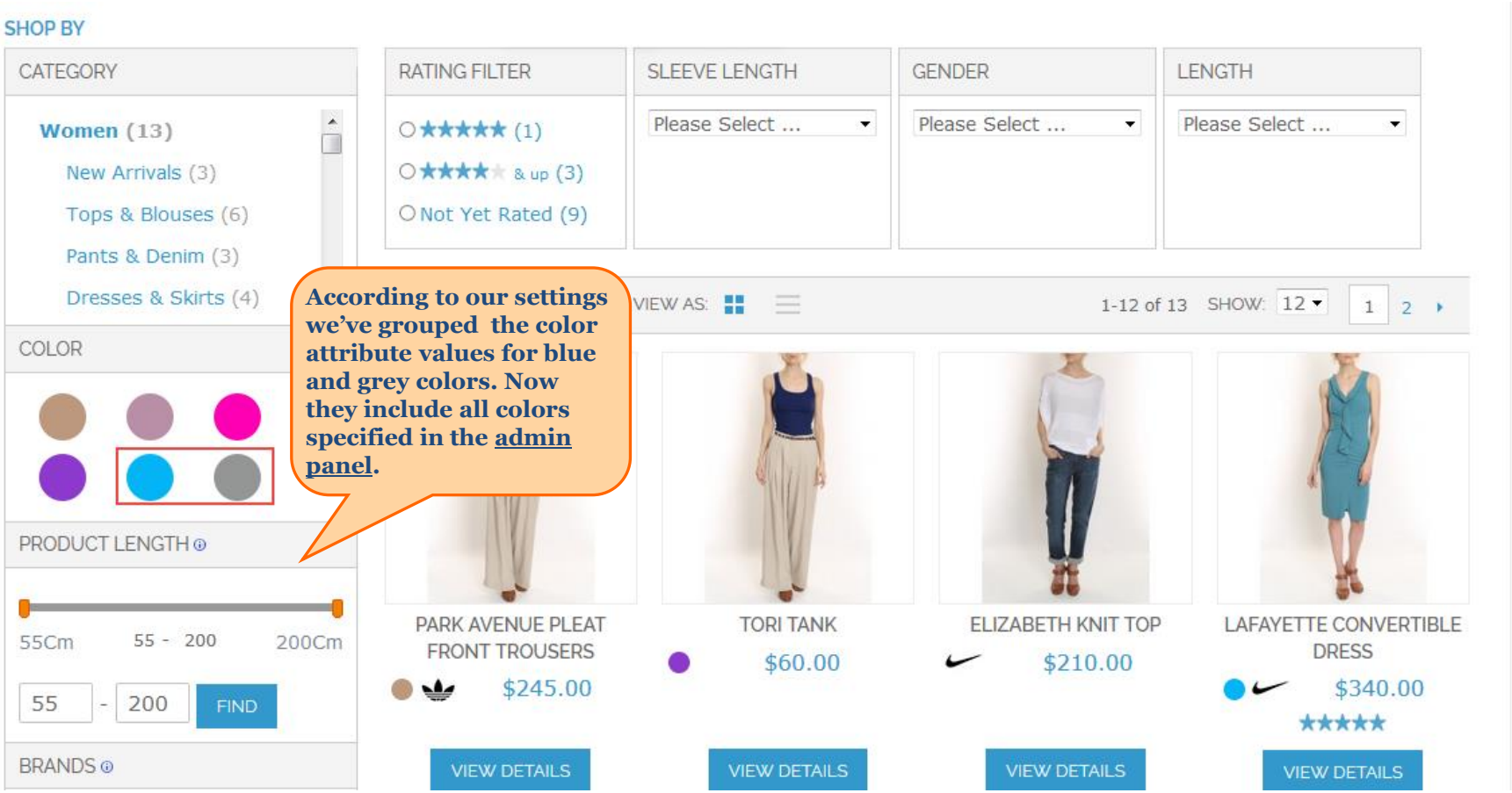



Product Related Image
This image will be displayed near the products having current attribute option selected. You need to perform some modifications in theme template, please see Amasty Improved Navigation User Guide on pages 16-17.
Image
Browse...
No file selected.
Remove Image
Layered Navigation
Please set filter display type to Images only or Images and labels in order to make these settings work.
Image
Browse...
No file selected.
NOTE: Upload an image that will be shown in the layered navigation for the whole group.
Remove Image
Active & Hover Image
Browse...
No file selected.
Remove Image


SHOP BY
CATEGORY
Women (13)
New Arrivals (3)
Tops & Blouses (6)
Pants & Denim (3)
Dresses & Skirts (4)
COLOR
PRODUCT LENGTH
55Cm
55 - 200
200Cm
55
200
FIND
BRANDS
RATING FILTER
(1)
& up (3)
Not Yet Rated (9)
SLEEVE LENGTH
Please Select ...
GENDER
Please Select ...
LENGTH
Please Select ...
According to our settings we've grouped the color attribute values for blue and grey colors. Now they include all colors specified in the admin panel.
VIEW AS:
1-12 of 13
SHOW: 12
1
2
PARK AVENUE PLEAT FRONT TROUSERS
$245.00
TORI TANK
$60.00
ELIZABETH KNIT TOP
$210.00
LAFAYETTE CONVERTIBLE DRESS
$340.00
VIEW DETAILS
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VIEW DETAILS
VIEW DETAILS

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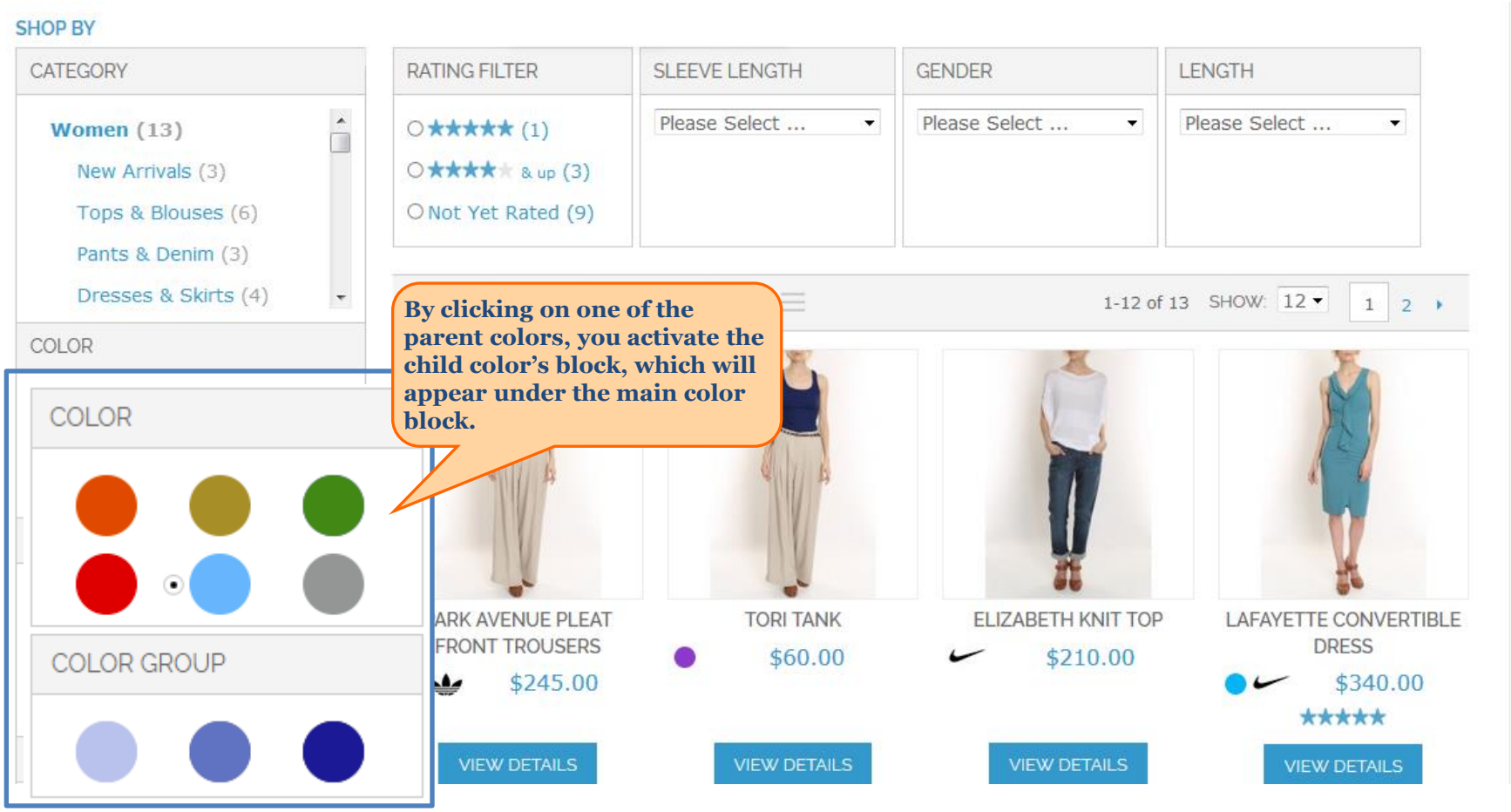


V. To display layered navigation at product pages, open app\design\frontend\default\default\layout\amasty\amshopby.xml file and comment out this code:

```
<!-- comment this out if you need the navigation on the product page
     <catalog_product_view>
        <reference name="right">
           <block type="amshopby/catalog_layer_view" name="amshopby.navleft" after="currency"
template="catalog/layer/view.phtml"><action method="setIsProductPage"><flag>1</flag></action></block>
        </reference>
     </catalog_product_view>
-->
```

By default the navigation will be displayed in the right column. If you would like to move it to the left one, please change <reference name="right"> code to <reference name="left">

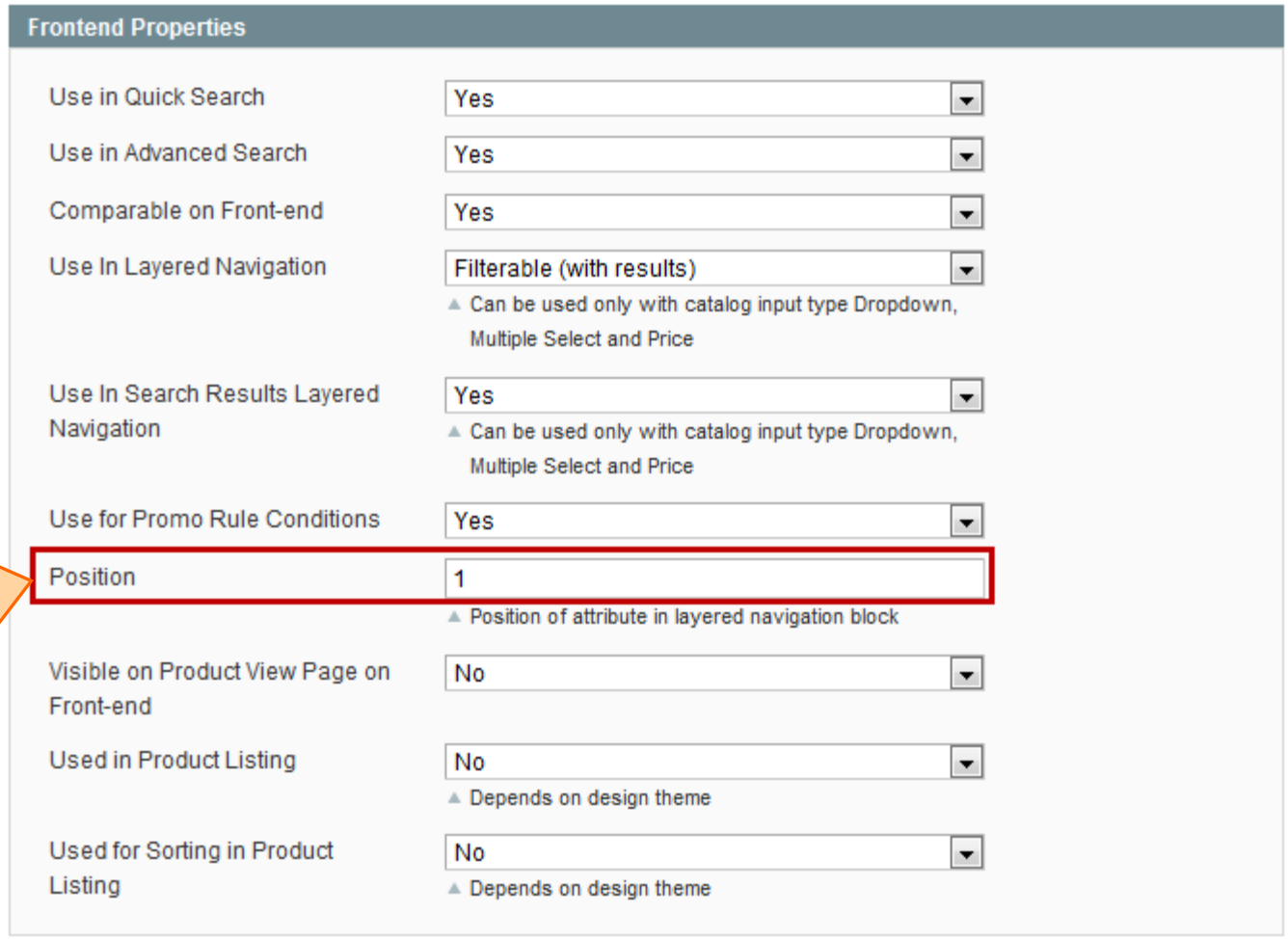
If you would like to use AJAX in navigation at product pages, wrap the products area as below:

....your current product list or cms blocks ....

<img src="<?php echo $this->getSkinUrl('images/amshopby-overlay.gif')?>" width="32" height="32"/>

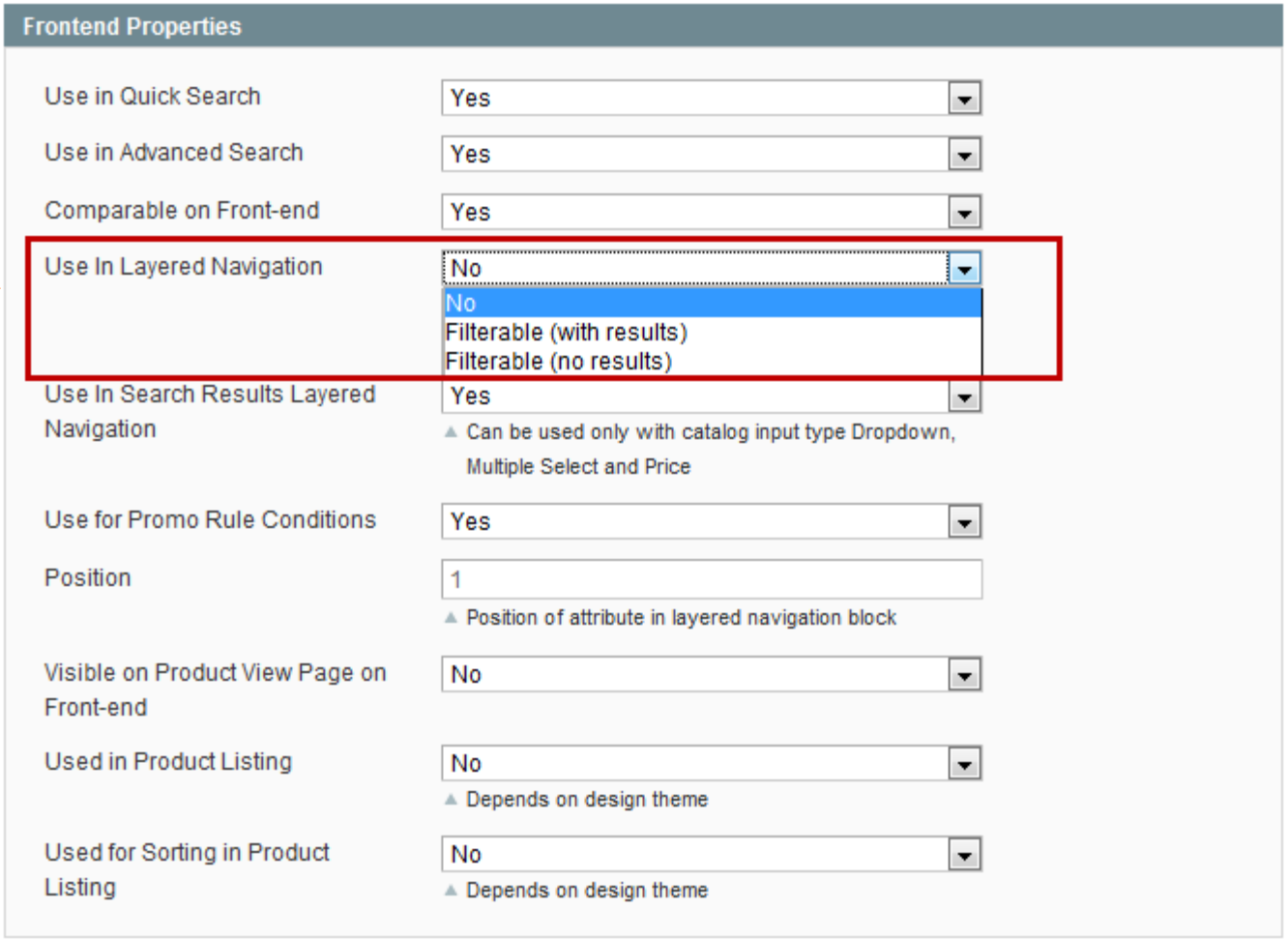
12. Order of filters in layered navigation

You can change order of filters in the layered navigation. For this please go to admin panel -> Catalog -> Attributes -> Manage Attributes. Then go to edit the attribute which you would like to display higher or lower in the navigation and change the attributes position either to higher or to lower.

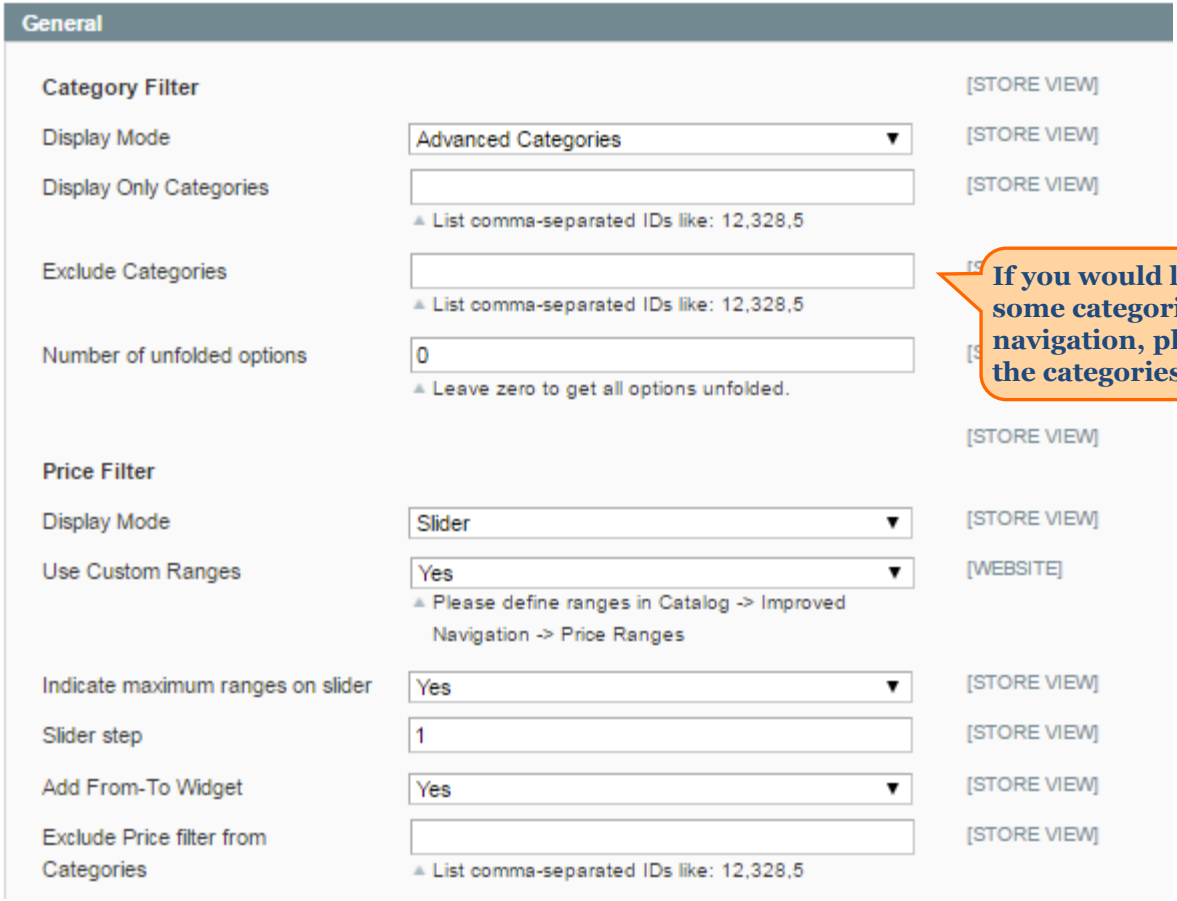


13. Remove filters from layered navigation

If you would like to remove a filter from layered navigation please go to admin panel -> Catalog -> Attributes -> Manage Attributes. Then go to edit the attribute which you would like to remove from the navigation and set 'Use in Layered Navigation' option to 'No'.



At System -> Configuration -> Amasty Extensions -> Improved Navigation you will find a number of settings for the extension



If you would like not to display some categories in the layered navigation, please specify IDs of the categories in this field.

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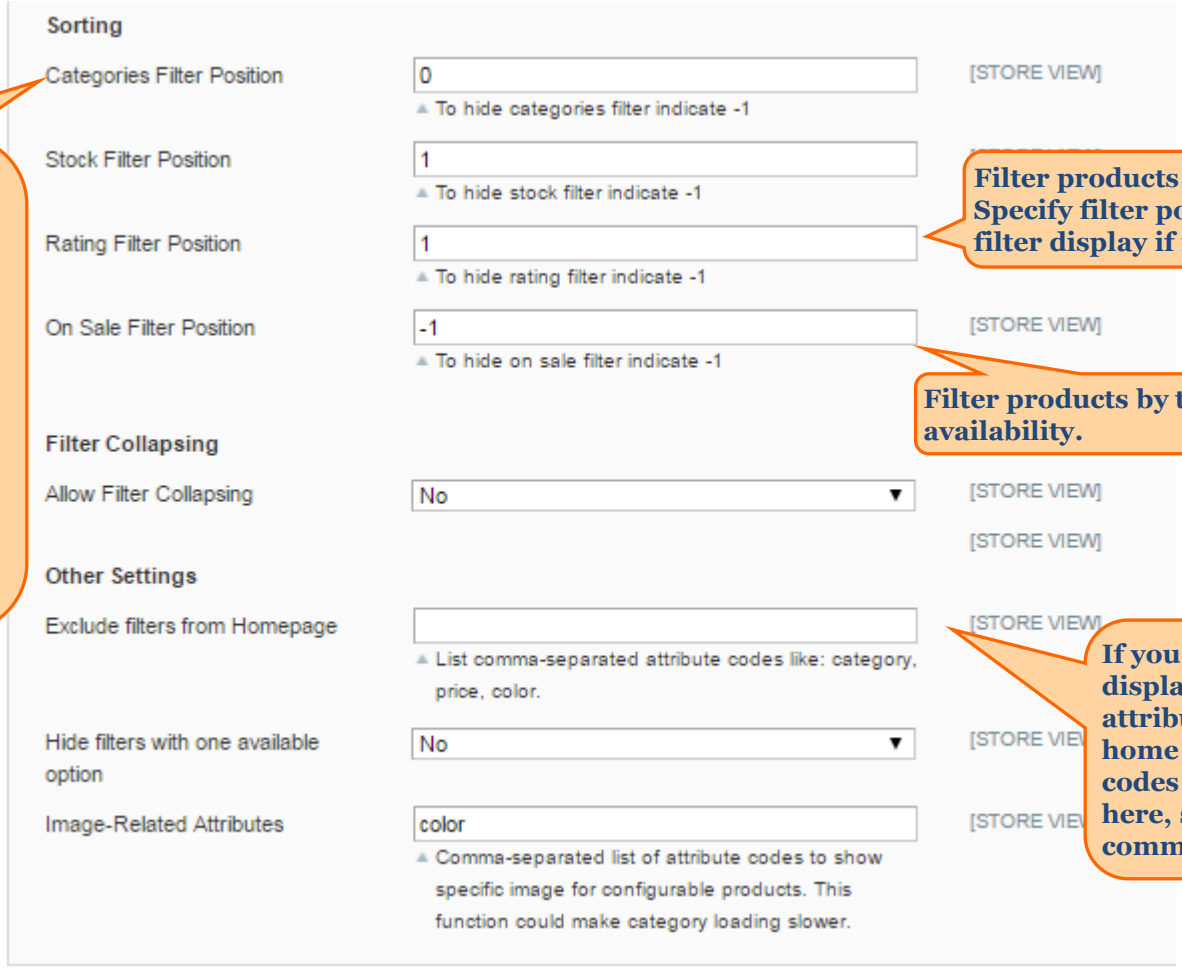

You can choose position for categories filter and display it for example under price filter or at the bottom of the navigation block. You can remove the categories filter from the layered navigation by typing '-1'.

The same options are applicable for the Stock filter position and Rating filter position.

Filter products by their star rating. Specify filter position or disable filter display if needed.

Filter products by their sale availability.

If you would like not to display some of the attribute filters on home page, please list codes of the attributes here, separated by commas.

2. Price sliders and other numeric filters

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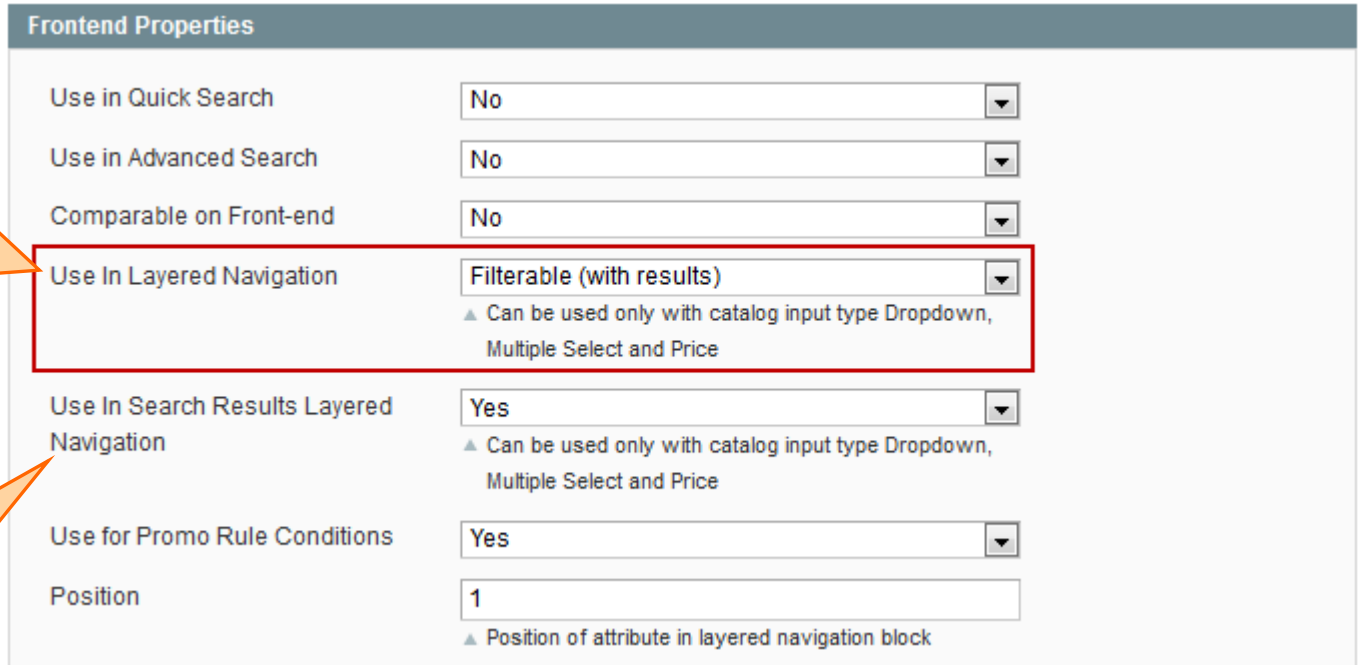
1. Add ‘price’ attribute filters to layered navigation

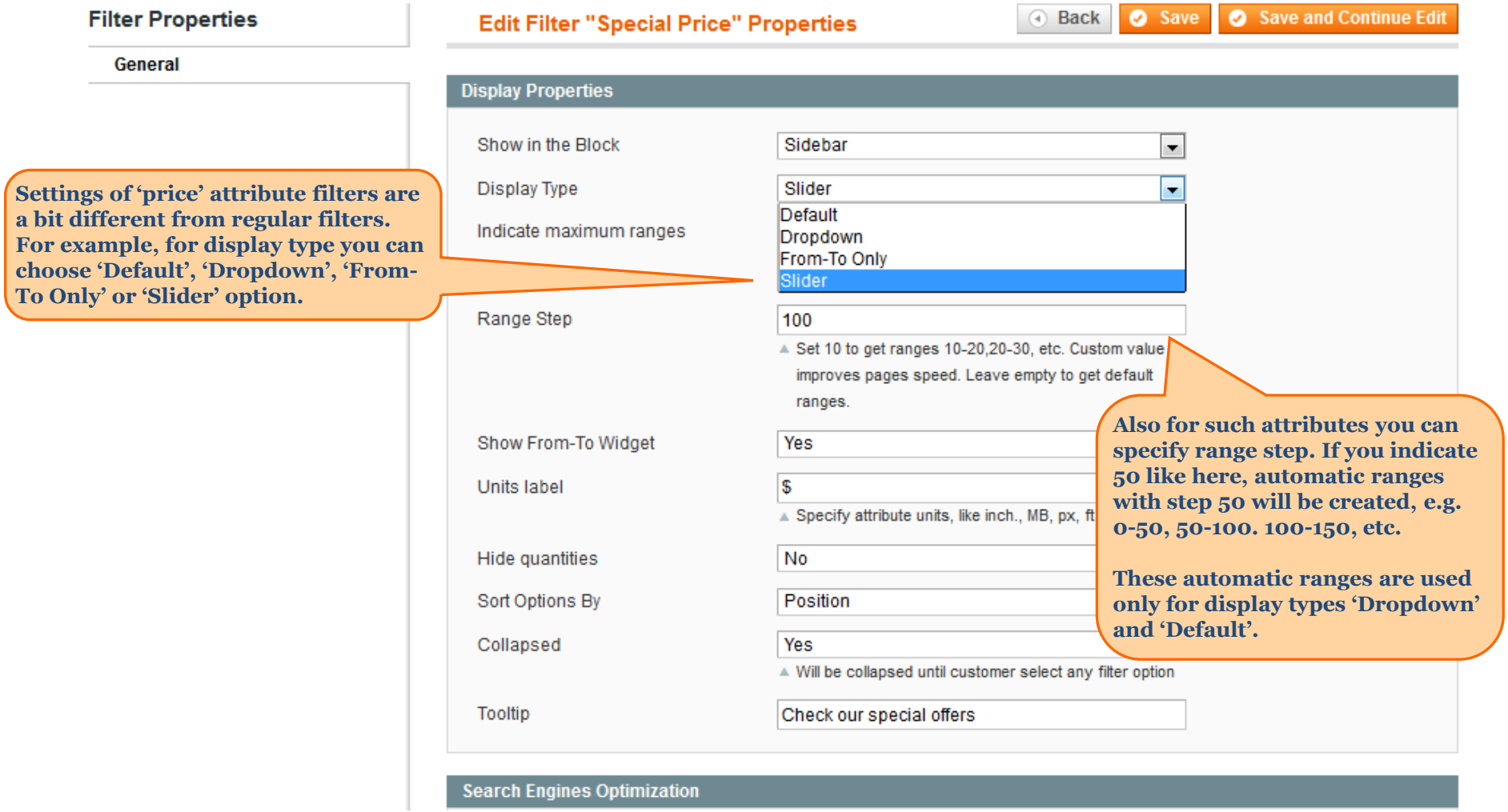
In addition to dropdown and multiple-select attributes, the extension also allows to add ‘price’ attributes to the layered navigation. For example, you can add special price to the navigation.

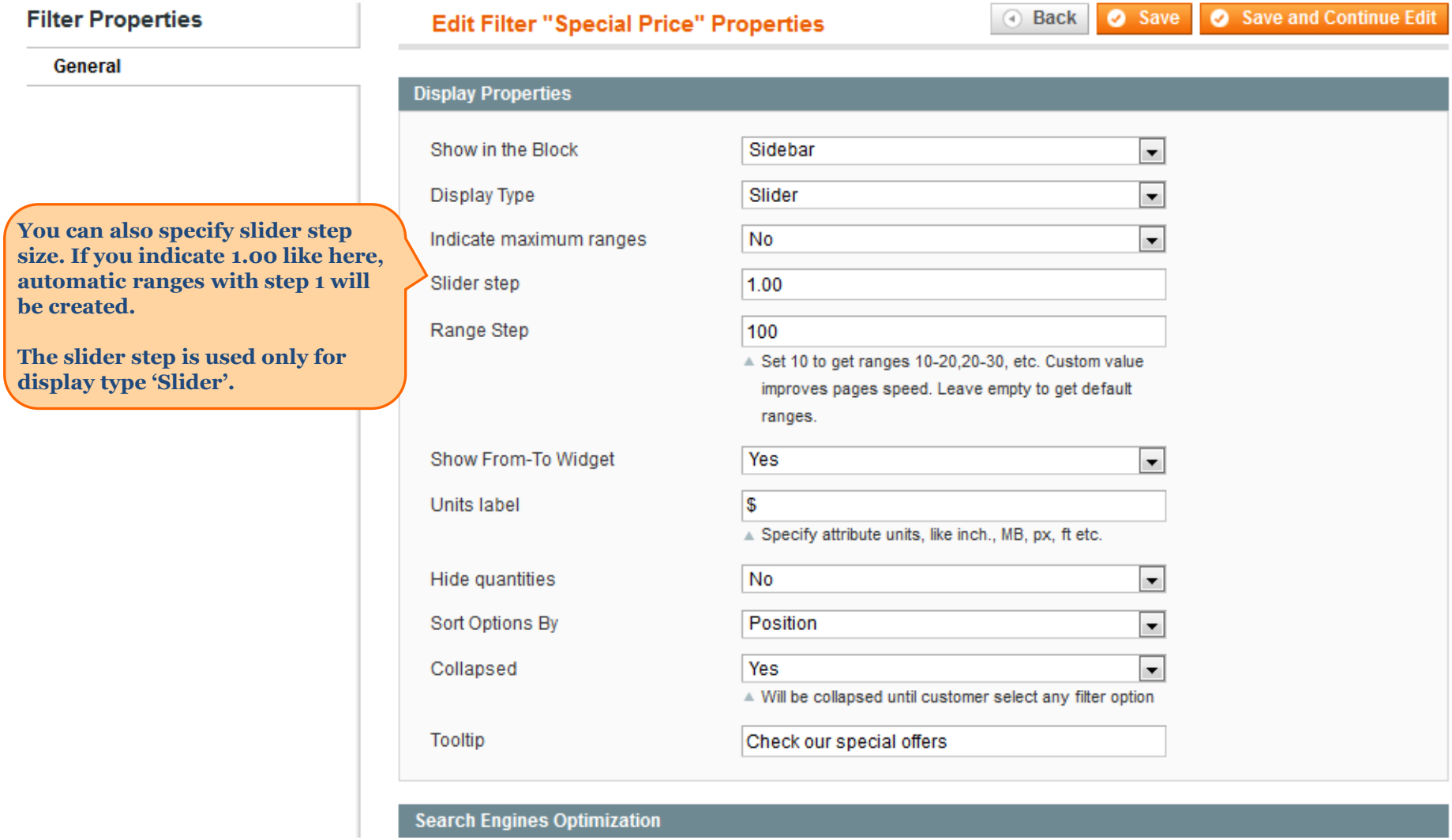
For a ‘price’ attribute to be added to the layered navigation please go to edit the attribute in admin panel -> Catalog -> Attributes -> Manage Attributes and set the ‘Use in Layered Navigation’ setting to ‘Filterable’.

Please set this option to ‘Yes’ if you would like the ‘price’ attribute also to be available in layered navigation on search results page.



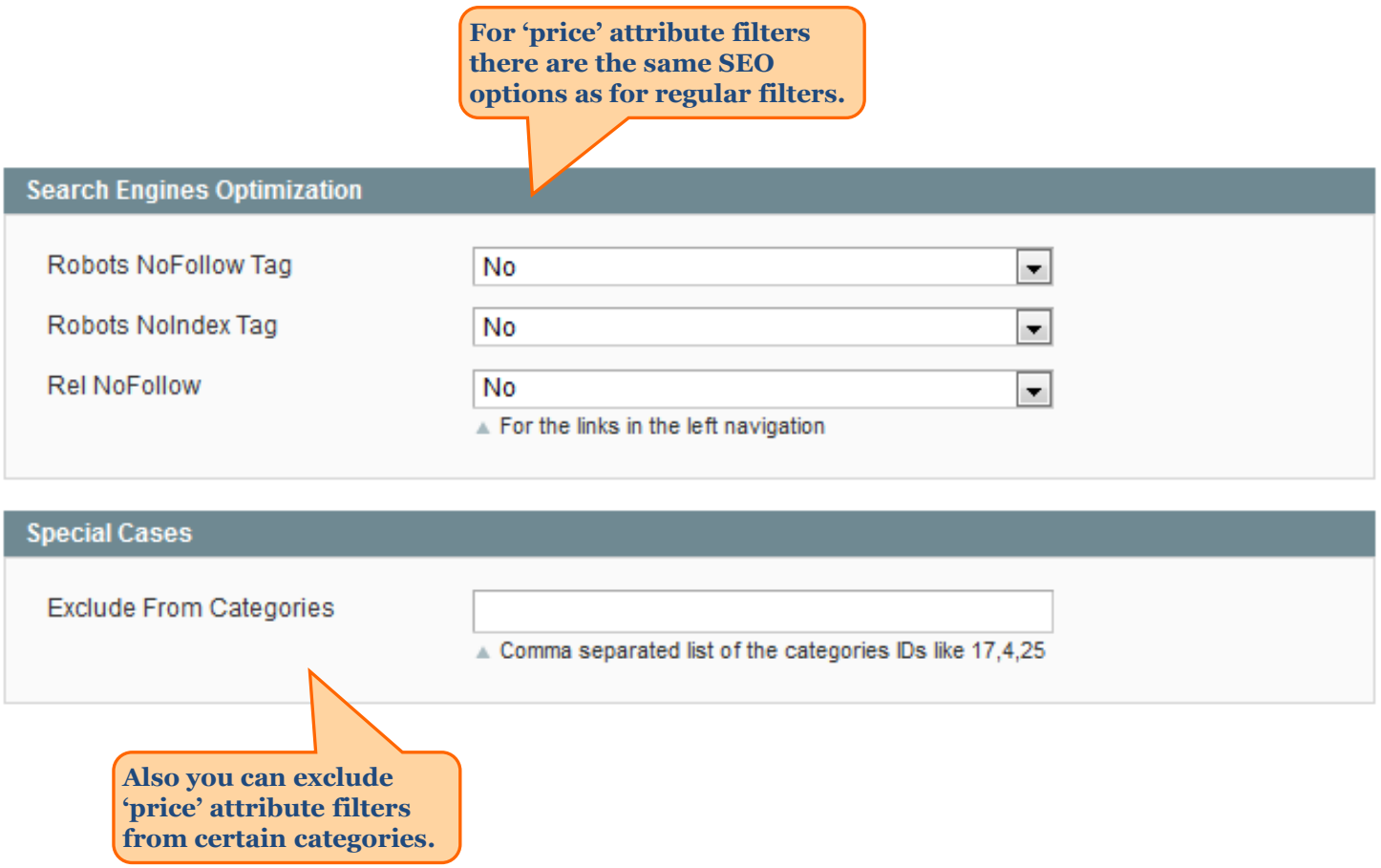
2. Configuring ‘price’ attribute filters





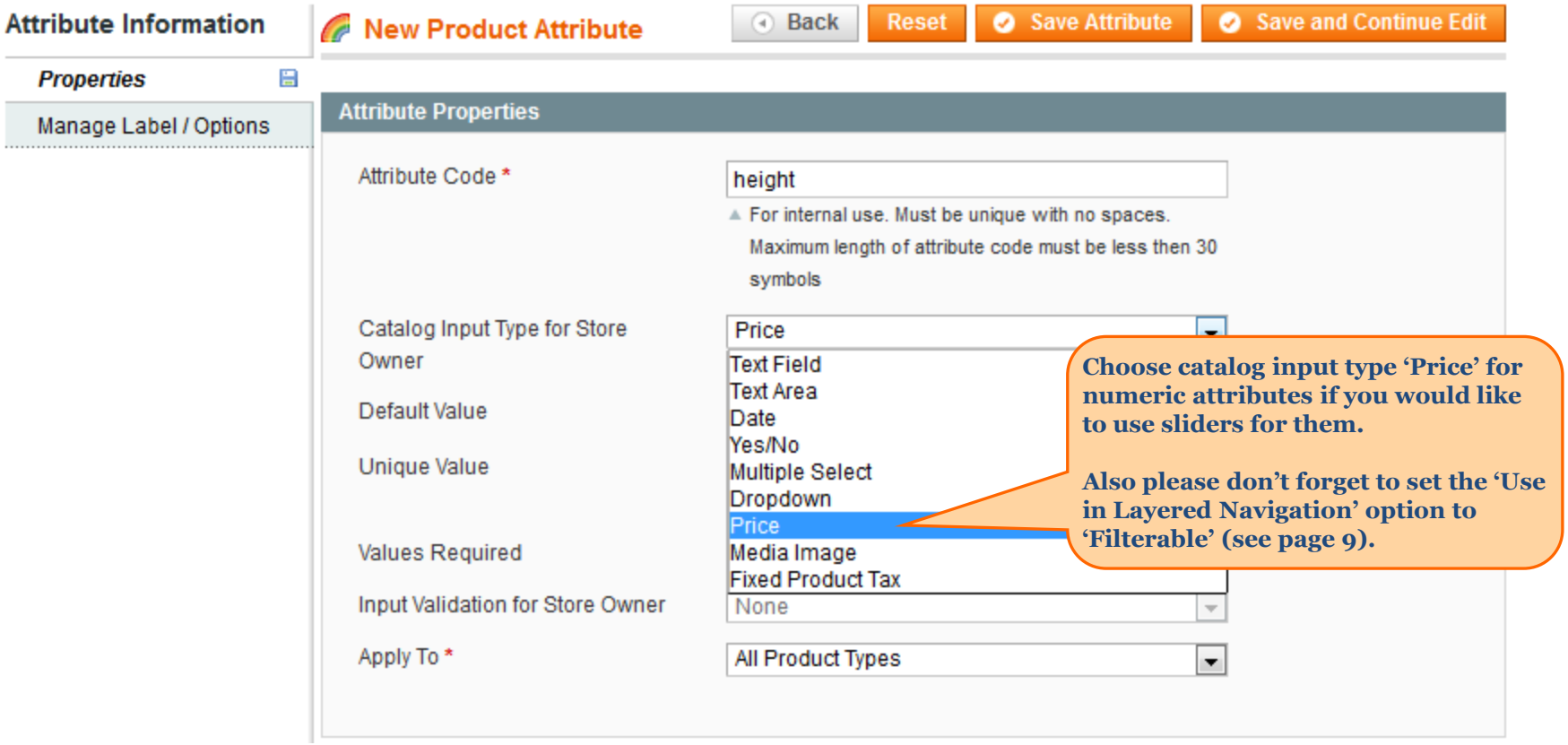
You can also specify slider step size. If you indicate 1.00 like here, automatic ranges with step 1 will be created.

The slider step is used only for display type 'Slider'.


For ‘price’ attribute filters there are the same SEO options as for regular filters.
Search Engines Optimization
Robots NoFollow Tag
No
Robots NoIndex Tag
No
Rel NoFollow
No
For the links in the left navigation
Special Cases
Exclude From Categories
Comma separated list of the categories IDs like 17,4,25
Also you can exclude ‘price’ attribute filters from certain categories.

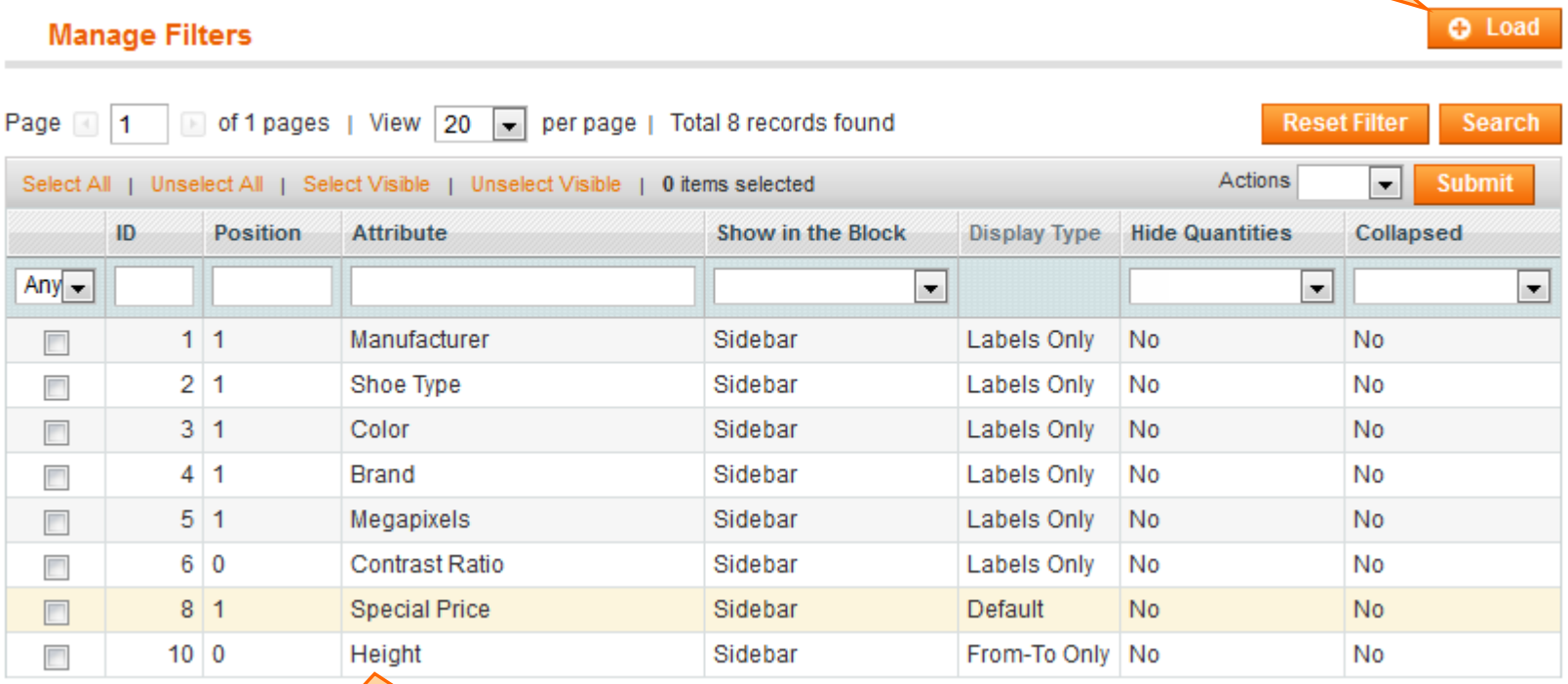
3. Creation of numeric attributes, e.g. width, height

If you use numeric attributes like width or height and would like to use slider for such attributes, please choose catalog input type 'Price' for such attributes:



3. Creation of numeric attributes, e.g. width, height

Once you create the 'price' attributes please go to Catalog -> Improved Navigation -> Filters and click 'Load' button.

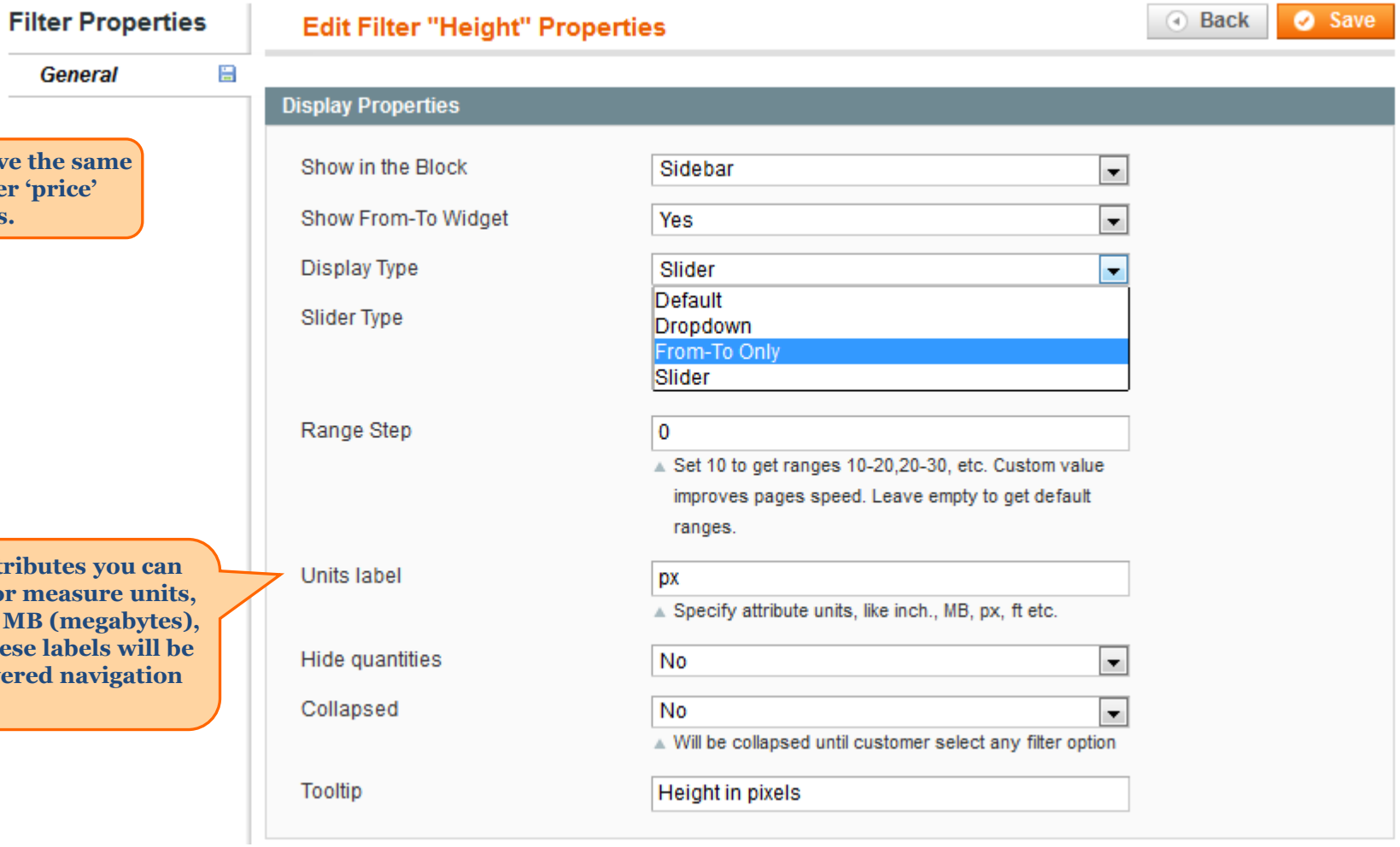


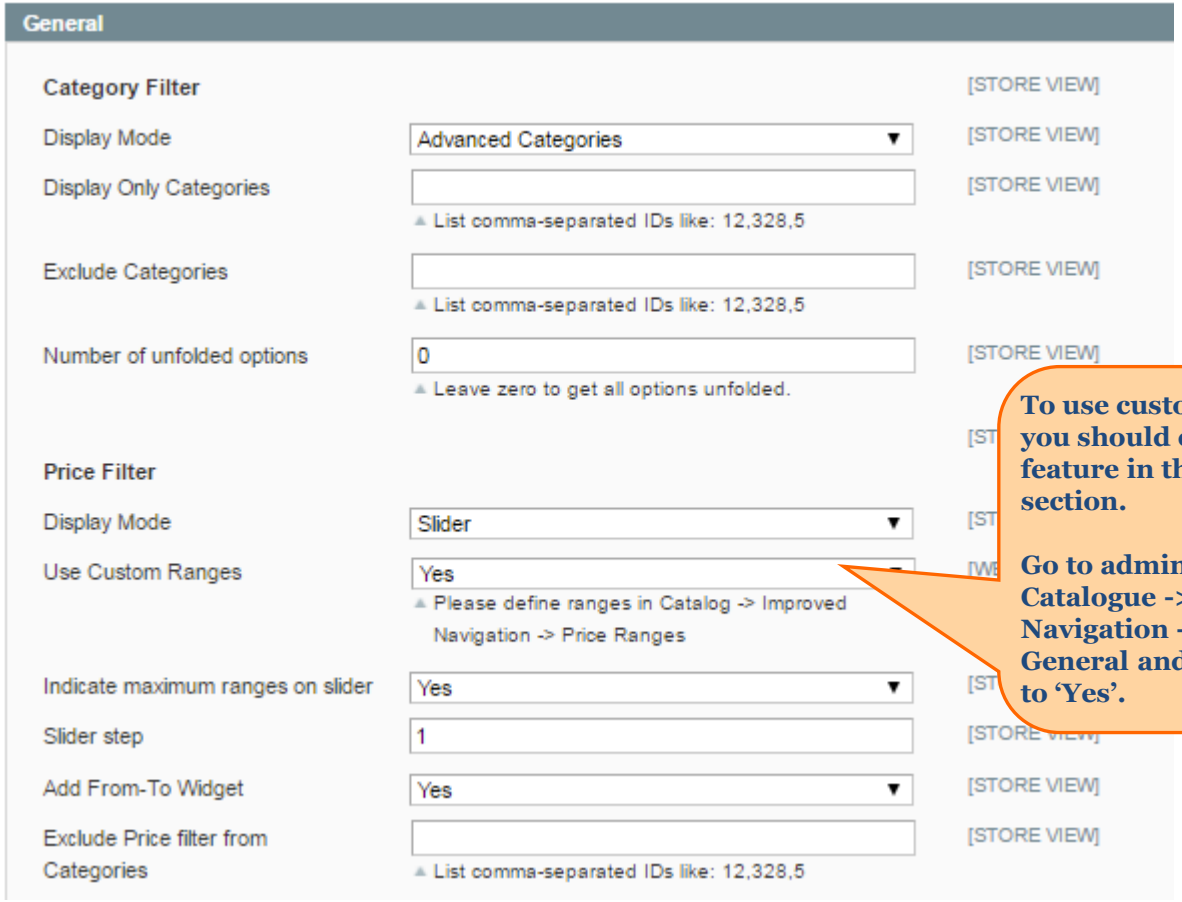
After that the numeric attributes will appear in the list of filters.

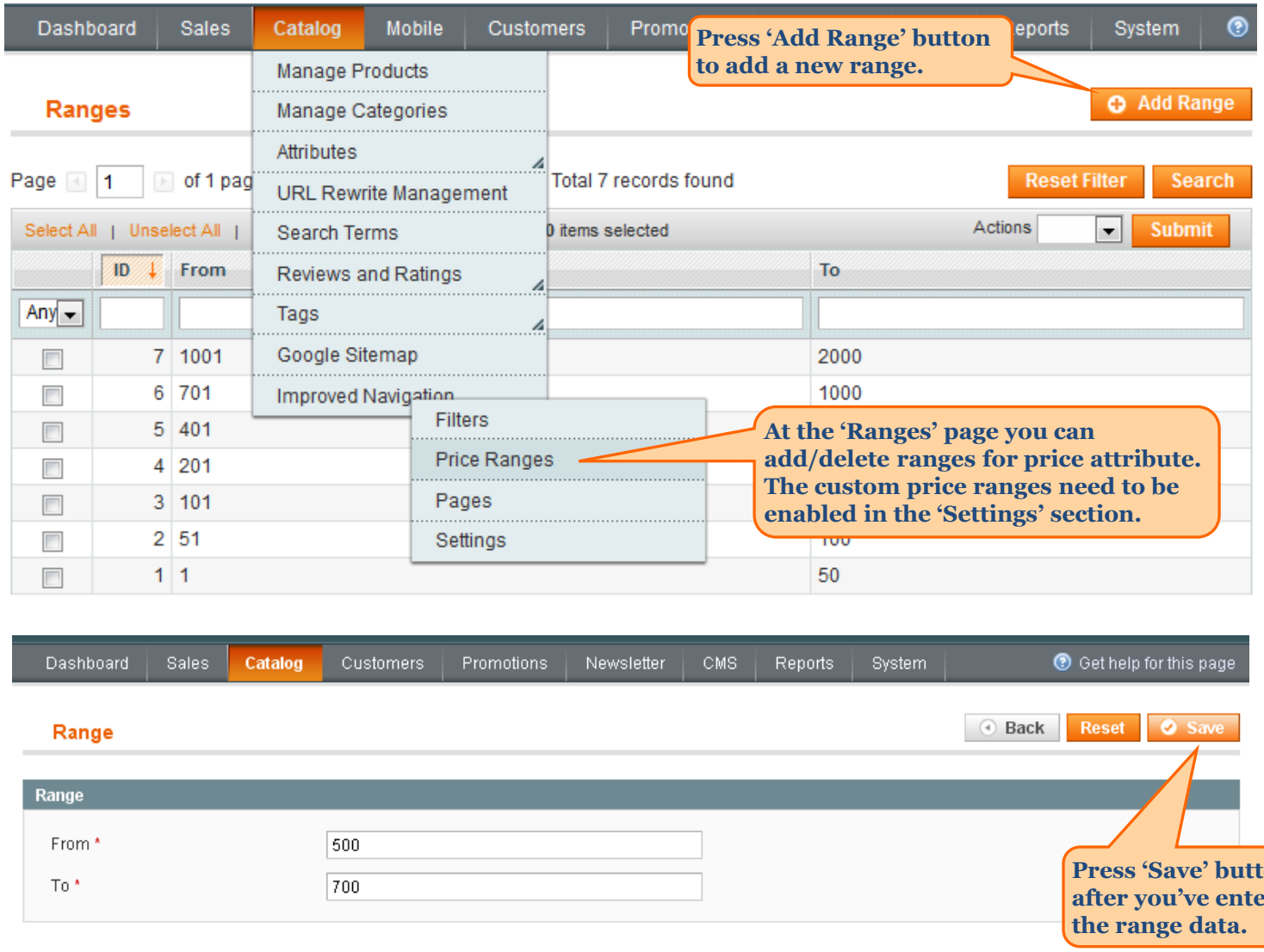
3. Creation of numeric attributes, e.g. width, height

Such filters have the same settings as other 'price' attribute filters.

For numeric attributes you can specify labels for measure units, e.g. px (pixels), MB (megabytes), ft (feet), etc. These labels will be displayed in layered navigation on front end.




General
Category Filter
[STORE VIEW]
Display Mode
Advanced Categories
[STORE VIEW]
Display Only Categories
[STORE VIEW]
List comma-separated IDs like: 12,328,5
Exclude Categories
[STORE VIEW]
List comma-separated IDs like: 12,328,5
Number of unfolded options
0
[STORE VIEW]
Leave zero to get all options unfolded.
Price Filter
Display Mode
Slider
Use Custom Ranges
Yes
Please define ranges in Catalog -> Improved Navigation -> Price Ranges
Indicate maximum ranges on slider
Yes
Slider step
1
Add From-To Widget
Yes
[STORE VIEW]
Exclude Price filter from Categories
[STORE VIEW]
List comma-separated IDs like: 12,328,5
To use custom price ranges you should enable the feature in the 'Settings' section.
Go to admin panel -> Catalogue -> Improved Navigation -> Settings -> General and set this option to 'Yes'.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Sales
Catalog
Mobile
Customers
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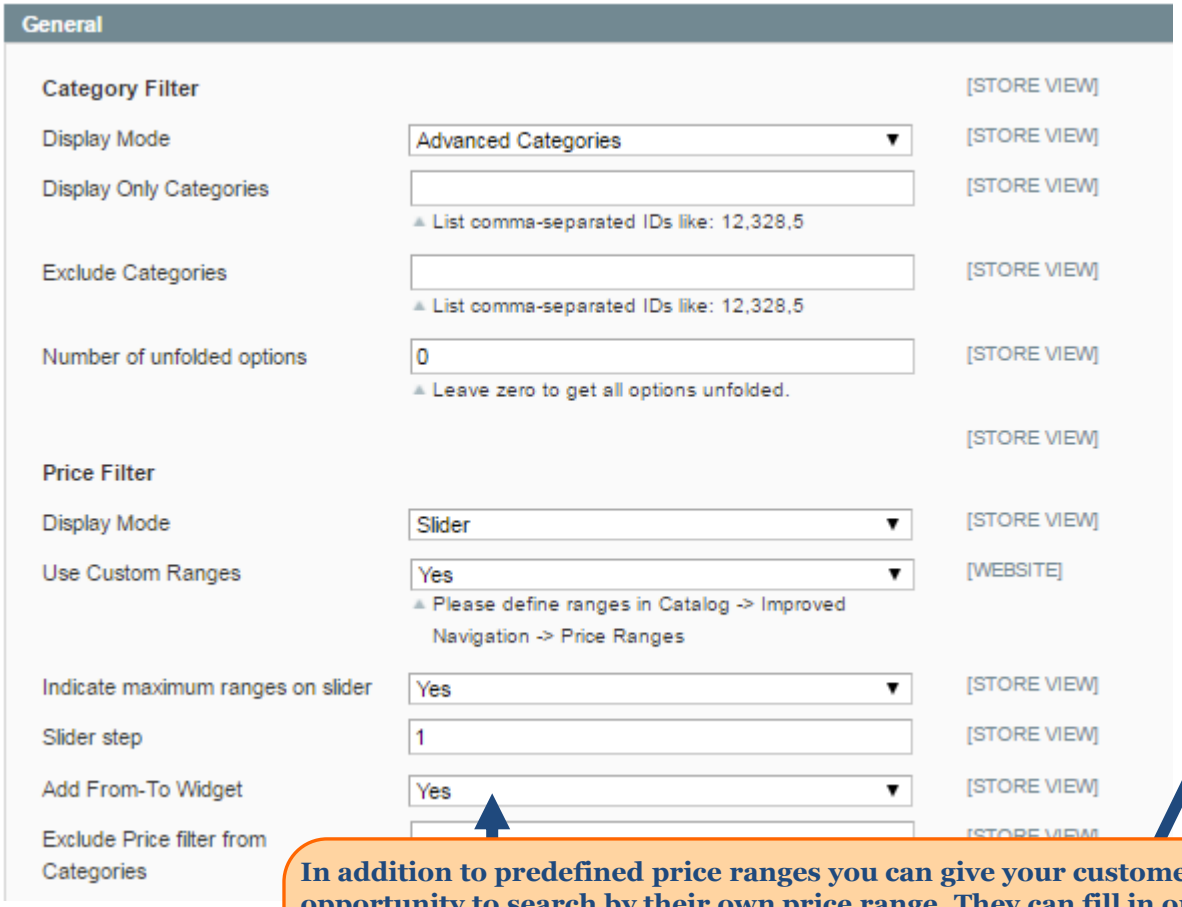
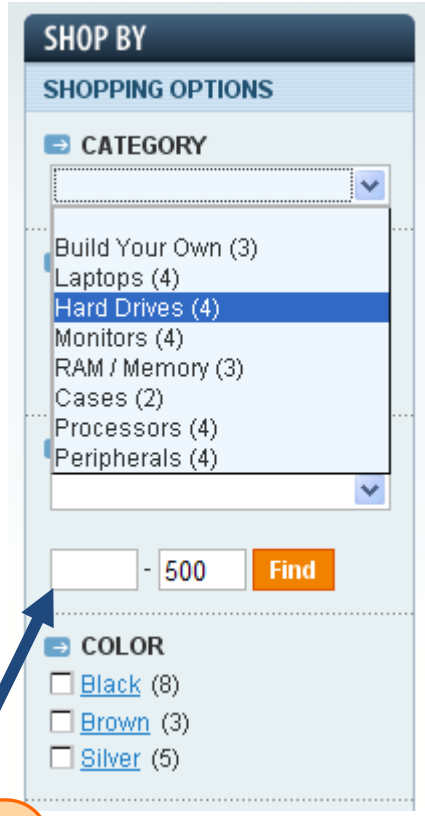
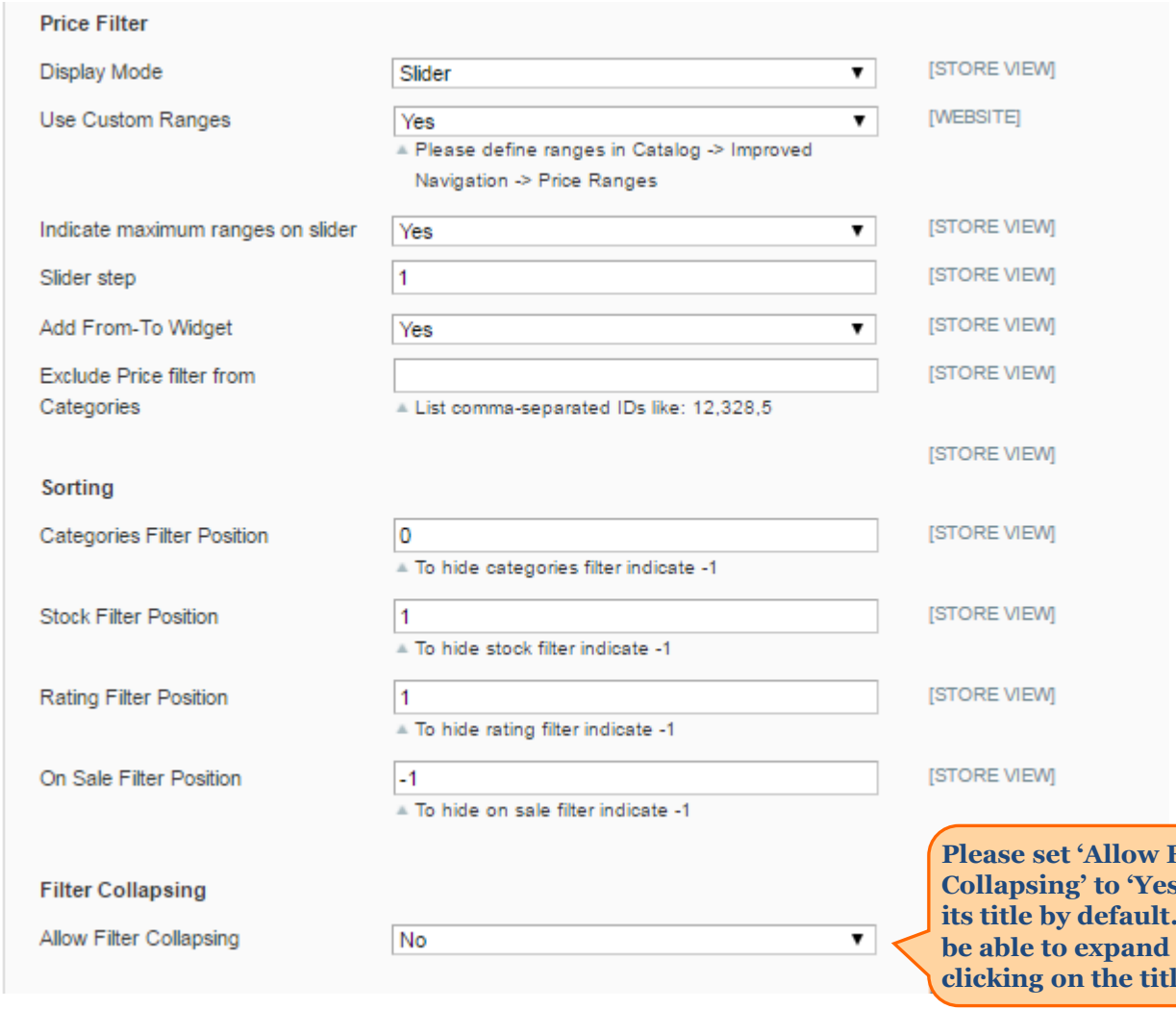
System
Manage Products
Manage Categories
Attributes
URL Rewrite Management
Search Terms
Reviews and Ratings
Tags
Google Sitemap
Improved Navigation
Filters
Price Ranges
Pages
Settings
Ranges
Add Range
Press 'Add Range' button to add a new range.
Page 1 of 1 pag
Total 7 records found
Reset Filter
Search
Select All | Unselect All |
0 items selected
Actions
Submit
ID
From
To
Any
7 1001 2000
6 701 1000
5 401
4 201
3 101
2 51
1 1 50
At the 'Ranges' page you can add/delete ranges for price attribute. The custom price ranges need to be enabled in the 'Settings' section.
Dashboard
Sales
Catalog
Customers
Promotions
Newsletter
CMS
Reports
System
Get help for this page
Range
Back
Reset
Save
Range
From *
500
To *
700
Press 'Save' button after you've entered the range data.





In addition to predefined price ranges you can give your customers opportunity to search by their own price range. They can fill in only minimal or only maximal price margin. For example with '500' as maximum price as on the screen shot, the extension will find all products below this price tag, in this case all products cheaper than or equal to 500. If you would like to use only 'From-To' price option, please set 'Show Price As' setting to 'From-To only'.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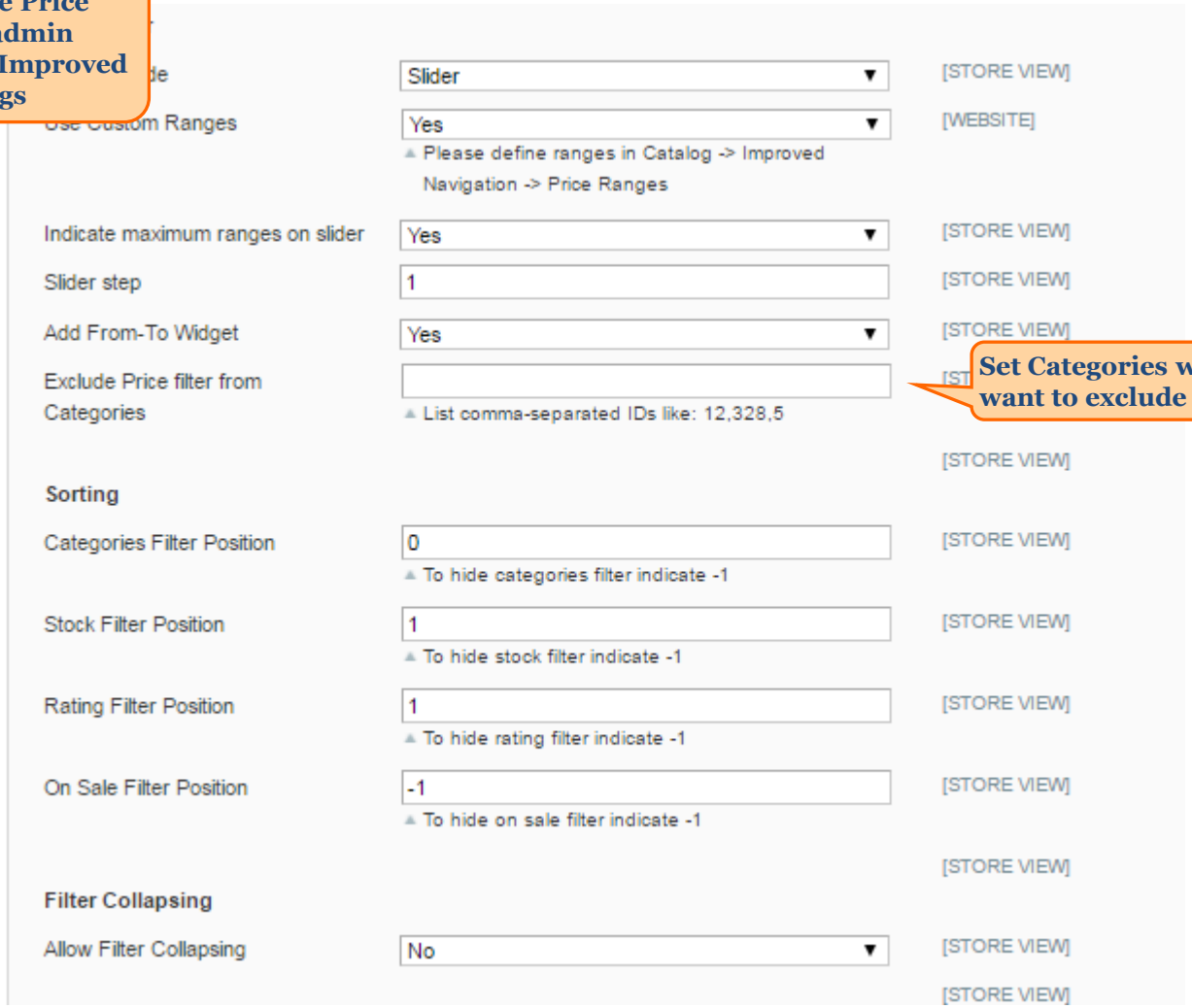
Sorting
Categories Filter Position
0
[STORE VIEW]
To hide categories filter indicate -1
Stock Filter Position
1
[STORE VIEW]
To hide stock filter indicate -1
Rating Filter Position
1
[STORE VIEW]
To hide rating filter indicate -1
On Sale Filter Position
-1
[STORE VIEW]
To hide on sale filter indicate -1
Filter Collapsing
Allow Filter Collapsing
No
Please set 'Allow Filter Collapsing' to 'Yes' to show only its title by default. Customers will be able to expand the filter by clicking on the title.

7. Exclude Price Filter from Categories

In order to configure Price attribute please go admin panel -> Catalog -> Improved Navigation -> Settings



Set Categories where you want to exclude Price filter

3. Shop by brands

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1. ‘All brands’ page and other alphabetic lists

I. To create alphabetic lists blocks, e.g. list of all brands, models, etc, use code of the kind:

When copying the above code to Magento admin panel, please make sure that there’s a **space between** ‘block’ and ‘type’ commands so they are spelled in two words as ‘block type’ **not** in one word ‘blocktype’ (sometimes space may get deleted during copying).

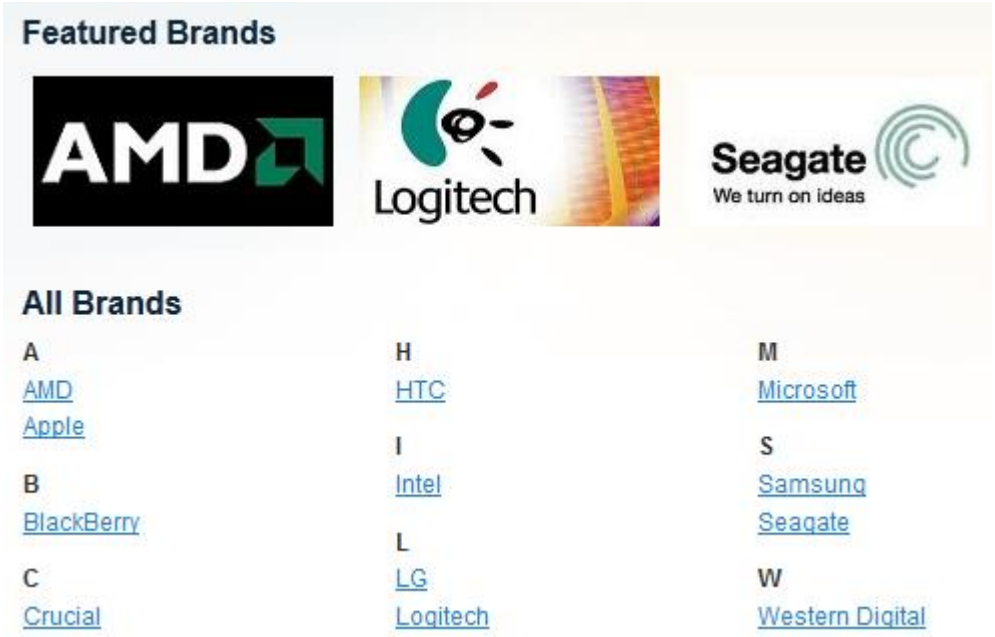
Indicate code of the needed attribute instead of ‘manufacturer’, use ‘header’ parameter to indicate the name of the block and ‘column’ parameter to specify the number of columns in the block.

```
{{block type=amshopby/list attribute_code=manufacturer header="All Brands" columns=2 template=amasty/amshopby/list.phtml}}
```

Important: after selecting a brand, customers can narrow down selection by any available attribute (price, color, etc)

Please see the next page for example of the block.

Here’s an example of ‘All brands’ block:



2. Creation of blocks with featured attribute options

To add a block with featured options of an attribute to a cms page, add the following code to the page:

```
{{block type=amshopby/featured attribute_code=manufacturer template=amasty/amshopby/featured.phtml}}
```

Use the code of the needed attribute instead of “manufacturer” – the code can be found in “Attribute Code” column at the Manage Attributes page.

To display a limited number of featured options, ‘limit’ parameter, to show them in random order use ‘random’ parameter (it should be set to 1):

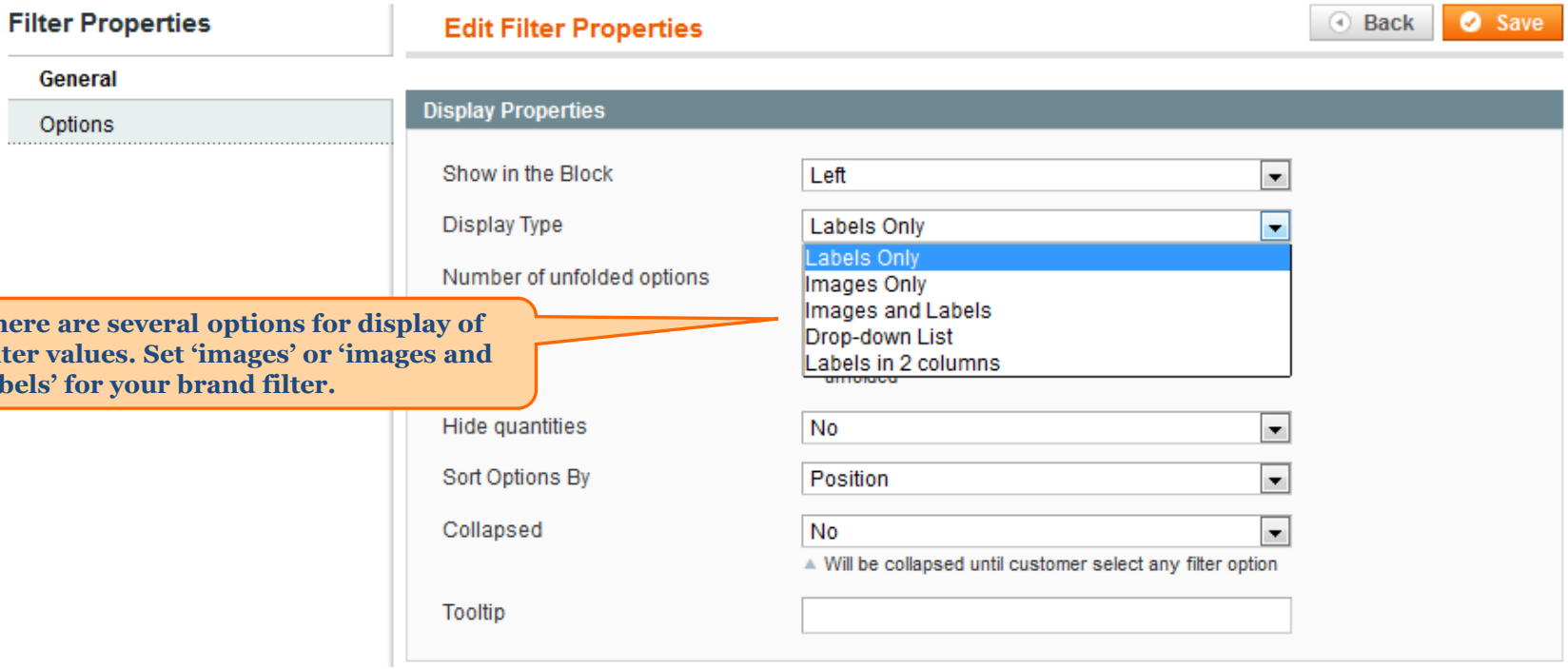
```
{{block type=amshopby/featured attribute_code=manufacturer random=1 limit=4 template=amasty/amshopby/featured.phtml}}
```

Here’s an example of a “featured” block with 3 random manufacturer attribute options:

It is possible to place several “featured” blocks on a page.

3. Display of brand logos in navigation block

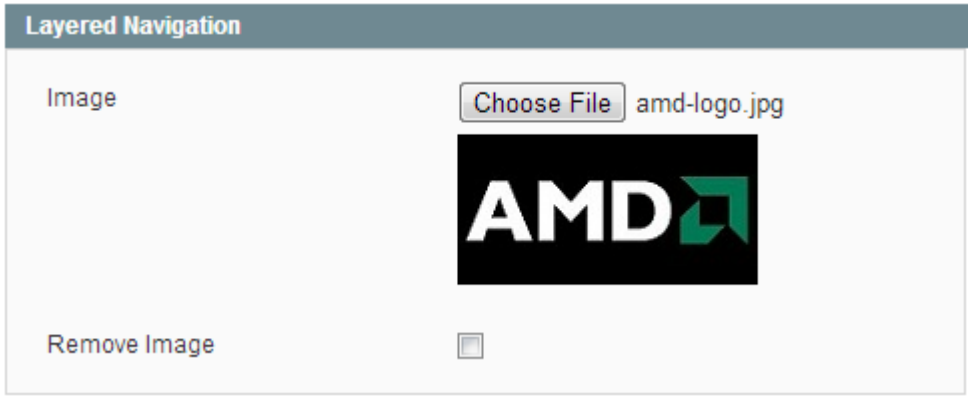
To display brand logos in navigation block you should work with filters' settings . To edit filter properties go to Admin panel -> Catalog -> Improved navigation -> Filters . You'll see the list of filters. Click on 'brand' filter to edit its options.

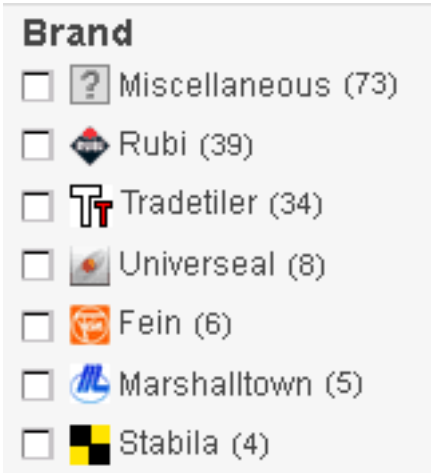


There are several options for display of filter values. Set 'images' or 'images and labels' for your brand filter.

3. Display of brand logos in navigation block

Make sure that a picture is assigned to the filter option.
Go to Filter properties -> 'Options' tab. Choose the 'brand' filter you and upload a picture with brand logo to 'Layered navigation' Section

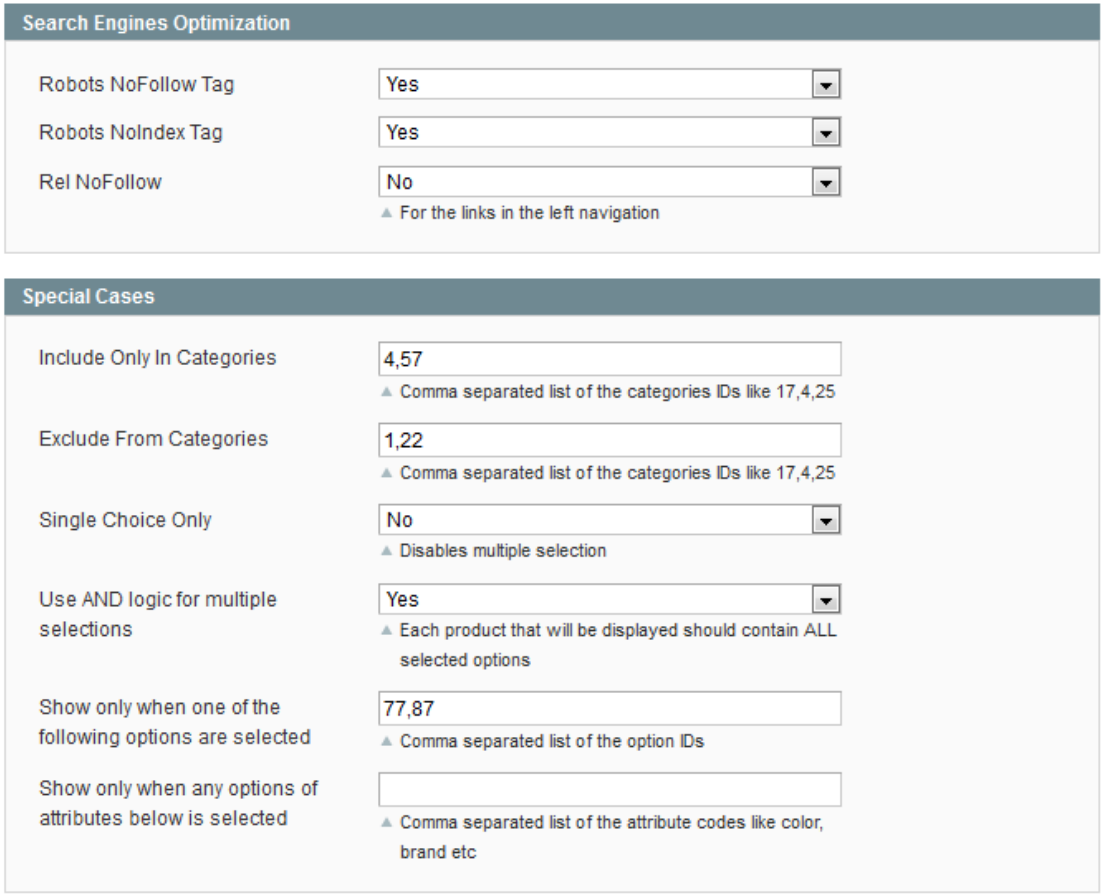




The example of brand logo pictures in navigation block

4. Single selection for ‘brand’ attribute.

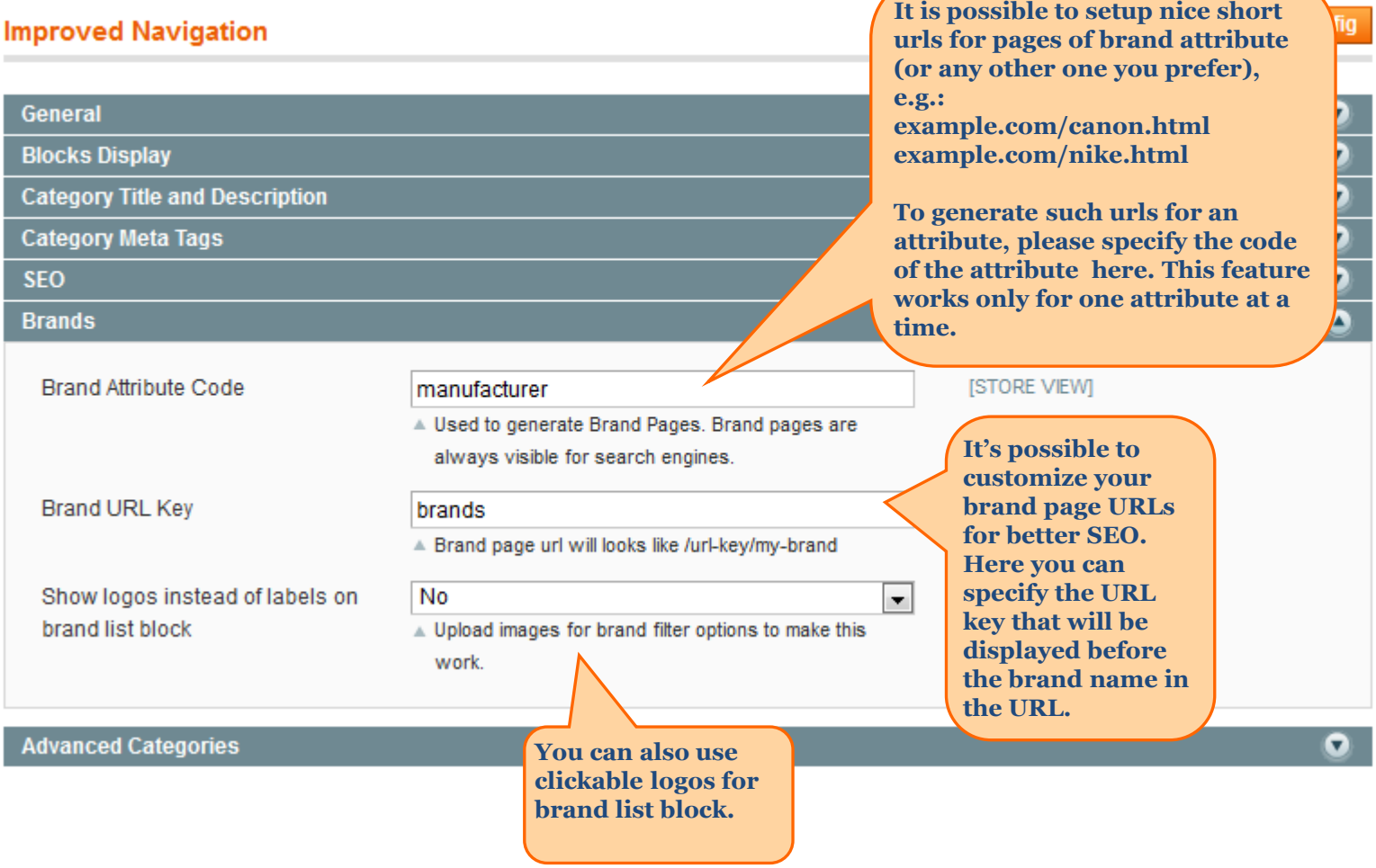
This feature is very appropriate for attributes like 'Brands', when customers often want to see products of only one brand at a time. Please go to Admin Panel -> Improved navigation -> Filters -> Edit Filter ‘Brand’ Properties



If you set this option to ‘Yes’, customers will be able to choose only one value at a time for this attribute.

5. Setup SEO urls for Brand pages

Please go to Admin Panel -> System - > Configuration - >Improved Navigation



4. Seo layered navigation

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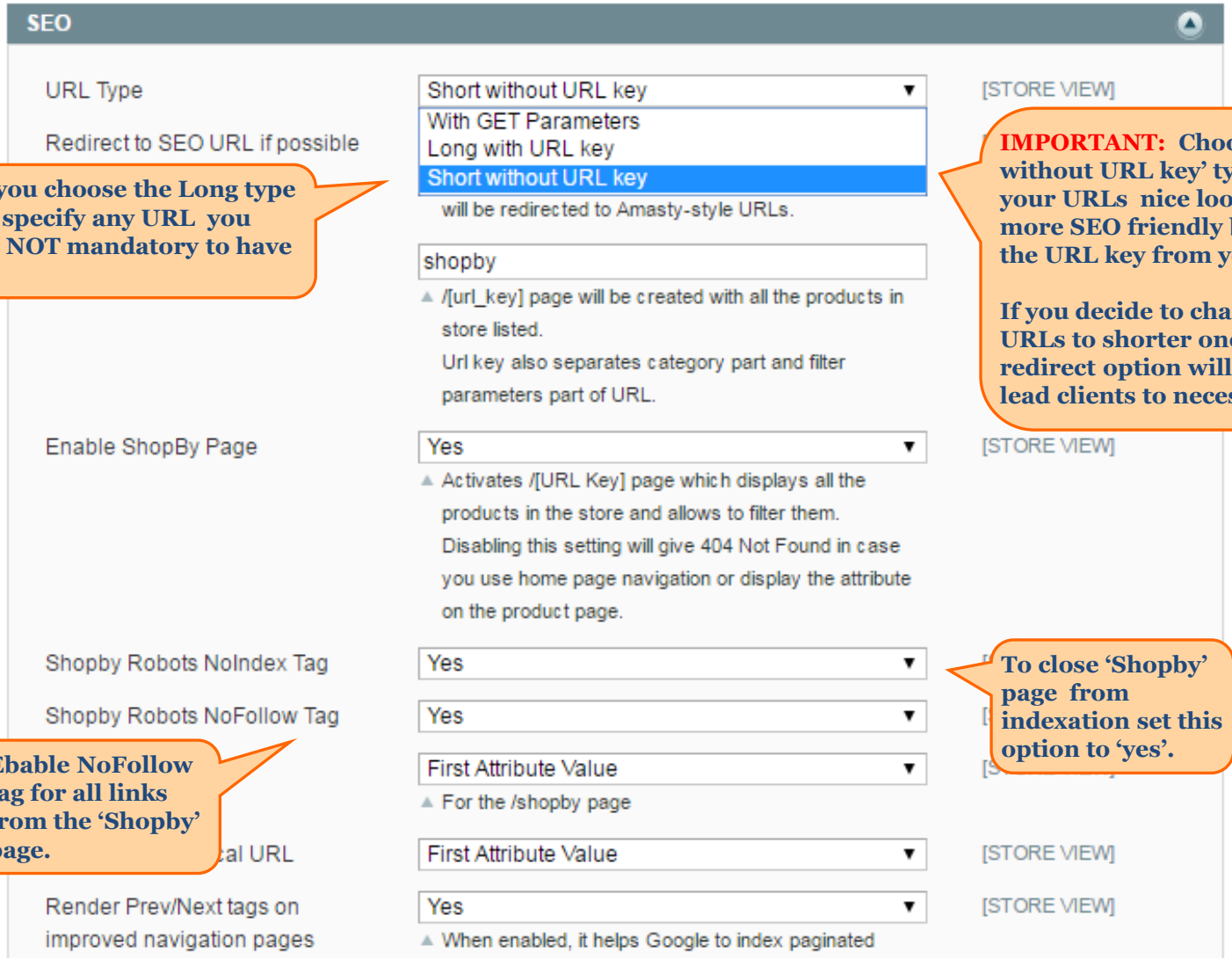
1. Creation of optimized urls. Structure of canonical urls.



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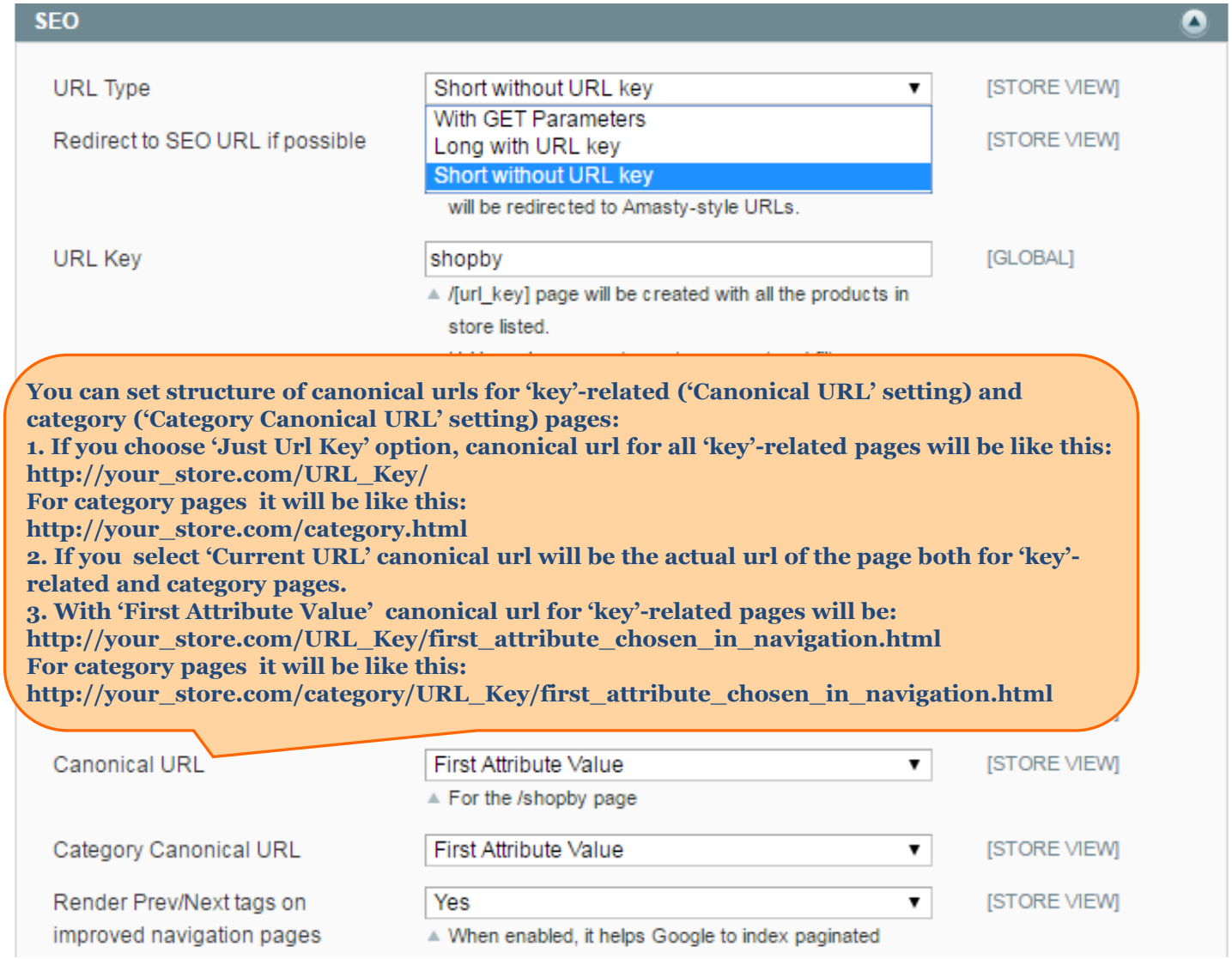

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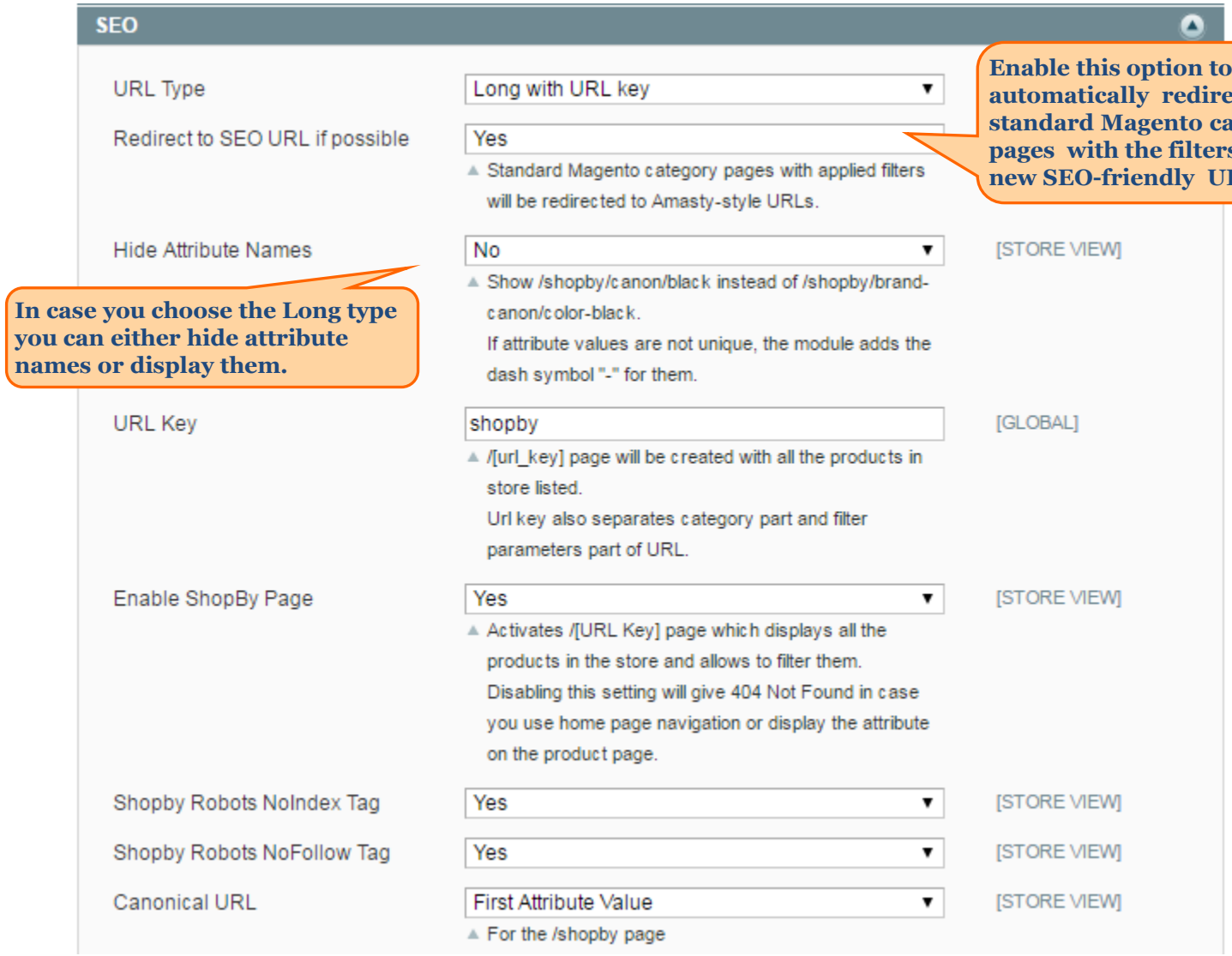
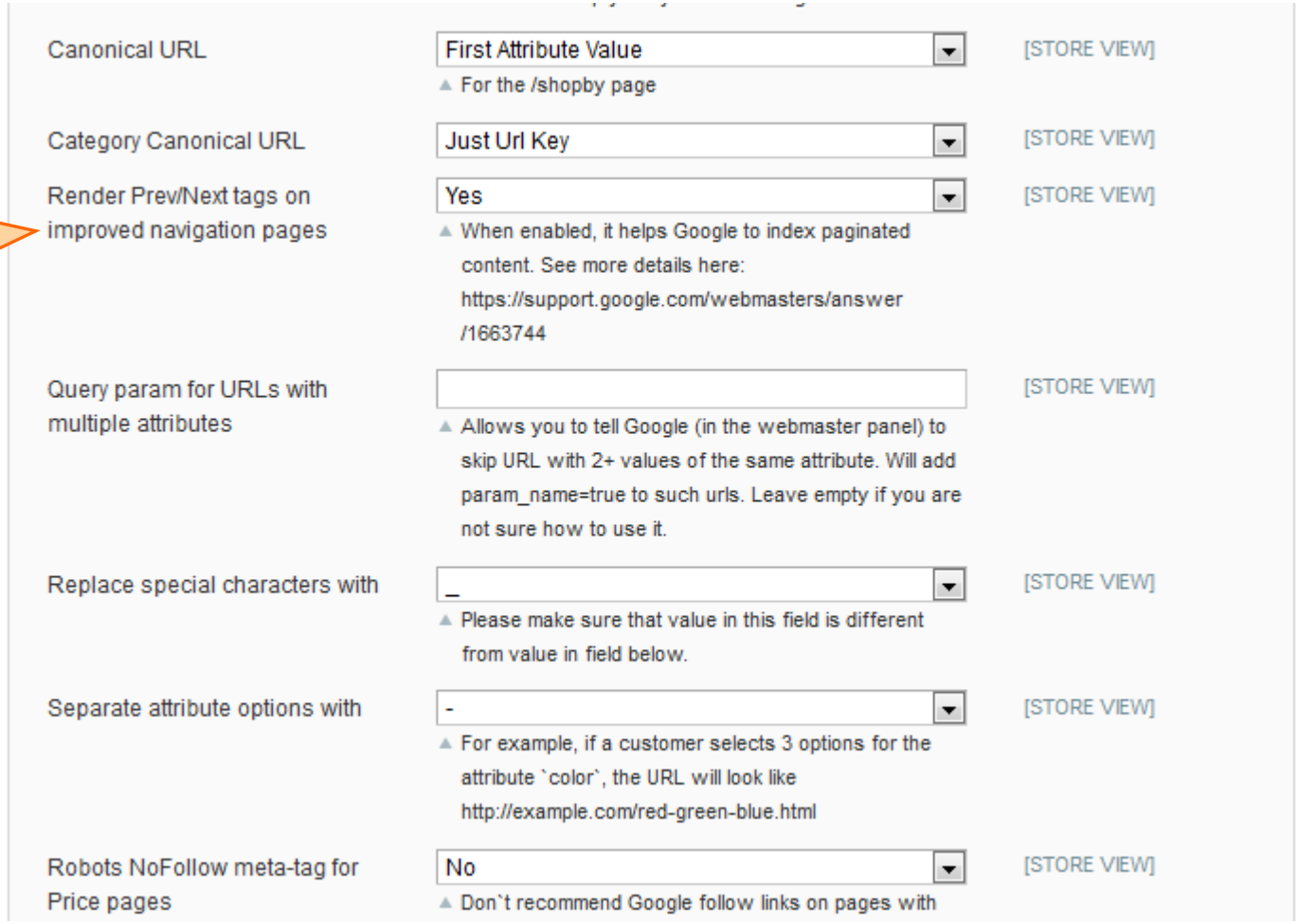


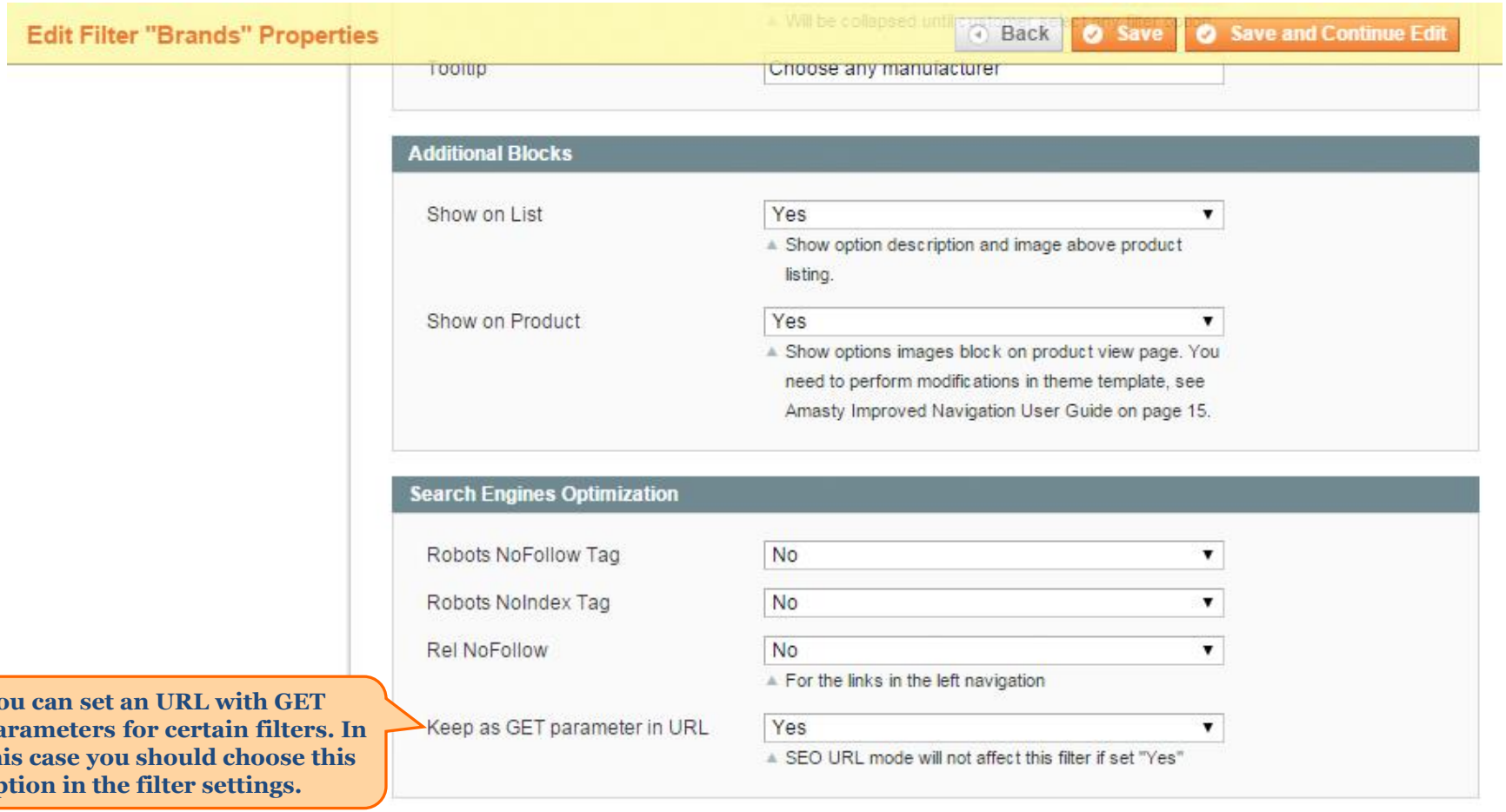
1. Creation of optimized urls. Structure of canonical urls.

This option was specifically created by Google to fight duplicate paginated results. Switch it to "yes" to index all your paginated pages.



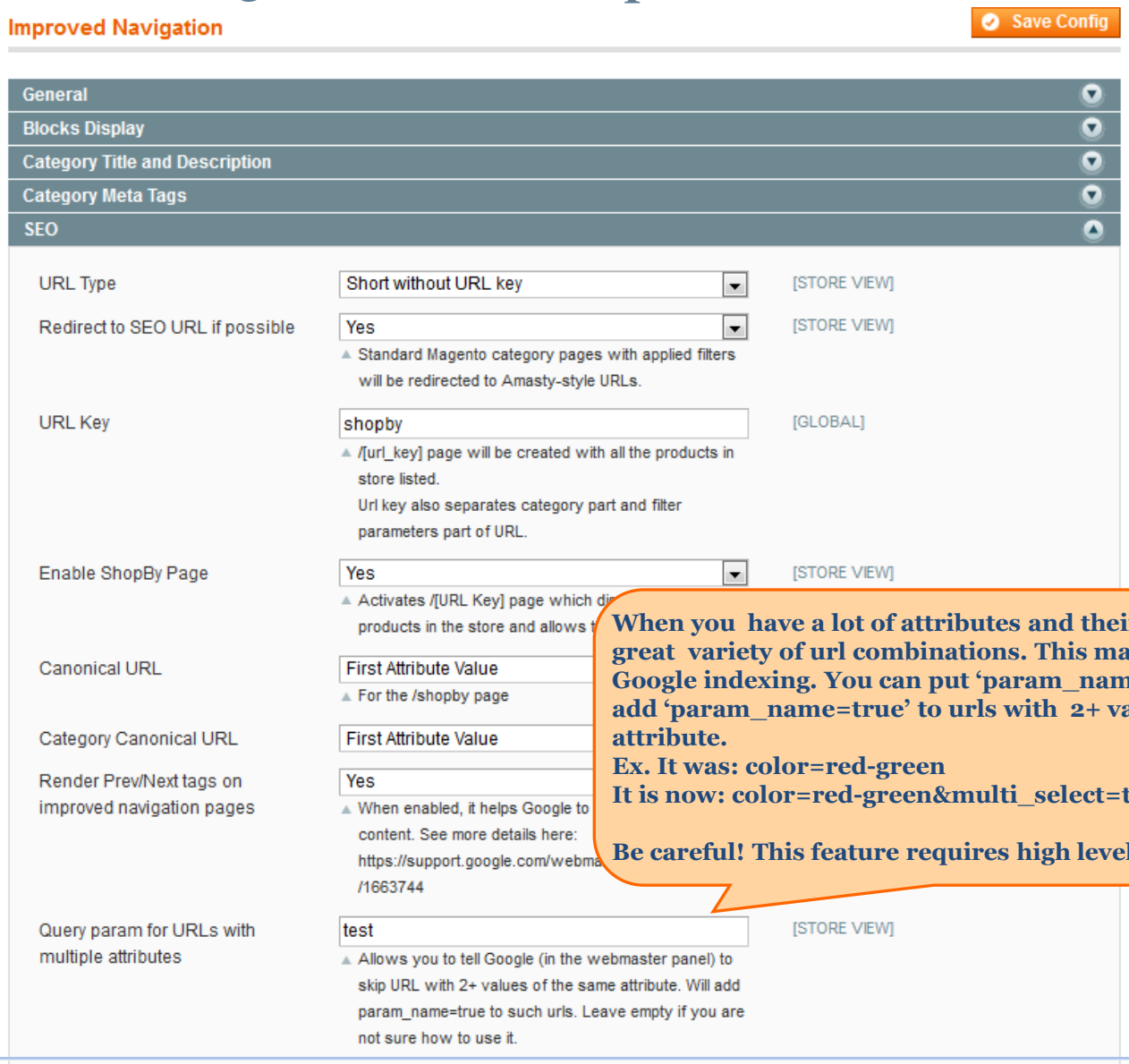
2. URLs with GET parameters for certain filters.

Catalog->Improved Navigation->Filters.



You can set an URL with GET parameters for certain filters. In this case you should choose this option in the filter settings.

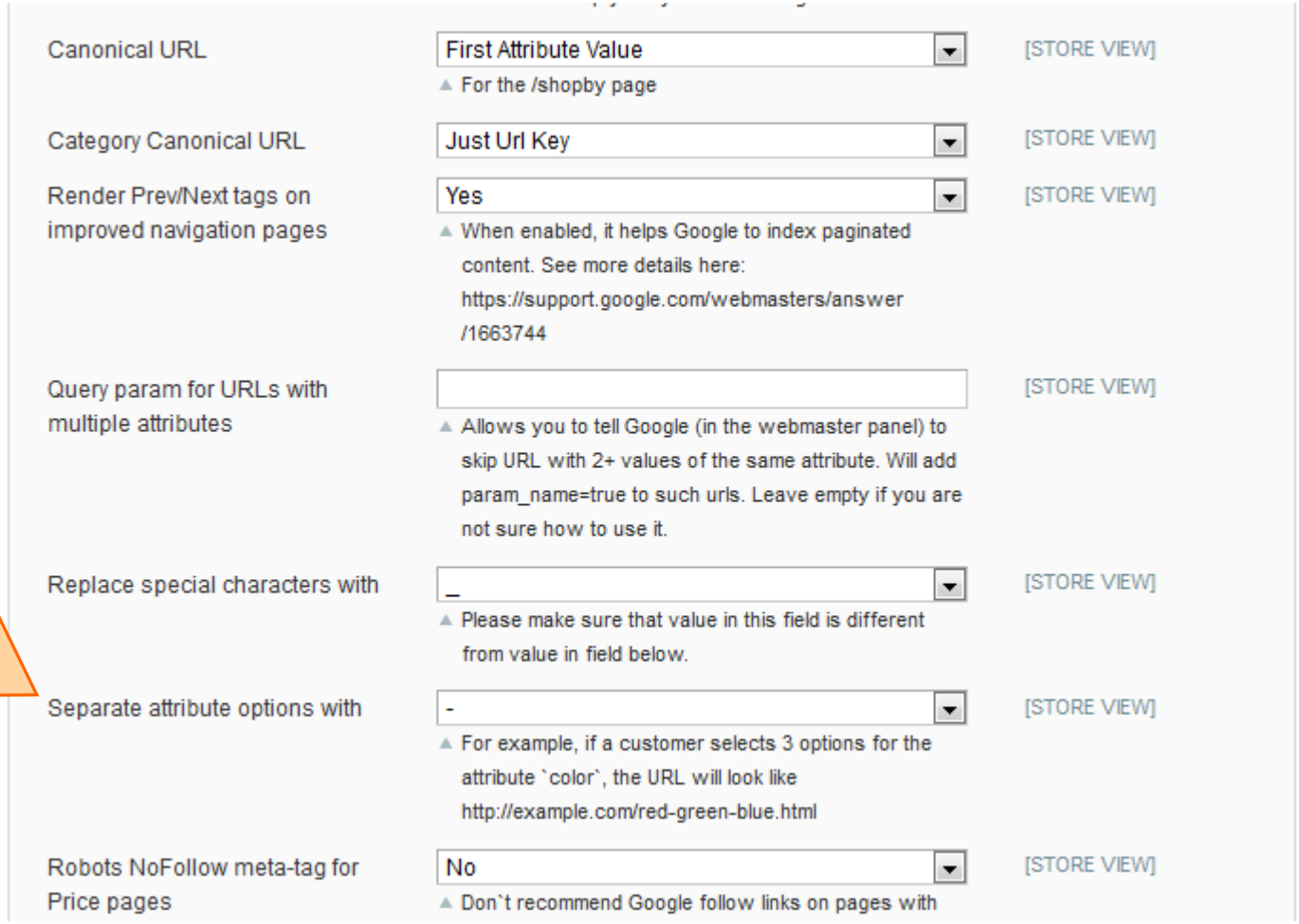
3. Urls with multiple attribute values. *Advanced feature!*



When you have a lot of attributes and their options, there's a great variety of url combinations. This may cause wrong Google indexing. You can put 'param_name' here and it will add 'param_name=true' to urls with 2+ values of the same attribute.
Ex. It was: color=red-green
It is now: color=red-green&multi_select=true

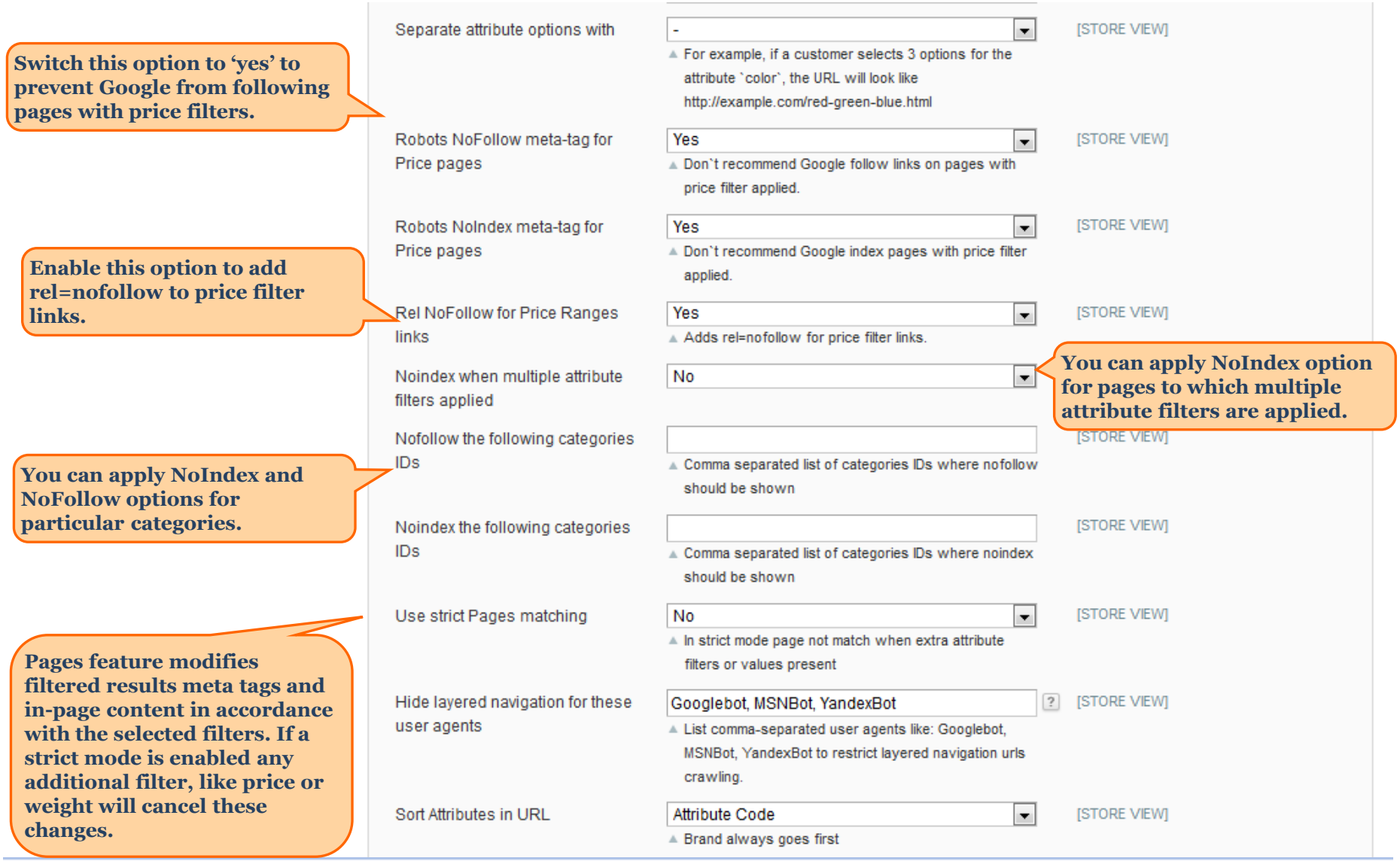
Be careful! This feature requires high level of SEO knowledge.

3. Urls with multiple attribute values. *Advanced feature!*



Enable this option to separate attributes in the URL. E.g. http://www.example.com/brown-shoes.html is much more useful than http://www.example.com/brownshoes.html.
Please click here to learn more.

4. NoIndex/Nofollow Settings.



Switch this option to 'yes' to prevent Google from following pages with price filters.

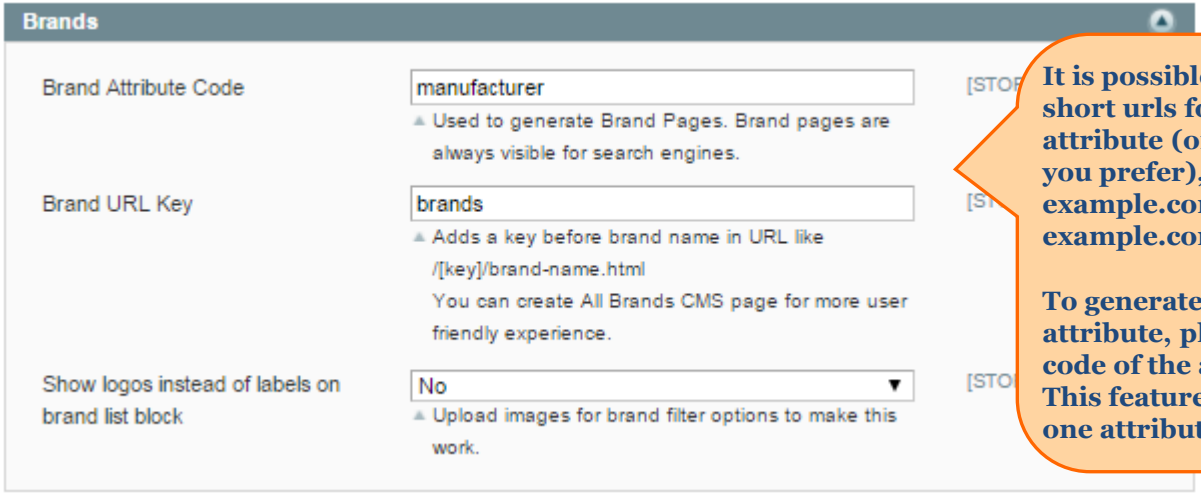
Enable this option to add rel=nofollow to price filter links.

You can apply NoIndex option for pages to which multiple attribute filters are applied.

You can apply NoIndex and NoFollow options for particular categories.

Pages feature modifies filtered results meta tags and in-page content in accordance with the selected filters. If a strict mode is enabled any additional filter, like price or weight will cancel these changes.

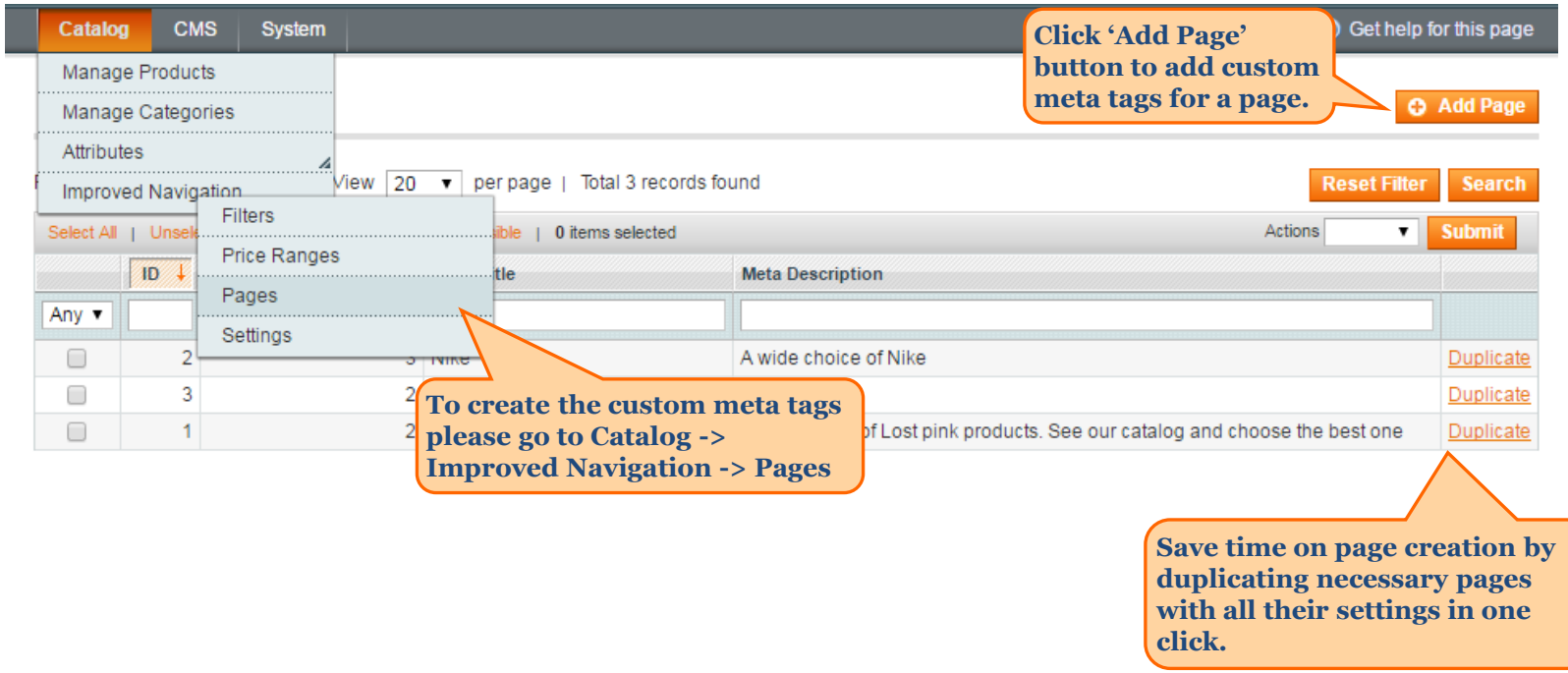
5. Setup SEO urls for Brand pages



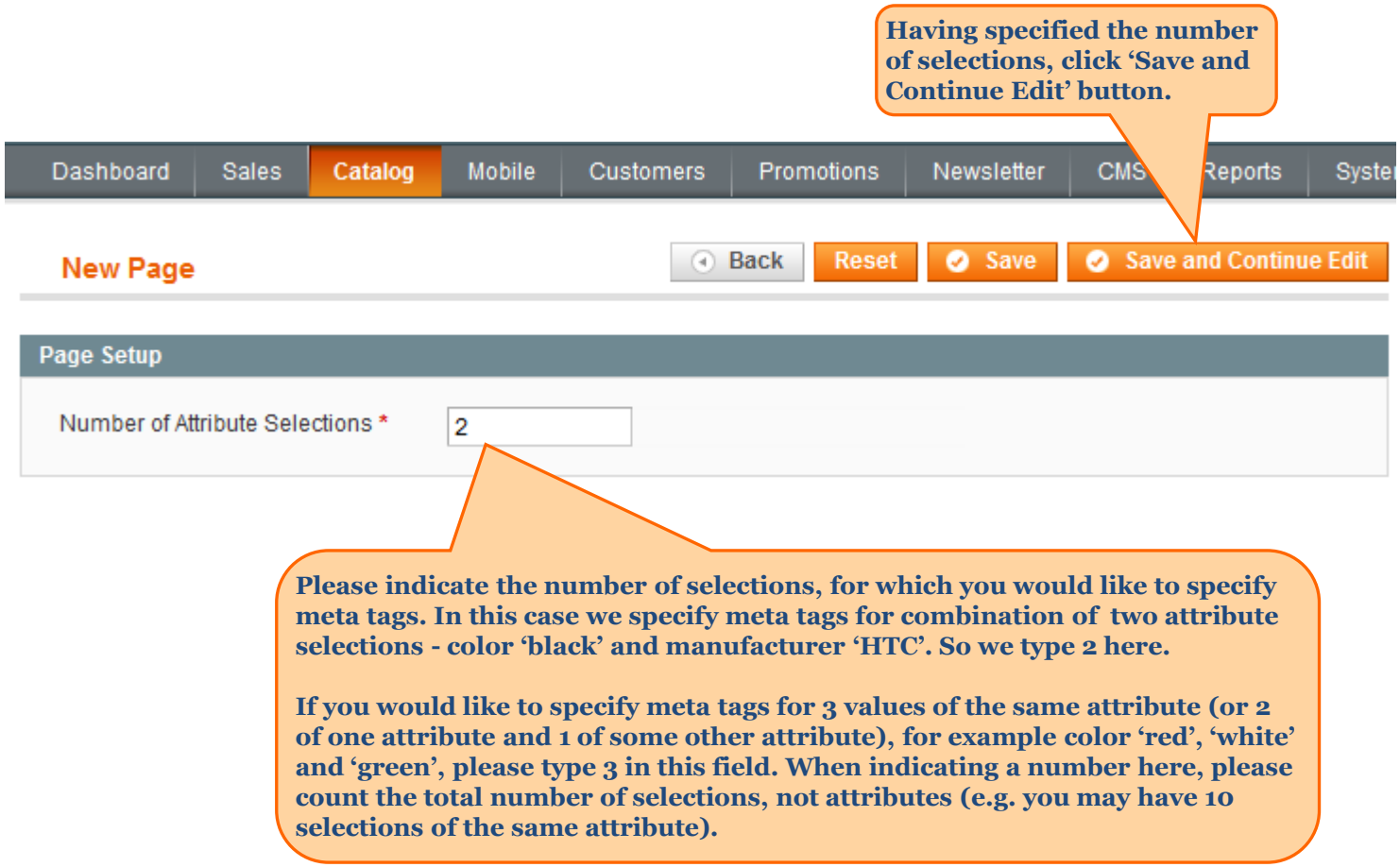
6. Custom Meta Tags for pages with selected attributes

The module enables you to specify custom meta tags for pages with certain attribute values selected. For example, if you select color 'black' and manufacturer 'htc', this page will have only meta tags of the category page. With the module you can add custom meta tags for page with such selections.

Please be aware that this feature works only when AJAX is disabled.



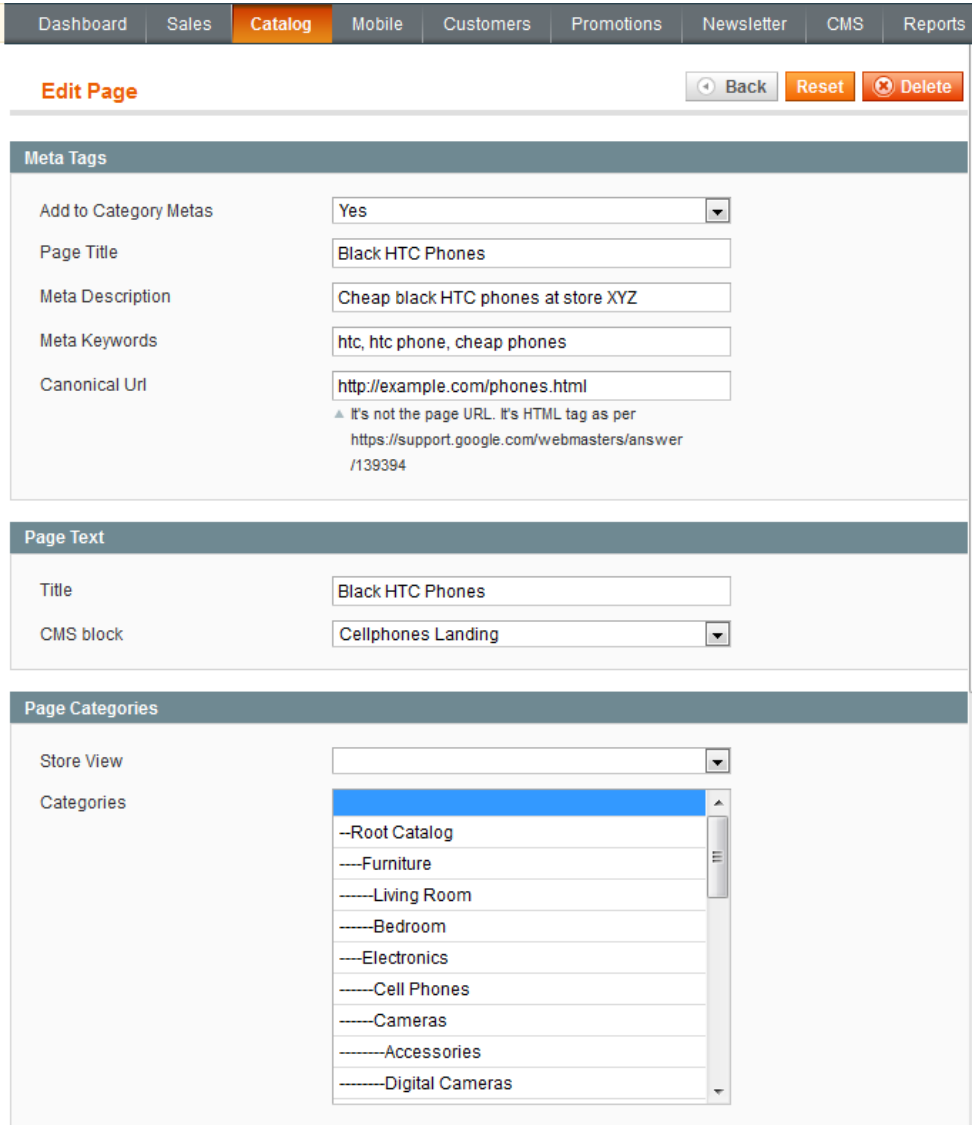
6. Custom Meta Tags for pages with selected attributes



6. Custom Meta Tags for pages with selected attributes

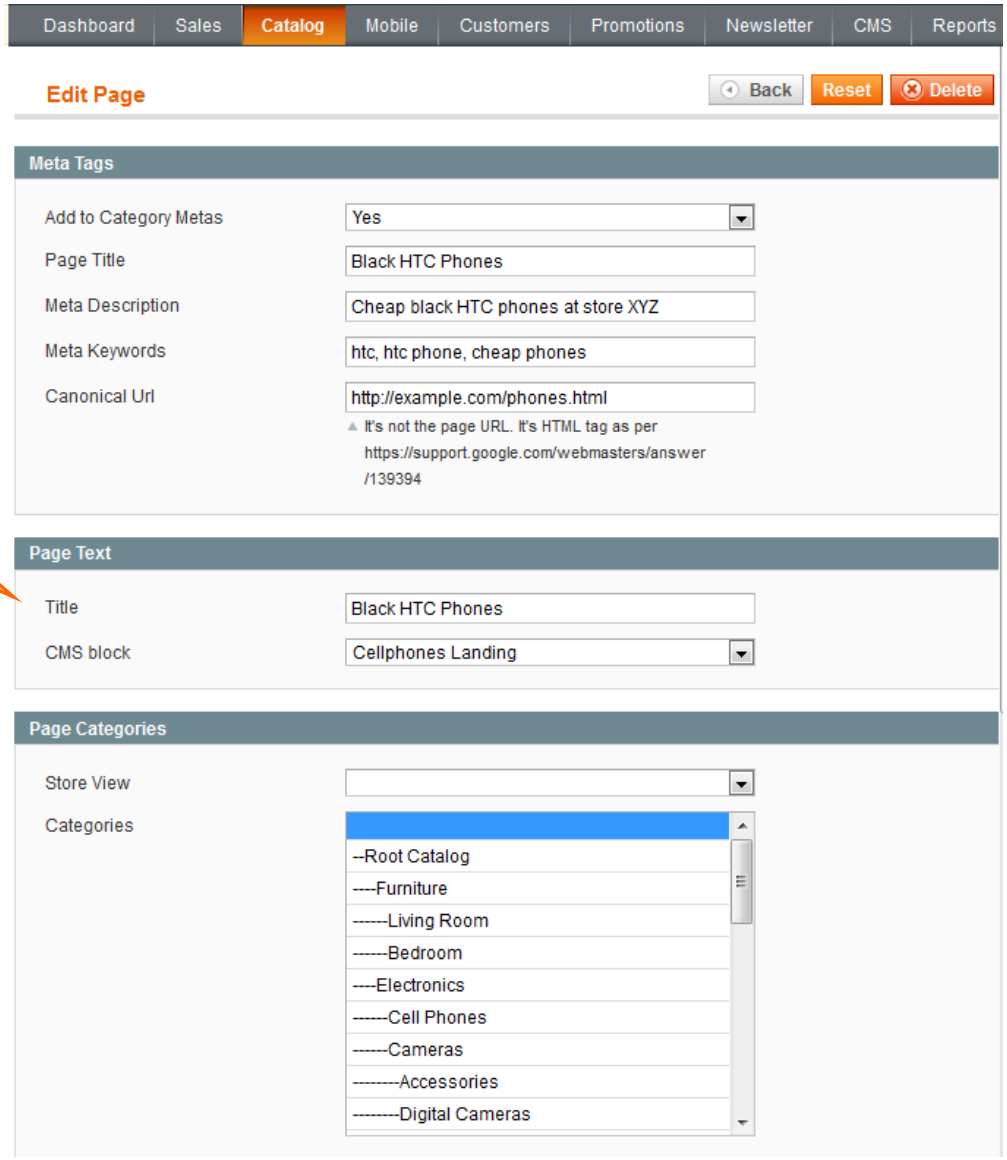
You can choose whether custom meta tags should be added to the meta tags of the category page or used instead of them.

It is possible to specify meta title, meta description, meta keywords and canonical URL for the page with the selections.



6. Custom Meta Tags for pages with selected attributes

This title will be displayed on the product list page once the appropriate attribute values are selected. If you would like to display some CMS block at the page, please specify the block identifier in the 'CMS block' field.



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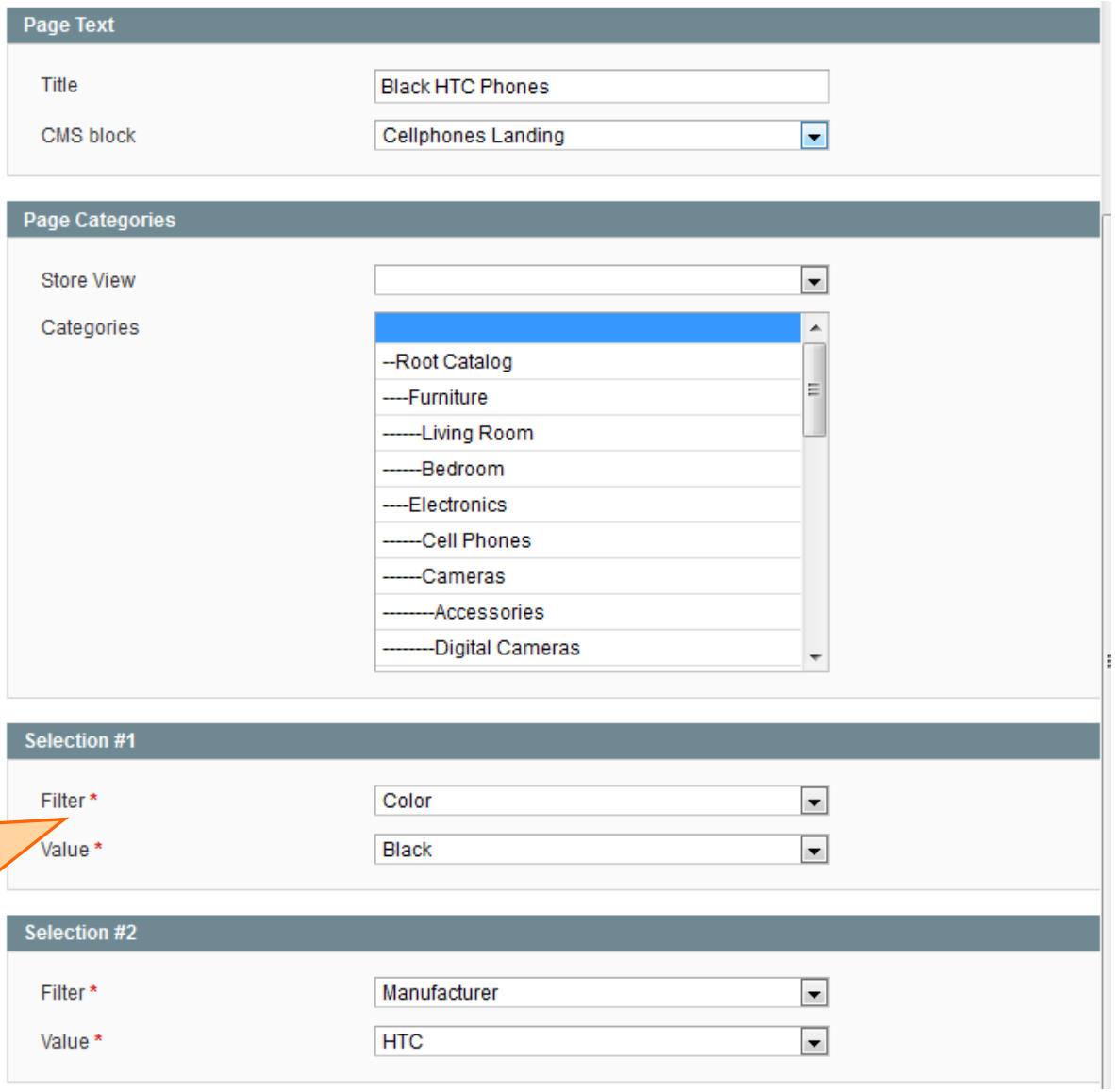
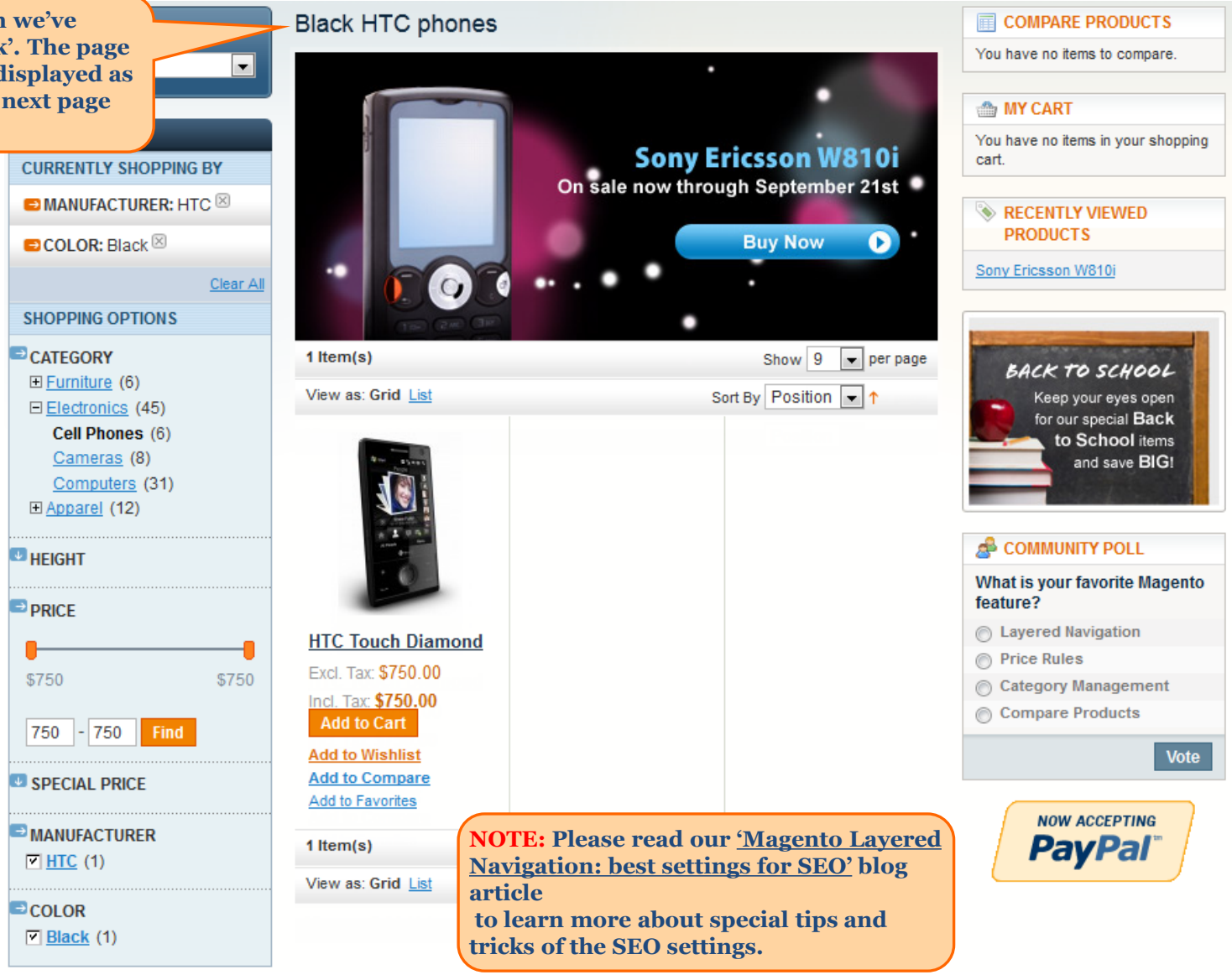


Of course you can select the attribute values to which the meta tags should be applied. We specified 2 at the 'selections' page, so now we can choose 2 attribute values. It is possible to choose 2 values of the same attribute.

6. Custom Meta Tags for pages with selected attributes

In the layered navigation we've selected 'HTC' and 'Black'. The page title and CMS block are displayed as specified. Please see the next page for meta tags example.



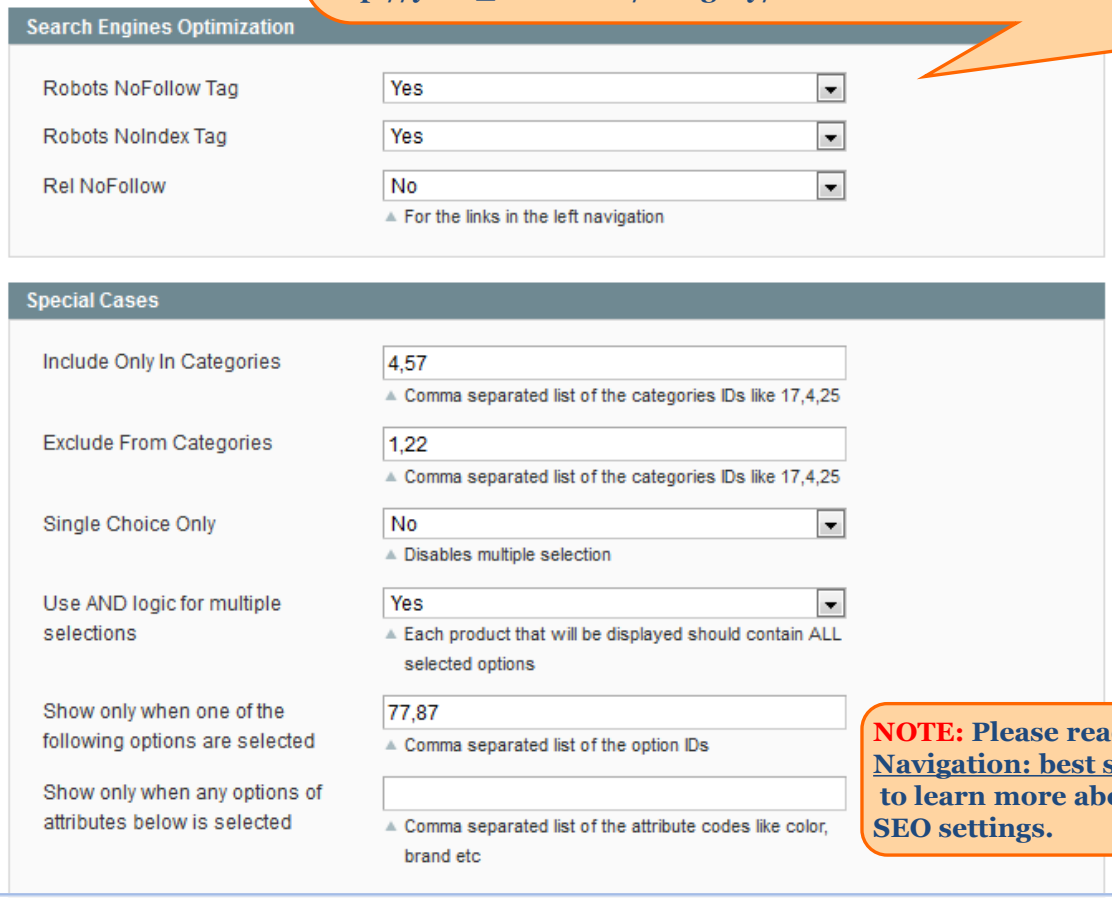
NOTE: Please read our 'Magento Layered Navigation: best settings for SEO' blog article to learn more about special tips and tricks of the SEO settings.

7. Individual SEO parameters for specific filters

For each filter you can specify individual SEO parameters. These parameters will take effect for all pages on which the filter values are selected.

Let's say you go to page http://your_store.com/category.html and select 'black' in filter 'Color'.

Robots and rel nofollow parameters specified for 'Color' filter will be applied to page http://your_store.com/category/black.html.



NOTE: Please read our 'Magento Layered Navigation: best settings for SEO' blog article to learn more about special tips and tricks of the SEO settings.

5. Advanced categories menu

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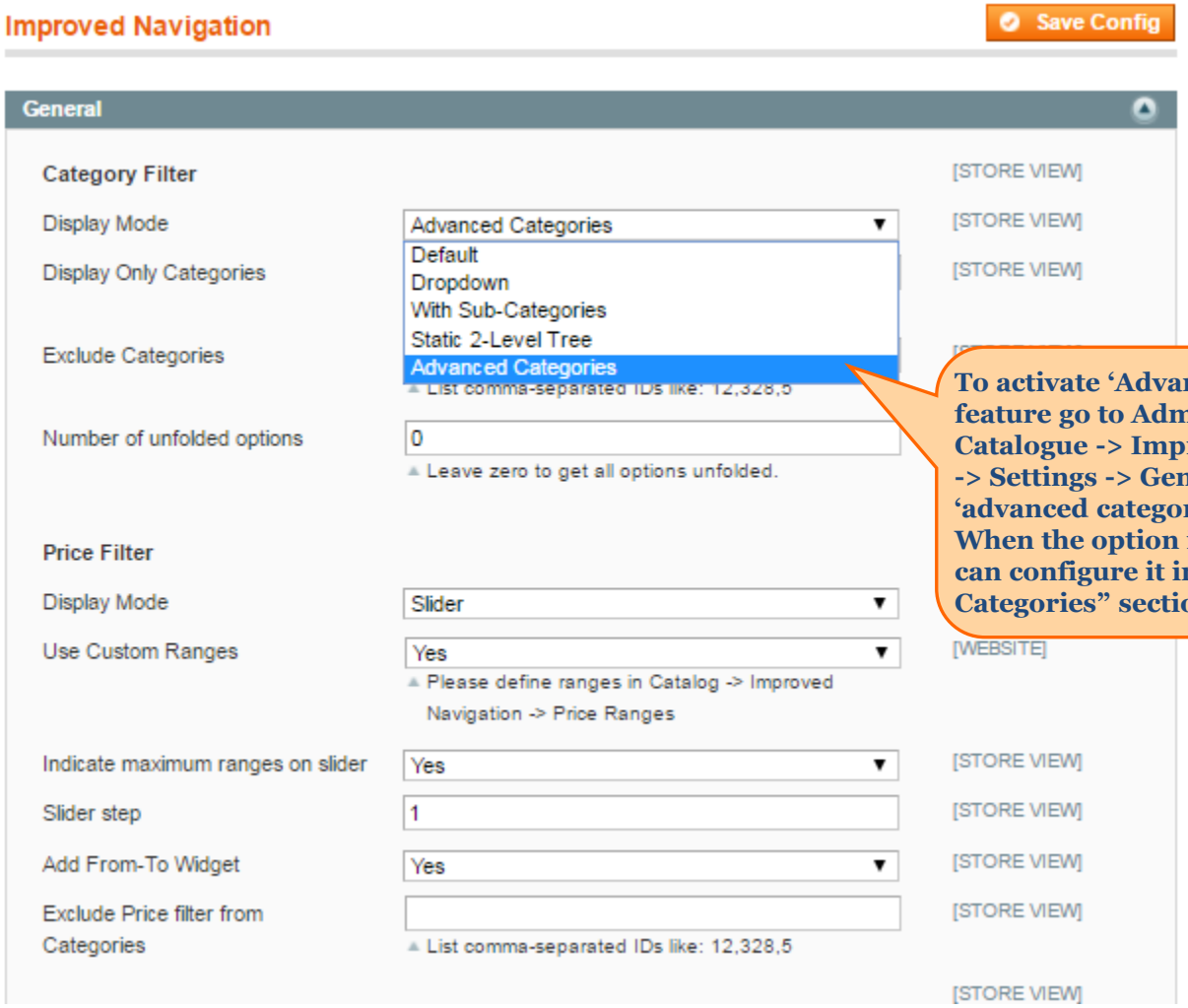
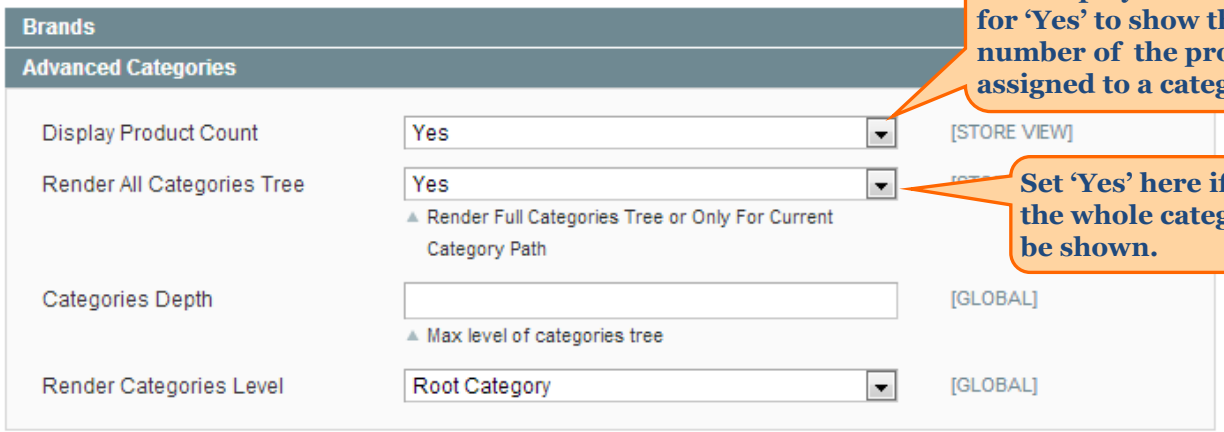
1. Activate ‘Advanced categories’ feature



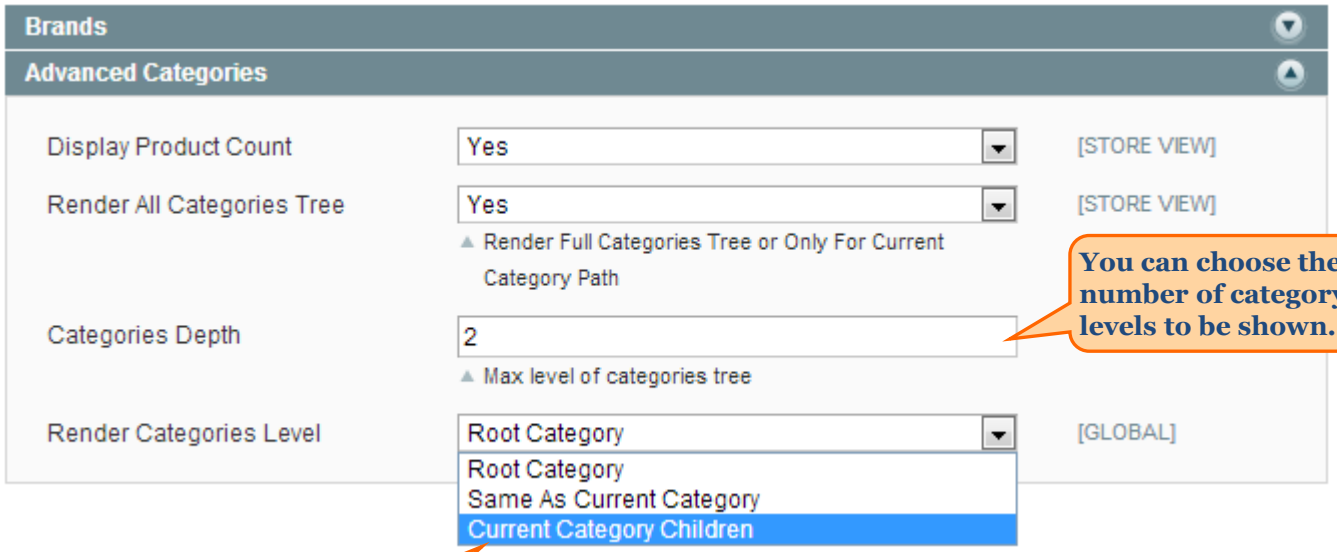
To activate ‘Advanced categories’ feature go to Admin panel -> Catalogue -> Improved Navigation -> Settings -> General and choose ‘advanced categories’ option. When the option is selected, you can configure it in the “Advanced Categories” section.



Set 'Display Product Count' for 'Yes' to show the number of the products assigned to a category.

Set 'Yes' here if you want the whole category tree to be shown.

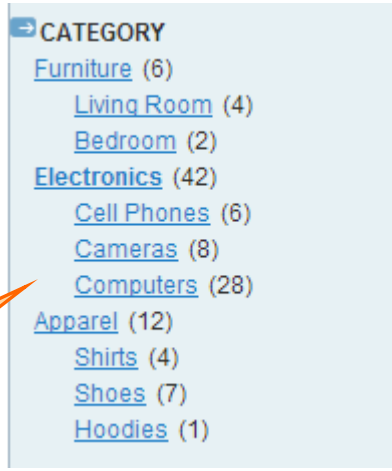
An example of the whole category tree with displayed number of products.



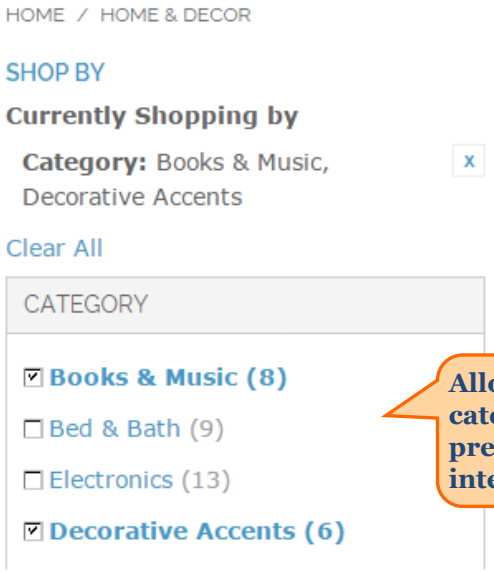
You can choose the number of category levels to be shown.

Here please specify to which category level the 'Category Depth' settings should be applied to.

An example of a category tree where 'Category Depth' equal 2 and 'Root Category' is set as displaying point.



3. Multi-select categories mode



FRONTEND

Allows customers to select several categories together to get a precise list of products they are interested in.

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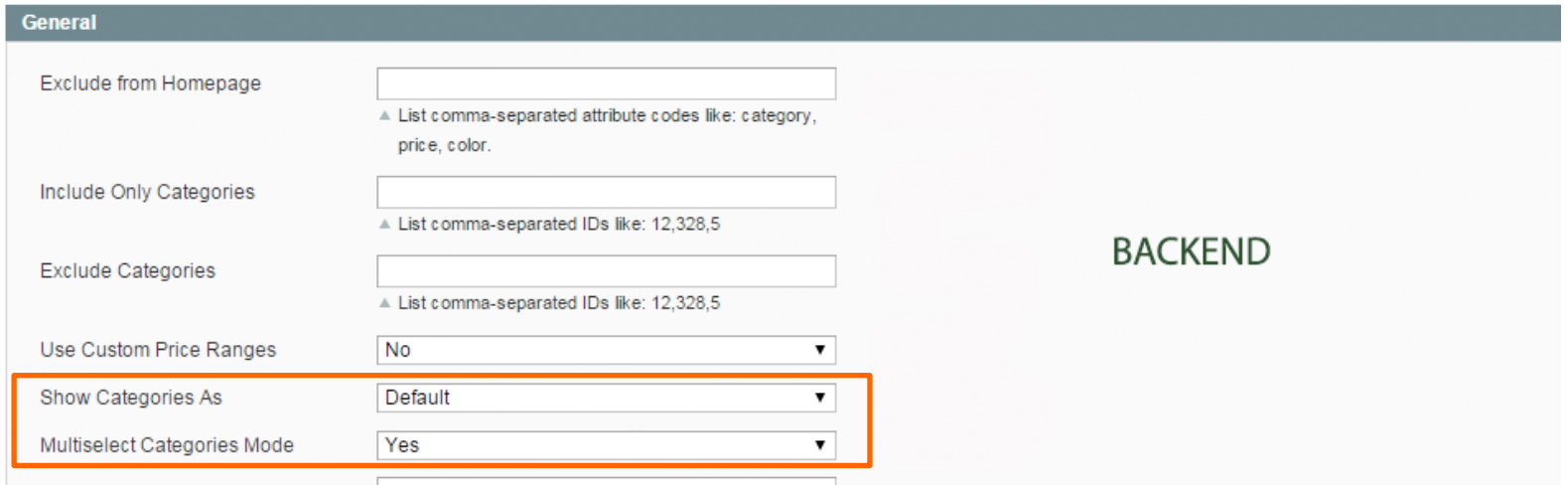

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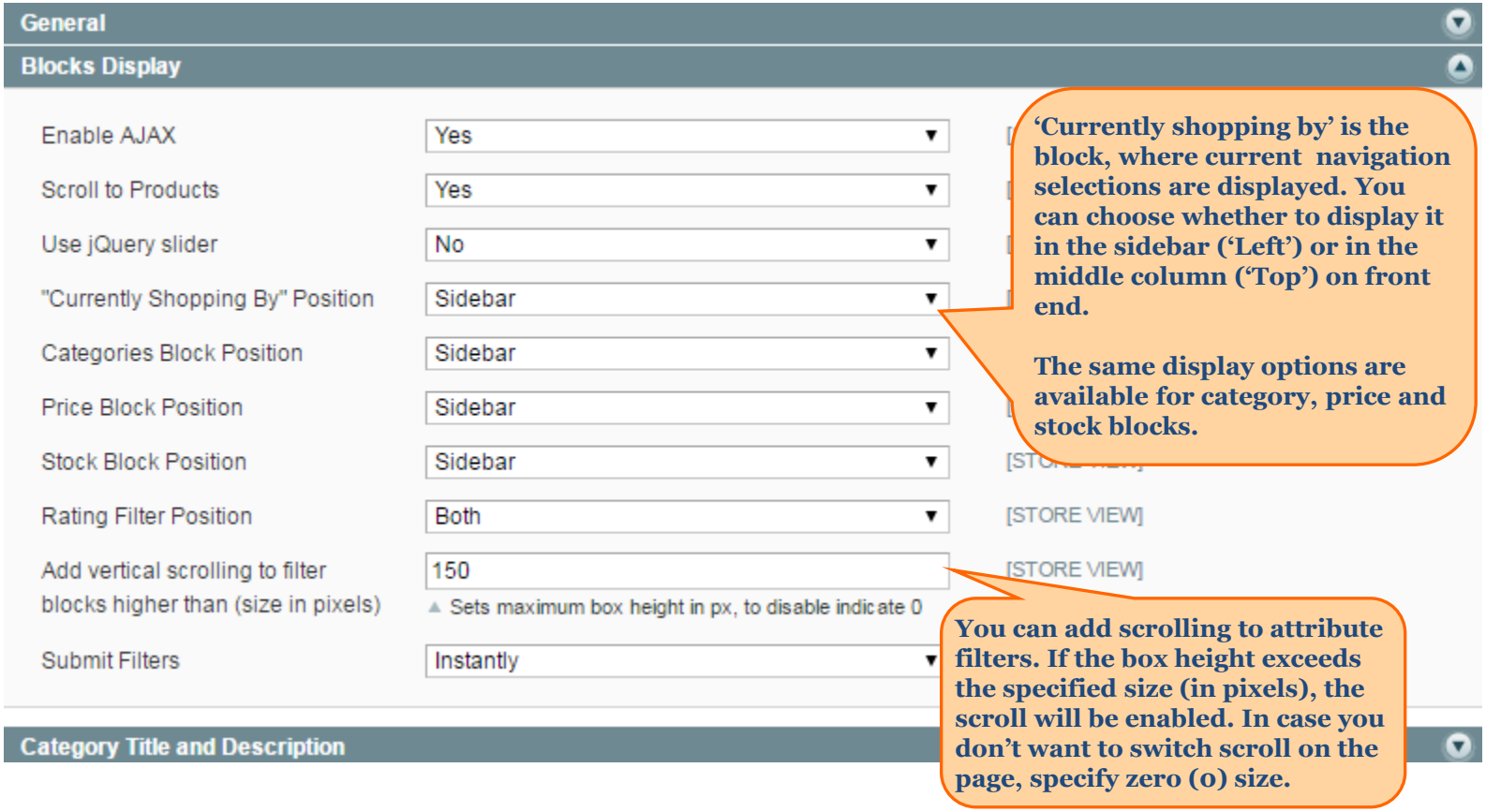
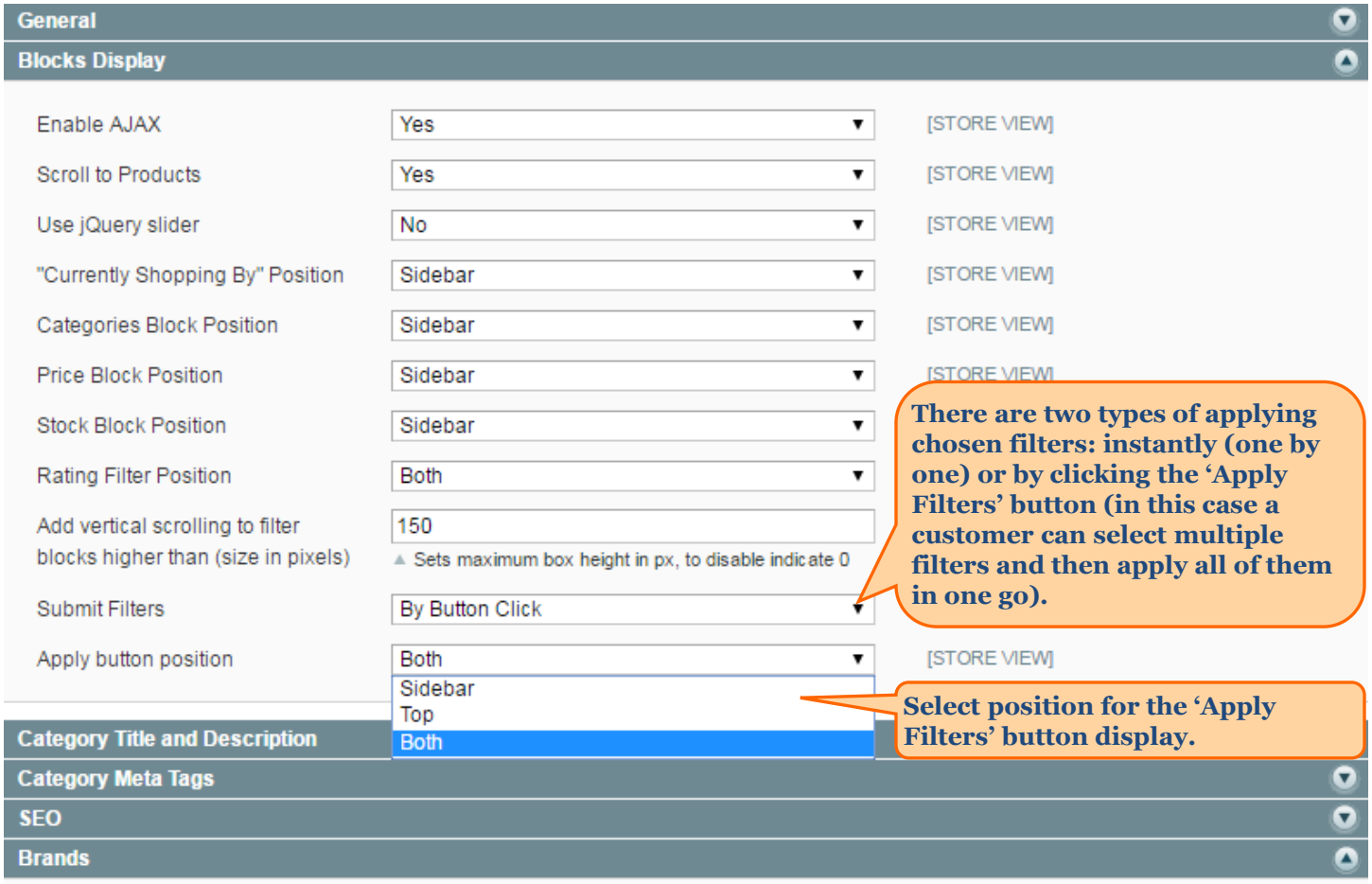
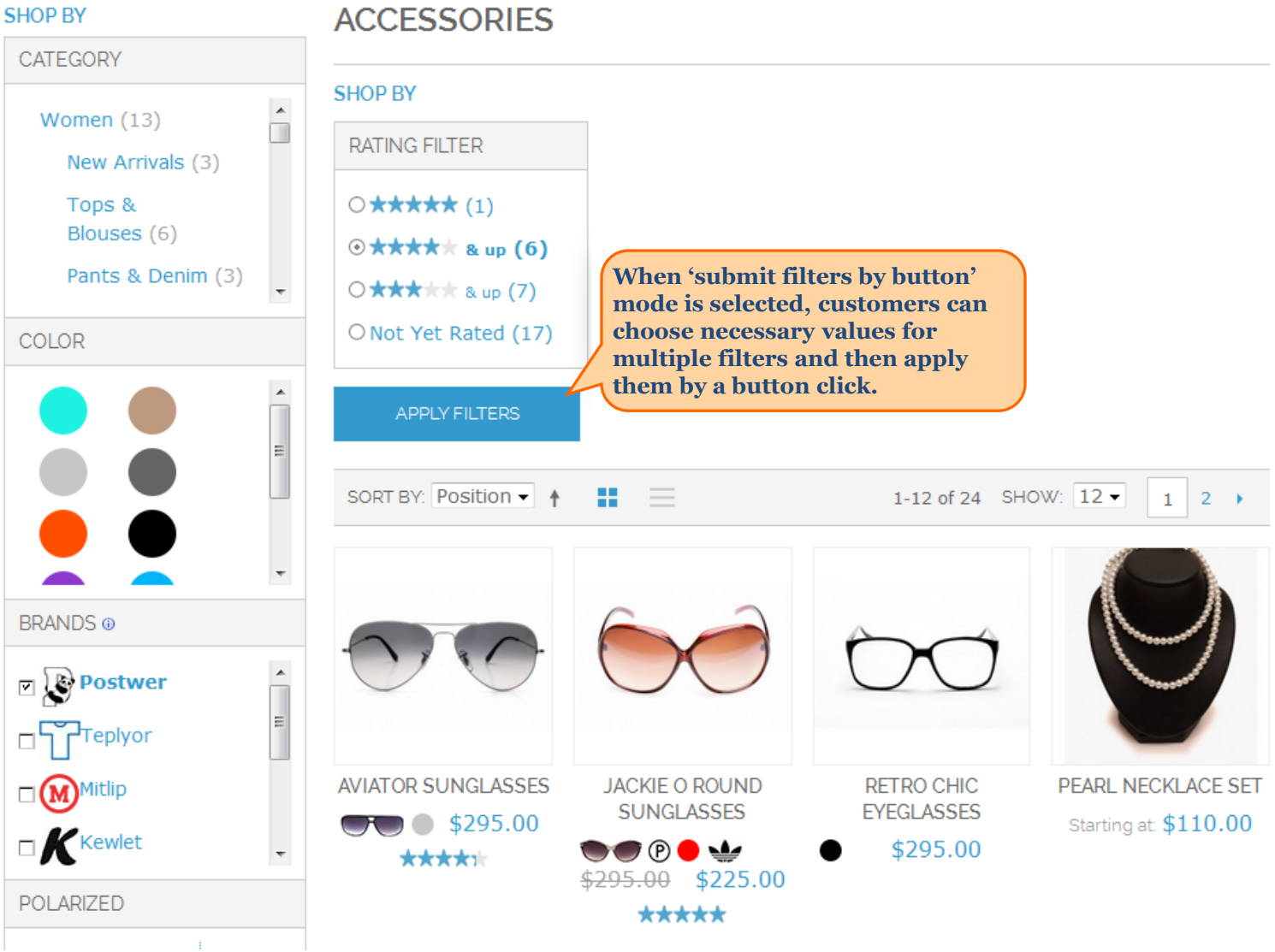
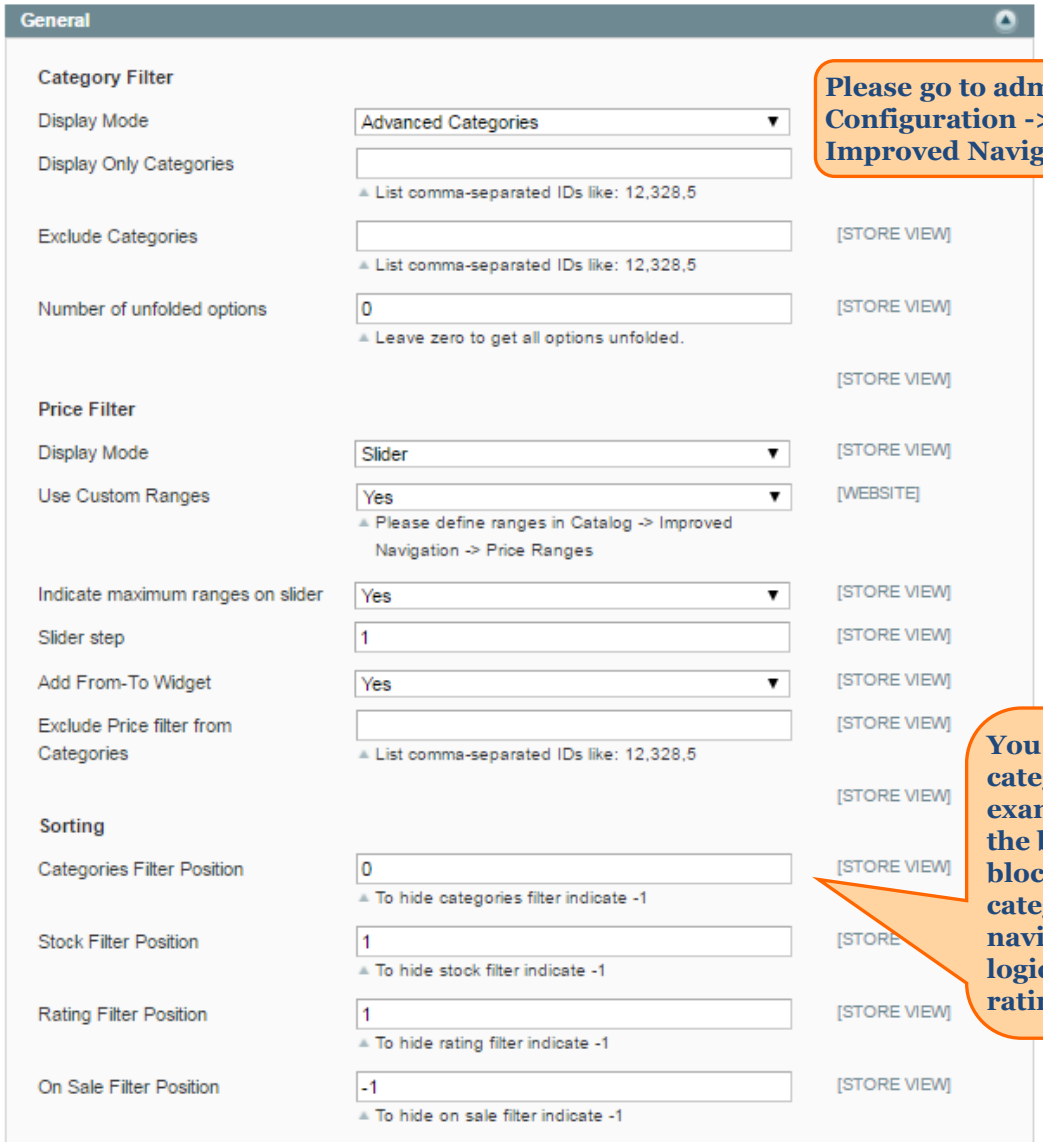

General
Blocks Display
Enable AJAX
Yes
Scroll to Products
Yes
Use jQuery slider
No
"Currently Shopping By" Position
Sidebar
Categories Block Position
Sidebar
Price Block Position
Sidebar
Stock Block Position
Sidebar
Rating Filter Position
Both
[STORE VIEW]
Add vertical scrolling to filter blocks higher than (size in pixels)
150
[STORE VIEW]
Sets maximum box height in px, to disable indicate 0
Submit Filters
Instantly
Category Title and Description
'Currently shopping by' is the block, where current navigation selections are displayed. You can choose whether to display it in the sidebar ('Left') or in the middle column ('Top') on front end.
The same display options are available for category, price and stock blocks.
You can add scrolling to attribute filters. If the box height exceeds the specified size (in pixels), the scroll will be enabled. In case you don't want to switch scroll on the page, specify zero (0) size.

4. Category block position




SHOP BY
CATEGORY
Women (13)
New Arrivals (3)
Tops & Blouses (6)
Pants & Denim (3)
COLOR
BRANDS
Postwer
Teplyor
Mitlip
Kewlet
POLARIZED
ACCESSORIES
SHOP BY
RATING FILTER
★★★★★ (1)
★★★★ & up (6)
★★★ & up (7)
Not Yet Rated (17)
APPLY FILTERS
When 'submit filters by button' mode is selected, customers can choose necessary values for multiple filters and then apply them by a button click.
SORT BY: Position
1-12 of 24
SHOW: 12
1
2
AVIATOR SUNGLASSES
$295.00
JACKIE O ROUND SUNGLASSES
$295.00
$225.00
RETRO CHIC EYEGLASSES
$295.00
PEARL NECKLACE SET
Starting at: $110.00

5. Choose a position for category filter

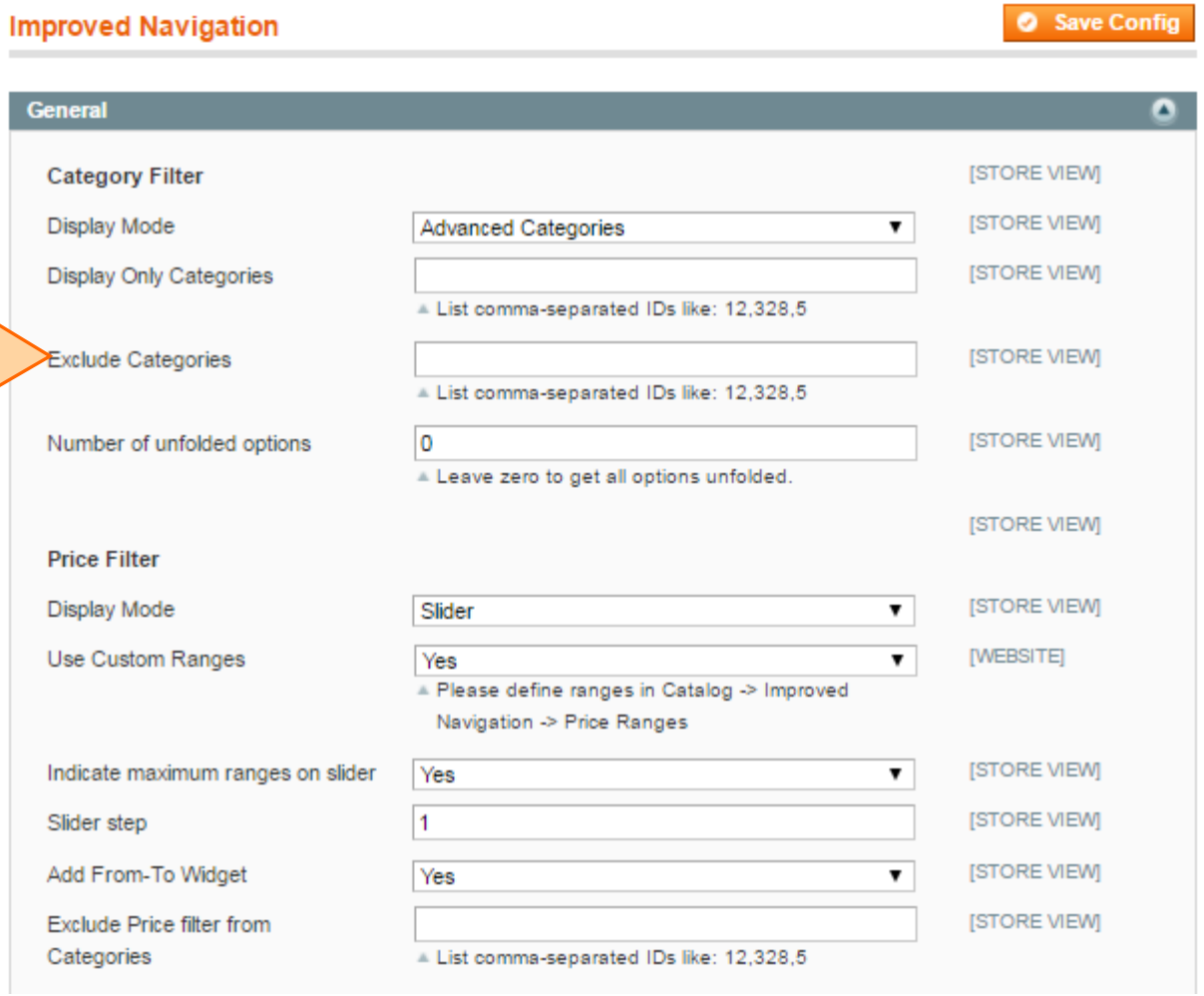


Please go to admin panel -> System -> Configuration -> Amasty Extensions -> Improved Navigation

You can choose position for categories filter and display it for example under price filter or at the bottom of the navigation block. You can remove the categories filter from the layered navigation by typing '-1' (the same logics is applicable to stock and rating filter position).

6. Exclude categories from layered navigation

Please go to admin panel -> System -> Configuration -> Amasty Extensions -> Improved Navigation



If you would like not to display some categories in the layered navigation, please specify IDs of the categories in this field.

7. Subcategory thumbnails and names on category pages

To create a block with thumbnails for subcategories, please go admin panel -> CMS -> Static Blocks -> Add new block Add the following code to the 'Content' field :

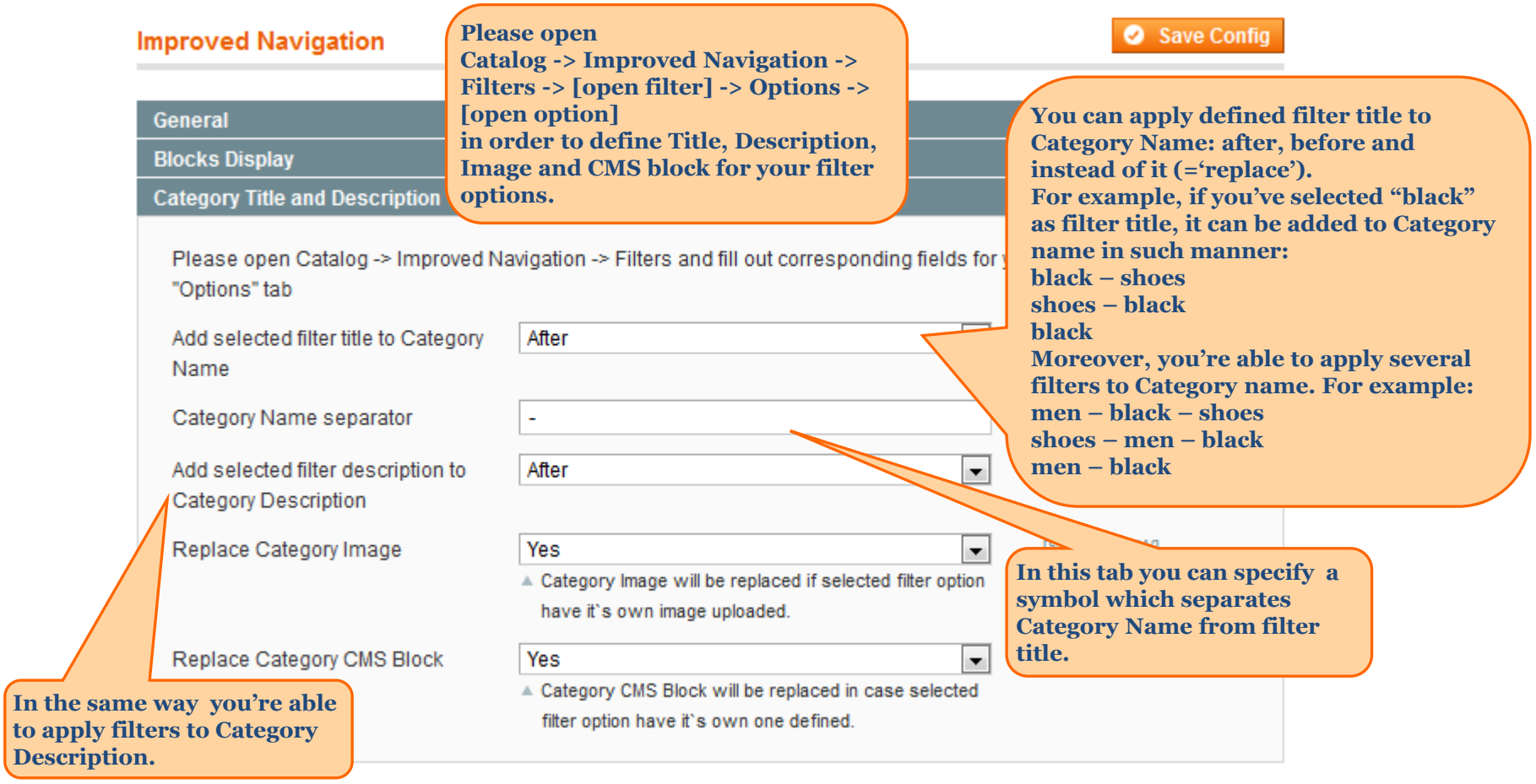
```
{{block type=amshopby/subcategories template=amasty/amshopby/subcategories.phtml columns=2 order=name height=30 width=30 shownames=1}}
```

Use 'columns' parameter to specify the number of columns in the block. 'name' and 'position' options are available for 'order' parameter. If you want to show subcategory names, put '1' for 'shownames', if no – '0' (zero). You can also define the height and width of the thumbnails in pixels.

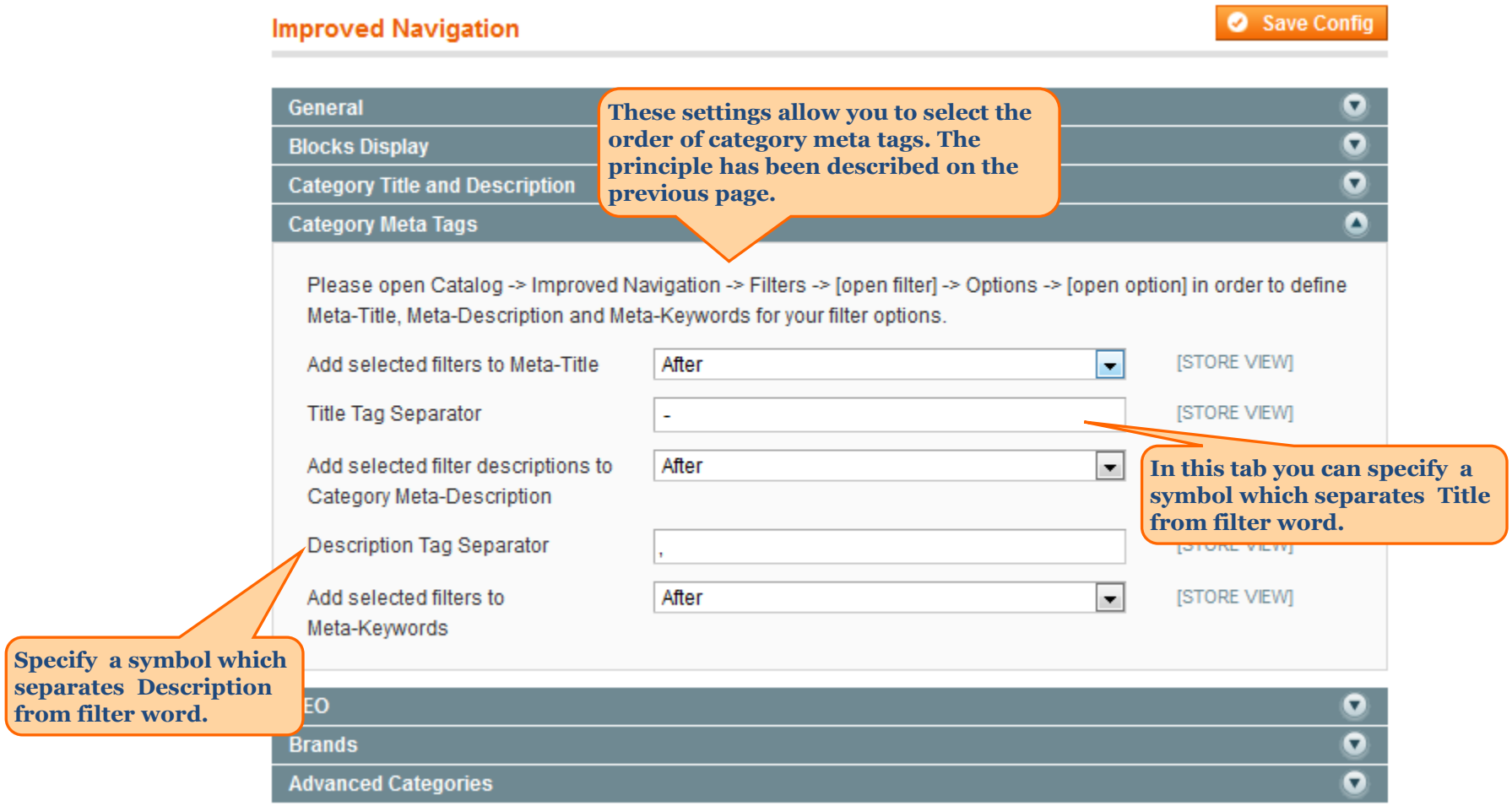
Then you can add the block to any category page you'd like to. For this go to Catalog -> Manage categories. Choose the category you need (ex. Apparel) and choose the block you've created in 'cmsblock' dropdown.

Here's an example of a block with subcategory thumbnails and names on category page:

8. Apply filters to Category Name and Category Description



9. Select the order of category meta tags



6. Ajax Layered Navigation

With AJAX mode you can make the interaction between user and your e-store easy and quick .

Extension's possibilities:
- AJAX-based navigation
- Quick AJAX filtering
- Display of attribute descriptions and images on the category page, which get updated in AJAX-mode

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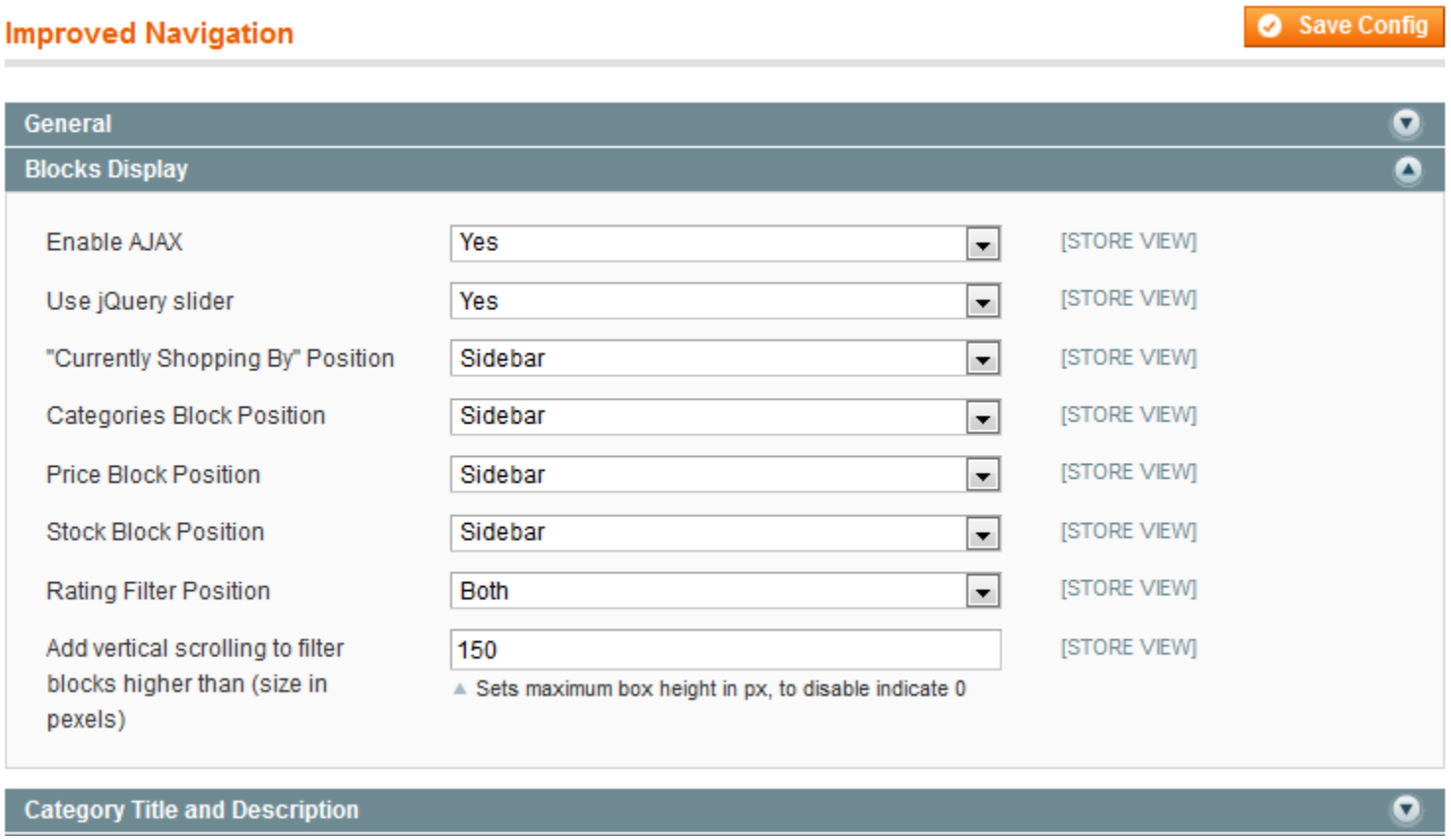
To see Ajax mode in action on Improved navigation demo page follow the link

In the 'Blocks Display' section you can enable AJAX navigation. For AJAX to work please make sure that you've updated list.phtml file according to the installation manual.



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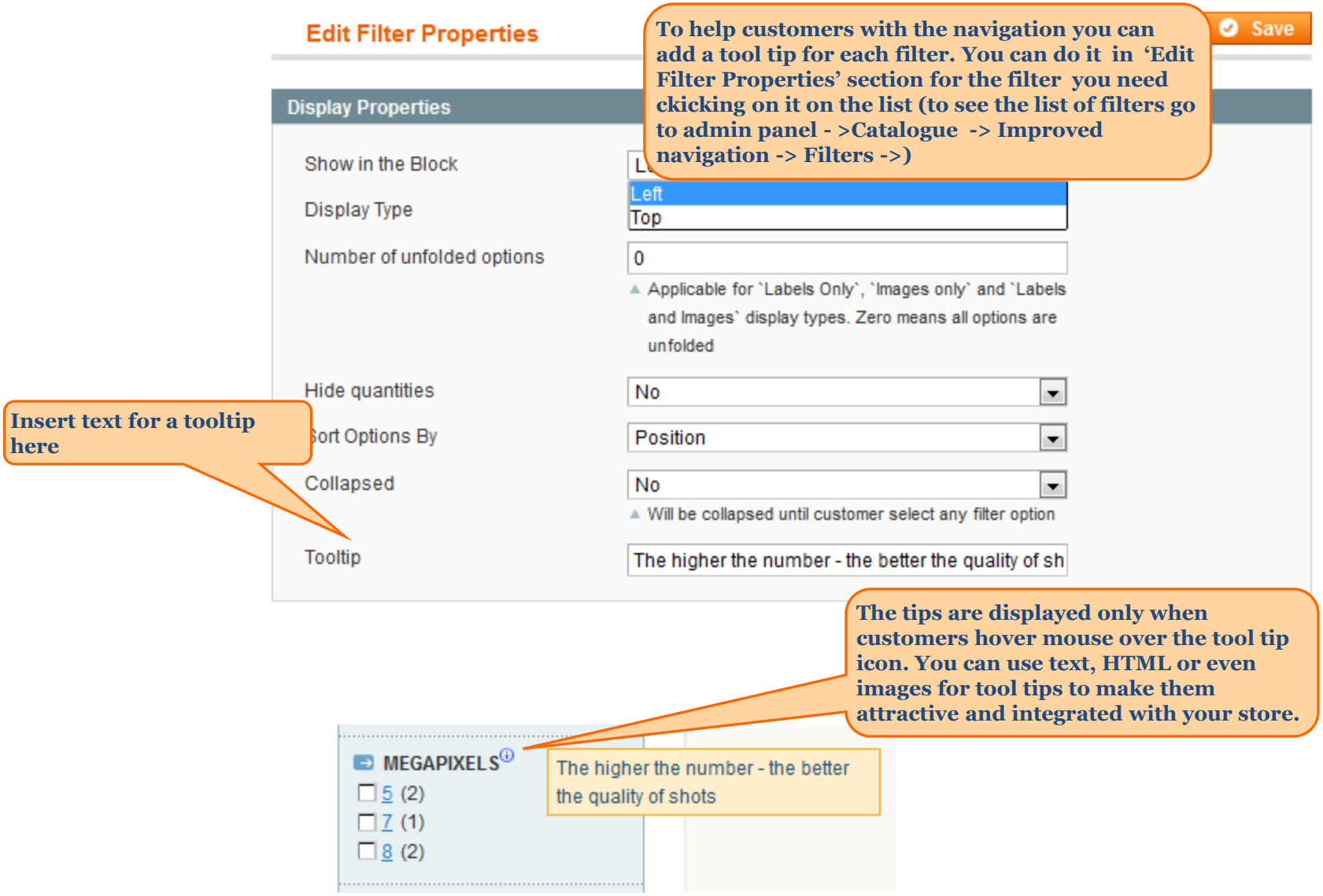
1. Display images of configurable products based on the customer selections

It is possible to show product thumbnails on category pages based on the values, which customers select in the navigation. For example, if a customer selects color 'green', thumbnails of green color will be displayed:

This feature can be used not only for color – for any attribute, which is used for creation of configurable products.

To activate this feature go to Catalog -> Improved Navigation -> Settings -> General. Then specify the codes of the attributes, for which you would like to use this feature, in 'Configurable Attribute Codes' field.

Please be aware this feature works only for configurable products, for which there are specific pictures uploaded for each simple product associated to the configurable.


Edit Filter Properties
Save
To help customers with the navigation you can add a tool tip for each filter. You can do it in 'Edit Filter Properties' section for the filter you need ckicking on it on the list (to see the list of filters go to admin panel - >Catalogue -> Improved navigation -> Filters ->)
Display Properties
Show in the Block
Left
Top
Display Type
Number of unfolded options
0
Applicable for `Labels Only`, `Images only` and `Labels and Images` display types. Zero means all options are unfolded
Hide quantities
No
Sort Options By
Position
Collapsed
No
Will be collapsed until customer select any filter option
Tooltip
The higher the number - the better the quality of sh
Insert text for a tooltip here
The tips are displayed only when customers hover mouse over the tool tip icon. You can use text, HTML or even images for tool tips to make them attractive and integrated with your store.
MEGAPIXELS
5 (2)
7 (1)
8 (2)
The higher the number - the better the quality of shots

3. Creation of blocks with featured attribute options

To add a block with featured options of an attribute to a cms page, add the following code to the page:

```
{{block type=amshopby/featured attribute_code=manufacturer template=amshopby/featured.phtml}}
```

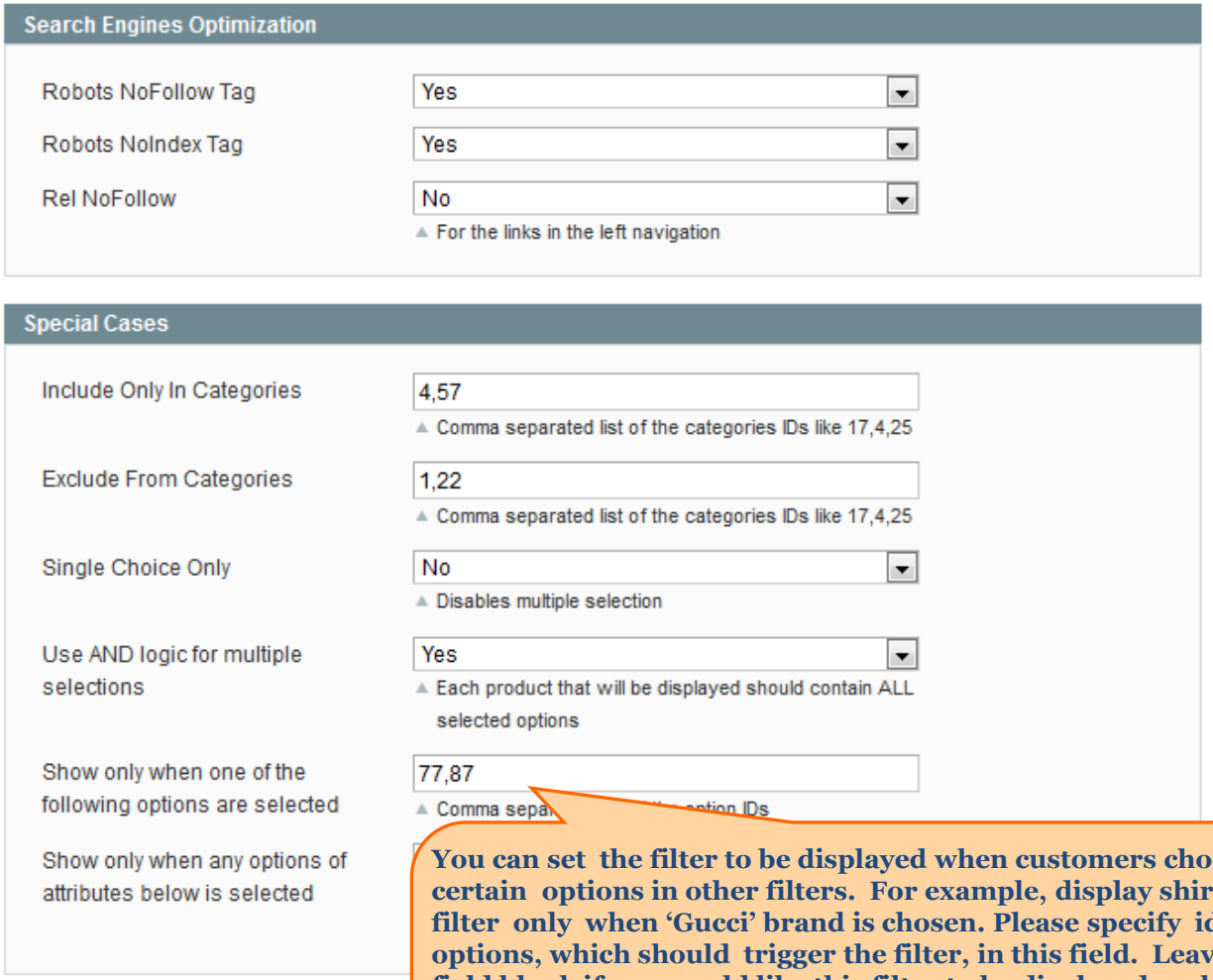
Use the code of the needed attribute instead of “manufacturer” – the code can be found in “Attribute Code” column at the Manage Attributes page.

To display a limited number of featured options, ‘limit’ parameter, to show them in random order use ‘random’ parameter (it should be set to 1):

```
{{block type=amshopby/featured attribute_code=manufacturer random=1 limit=4 template=amshopby/featured.phtml}}
```

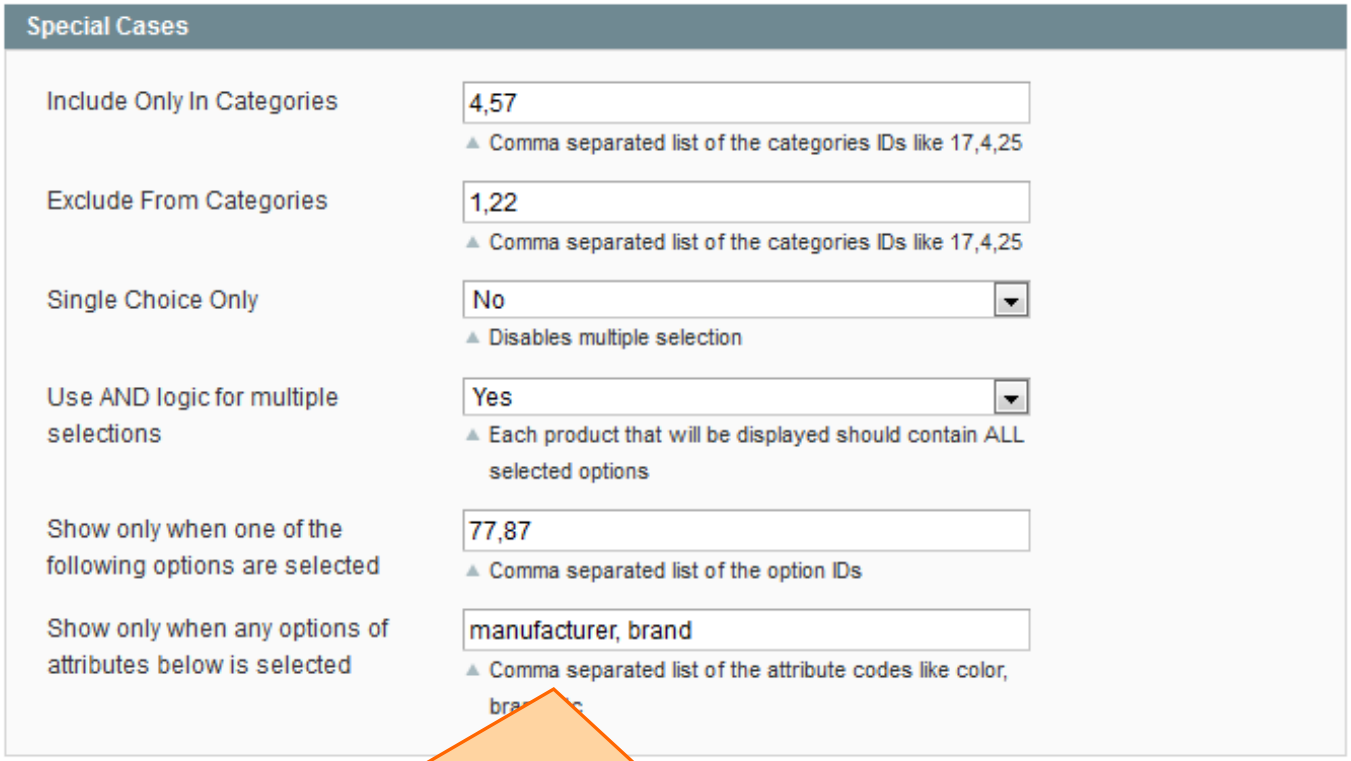
Here’s an example of a “featured” block with 3 random manufacturer attribute options:

It is possible to place several “featured” blocks on a page.



You can set the filter to be displayed when customers choose certain options in other filters. For example, display shirt size filter only when 'Gucci' brand is chosen. Please specify ids of options, which should trigger the filter, in this field. Leave the field blank if you would like this filter to be displayed each time when it is applicable.

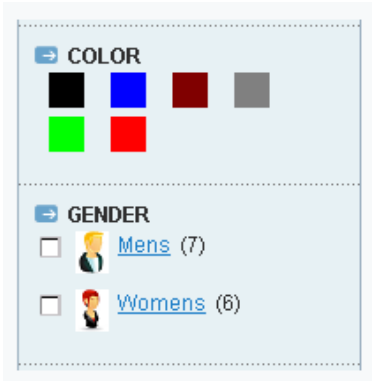
Each option of each filter has a unique id, you can find the ids on the list of filter options at the 'Options' tab.

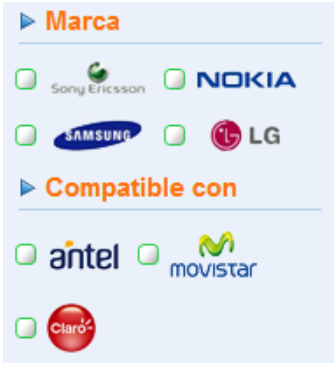


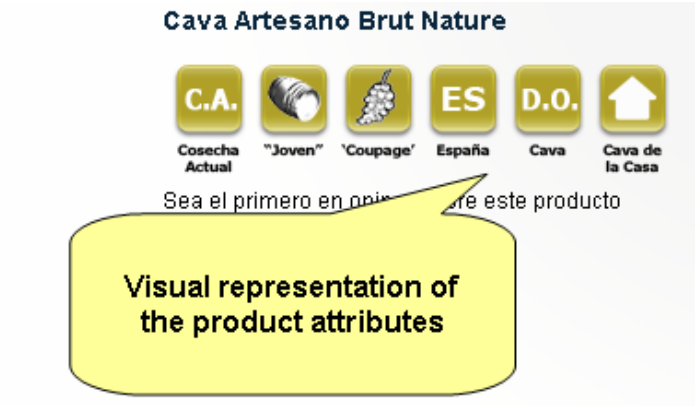
You can make the filter to be displayed when customers choose ANY option in other filters (for example, shirt size filter gets displayed only when an option of filter «brand», e.g. Gucci, Mango, is chosen). Please use this field to specify attribute codes* of the filters, by which current filter should be triggered. Leave the field blank if you would like this filter to be displayed each time when it is applicable.

***Each filter (attribute) has an attribute code, you can find the code on the list of attributes in admin panel -> Catalog -> Attributes -> Manage attributes.**

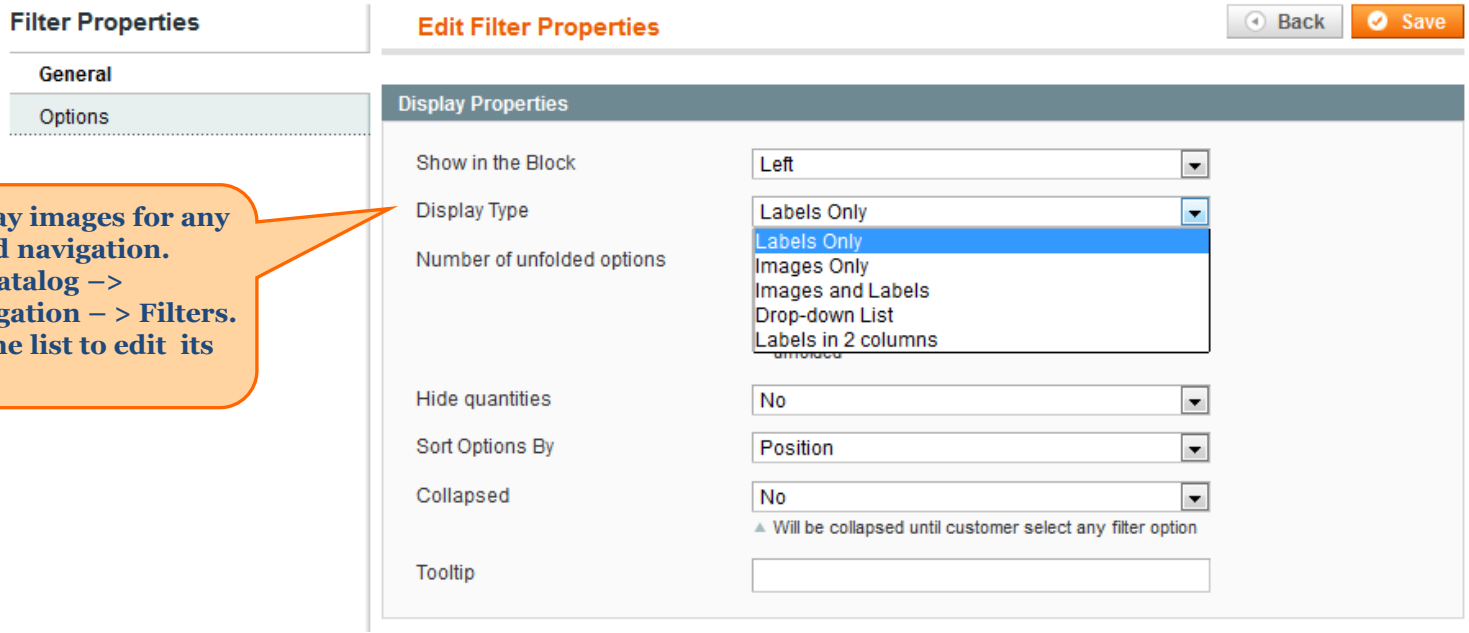
5. Create vivid and attractive layered navigation with images



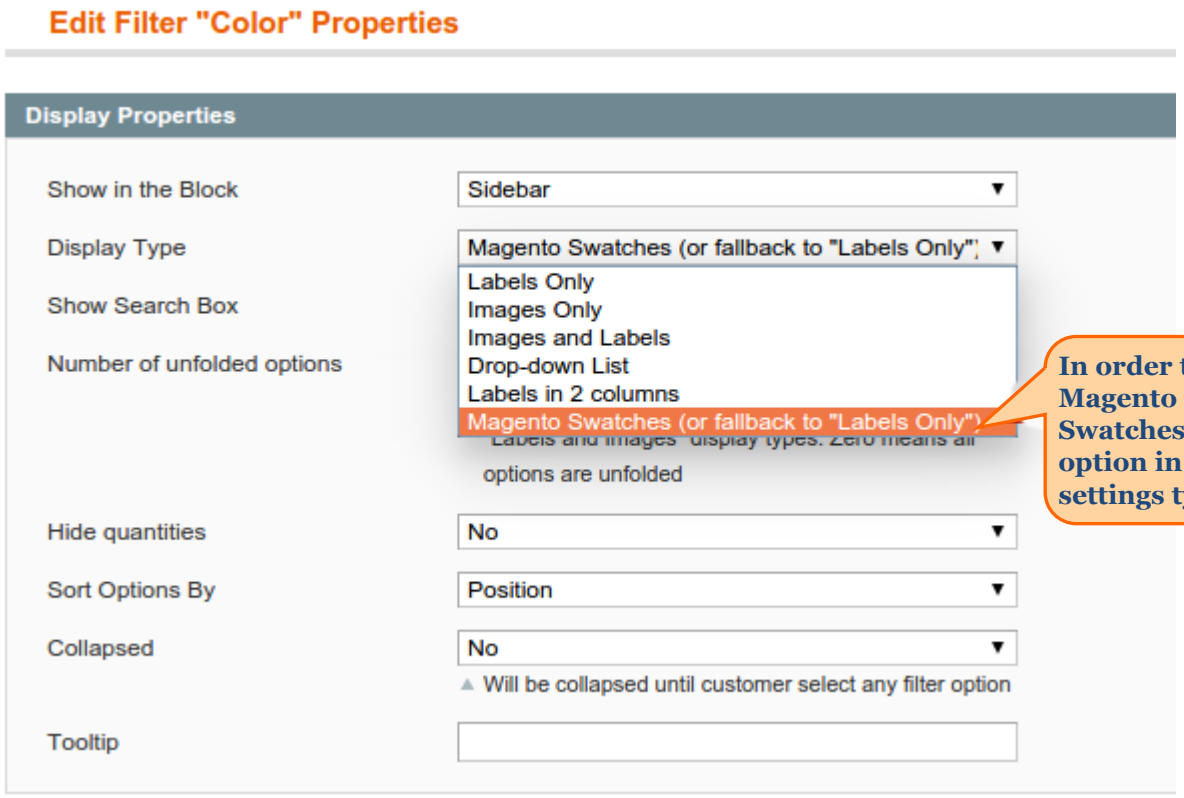




You can choose to display images for any filter included in layered navigation. (Go to admin panel -> Catalog –> Improved Layered Navigation – > Filters. Choose the filter from the list to edit its properties.)



6. Compatibility with Magento configurable swatches

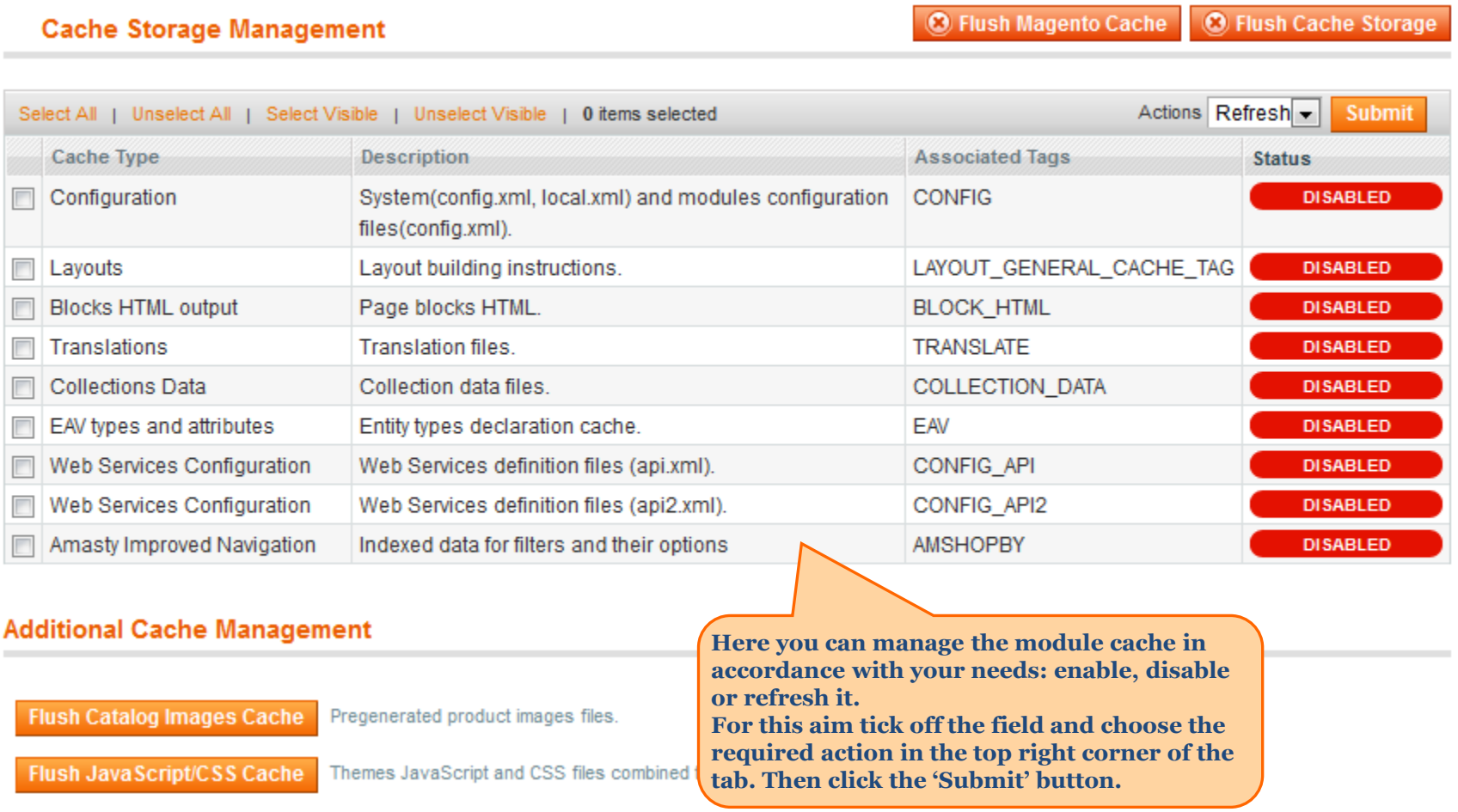


In order to enable Magento Configurable Swatches choose this option in the Display settings type.

To configure Magento Swatches please see this article

7. Manage the module cache

To manage the module cache, please open Admin Panel > System > Cache Management



Here you can manage the module cache in accordance with your needs: enable, disable or refresh it.
For this aim tick off the field and choose the required action in the top right corner of the tab. Then click the 'Submit' button.

Thank you!

Should you have any questions or feature suggestions, please contact us at:
http://amasty.com/contacts/

Your feedback is absolutely welcome!