

When building themes, it's often worthwhile to consider how your theme can compose with others. In some cases you might want to break your theme into modular parts, like `gatsby-theme-blog` and `gatsby-theme-ecommerce`.

Since themes are still early, we recommend getting started by building themes that are more monolithic. It's less overhead to get started and a theme can always be broken up into smaller themes later.

## Layouts

In Gatsby themes you can apply global layouts by using `wrapRootElement` or `wrapPageElement`. For better theme composition it's recommended to use this feature sparingly. It's a great fit for setting up any necessary [React Context](#) providers. You shouldn't typically add any layout components, such as headers or footers, because it will be applied globally which could cause issues with other themes.

[Read more on layouts and Gatsby Themes](#)