**Step-by-step guidance to design and build a portfolio website**

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* Open a web browser and log into the WordPress site. Then there is a main dashboard and command center where every aspect of the website can be controlled. On the left-hand side, there's a vertical menu. look for the "Plugins" menu item, hover over it, and a submenu appears. click on "Add New." There's a search box. type "Elementor" into the search box and click an icon. After searching, look for "Elementor Website Builder" in the results. Next to the plugin name, there's an "Install Now" button. click this button, and WordPress now downloads and installs the Elementor plugin.
* Next, type "WPForms" into the search box, press 'Enter,' and look for "WPForms: Drag & Drop Form Builder for WordPress." click "Install Now.". Go back, type "Essential Addons for Elementor," and press 'Enter.' Find it in the search results, and click "Install Now." Lastly, search for "Starter Templates" by entering it into the search box. When you find the "Starter Templates: Elementor, Beaver Builder, Gutenberg, & Brizy Templates" plugin, click on "Install Now."
* Now it's time to activate plugins. navigate to the "Installed Plugins" page by going to "Plugins" and then "Installed Plugins" from the dashboard menu. find "Elementor," "WPForms," "Essential Addons for Elementor," and "Starter Templates" in the list. Under each plugin, there's a link that says "Activate." click on this link for each plugin to activate them.
* Navigate to the left-hand side menu in the WordPress dashboard and look for the 'Appearance' tab. Hovering over it, a drop-down menu appears. click on the 'Themes'. Using the search function, type the name of the theme I'm interested in. Once the search results load, the theme is displayed on the screen. Hovering over the theme, I see two options appear: 'Install' and 'Preview'. click on 'Install' to initiate the installation process of the theme. The 'Install' button changes to an 'Activate' button once the installation is complete. Click the 'Activate' button to set my newly installed theme. With the activation complete, the site now displays the design and layout provided by the theme.
* Next, head back to the 'Appearance' tab on my dashboard. This time, click on 'Starter Templates'. Search for portfolio templates. browse through the available portfolio templates, previewing each to see how they look. Hovering over one, an option to import the template appears. click on the template you decided upon to view more details and proceed with the import process by clicking on the 'Import Template' button. follow any additional prompts to ensure all necessary elements of the template are imported, including pages, settings, and content.
* Now Begin customization with me. The ‘'Pages' section comes from the left-hand menu in the WordPress dashboard. There, find the page labeled 'Home'. A hover and a click on 'Edit with Elementor' later go to the 'Hero Section' widget, which is on the left side of the screen. drag and drop it right into the center of my homepage. This section helps visitors know who I am with my name, a photo, and a bio. click on the Hero Section, customize, and edit it. To change a photo, click on the image area, select 'Choose Image', and upload a photo. some default text and images that don't align with the theme can be changed by clicking on any element I want to update, and a text editor pops up for text elements, allowing me to rewrite the page. look for 'client reviews' and 'Image Gallery' widgets to add layers to the homepage, showcases, and work. drag selected widgets to where I envision the new sections, tailoring each to fit my functional needs. The 'WPForms' widget is next. drag it to the homepage and select a simple contact form template from the dropdown. Customize the fields and make sure the form is just right. For a seamless browsing experience, create links, right-click the edit button of each section, and choose 'Advanced'. There, assign a unique ID to each in the 'CSS ID' field, crafting my own anchor links.
* To bring it all together, venture into 'Appearance' and then 'Menus' within my WordPress dashboard. Customizing the header menu with custom links to sections. enter '#' followed by the ID of the section I'm linking to in the URL field and match the link text with the section's name, knitting together a homepage that's not just seen but felt.
* To Finalize Website In the Elementor editor, locate the 'Responsive Mode' button at the bottom of the panel on the left-hand side. This feature enables you to view the site as it would appear on various devices, including mobile phones and tablets. click on the 'Responsive Mode' button and choose the mobile device option. Immediately, the page layout morphs to mimic its appearance on a mobile screen.
* Sometimes certain elements need resizing, repositioning, or other adjustments to shine on a smaller display. Adjusting any element is easy. just click on it. The Elementor settings panel becomes a tool to modify its size, alignment, padding, and margin until the content has its appearance on mobile if it requires extra content or functionality. Adding a new element is as simple as hitting the '+' icon or the 'Add New Section' button in Elementor. Drag the chosen widget from the left-hand panel into the new section, tailoring the widget settings to sync with my site's style and my specific needs.
* Sometimes existing elements need a little tweaking; it can be a change in the color scheme, an update to the content, or a shift in layouts. To edit any element, simply click on it to access its settings in the Elementor panel. equipped to all finalizing the Website: necessary adjustments, edit text, swap background images, or tweak styles and layouts. The drag-and-drop interface ensures quick and effortless customization, guaranteeing every aspect of the site meets my high standards.
* Elementor's intuitive interface streamlines this process, empowering us to confidently finalize this site and prepare it for the world.