# HOW TO BUILD A WEBSITE

## For $1/mo

# Want to learn how to build a website?

If you're looking for a free guide on on how to build a website for a low price, I got you covered. I know building a website can be a bit confusing and scary in the beginning.

The key to this problem is simplicity. That was the main focus of this guide, to make everything as simple as possible while also keeping costs low.

This will help cut the learning curve so you can get a website up in under an hour.

# What will this cost?

$1.00/mo – Website hosting fee (this will be the only fee through the whole process)

If you didn't know, Website hosting is basically where your website lives and where the content on that website is stored. Think of it like real estate. Houses need land to be built on. Websites need hosting to be built on.

I chose this hosting provider based on cost, ease of use and reliability. I wanted something that everyone will be able to afford but still have it work like a top hosting provider. It also includes a 30 day refund policy if you end up not liking the service.

That said, I will be using GoDaddy web hosting in this guide. So if you do want to follow along step-by-step, that is the provider I will be using. If you use this *link* it will automatically apply a *$1.00 discount* code.

> ▶ Video version of this guide here

*Part One -* Choose a domain name/URL
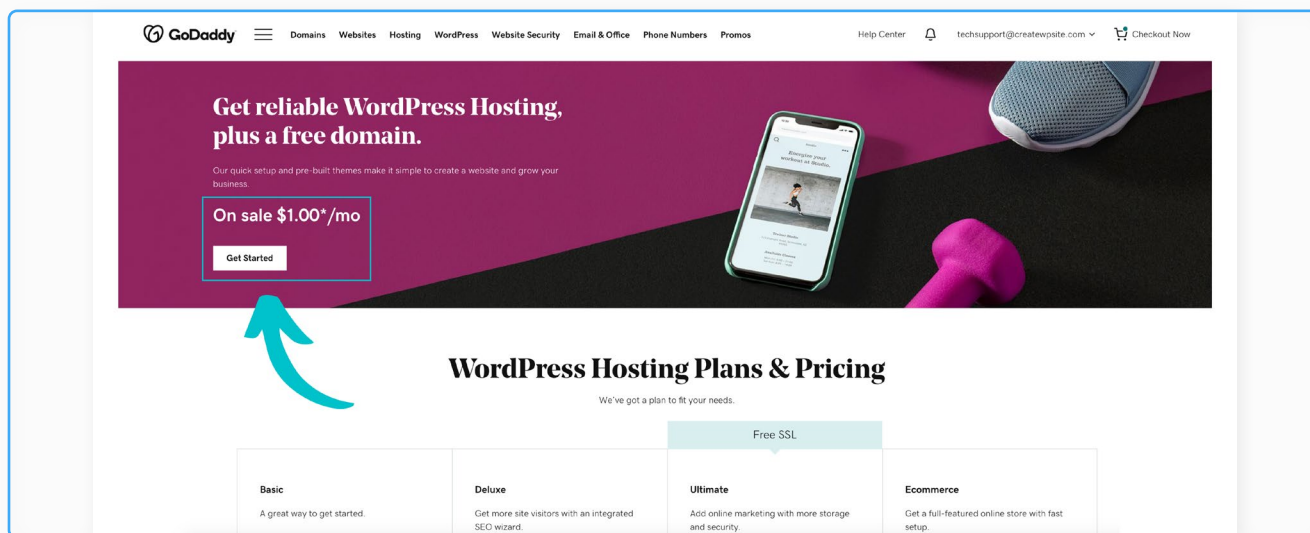
*Part Two -* Install WordPress

*Part Three -* Verify Account

*Part Four -* Choose a theme for your website

*Part Five -* Add content to your website

# *Part One*

**1** Once you take the *link* you will land on this page. From here we're going to click on the "Get Started" button



**2** Then you will land on this page where you will select your hosting plan. You can add anything extra you feel you might want, but I have selected the following options.



## Managed WordPress Basic is selected

### Select plan

⦿ **Basic**
30 GB storage – Ideal for up to 25k monthly visitors – Daily Malware Scan, Daily Backup

**$1.00**/mo
~~$9.99/mo~~
On Sale (Save 89%)

○ **Deluxe**
75 GB storage –Ideal for up to 100k monthly visitors – **Adds** SEO Optimizer. Includes Daily Malware Scan and Backup.

**$10.99**/mo
~~$14.99/mo~~
On Sale (Save 26%)

○ **Ultimate**
**Adds free SSL** for life of plan, Unlimited Storage + Visitors, Daily Malware Scan and Cleanup. Includes Daily Backup and SEO Optimizer.

**$17.99**/mo
~~$19.99/mo~~
On Sale (Save 10%)

○ **eCommerce – Online Store**
**Includes free SSL** for life of plan, Unlimited Storage + Visitors, Daily Malware Scan and Cleanup. Includes Daily Backup and SEO Optimizer.

**$19.99**/mo
~~$24.99/mo~~
On Sale (Save 20%)

## Select term length

Lock in your savings with a multi-year term.

○ **1 month** $12.99/mo

⦿ **12 months** $1.00/mo
~~$9.99/mo~~
On Sale (Save 89%)

○ **24 months** $3.50/mo
~~$9.99/mo~~
On Sale (Save 65%)

○ **36 months** $4.99/mo
~~$9.99/mo~~
On Sale (Save 50%)

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## Add malware scan and removal

☐ **Website Security – Essential**
Automatic daily scans and guaranteed cleanup to defend against hackers and malware.

## Keep your visitors' data safe

☐ **Add standard SSL Certificate**
Secure credit card numbers, passwords and other sensitive data your visitors submit through your site.
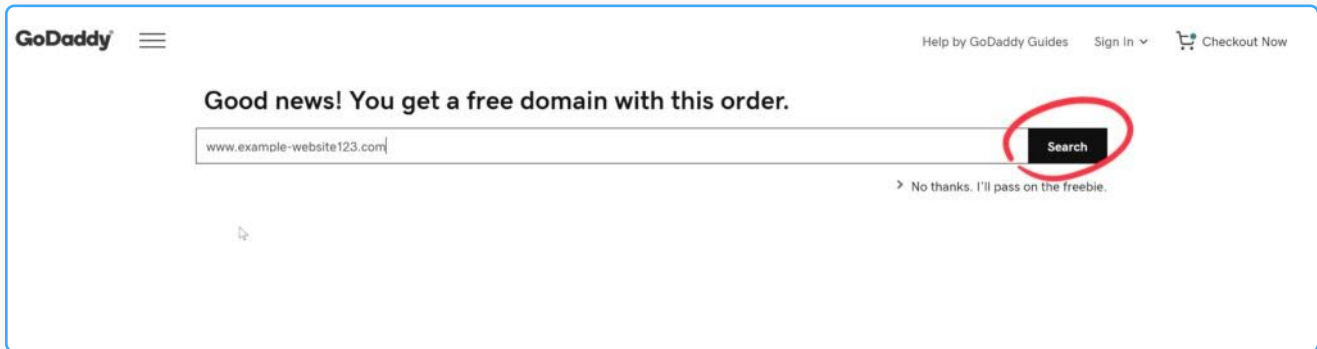
# I'm leaving these blank

$5.59/mo
~~$6.99/mo~~
On Sale (Save 20%)

$6.67/mo
Annual purchase required

**3** Here is where your going to pick the name of your website *(the domain name)* once you figure out a name you like then click on the "Search" button to see if it is available *(see below for domain name tips)*

**GoDaddy** ☰                    Help by GoDaddy Guides    Sign In ∨    🛒 Checkout Now

Good news! You get a free domain with this order.

www.example-website123.com                                    **Search**

> No thanks. I'll pass on the freebie.

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**\*\*Here are a few tips if you're not sure how to pick a name for your website**

# How to choose a domain name that gets results

1.  Choose a domain name that is easy to type.

2.  Keep it short.

3.  Use keywords.

4.  Target your area.

5.  Avoid numbers and hyphens.

6.  Be memorable.

7.  Research it.

8.  Choose a domain name extension that fits.

9.  Protect and build your brand.

10. Act fast.

Via: GoDaddy

**4** After you pick a domain and its available you can then click the "Select and Continue" button



**5** Now here we're just going to create our GoDaddy account - Simply create a username and a password and make sure you keep a record of it somewhere. After your done click the "Create Account" button"

**6** Here is the final payment page. If everything looks right you can click the "Complete Purchase" button
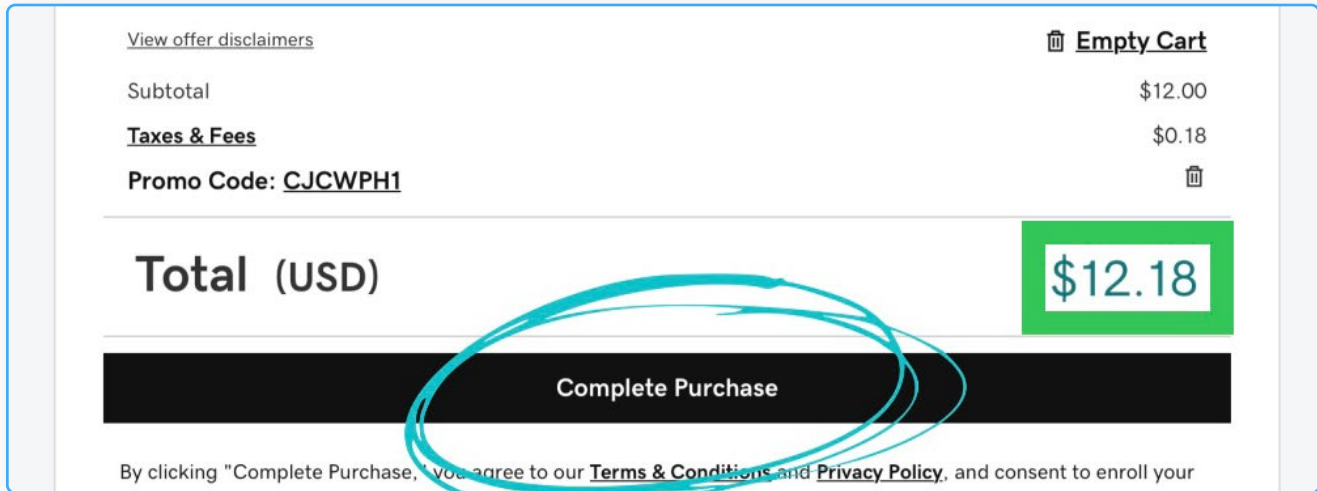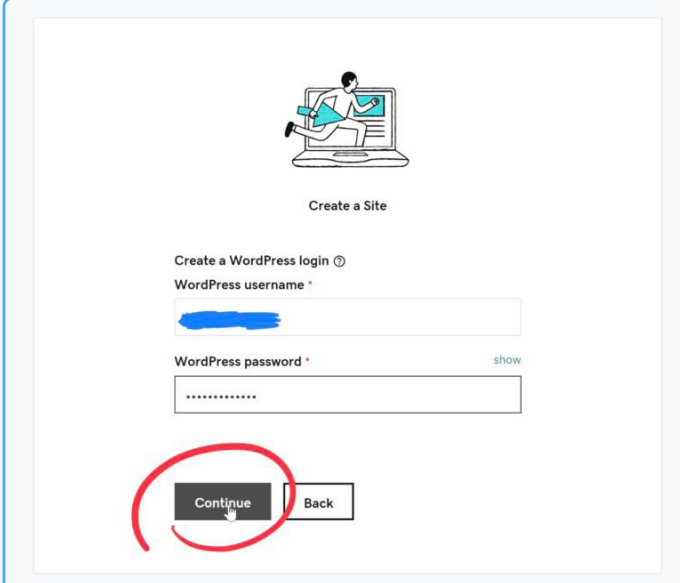


# Part Two   Install WordPress

**1** Now the hosting purchase is complete, You will land on this page. From here you can go down to the bottom left and click on the "Manual WordPress setup" button
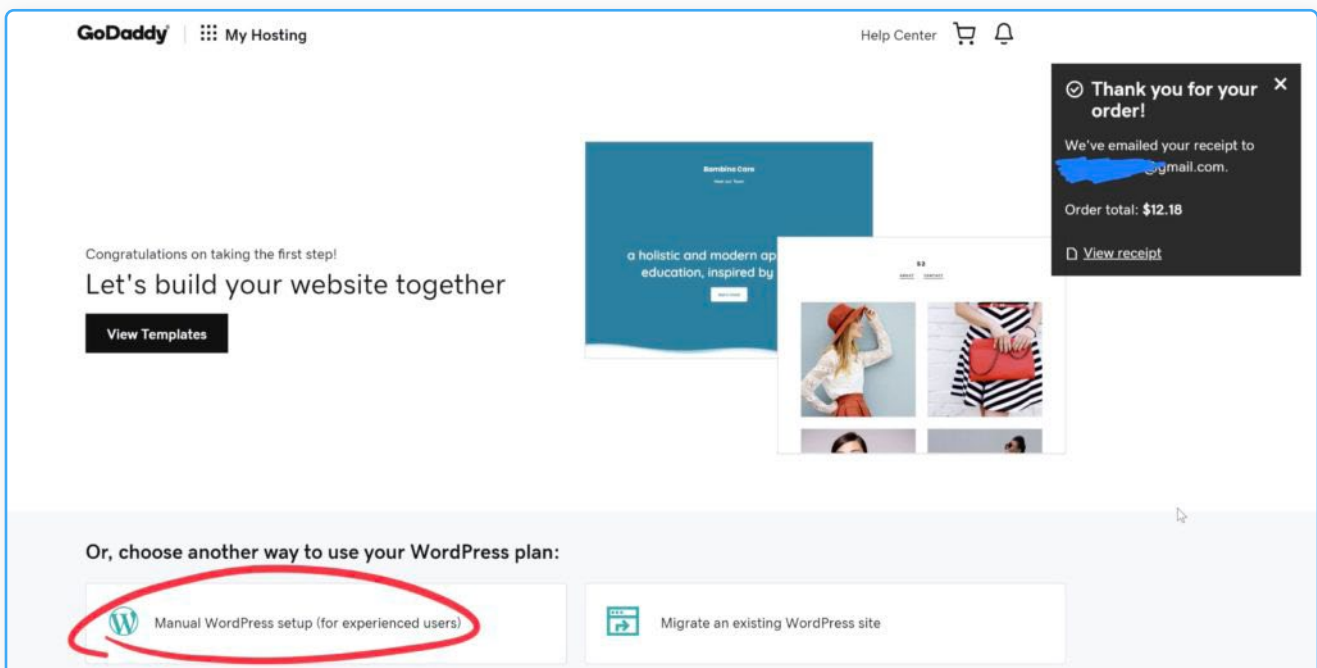
**2**

On this page we're going to create a username and password for our WordPress website. So just make up a username and password (make sure you make note of it somewhere) So for example: Username – mywpwebsite1 then any password you want



Create a Site

Create a WordPress login ⑦
WordPress username *
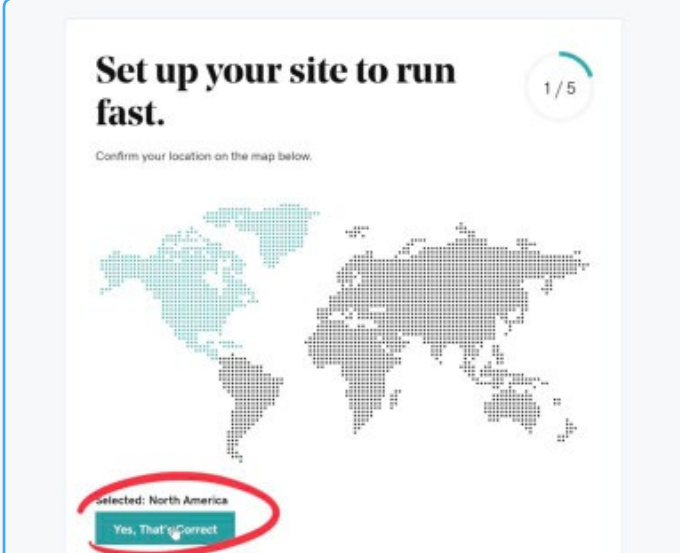
WordPress password *                                    show

Continue        Back

**3**

You can select your location here (It should reccomend it for you) then you can click the "Yes. That's Correct" button



Set up your site to run fast.                          1 / 5
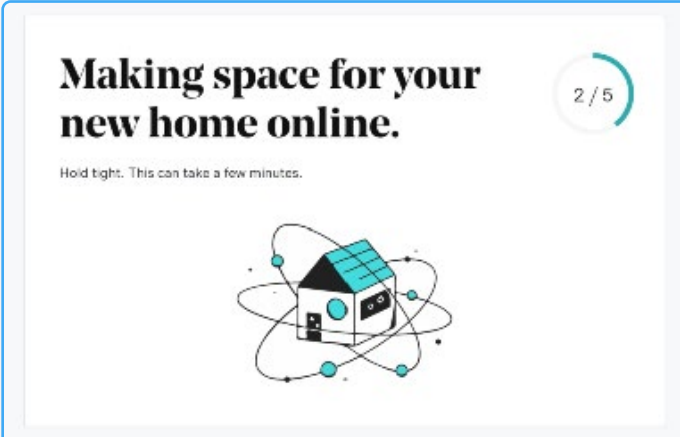
Confirm your location on the map below.

Selected: North America

Yes, That's Correct

**4**

Then you will see a page like this, Its just going to load for a few minutes then it will automatically go to the next page when it's done



Making space for your new home online.              2 / 5
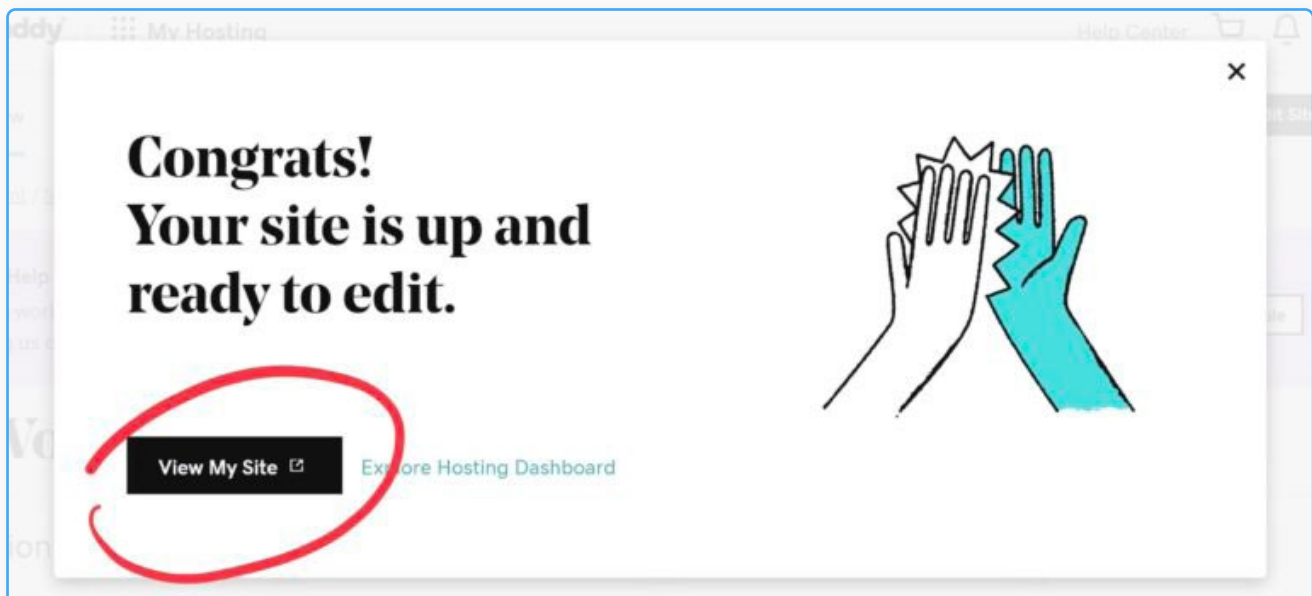
Hold tight. This can take a few minutes.

**5** Then you will land on this page and it will also load automatically and go to the next page after it is finished
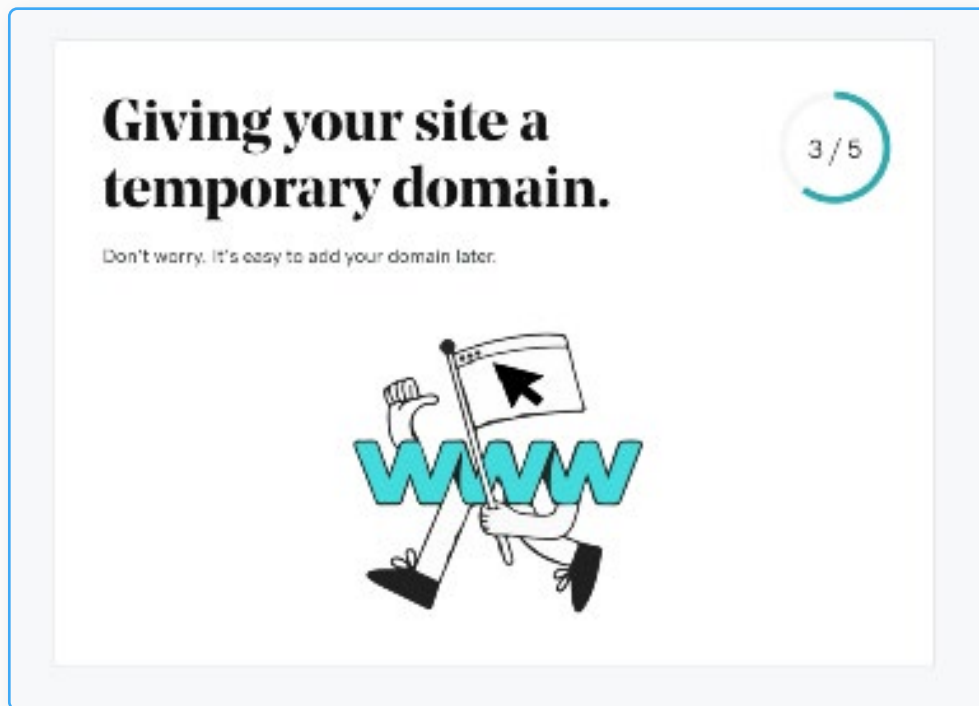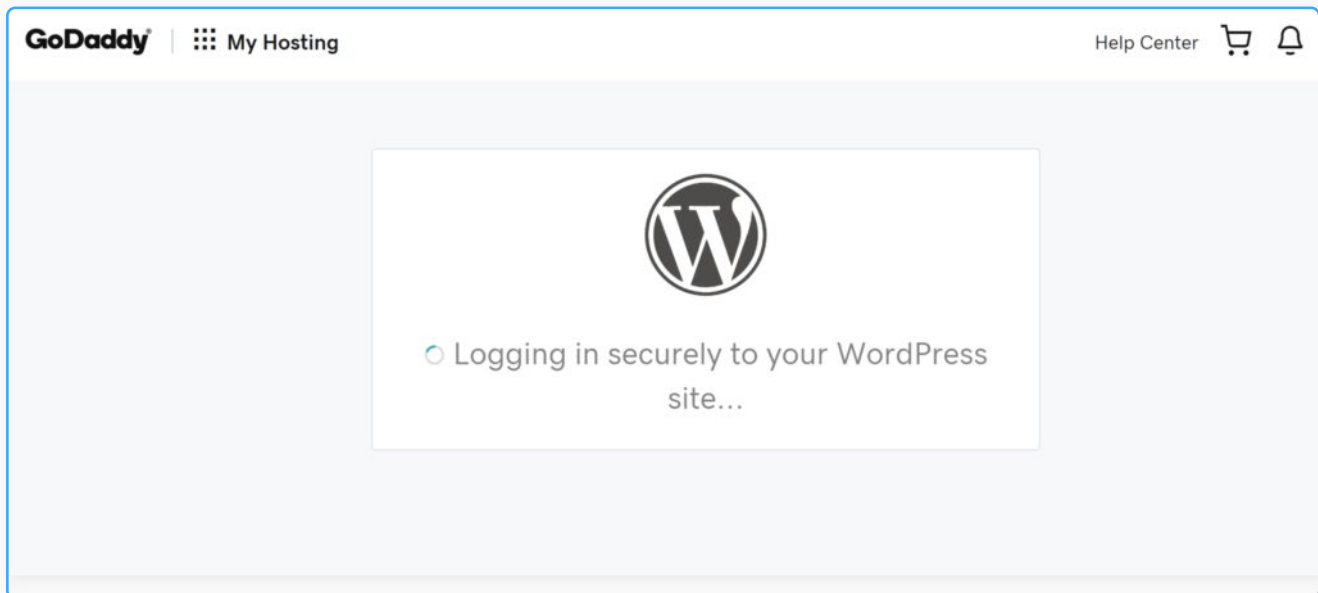


**6** Your site is now up! (that wasn't too difficult!) After you get on this page you can then click the "Visit My Site" button
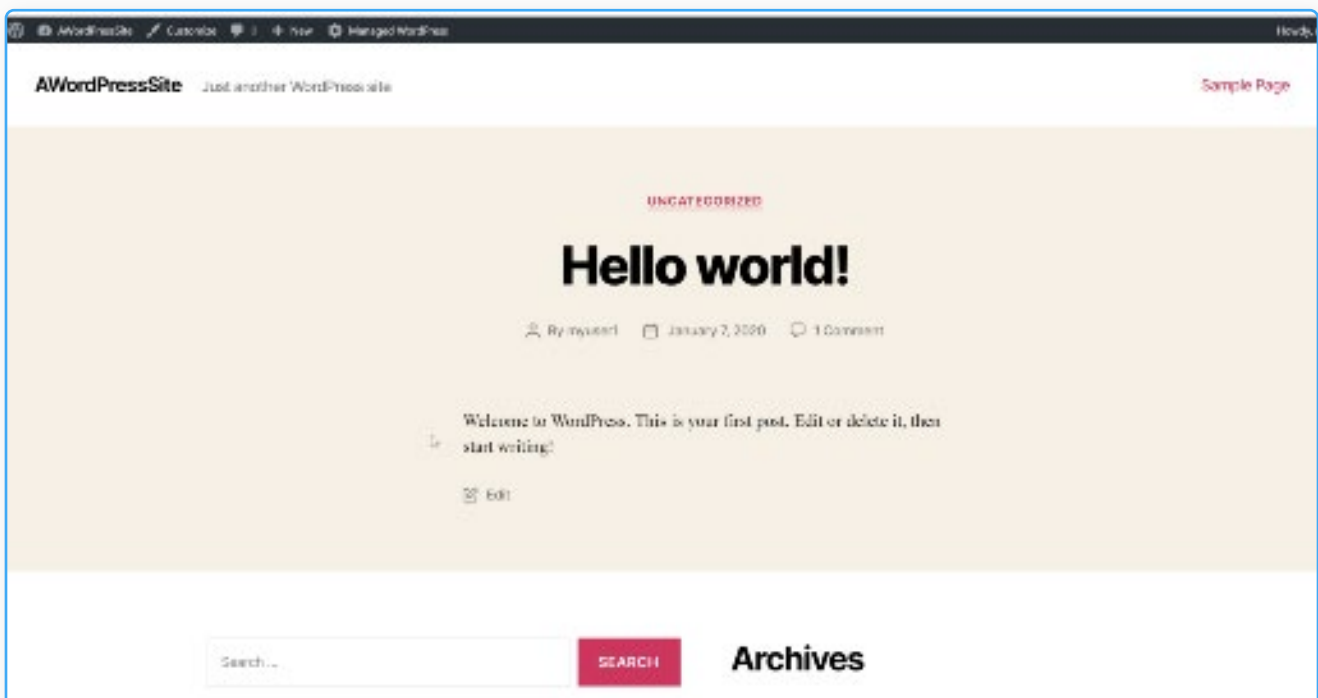
**7** The next page you will see will be like this. It will be logging you into your WordPress account



**8** Then you'll land on the homepage of your WordPress website

# Part Three

## Verify Account

**1** The next thing we need to do is verify our email/account. So go to your email inbox for the email address you registered your GoDaddy account with. You will see an email from GoDaddy asking to confirm your account. Click the "Verify Email Now" button to continue
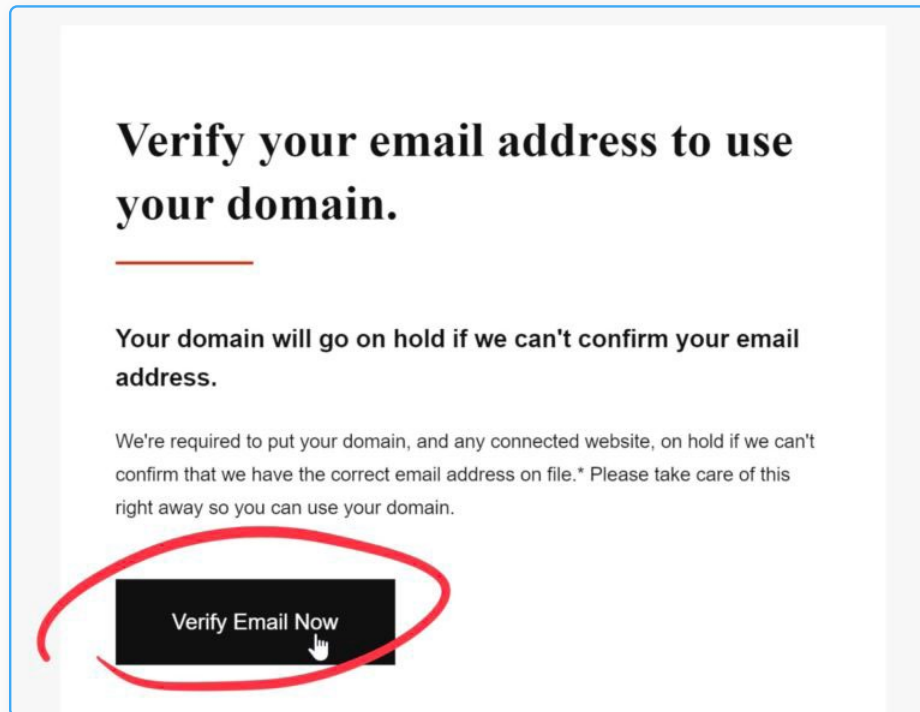


**2** After you verify your account you will land on this page. From here what we're going to do is go to the godaddy homepage. You can click the *link* here or just click the GoDaddy icon on the top left of the GoDaddy website
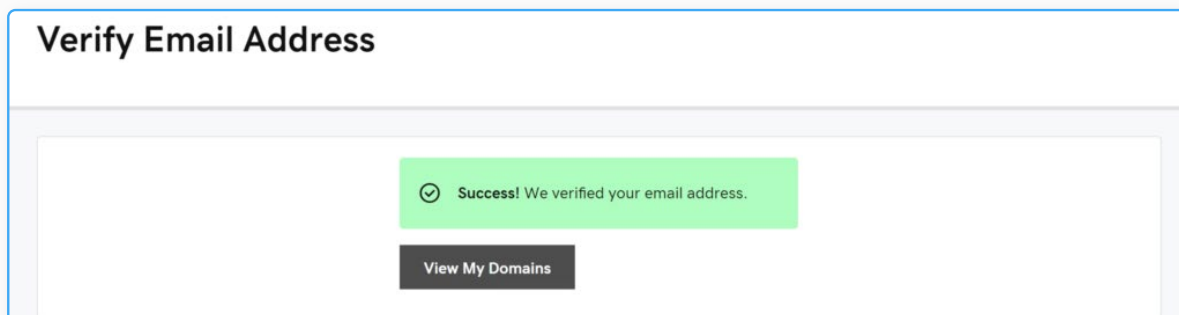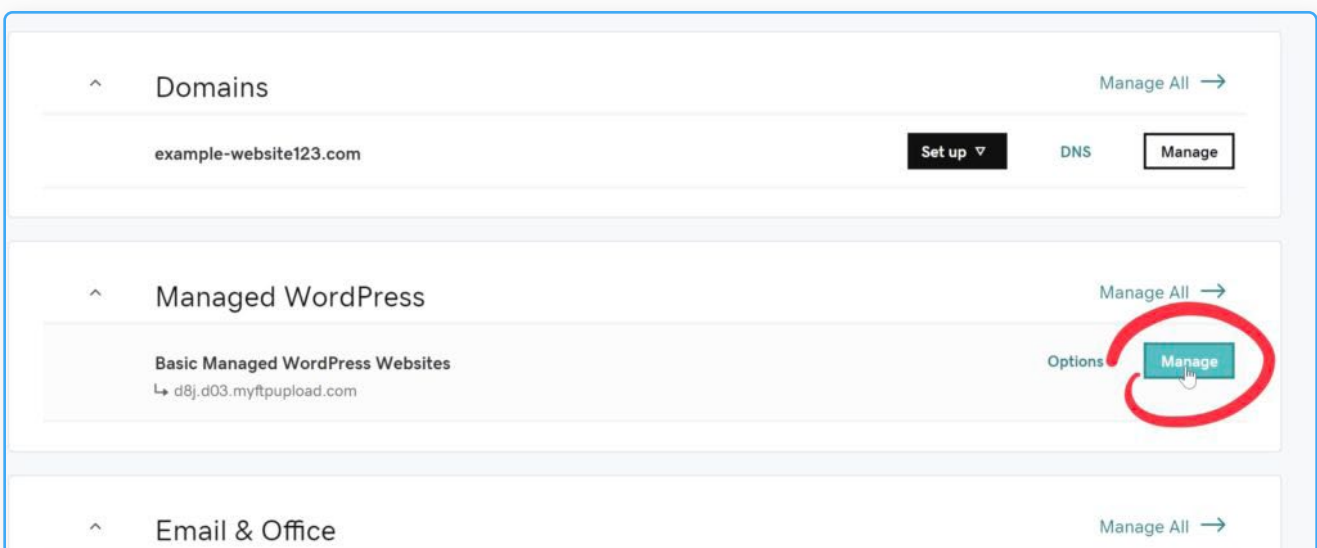
**3** Now what we're going to do is click on our name/account at the top right and a menu will drop down. From there you can click on the "My Products" button to continue
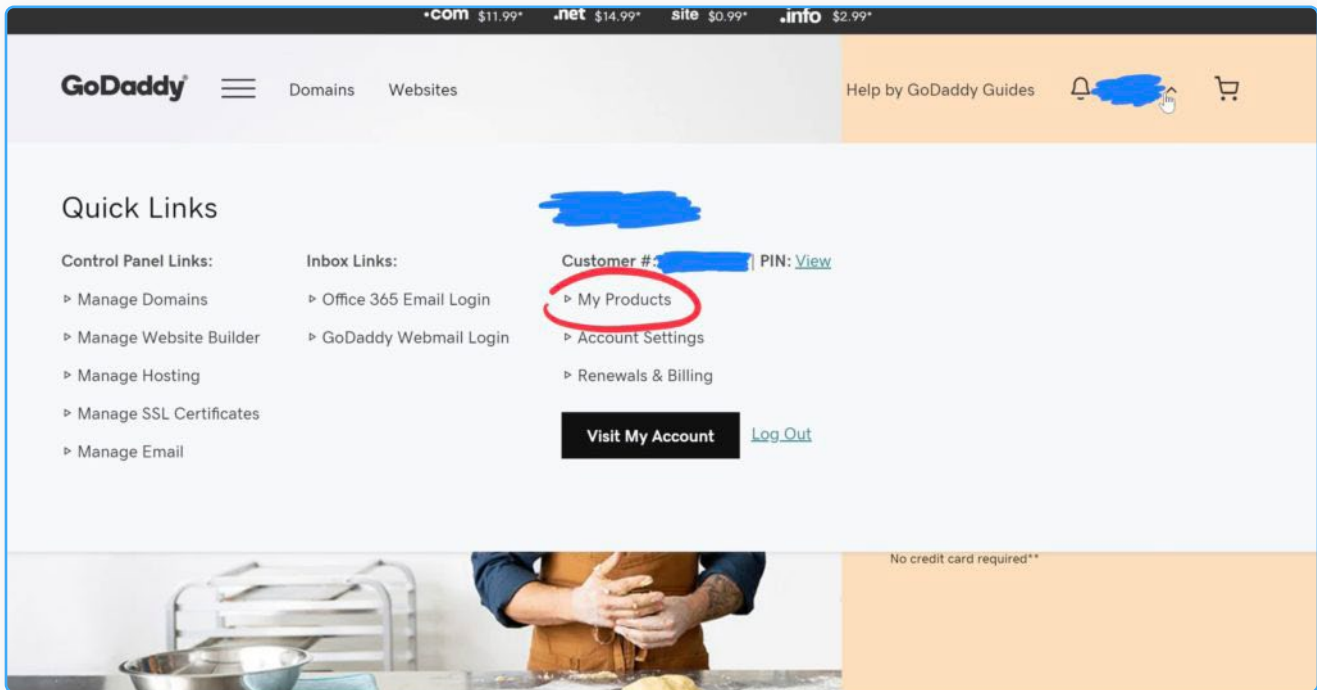


**4** From here we're going to click the "Manage" button under the "Managed WordPress" section

**5** Then click on "Setup" under the "Set up custom domain" section



**6** After that we're going to attach our domain. Find your domain in the drop down menu (It should already be selected) then put a check mark in the "Make this the primary domain for your account" box then click the "Attach" button
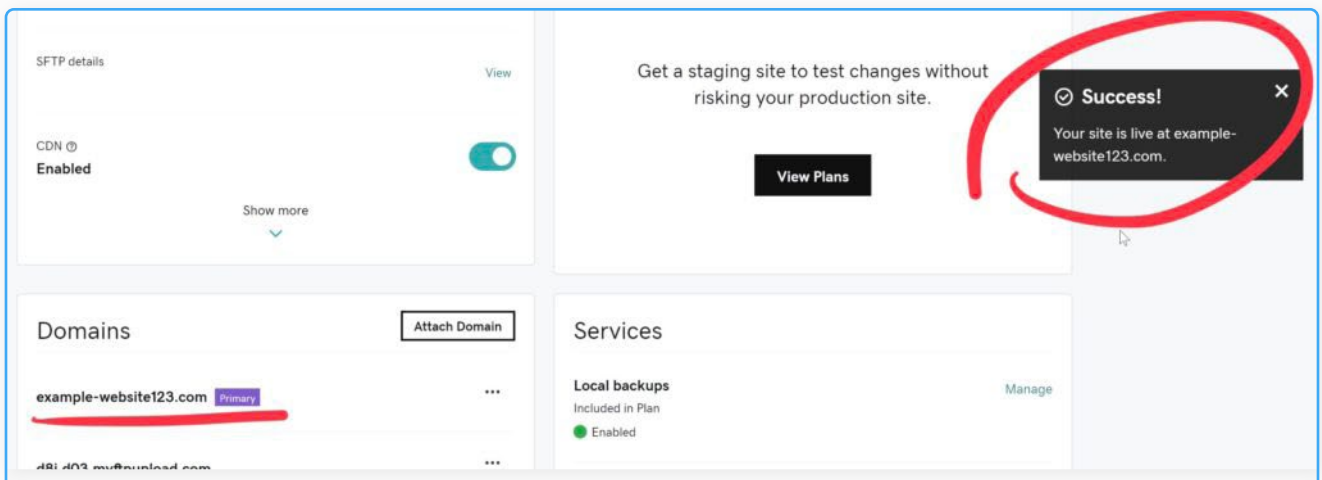
**7** After that is finished if you scroll down to the bottom left of the page you will probably see your website loading. Like it says it can take a few minutes
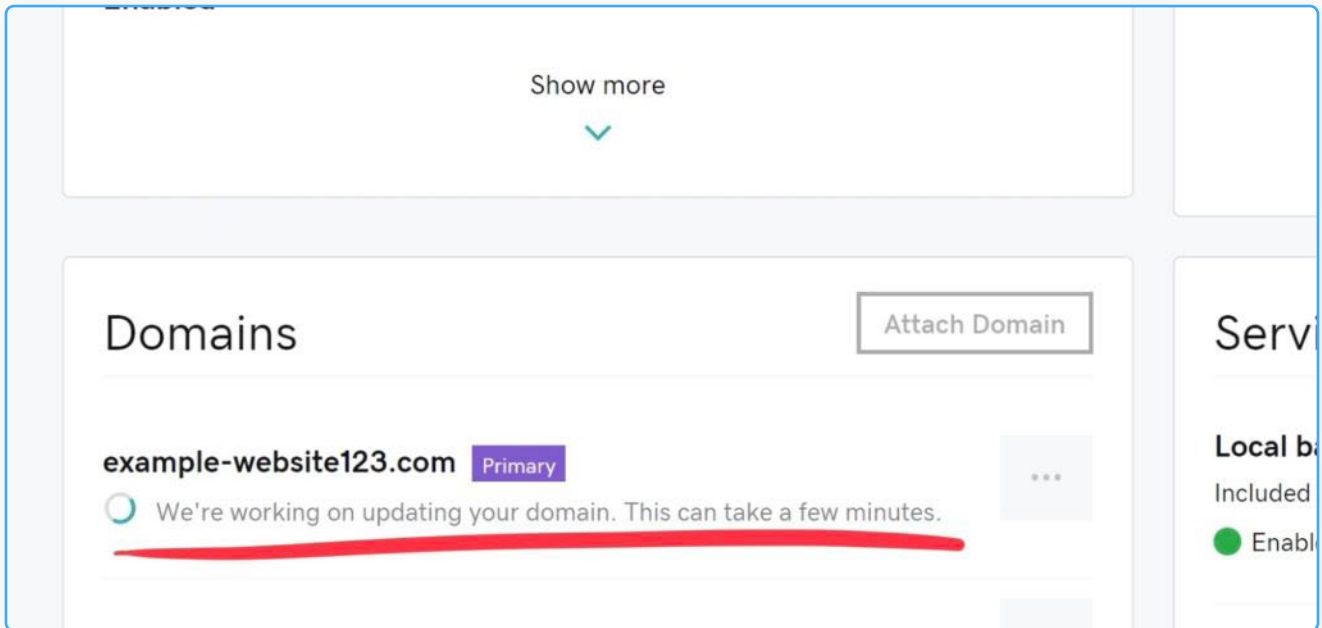


After its finished loading it should notify you with a message like this

**8** You can scroll back up to the top of the page and you will see this confirmation that your website is live. You will also see an offer for a business email. I'm going to select no thanks for this offer. You can choose what you like. You can even go back later and do this if its something your interested in
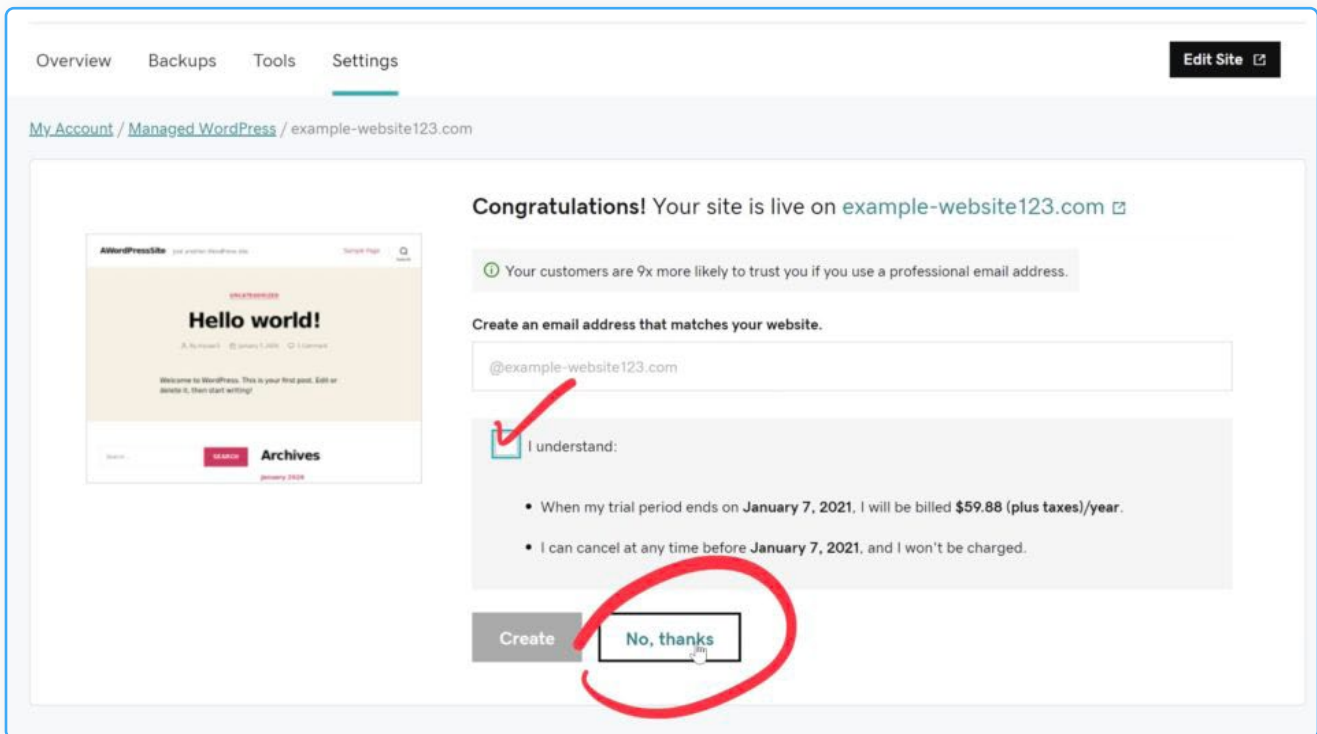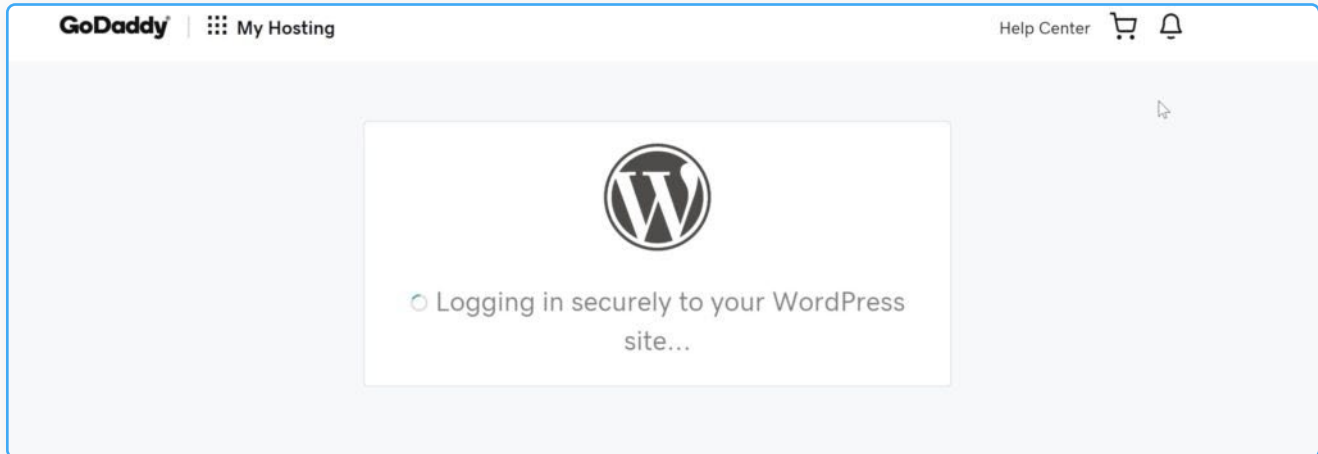


**9** After that you can click the "Edit Site" button on the top right
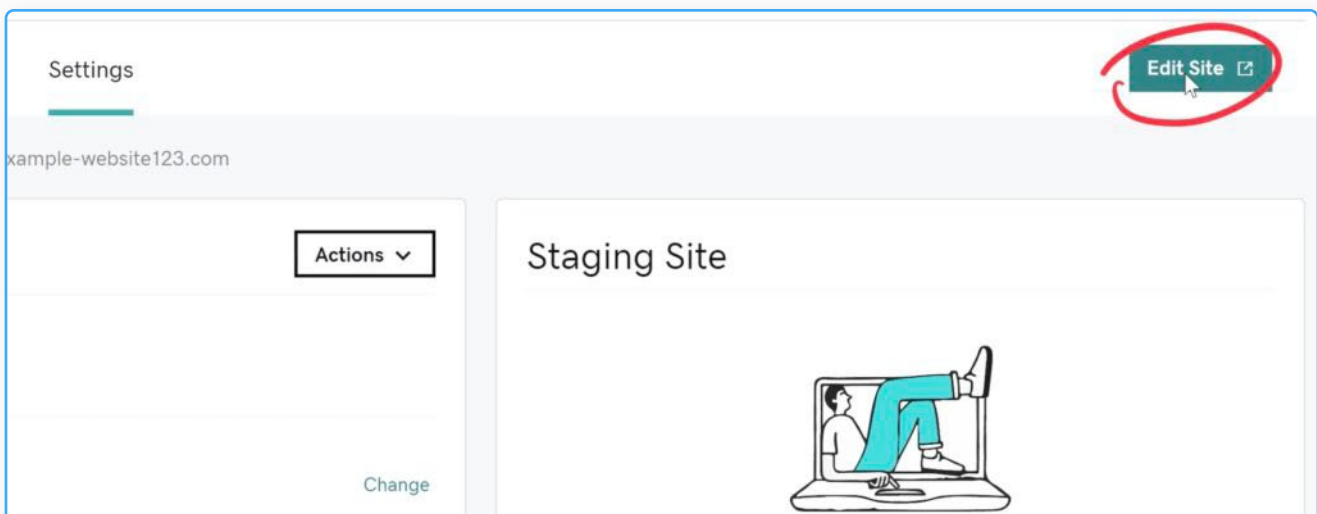
*The page will load and you will be logged into WordPress. This is sometimes where you will get an error message. Like I said, if you do – don't panic. Wait a little bit and come back*



*This is how you log into your WordPress website. Take your website link and do the same as this. So for example my website is www.example-website123.com so if I want to log into WordPress I will simply add "/wp-admin" to the end of my website link. So the link will look like this www.example-website123.com/wp-admin and when you add "/wp-admin" to the end of your website it will take you to the log in page where you will enter your username and password that you made earlier for your WordPress website*
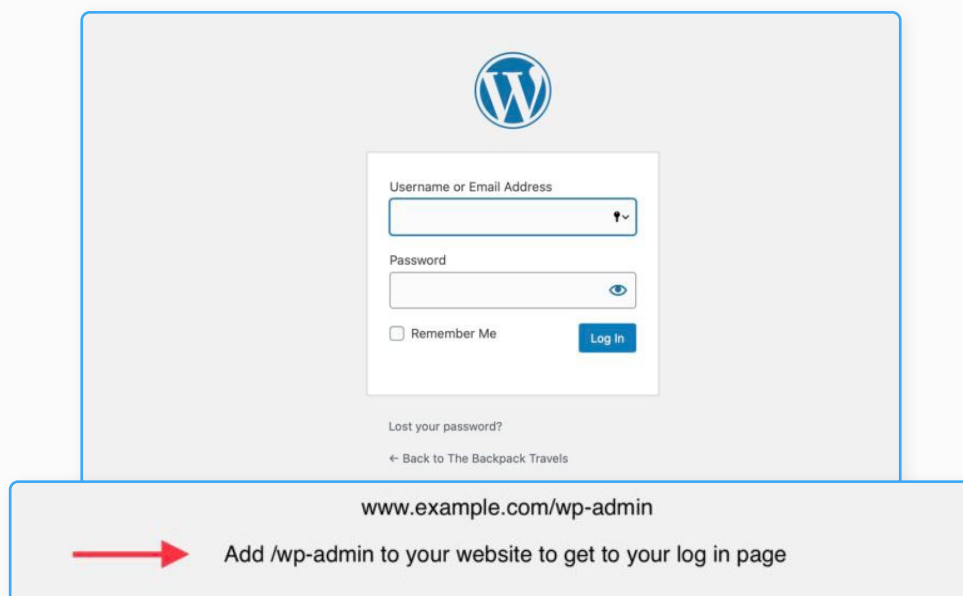
*After you log into your WordPress website, This is what you will see. This is called your WordPress dashboard. This is where you edit your website at. It's also how you add posts, add pages, change the look of your website, plus more which we'll go over*
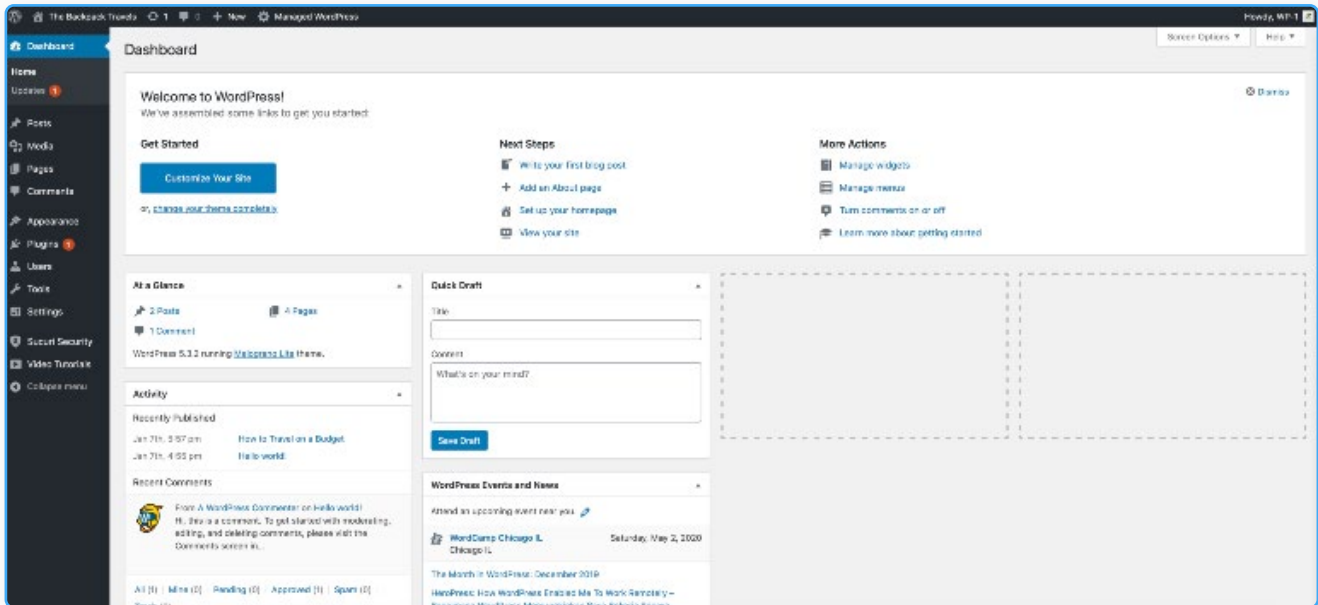


*I wanted to mention the "Collapse menu" button because sometimes it gets hit by accident and people go "my dashboard dissapeared!" but it's usually just the collapse button was hit*
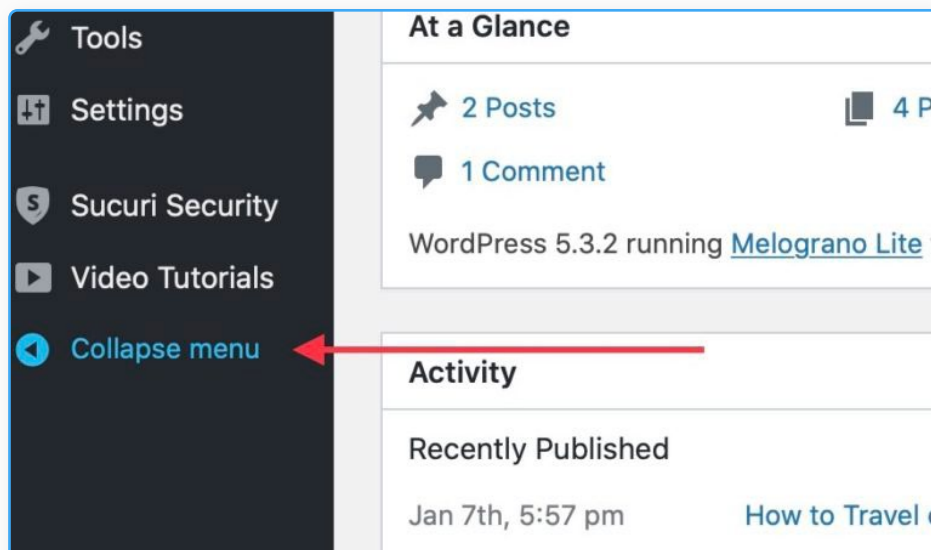
*This is how the sidebar looks when the menu has been collapsed. It just has the logos with no words. You can just click the collapse button again at the very bottom to bring everything back*
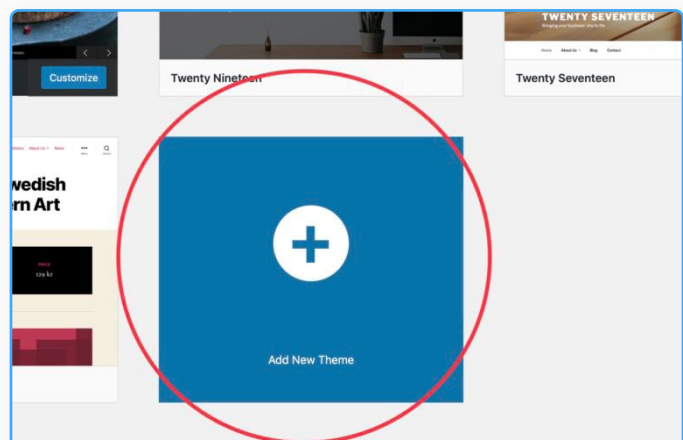
# *Part Four*

## Choose a Theme for your Website
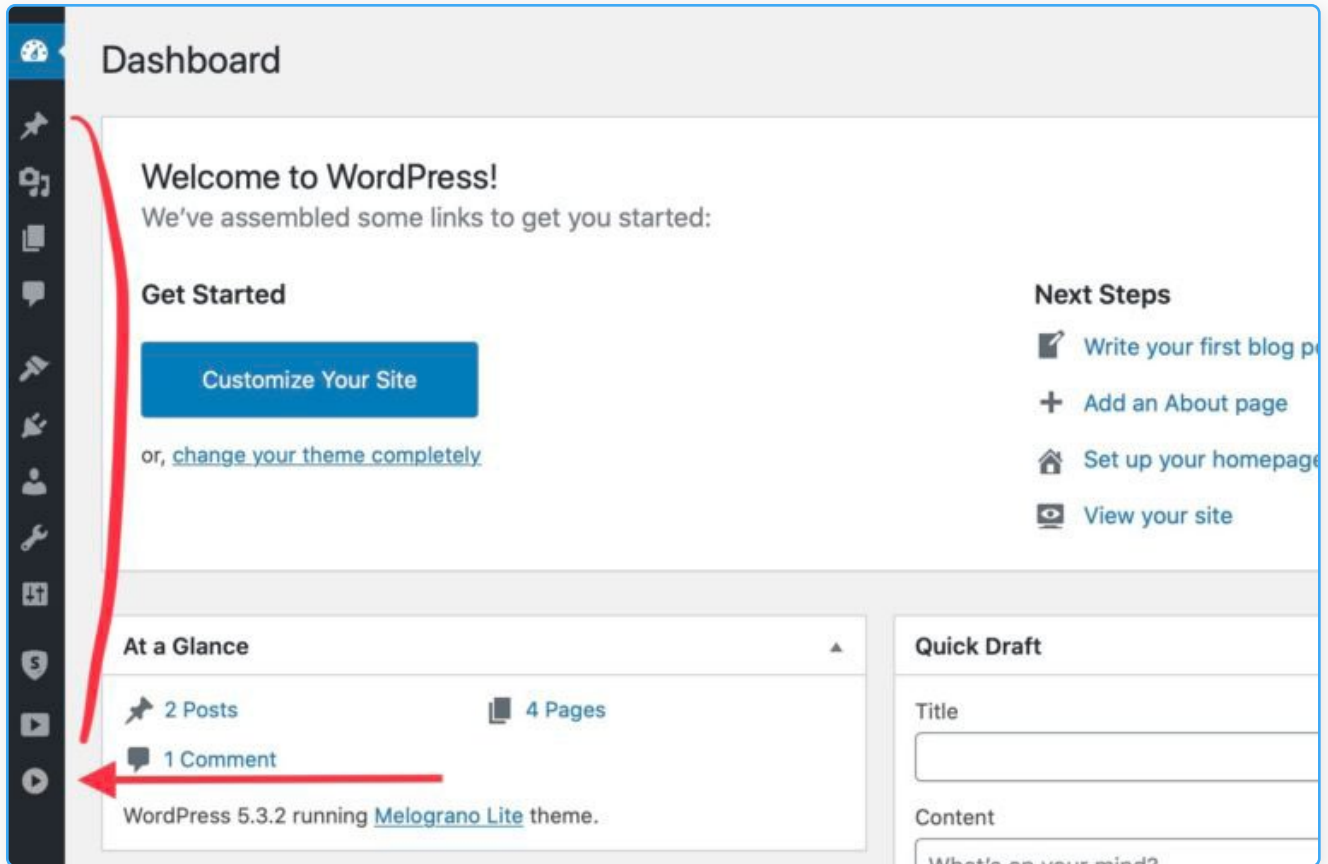
**1** The next step is to add a "Theme" to our website. This is how you change the actual look of your website. There is thousands of free themes to choose from. To do this just hover your mouse over "Appearance" and a sub menu will pop up, Click on "Themes"
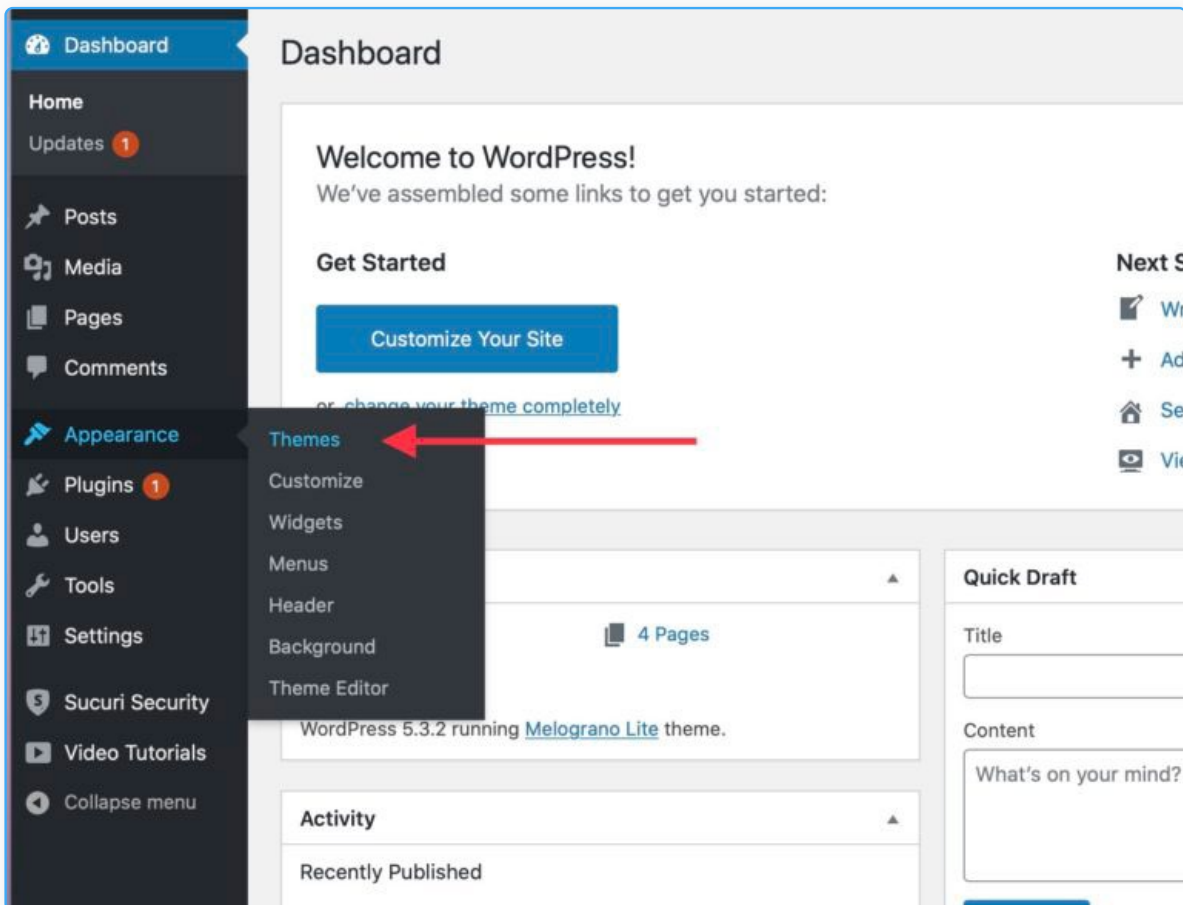


**2** Once you land on the next page look the big + symbol "Add New Theme" click on that

*This is where you can find all the themes. You can go through the tabs at the top that are underlined in blue. If you go to "Popular" or "Latest" thats where you will find the majority of the themes. I'm going to be using the theme called "Twenty Twenty" If you don't see it, you can type "twenty twenty" In the search box on the right and it will come up*
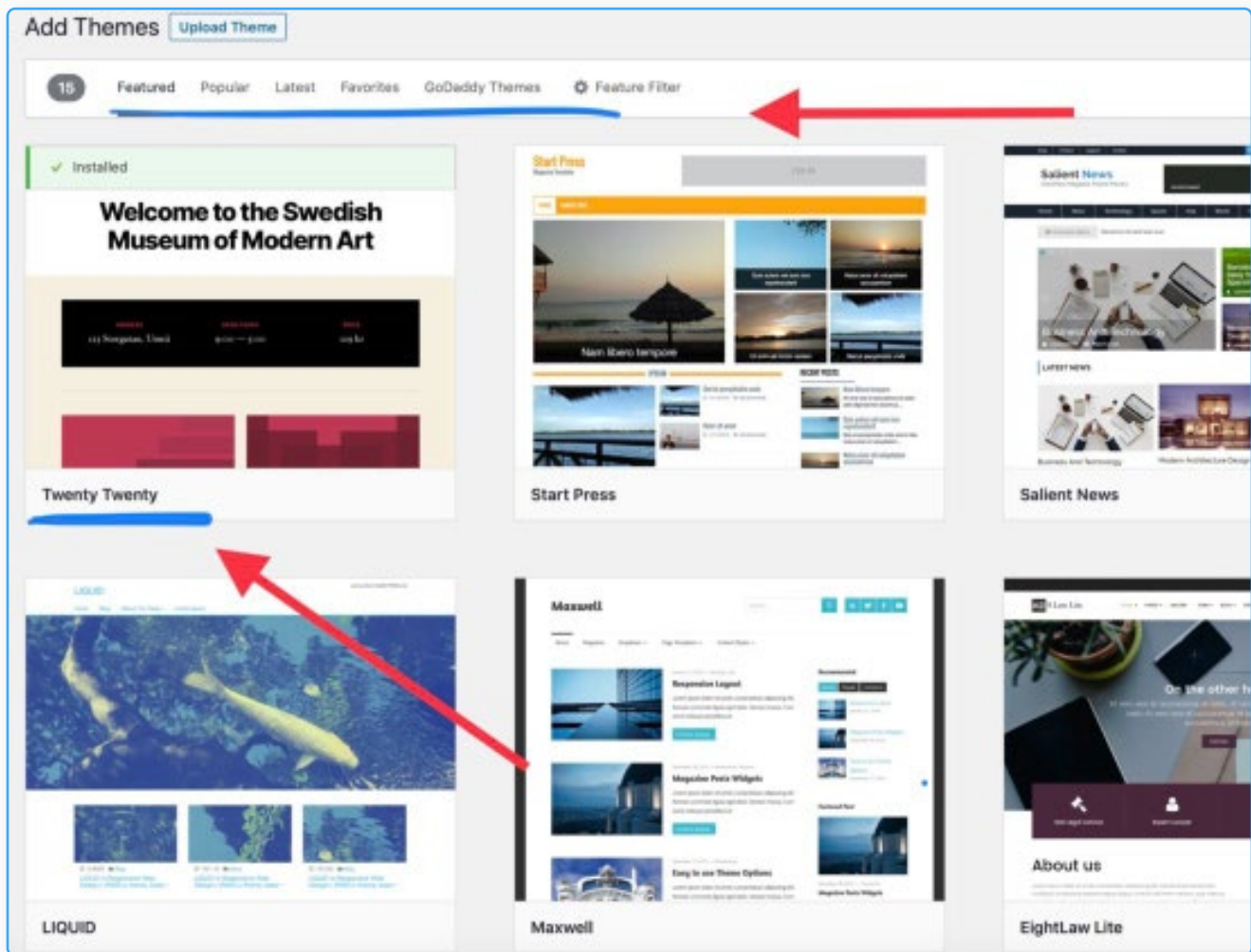
**3**

Once you find the theme, Click on "Install" then "Activate" and this will install the WordPress theme. You can do this any time you want to see how a theme looks on your website. It won't get rid of any content it will just change the look it. You can always go back to any theme. (try some out, its fun!)
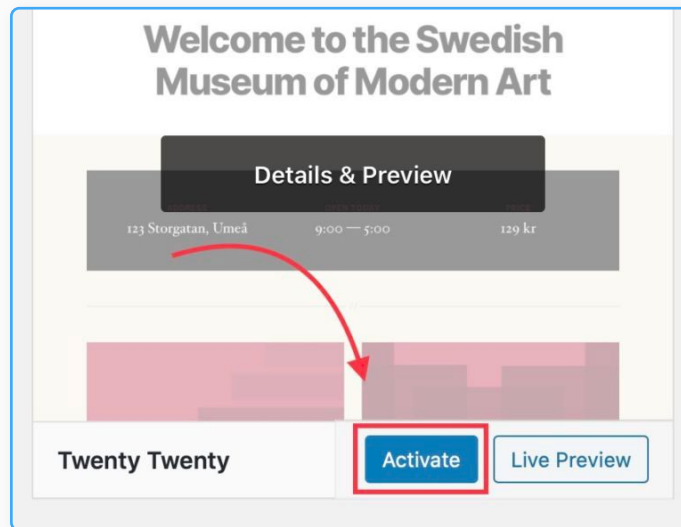


**4**

Now we are going to edit the name and tagline of our website. To do this we need to go over to the side bar and if you hover your mouse on "Settings" (or click it) and then click on "General"
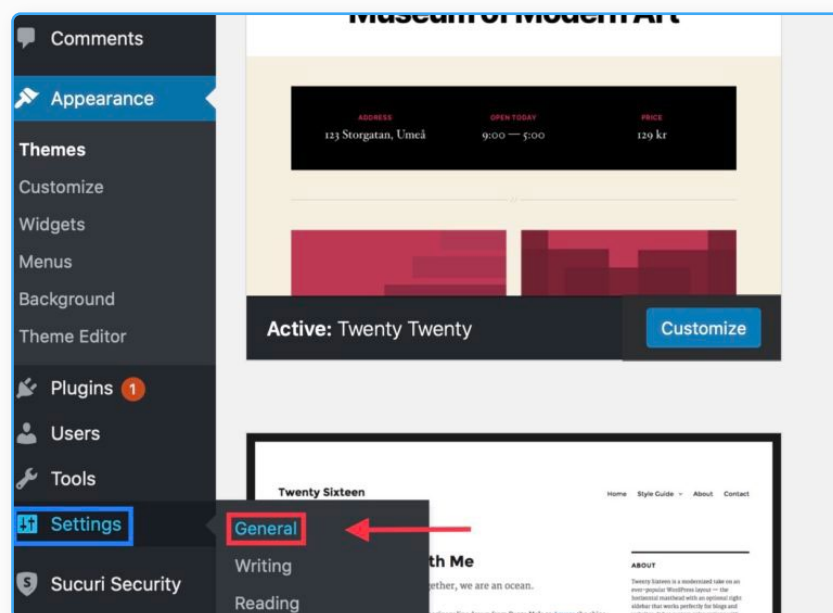
**5**

So now we're in the "General Settings" section and this is where you can edit some info on your website. So what we're going to do is add a title to our website. This is usually the name of your website and the "tagline" like WordPress says is "In a few words, explain what the site is about" so do that and if you need some ideas you can check out this article for some *tips*
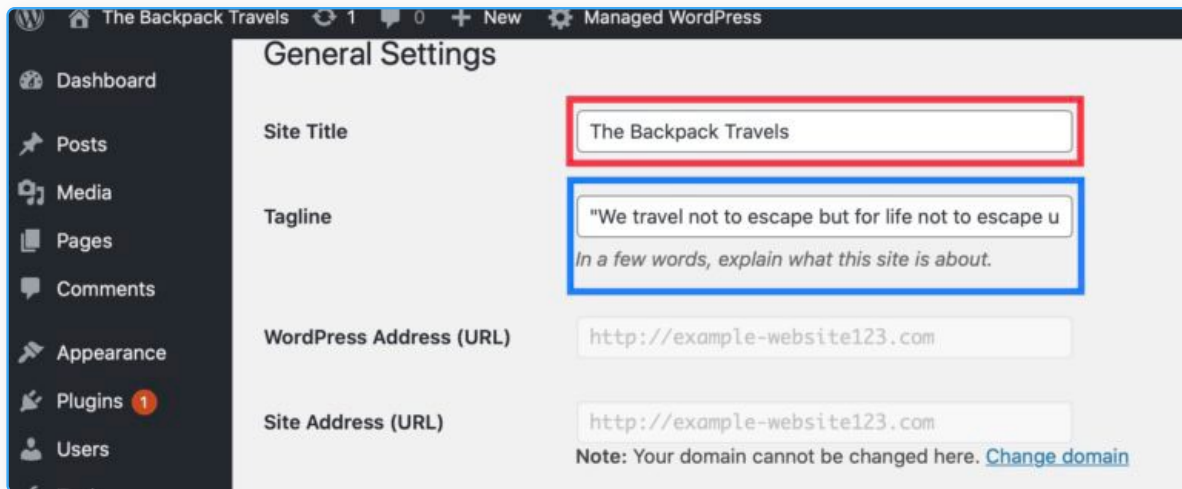


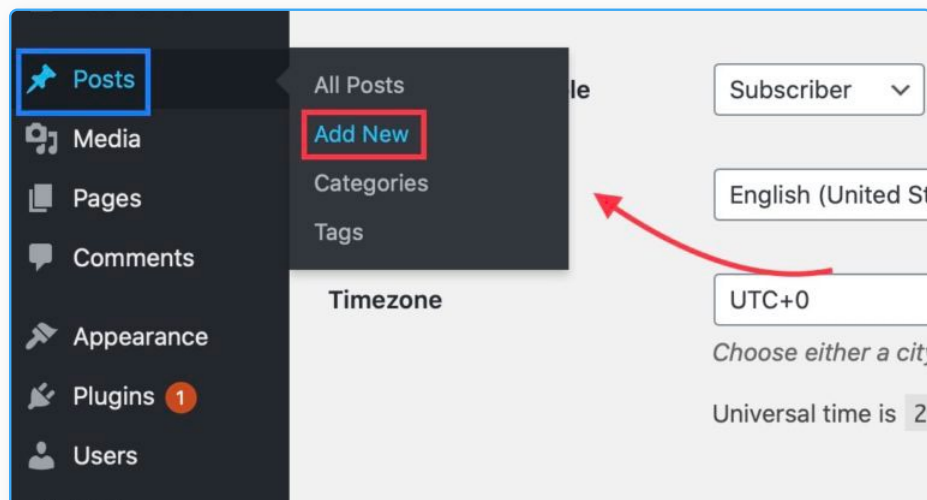# *Part Five*   **Add Content**

**1**

The next thing we're going to do is add our first post to our website. To do this we're going to go over to where it says "Posts" and you can click or hover your mouse over "Posts" and click on "Add New"

*This is what a new/blank post will look like (if you change the theme the background color will usually change) The top part is where the title of your article will go and below it is where all the content goes*
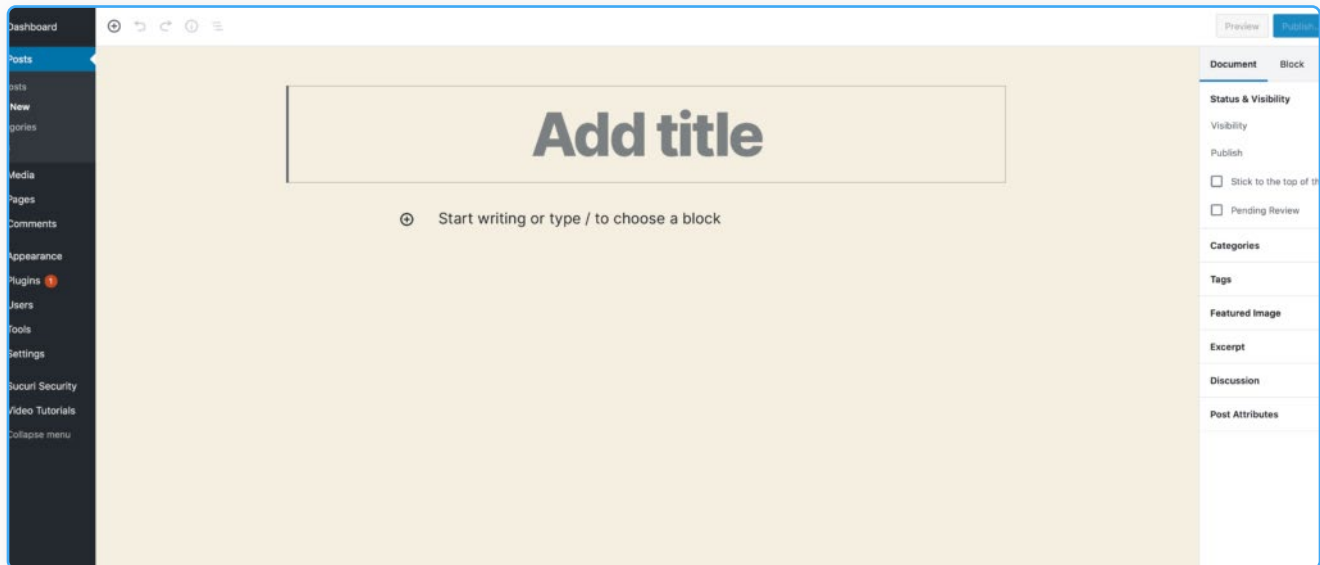


*If you click on the little + button it will pop up a menu of different things you can add. Its pretty much all just point and click, for example if you want to add an image to the post you can just click the image button and upload the picture you want.*
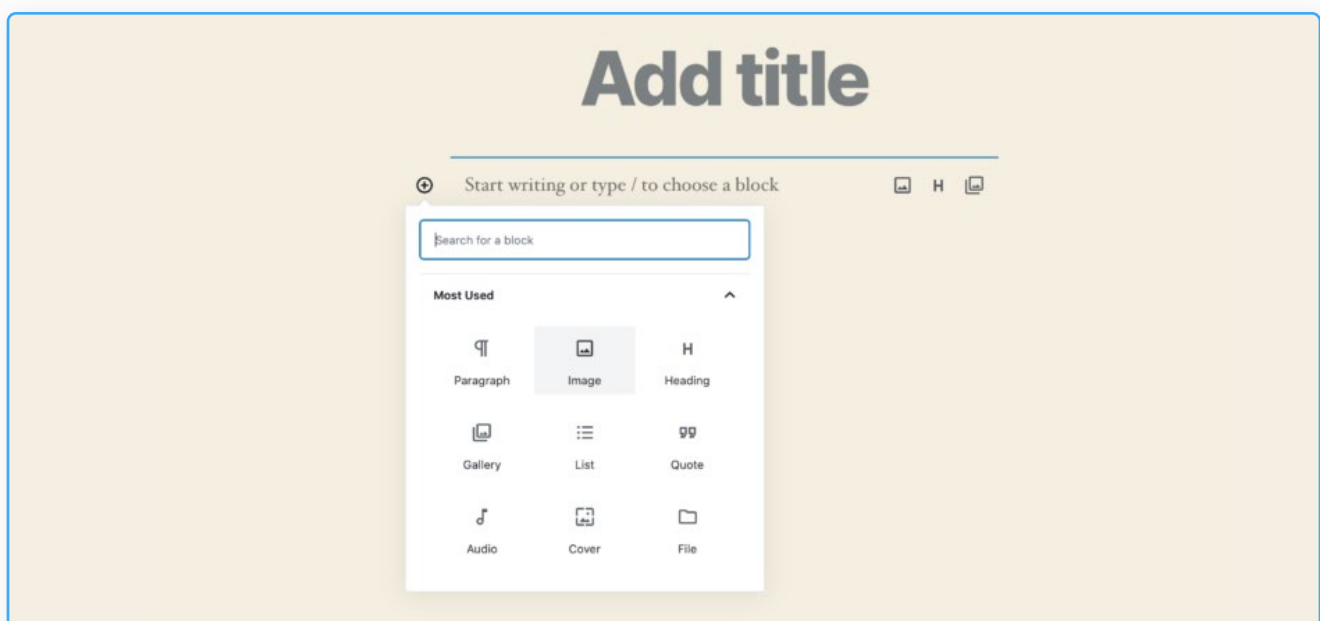
Here are some more points to check out if you're unfamiliar what some of these buttons do. I would also recommend you make a random new post and just try some of this stuff out so you can get used to it. It's going to to take a little time to get used to but it was made to be simple and once you spend a little time with it you see the simplicity.



This is how your post can look with some text and images. You can check out the actual post here

**2**

Now inside the post we're going to create some categories for our website. This is just to help organize your posts. So for example I just made a post about Traveling so I made a category called "Travel Tips" To add a category just click on "Add New Category" Think about what your website is going to be then create categories accordingly. There is no right or wrong number of categories, It basically depends on what you're writing about and how specific you want to be
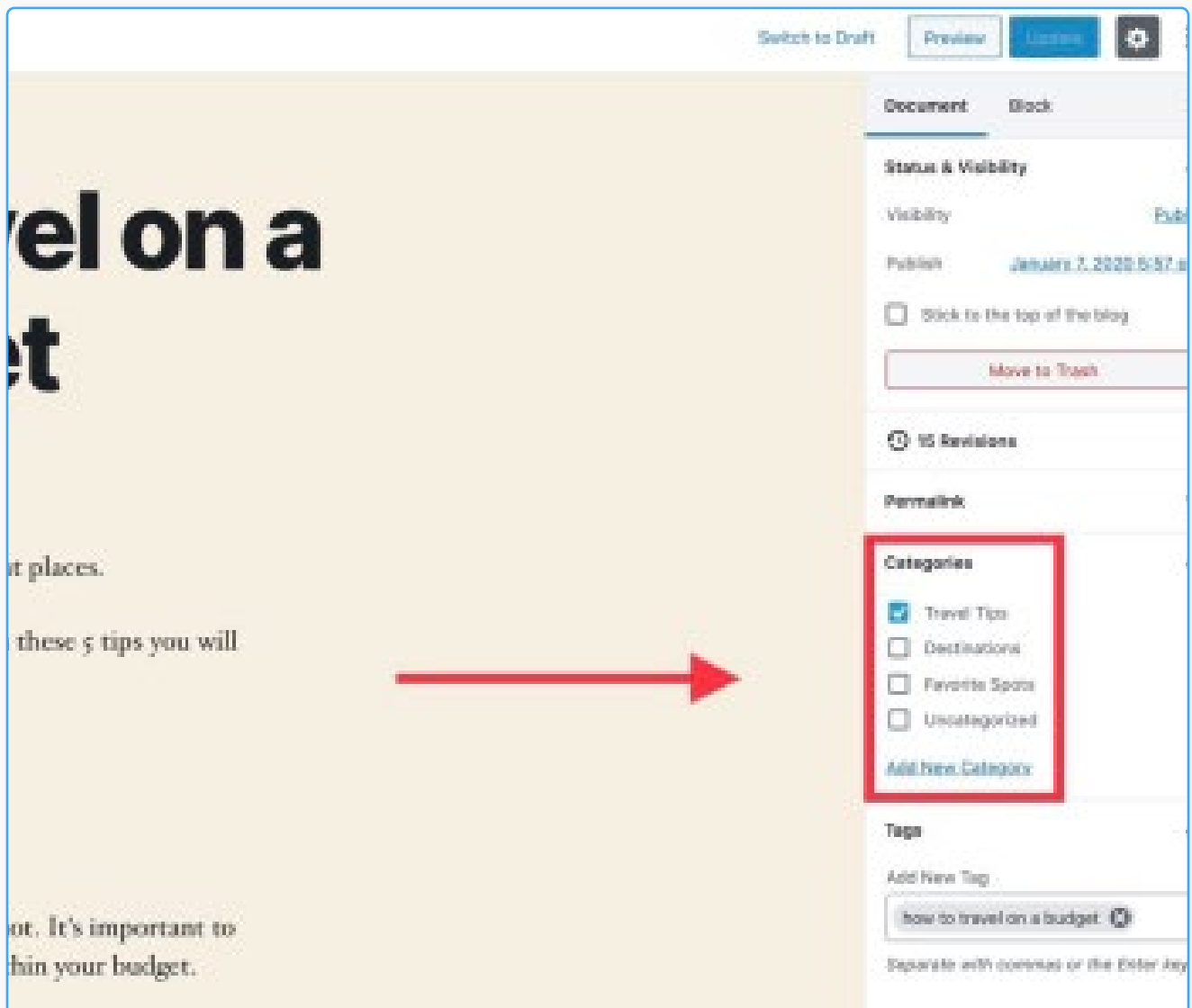
**3**

If you scroll down a little bit you will see a "Add New Tag" button. This is usually for _SEO_ purposes. If you have a specific keyword you think relates to your article you can add it. To do it just type in your keywords and then a comma so it will look like this "how to travel on a budget," that will put that keyword in. Don't add too many tags just enough to show what your post is related too. Then for the featured image below it, It's the same as adding a image in a post. You can just click add featured image and it will let you choose what photo you want. If you want to change it just click "Replace Image" – *** Finally when you feel your post/page is complet, simply click on the "Publish" button to make the post live.
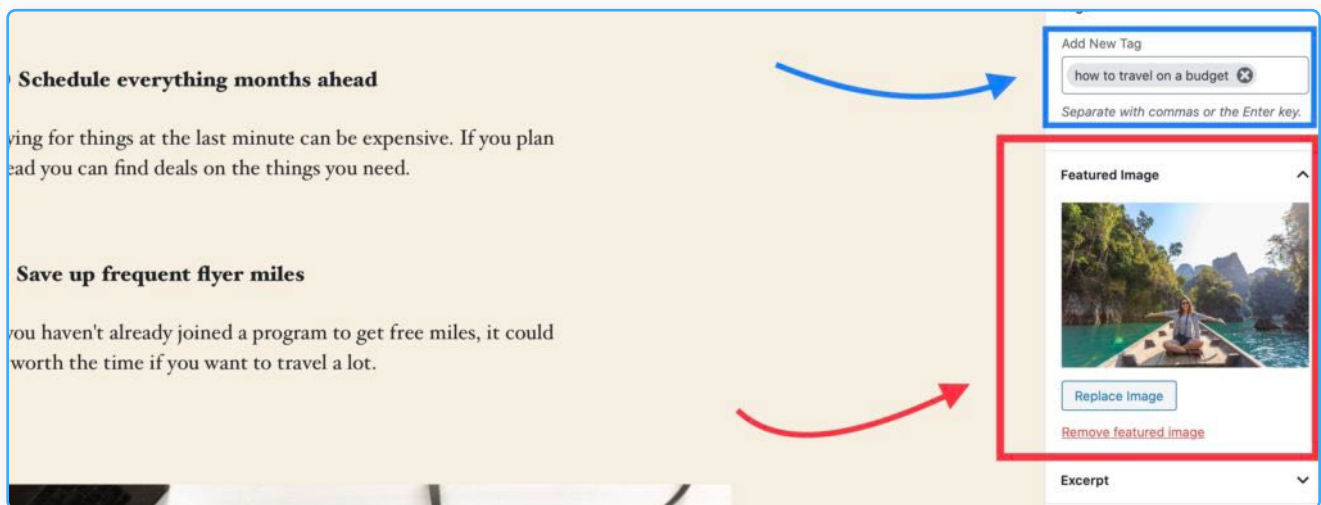


*Now we're going to go to our websites homepage, So if you click your websites name in the top right corner of your dashboard (to the right of the little circle WordPress logo) That will take you to your homepage and then up at the top click on "Customize"*
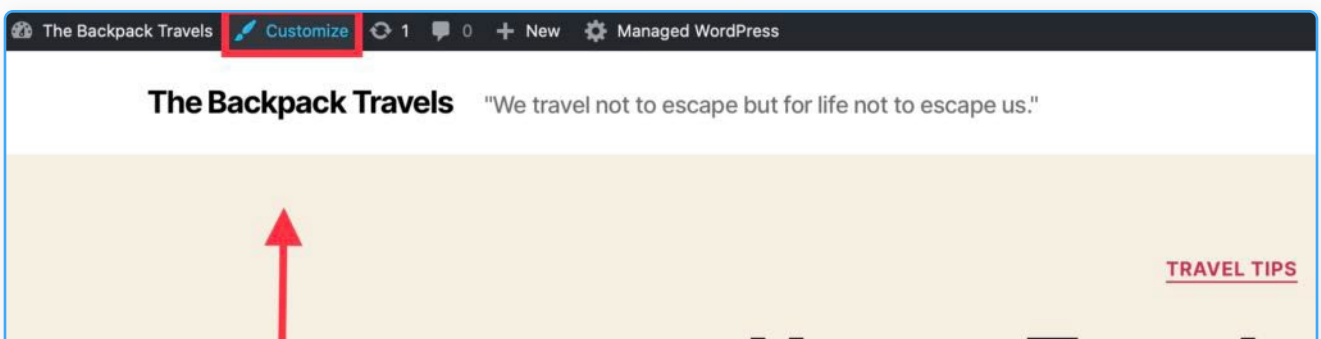
*From here this is another location you can edit your website. Scroll through and take a look at everything, you don't even have to click anything. You can just check out each thing. (Most of it you won't even need unless you want to tweak some visual stuff)*

✕                                                    Published

You are customizing                                      ❓
The Backpack Travels

Active theme
Twenty Twenty                                        Change

Site Identity                                            >

Colors                                                   >

Theme Options                                            >

Cover Template                                           >

Background Image                                         >

Menus                                                    >

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Homepage Settings                                        >

Additional CSS                                           >

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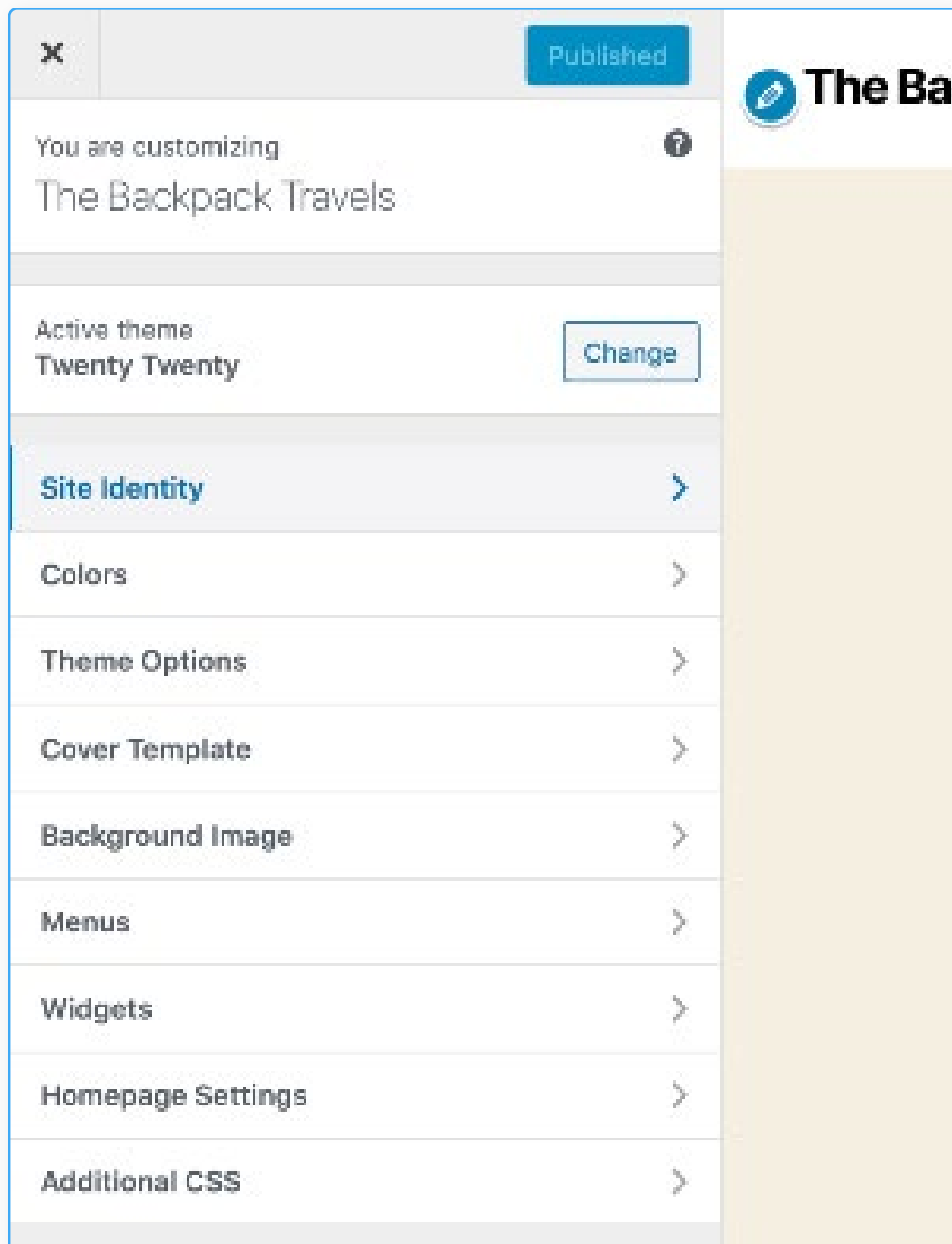
To show you real quick, It's pretty simple. I clicked "Site Identity" and this is where you can add a logo to your website. This will remove the site title and the tagline if you do this. The logo is more professional but usually will cost you. You can check out Fiverr.com They have tons of people who can make a nice looking logo for $5+

Lifestyle    Videos    Destinations    Articles

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Search

**Budget**
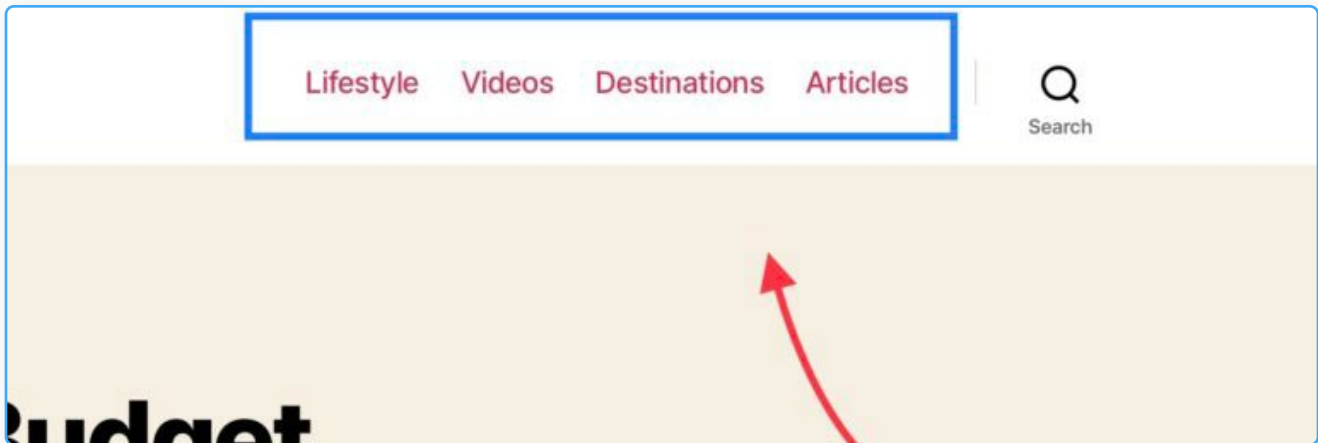
**4**

To do this we're going to go over to the pages section. To get there just go to the sidebar on the left side and click on "Pages" – Once you get here you will probably only have one page made (these are put there by WordPress for a demo) Making a Page is pretty much the same thing as creating a post. You click "add new" just like you would a post if you want a new page. Go through and add 3-4 pages that you think would make sense on the top of your website. My site is travel related so I put the following pages. Don't worry about putting content on the pages yet, just add a title to the page. You can go back after and put content on them.

Pages  Add New

All (5) | Published (4) | Draft (1) | Trash (2)

Bulk Actions ⌄   Apply    All dates ⌄    Filter

☐  Title

☐  Articles

☐  Destinations

☐  Lifestyle

☐  Privacy Policy — Draft, Privacy Policy Page

☐  Videos
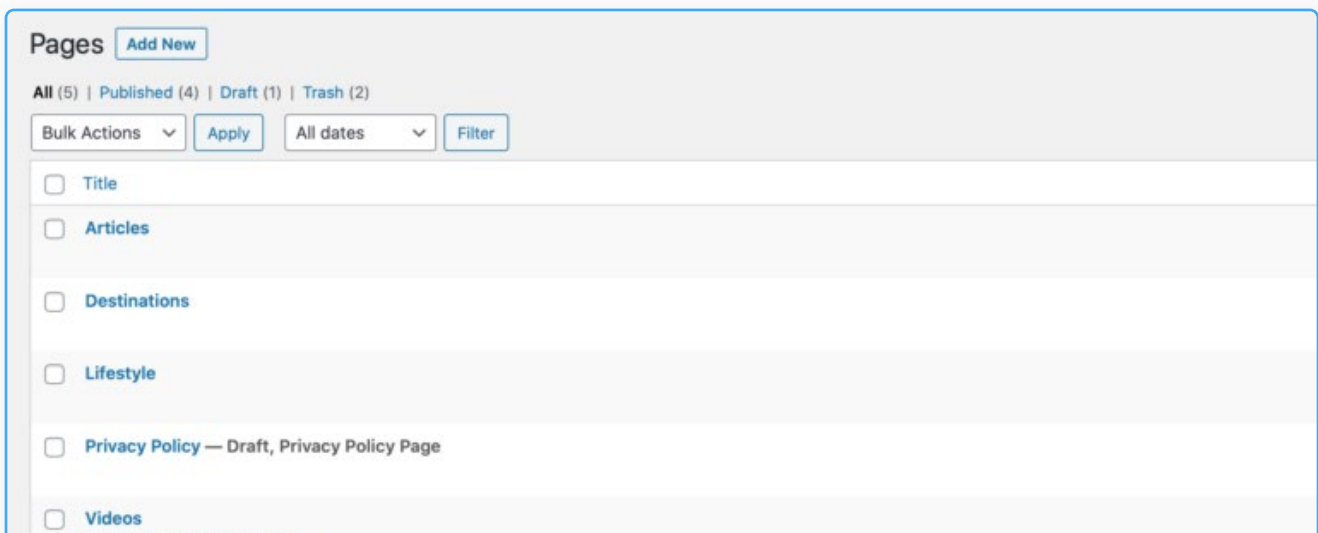
**5** Now to put these pages in the menu section we're going to go over to the left side again and click "Appearance" then "Menus"
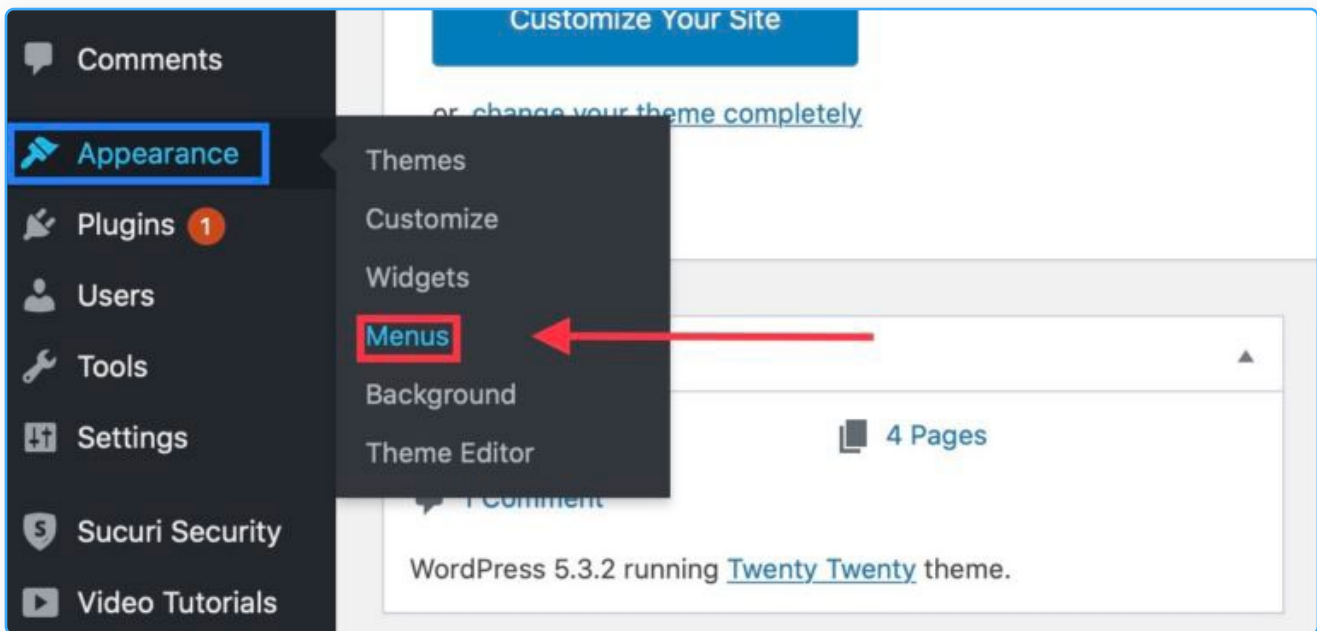


**6** Once we're here if you added those pages you will see them pop up on the left (in the blue box) to add them to the menu simply select which ones you want to show up on the menu section at the top of your website. Then click "Add to Menu"
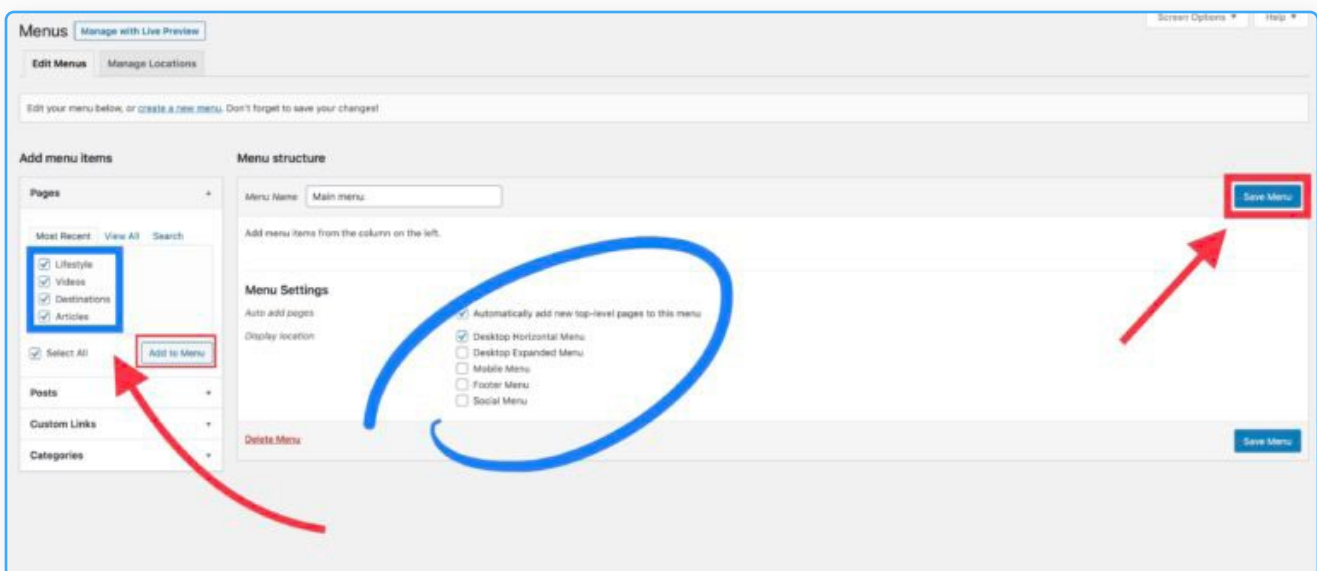
**7** Once you add those pages, you will see them pop up on the right side (upper blue box) Make sure you have the 2 check marks in at least the following categories (lower blue box) or else it won't show up at the top of your website. You can select more than that for example, if you want these categories at the bottom of your website (the footer) too, you can just select the "Footer Menu" and the menu will be at the bottom of your website too. Click "Save Menu" when your done
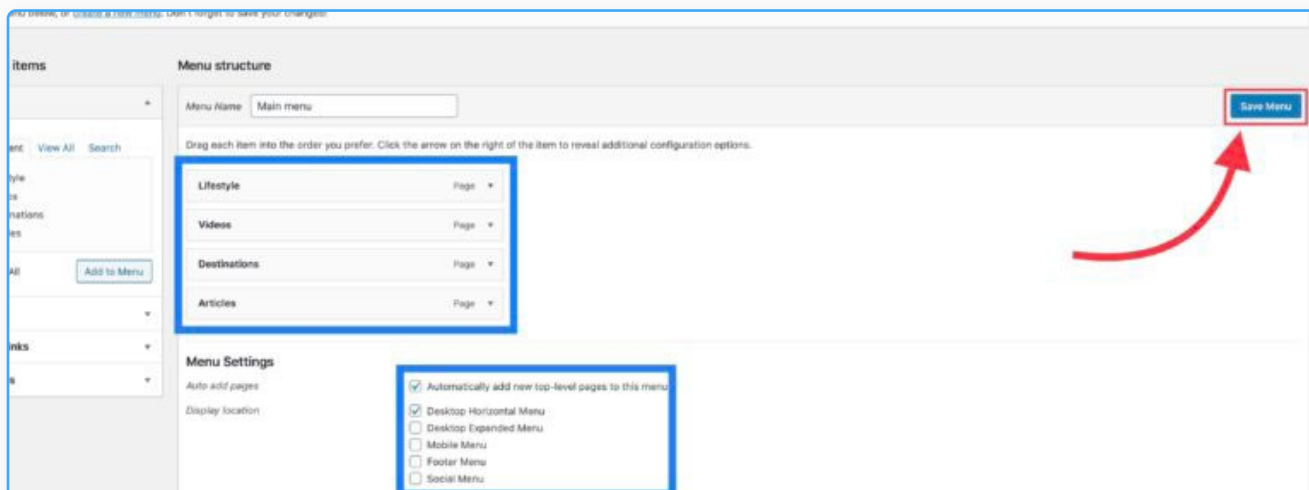


**8** The next thing we're going to is clean up how our links look for our posts and pages. Go over to "Settings" and then to "Permalinks"

**9**
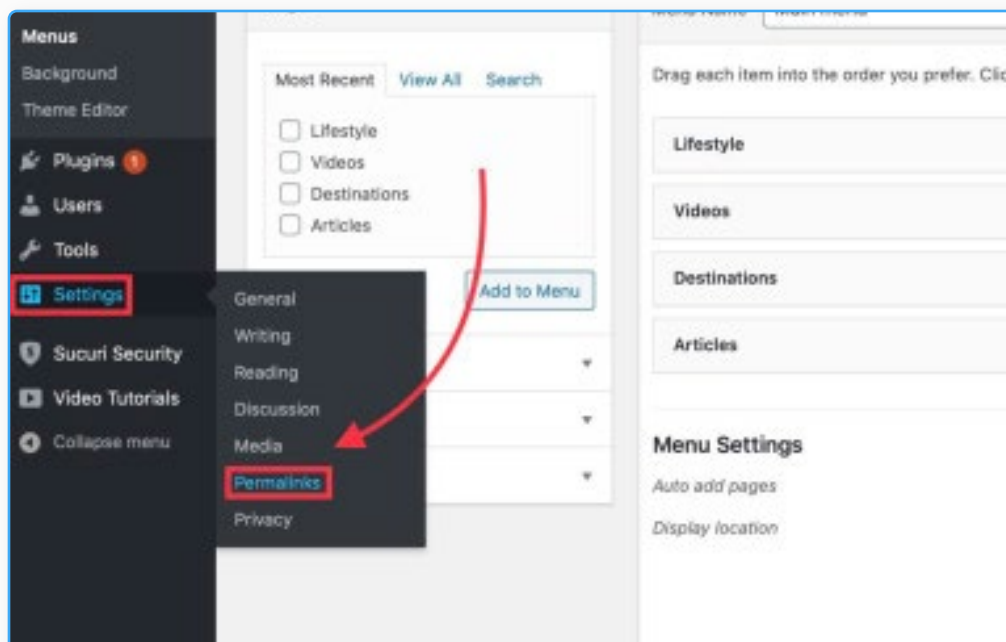
From here you can select the "Post name" option. If you look at all the other option, you can see they look a little bit messy. We're selecting the "Post name" because when you go to a post on your website it will just be your website address filled by the name of your post. You can check out this article if you want more info on *permalinks*. After that just click on "Save Changes" [END]

## Permalink Settings

WordPress offers you the ability to create a custom URL structure for your permalinks and archives. Custom URL structures can improve the aesthetics, usability, and forward-compatibility of y

**Common Settings**

○ Plain                    http://example-website123.com/?p=123

○ Day and name             http://example-website123.com/2020/01/15/sample-post/

○ Month and name           http://example-website123.com/2020/01/sample-post/

○ Numeric                  http://example-website123.com/archives/123

◉ Post name                http://example-website123.com/sample-post/

○ Custom Structure         http://example-website123.com   /%postname%/

Available tags:

| %year% | %monthnum% | %day% | %hour% | %minute% | %second% | %post_id% | %postname% | %category% | %author% |

**Optional**

If you like, you may enter custom structures for your category and tag URLs here. For example, using `topics` as your category base would make your category links like `http://example-`

Category base    [                    ]

Tag base         [                    ]

[Save Changes]

*If you ever want to delete a page or post that you don't want, simply select which post you want to delete and click the drop down button and click "Move To Trash" and then click "Apply" this will get rid of those unwanted posts/pages*
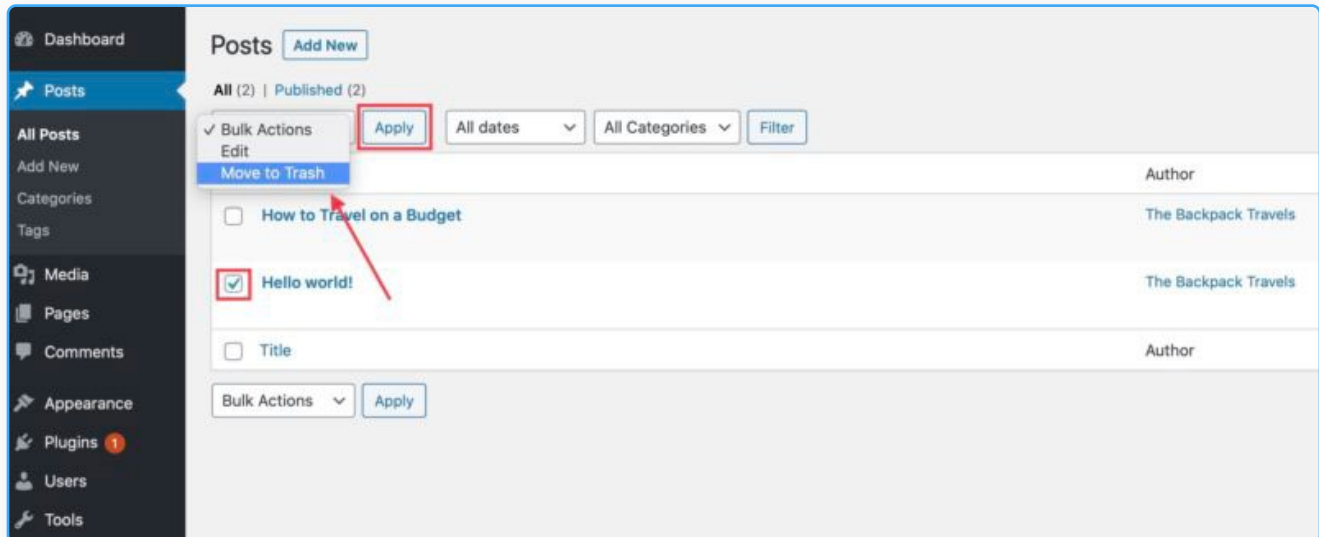


*You can add plugins by going to the "Plugin" section. Installing plugins is pretty much the same as installing a theme. You find the plugin you want and click "Install Now" then "Activate" If you want more info on Plugins you can go here for a full explanation*
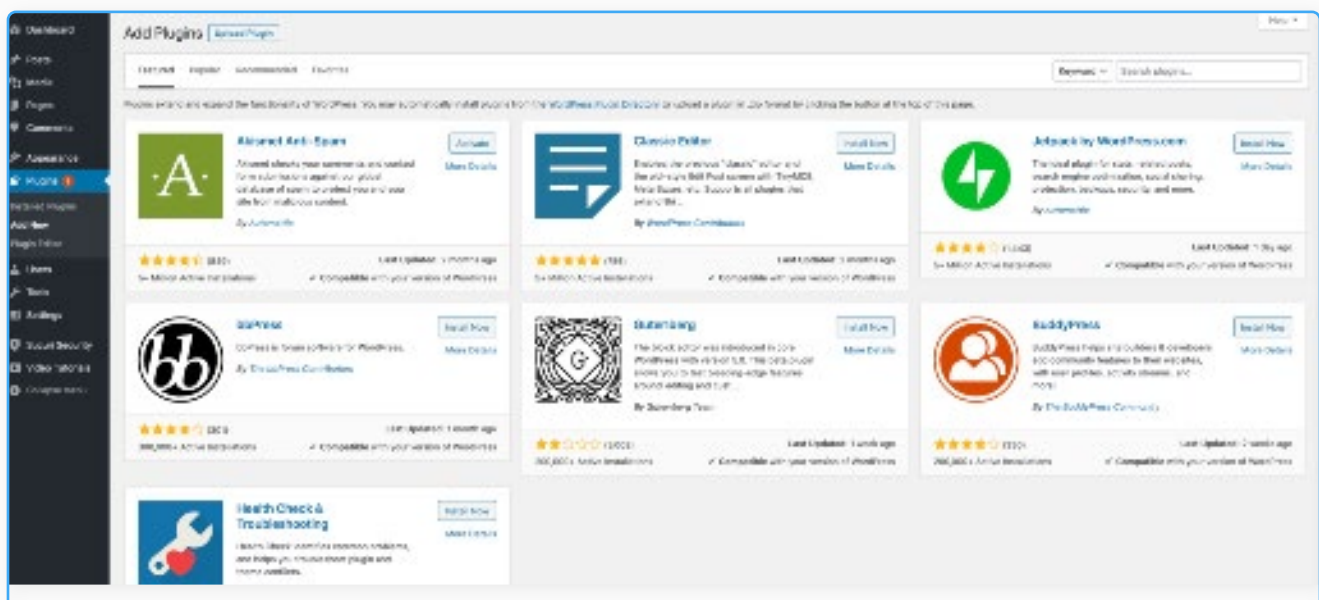
*This is what the end result will look. (go here for the live version) I hope you enjoyed this tutorial guide. Cheers!*