NATALIE DOCUMENTATION

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Preface

Thank you for purchasing and we hope you enjoy our product and service!

This is the blog theme documentation which provides you with useful guides on theme installation and configuration to make your site unique and perfect as expected.

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1 Extract Theme Package

After downloading the *.zip* package of the theme, you will need to unzip the whole package and use files you've just extracted for the installation. You will receive:

- theme file (i.e. *natalie.xml*)
- theme documentation (this file)

If you don't see the *Extract* option, then you can simply copy the theme file in the *.zip* package and paste it outside on your desktop.

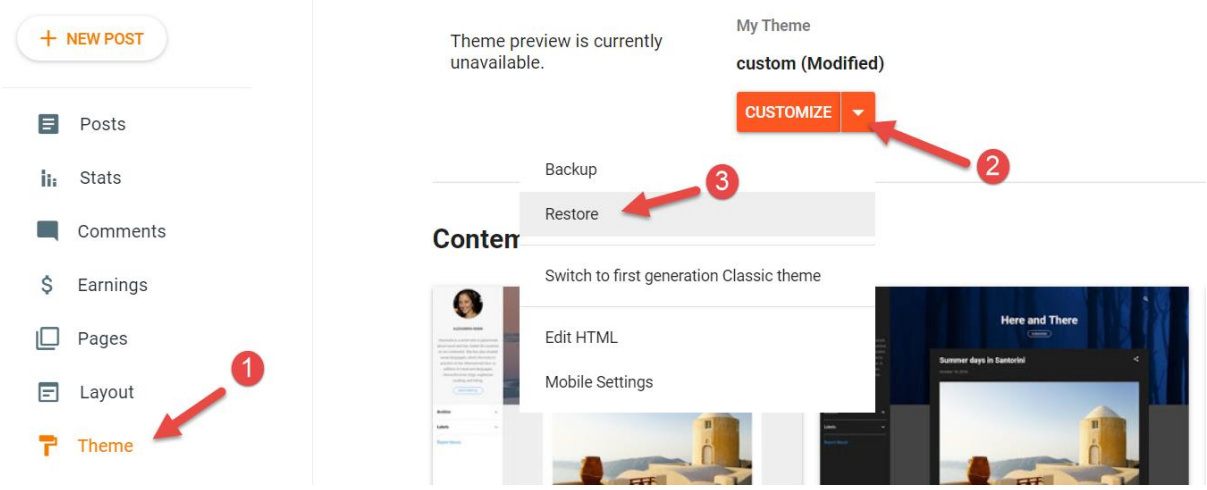
2 Install Theme

Note: *You should remove gadgets of your old theme before installing this theme to make your blog look like our demo site.*

To install the theme to your blog, follow steps below:

Step 1. Go to **Theme** → click on the arrow next to **Customize** button → **Restore**.

Step 2. Click **Upload** and select the *natalie.xml* file from your desktop.



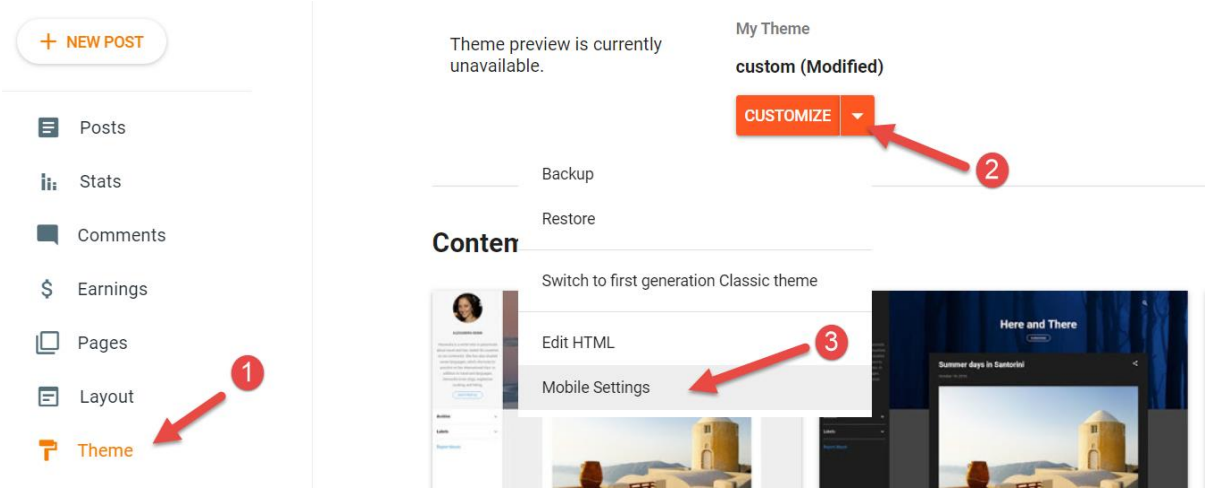
3 Enable Responsiveness (necessary)

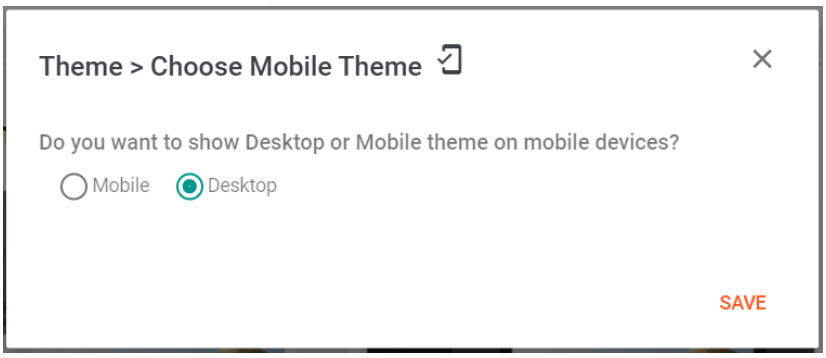
This is required in your setup process so that the theme is used for mobile view. Please take steps as follows.

Step 1. Go to **Theme** → click on the arrow next to **Customize** button → Mobile Settings.

Step 2. Select option for **Desktop**.

Step 3. **Save** the change.

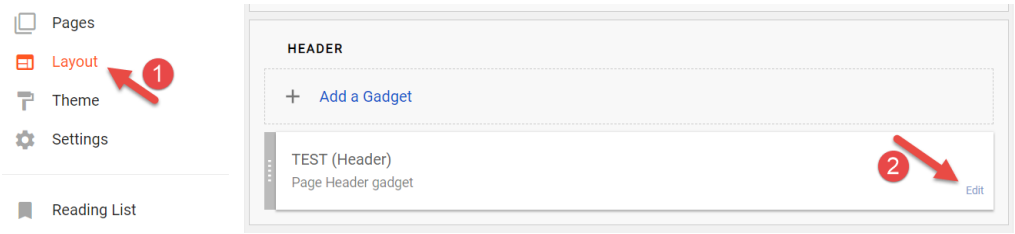




4 Upload Your Logo

You can upload your own logo to the header.

Step 1. Go to **Layout** > open the **Page Header** gadget in section **HEADER**.



Step 2. Click on **Choose File** and upload your image, but do **NOT** click on **Shrink to fit**.

Step 3. Select **Instead of title and description** option under **Placement**.

Step 4. If you want to place a description under your blog title, add it to the **Description** box and select the **Have description placed after the image** option under **Placement**.

5 Work with Pages and Posts

5.1 Create a new page or a new post

If you want to create a new page:

Step 1. Go to your blog dashboard → **Pages** → click on **New page** button.

Step 2. Enter a title and content for that page, then **Publish** it.

If you want to create a new post:

Step 1. Go to your blog dashboard → **Posts** → click on **New post** button.

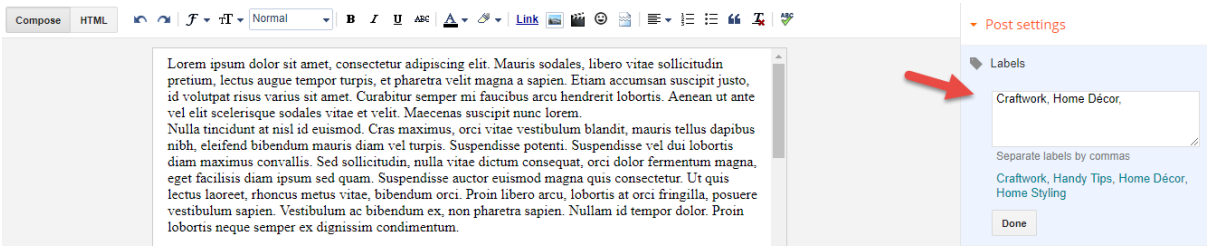
Step 2. Enter a title and content for that post, then **Publish** it.

5.2 Create a label (category)

You can group your posts by category by assigning a label (or as many as you want) to each post. Here is how to do:

Step 1. Open the post in the editor mode and click on **Labels** on the right.

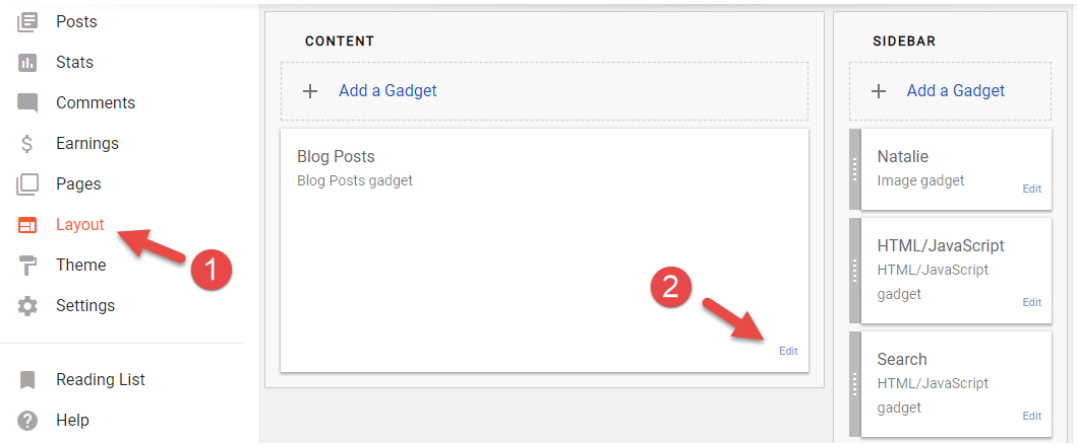
Step 2. Enter the label you want to the box or select from the list right under the box (if have), then click **Done**.



5.3 Change the number of posts per page

You can easily set up the number of posts showing up on your blog page with the following steps:

Step 1. Go to **Layout** → open the **Blog Posts** gadget in section **CONTENT.**



Step 2. Change the value (number) for **Number of posts on main page** under **Main Page Options**. Then click **Save** button at the bottom of the window.

5.4 Create excerpt for a post

For each post you create, you have to define where to break to create excerpt for that post. To create the excerpt, simply do as follows:

Step 1. Open the post in the ***Compose*** area in the editor mode.

Step 2. Place the cursor at the place you want to break.

Step 3. Click the **Break** icon on the tool bar. Done!

6 Contact Page and Contact Form

You may need to create a Contact page with a Contact form on your blog so that people can reach you easily. Simply take these steps:

Step 1. From your blog dashboard, go to **Pages** → click on **New page** button.

Step 2. On the ***Compose*** area, give a title and content for your Contact page.

Step 3. Switch to ***HTML*** area and put your cursor at the place you want to add a contact form. Then, paste the whole code below for the contact form.

Step 4. **Publish** your page.

If you want to add the form to an existing page on your blog, please perform step 3 on that page.

Here is the code you need:

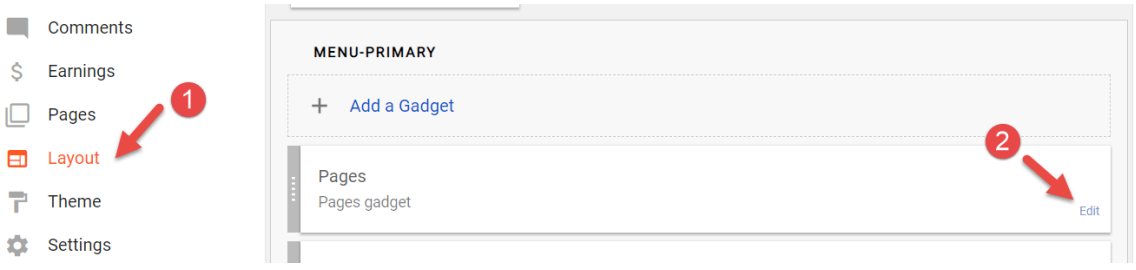
```
<div class="contact-form-widget">
<div class="form">
<form name="contact-form">
Name <br />
<input class="contact-form-name" id="ContactForm1_contact-form-name" name="name" size="30" type="text" value="" /> Email <span style="font-weight: bolder;">*</span><br />
<input class="contact-form-email" id="ContactForm1_contact-form-email" name="email" size="30" type="text" value="" /> Message <span style="font-weight: bolder;">*</span><br />
```

```
<textarea class="contact-form-email-message" cols="25" id="ContactForm1_contact-form-email-message" name="email-message" rows="5"></textarea> <input class="contact-form-button contact-form-button-submit" id="ContactForm1_contact-form-submit" type="button" value="Send" />
<br />
<div style="max-width: 222px; text-align: center; width: 100%;">
<div class="contact-form-error-message" id="ContactForm1_contact-form-error-message">
</div>
<div class="contact-form-success-message" id="ContactForm1_contact-form-success-message">
</div>
</div>
</form>
</div>
</div>
```

7 Menu

This theme supports two locations for navigation menus – ***MENU-PRIMARY*** and ***MENU-SECONDARY***.

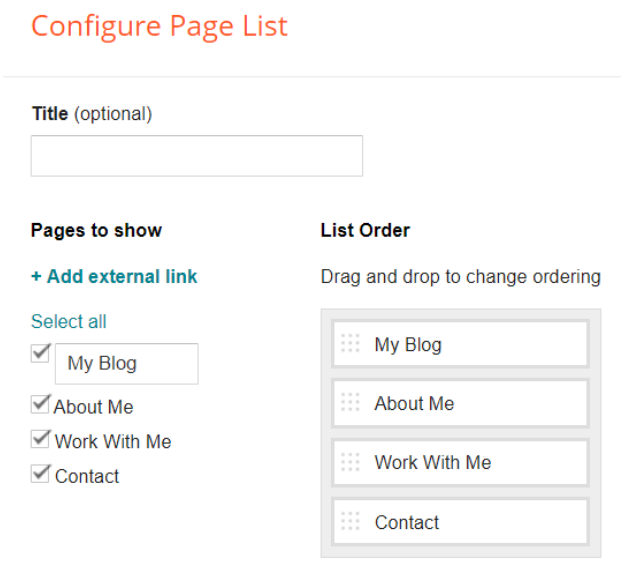
To configure your menu, you first need to go to **Layout** → open the **Pages** gadget from the **MENU-PRIMARY** section (or **MENU-SECONDARY** section). Don't forget to click **Save** button after finishing your configuration.



Following are some key configurations for your menu.

7.1 Add single tabs to menu

Step 1. From the ***Configure Page List*** window, select your static pages from the list on the left to add them as single tabs to the menu.



Step 2. If you want to add a label page (or any page outside your blog) as a single tab, click on **+Add External Link** and fill out the popup with:

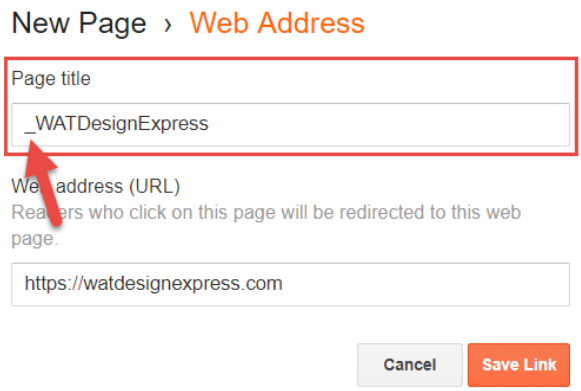
- **Page title**: to add the title of the tab
- **Web address (URL)**: to add the link of your custom page.

7.2 Add subpages to menu

Step 1. From the ***Configure Page List*** window, click on **+Add External Link** and a popup appears.

Step 2. Add the title of your subpage in the **Page Title** field and add *ONE underscore* just in front of the title (see example below).

Step 3. Add the link of that subpage in the **Web address (URL)** field.

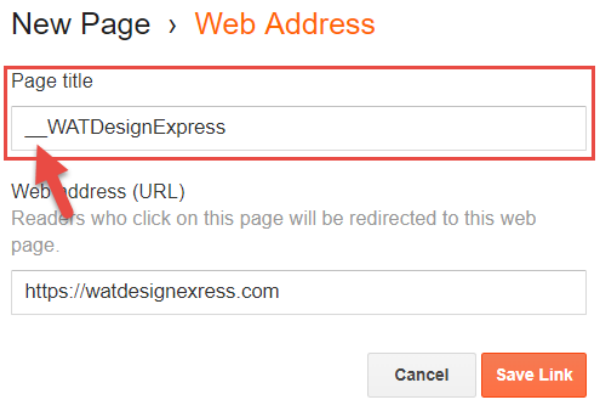


7.3 Add subpages to subpages

Step 1. From the ***Configure Page List*** window, click on **+Add External Link** and a popup appears.

Step 2. Add the title of your subpage in the **Page Title** field and add *TWO underscores* just in front of the title (see example below).

Step 3. Add the link of that subpage in the **Web address (URL)** field.



8 Social Media Icons

In this theme, we define some places to display social media icons, which are primary menu, sidebar and footer. To configure social media, follow some steps below:

Step 1. Go to **Layout** → locate the section containing **HTML/JavaScript** gadget (i.e. **MENU-PRIMARY**, **SIDEBAR** and **SOCIAL-FOOTER**). Then, click **Edit** for this widget.

Step 2. Replace LINK with your social profile links. *You should copy the links directly from your browser, NOT type them. Otherwise, the links will not function properly.*

Step 3. You can remove any icon you don't need by deleting the entire code snippet for that icon, for example: *<a href="LINK" title="Facebook" target="_blank"></a>.*

Below is the original code from the demo in case you accidentally delete the code or the widget. Simply add it to a **HTML/JavaScript** gadget in the section you want to show social media icons.

```
<div class="social-links">
<a href="LINK" title="Facebook" target="_blank"><i class="fab fa-facebook"></i></a>
<a href="LINK" title="Twitter" target="_blank"><i class="fab fa-twitter"></i></a>
```

```
<a href="LINK" title="Instagram" target="_blank"><i class="fab fa-instagram"></i></a>
<a href="LINK" title="Pinterest" target="_blank"><i class="fab fa-pinterest"></i></a>
</div>
```

All icons is from Font Awesome, so if you need to add more icons for your blog, you can check out the available ones here. Select an icon you want and get the HTML for that icon.

To add the new icon to your blog:

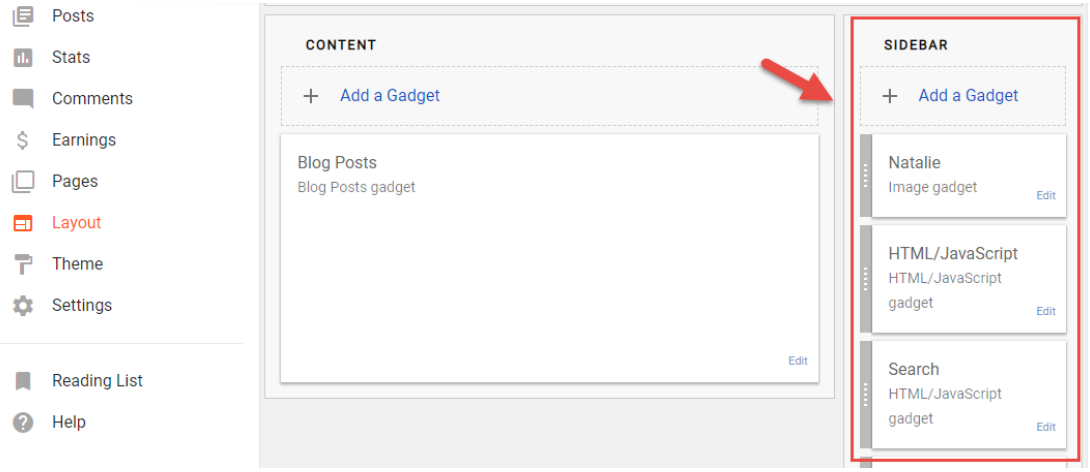
- Paste the following code snippet into the **HTML/JavaScript** gadget. It should be placed between and * *.

```
<a href="LINK" title="Your icon title" target="_blank">Your icon HTML</a>
```

- Replace the red highlights with your own details.

9 Configure Sidebar

To configure sections in Sidebar, go to **Layout** > locate the **SIDEBAR** section.



By default, this theme contains seven parts, which are Profile, Social media icons, Search, Popular posts, Keep update today (Newsletter), Categories and Archives.

Below are detailed instructions for editing these parts.

9.1 Profile

Profile section is used to display information about yourself and/or your blog. To edit this section, please do as follows:

Step 1. Open the **Natalie (Image gadget)** from the sidebar.

Step 2. Select your image and upload it.

Step 3. Edit the title. You can change the title from *Natalie* to something else.

Step 4. Edit the caption. Enter the text about yourself and/or your blog to the **Caption** box.

Step 5. If you want the image to link to your ***About*** page or somewhere else, add the URL of that page into the **Link** box.

Step 6. **Save** your changes.

9.2 Social Media Icons

Open the **HTML/ JavaScript** gadget from the sidebar and configure it with your own info. See more details at Social Media Icons section.

9.3 Search Box

The **Search** box should already be on your blog when you upload the theme. However, if you have removed the **Search** gadget and would like to add it again, simply take these steps:

Step 1. Add an **HTML/JavaScript** gadget to the **SIDEBAR** section.

Step 2. Give it a title. You can put *Search* or anything you'd like.

Step 3. Copy and paste the whole code below into the **Content** box. Then click **Save** button.

Following is the code you need.

```
<div class='search'>
<form action='/search' class='searchform' method='get'>
<input class='searchbox' name='q' placeholder='' type='text' value='Search this website...' />
```

```
<input class="searchsubmit" type="submit" value="Search"/>
<div style='clear: both;'></div>
</form>
</div>
```

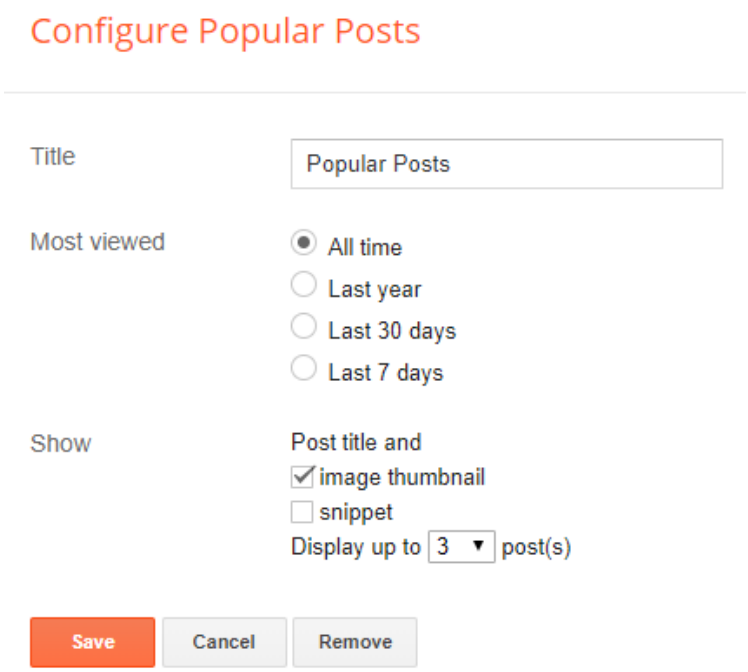
9.4 Popular Posts

This section is to show your popular posts (that have the most views). Take these steps to configure the section:

Step 1. Open the **Popular Posts** gadget from the **SIDEBAR** section.

Step 2. You can change the title from *Popular Posts* to anything else you'd like.

Step 3. Select the number of posts you want to display from the drop-down under **Show**, then **Save** the gadget.



Important note: *If you accidentally removed the Popular Posts gadget and re-added later, it may not look like the demo one. In this case, please re-upload the theme (.xml file) or contact us for support on this.*

9.5 Keep Updated Today

This section is used to show a Newsletter subscription form for your audience to sign up and follow you. To configure the section:

Step 1. Go to **Layout** and open the **KEEP UPDATED TODAY** gadget in the **SIDEBAR** section.

Step 2. Click on **View stats and learn more**.

Step 3. Click on your feed.

Step 4. Go to **Publicize** (on top) → **Email subscriptions** (on the left).

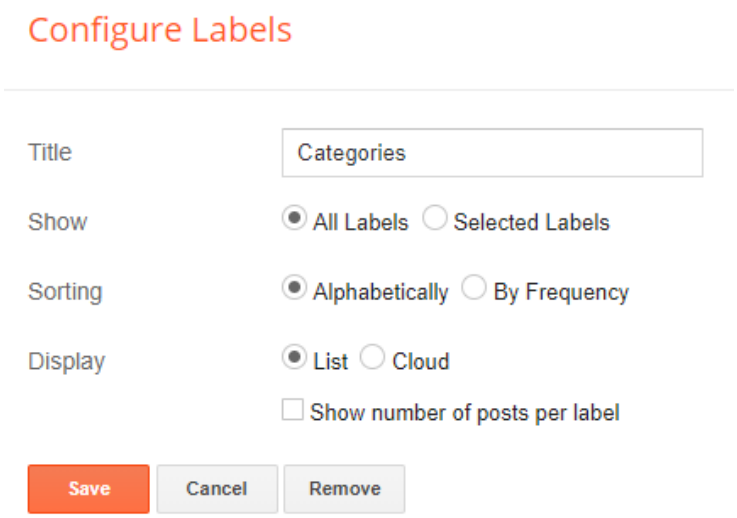
Step 5. If it is not activated, simply click on **Active**.

Step 6. Exit the page and **Save** your gadget.

Important note: *If you accidentally removed the Keep Updated Today gadget and re-added later, it may not look like the demo one. In this case, please re-upload the theme (.xml file) or contact us for support on this.*

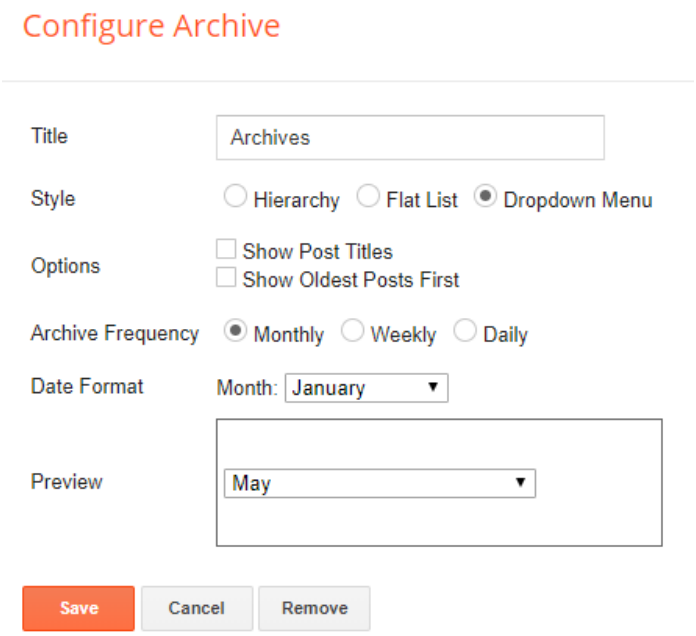
9.6 Categories (Labels)

The ***Categories*** section is used to display your blog post categories (known as ***Labels***) on the sidebar. Go to **Layout** and open the **Categories** gadget from the **SIDEBAR** section to configure it. Here are details of the gadget configuration.



9.7 Archives

This Archives section is for your audience to filter all your posts by publish time (month). Go to **Layout** and open the **Archives** widget in the **SIDEBAR** section to configure it. Here are details of the widget configuration.



10 Footers

10.1 Instagram Feed

You can use third party's service for the Instagram Feed feature. We recommend LightWidget. Click here for how to integrate IG Feed with LightWidget.

10.2 Newsletter

At the end of your blog page, just beneath the Instagram Feed stands a Newsletter subscription form. To configure it, go to **Layout** → open the **NEWSLETTER** gadget from the **MY-FOOTER2** section. Click here for more details on the configuration.

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