

Here's a step-by-step tutorial to set up **Tailwind CSS with Vite** for your future project:


Prerequisites:

- **Node.js** and **npm** installed on your computer. You can download and install them from [here](#).
 - A code editor (VS Code, Sublime, etc.) for writing your project files.
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Step 1: Create a New Vite Project

1. Open your terminal or command prompt.
2. Run the following command to create a new Vite project:


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```
npm create vite@latest my-project --template vanilla
```

- Replace `my-project` with your desired project name.
 - The `--template vanilla` flag creates a simple project with just HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
3. Change into your new project directory:

```
bash
```


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```
cd my-project
```

Step 2: Install Tailwind CSS and Dependencies

1. In your project folder, run the following command to install Tailwind CSS along with PostCSS and autoprefixer:


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```
npm install -D tailwindcss postcss autoprefixer
```

2. Next, generate the `tailwind.config.js` and `postcss.config.js` files:

bash


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```
npx tailwindcss init
```

This creates a `tailwind.config.js` file with basic configuration.

3. Create a `postcss.config.js` file in the root of your project if it's not automatically generated:

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```
// postcss.config.js
module.exports = {
  plugins: {
    tailwindcss: {},
    autoprefixer: {},
  },
};
```

Step 3: Configure Tailwind CSS

1. In your `tailwind.config.js` file, modify the `content` array to include all your HTML, JavaScript, and other template files. This ensures Tailwind can purge unused styles during production build:

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```
// tailwind.config.js
module.exports = {
  content: [
    "./index.html",
    "./src/**/*..{js,ts,jsx,tsx}",
  ],
  theme: {
    extend: {},
  },
  plugins: [],
};
```

Step 4: Set Up Your CSS

1. Inside the `src` folder, create a new CSS file (e.g., `index.css`).
2. Import Tailwind's default styles by adding the following lines to your new CSS file:

CSS


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```
/* src/index.css */
@tailwind base;
@tailwind components;
@tailwind utilities;
```

Step 5: Link the CSS File

1. Open the `index.html` file and link the `index.css` file in the `<head>` section:

html


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```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="/src/index.css" />
```

Step 6: Run Your Development Server

1. To start the Vite development server and see your Tailwind setup in action, run the following command:

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```
npm run dev
```

2. Visit `http://localhost:5173` (default Vite port) in your browser. You should see your project live, with Tailwind CSS applied.

Step 7: Start Building with Tailwind

Now, you can start building your project with Tailwind's utility classes. For example, add the following to `index.html` to test:

html

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```
<div class="bg-blue-500 text-white p-8 text-center">
  <h1 class="text-4xl font-bold">Hello, Tailwind!</h1>
</div>
```

Step 8: Production Build (Optional)

When you're ready to deploy your project, you can create an optimized production build using:

```
bash

npm run build
```

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This will generate the optimized assets in the `dist` folder, where your Tailwind styles will be purged and minimized.

Conclusion

You now have a fully configured **Vite + Tailwind CSS** setup ready for your project. You can customize the `tailwind.config.js` file to extend the theme or add custom utilities as needed.

