

**Free bootstrap themes:** <https://bootswatch.com>

**Commercial bootstrap themes:** <https://wrapbootstrap.com>

Right, we're cracking along here. We've now got near mastery of the Bootstrap system. So we can do nav bars. We can do breadcrumb trails. We can do responsive layout. And we really sort of are learning how to build a nice interactive designs for our websites. The final step I want to show you is kind of simple, but it's a very useful thing to know. And Bootstrap, because it's such a popular framework, a lot of people have produced different themes and add-ons for it. And it's really straightforward to install a theme, which essentially changes all the color designs, or provides you with a new palate when you. Of course you can do this all by yourself. You can go in and you can redefine and modify all those classes to change the color of the navigation bar, or to change the way that the breadcrumb trail looks.

- But it might be a good point, idea to just start with someone elses design. As long as it's got the correct license to allow you to use it. And just kind of go from there.

Let's just look at a website which provides some free Bootstrap themes and see how we can install them. So this is the website [bootswatch.com](https://bootswatch.com). This is a nice site, because they are very simple to install and there's a few different themes available. So, let's just, so each of these squares we see here is a difference of color theme for Bootstrap. And we can dive in and have a look at previews. So if we just click on, say, Cyborg, you can see it just shows all of the different Bootstrap elements and how they're gonna look in this theme. Okay?

And I quite like this one Slate down here, cuz it's kind of slightly understated. So once we've found one that we like, we just go onto this page here and hit the download button. Okay, and this gives us a bunch of CSS. You can actually just copy and paste that into a new CSS file if you want. Create a new file. And you'll see that in here this is a minified version. And remember, I said minified is when you kind of make the, the font as small as possible. But it may not be very readable. But anyway, you can see, basically what they've done, is, they've gone through and sort of written a load of additional styles on top of the Bootstrap stuff. And then we save this into our CSS folder. And I'm gonna call it `bootstrap_slate.css`. Okay, and then what I can do is get this one and call that default, so I'm in my CSS folder here. So I renamed the one that I was using before to default so I so I can bring it back.

- And then I'll just duplicate the Slate, and rename it to `bootstrap.css`. Right. So what I've done there is, I kind of copied the original bootstrap file, made a copy of it. And I've just replaced it with this sort of Slate one by copying and pasting slate over the top of it.

So now when my webpages load up `bootstrap.css`, they'll be loading up that slate. A template instead. So let's go and reload the page and see how it looks. Right, so you can see that the color palette has actually changed quite a lot, and as i move through obviously it applies to everything. And I've retained the responsive layout of course. So that's just a quick example of how you can install a Bootstrap theme and very quickly sort of change the look and feel of your site. I encourage you to go online and just start Googling around, look for some Bootstrap themes, download them, install them. People have even made complete templates using Bootstraps. So it's not just a theme, but it's actually got an example of different types of layout and so on. So there's loads of resources out there, you can go and have a look at to really sort of make your site stand out with an original design. So please go ahead and dig around on the Internet.