v1.0.3 WILD SKIN

A PROBOARDS V5 THEME

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INTRODUCTION

Wild Skin is a brown, tan, and orange theme featuring a left sidebar, sticky menu, and custom remodels for all major layout templates. It's intended for use with an RPG set in a forest or wilderness biome. Built using my v5 theme base, cast.

As a premade, *Wild Skin* is to be installed to your forum as is, or customized to suit your specific needs. You may edit any part of this skin as long as my credits remain **intact** and **visible**. It **may not** be used as a base for your own premade, claimed as your own, or picked apart for specific code. If you are interested in an individual remodel, please request it.

Special thanks to <u>Smangii</u> for his <u>ClearUBBC icons</u>.

This readme is meant to help guide you through installing and customizing Wild Skin. It outlines the variable options in the visual editor, customizable images, sidebar content, mini profile fields, and suggests several basic plugins that work well with this theme. If you can't find what you're looking for or have suggestions for additional fixes in future versions, feel free to post in the support threads on ProBoards Support or Adoxography.

If you're less familiar with ProBoards themes or CSS/HTML, I would recommend reviewing these resources before getting started.

On ProBoards themes:

- » http://adoxographyv2.boards.net/thread/1682/101-on-skin
- » http://smangii.proboards.com/thread/38907/smangiis-theme-guide-proboards-v5

On CSS and HTML:

- » http://htmldog.com/
- » http://html.net/
- » https://teamtreehouse.com/

INSTALLATION

- 01. Download the <u>wild-skin.pbt</u> file and save it somewhere easily accessible, such as your Desktop or Downloads folder
- 02. Go to your forum's Admin Panel
- 03. Click on Themes >Theme Manager
- 04. Click the "Create New/Import Theme" button
- 05. Click on "Import an Existing Theme"
- o6. Click the "Choose Theme File" button
- 07. Navigate to and select the wild-skin.pbt file
- o8. Once the theme has been imported, click the "Finished" button near the bottom right of the modal dialog window

PROTIP: If importing the .pbt file results in an error, you may need to try again. Sometimes the ProBoards theme importer fails despite multiple attempts. If the issue persists, try clearing your browser's cookies and logging in again.

COLORS

- 01. Go to Admin > Themes > Advanced Styles & CSS
- 02. Stay on the "Visual Editor" tab
- 03. You should see four categories: Wild Skin, Forum, Pages, and Objects
- 04. Under "Wild Skin," click the "Colors" section
- o5. You should see three background color options, three text color options, a contrast color, and white.
 - These variables accept Hex values; you can either paste/type the value or adjust it using the color wheel
 - When changing the color scheme, it's advised that you keep to the existing pattern to maintain contrast between elements: color #1 should be dark, color #2 should be light, and color #3 should be somewhere in between.
 - The contrast color is used for links and highlighted content. It should stand out from the background and text colors
 - White is used to mix with the other colors to create varying shades. Keep this in mind when modifying it. Optimally, it should not be modified at all
- o6. Click the orange-highlighted "Save Theme" button near the top of the page to save your changes

FONTS

- 01. Go to Admin > Themes > Advanced Styles & CSS
- 02. Stay on the "Visual Editor" tab
- 03. You should see four categories: Wild Skin, Forum, Pages, and Objects
- 04. Under "Wild Skin," click the "Fonts" section
- 05. You should see three font options
 - These variables accept any value that you would use for the CSS property "font-family"
 - ♦ The first listed font name will be the browser's first font choice. If this font is not available on the user's system, it will use the next listed font
 - ♦ Each font name must be separated by a comma; web fonts or font names with spaces must be wrapped in quotations, e.g. Georgia, "Times New Roman", serif
 - http://www.cssfontstack.com/ is a great resource for complete, web-safe font stacks
 - Font 1 is Georgia; used in title bars and most content areas
 - Font 2 is Courier New Regular; used in the navigation bar, the navigation tree, the sidebar headline, table headers, stats (threads, views, posts, etc.), pagination, buttons, inputs, and select menus
 - Font 3 is Open Sans; used sparingly for the purpose of readability in some editing areas of the forum, select menu options, and in the footer
 - Open Sans is a Google font, which is linked under Admin > Themes > Layout Templates > Forum Wrapper
- o6. Click the orange-highlighted "Save Theme" button near the top of the page to save your changes

IMAGES

A .zip file containing all of the images and PSDs used in this theme can be downloaded here:

» http://twicebakedfx.com/files/wild-skin/wild-skin-images.zip

PROBOARDS DEFAULT IMAGES

- 01. Go to Admin > Themes > Theme Manager > Wild Skin
- 02. Click on the "Images" tab
 - You can customize the default ProBoards images in this area
 - Some images have already been customized for the theme: Default Theme Avatar, Board: New Posts, Board: No New Posts, Board: Redirect, and BBCode Buttons
 - .png is the recommended format
- 03. This area is saved automatically

IMAGES

THEME IMAGES

- 01. Go to Admin > Themes > Theme Manager > Wild Skin
- 02. Stay on the "Visual Editor" tab
- 03. You should see four categories: Wild Skin, Forum, Pages, and Objects
- 04. Under "Forum," extend the "Background," "Wrapper," and "Sidebar" sections
- 05. You should see the "Background Image" variables for each section
 - Use the arrow button next to each variable to select and upload a new image

BACKGROUND

- ♦ The background image works best as a tiled, subtle pattern
- ♦ Background Attachment should be "Fixed"
- ♦ Background Repeat should be "Repeat"
- ♦ No size recommendations
- ♦ An 80% quality .jpg is recommended

WRAPPER

- ♦ The wrapper image works best as a tiled, subtle pattern
- ♦ Background Attachment should be "Scroll with Page"
- ♦ Background Repeat should be "Repeat"
- ♦ No size recommendations
- ♦ An 80% quality .jpg is recommended

SIDEBAR

- ♦ The sidebar image looks best if it ties into the navigation background
- ♦ Background Attachment **needs to be** "Scroll with Page" due to the background-cover property applied to the sidebar
- ♦ No Background Repeat recommendations
- ♦ Recommended size is 275 x 1080 pixels (width should be as wide as the sidebar)
- ♦ A 75-80% quality .jpg is recommended
- o6. Click the orange-highlighted "Save Theme" button near the top of the page to save your changes

ICONS

Wild Skin uses Font Awesome glyphs in the place of several default ProBoards icons. You can customize the color of each icon using the Visual Editor; by default, they use @buttons_text_color.

- 01. Go to Admin > Themes > Advanced Styles & CSS
- 02. Stay on the "Visual Editor" tab
- 03. You should see four categories: Wild Skin, Forum, Pages, and Objects
- 04. Under "Objects," extend the "Icons" section
- 05. You should see the variables for eight icons
 - These variables accept Hex values; you can either paste/type the value or adjust it using the color wheel
- o6. Click the orange-highlighted "Save Theme" button near the top of the page to save your changes

BANNER

- 01. Go to Admin > Themes > Colors & Theme Creator
- **02.** Under the "Forum Banner" section, you should see the variable for the Banner Image
- 03. Use the arrow button next to the variable to select and upload a new image
 - The recommended banner image size is 1110 x 475 pixels
- 04. Click the orange-highlighted "Save Theme" button near the top of the page to save your changes

SIDEBAR

- 01. Go to Admin > Themes > Advanced Styles & CSS
- o2. Click on the "Style Sheet" tab
- o3. Click inside the stylesheet text area, press ctrl (OSX: cmd) + F and type "* sidebar"
- 04. This should bring you to this line:

- Use the @sidebar_width variable to adjust the width of the sidebar
- Use the @sidebar_padding variable to adjust the inner padding of the sidebar (CSS shorthand)
- Use the @sidebar_left_position or @sidebar_right_position to adjust the sidebar's position on the page. The current value is left: 0
- 05. Click the orange-highlighted "Save Theme" button near the top of the page to save your changes

Note: If you position the sidebar on the right of the page, you'll need to swap the left/right wrapper margins in the section below. The rest of the theme should adjust itself accordingly.

CONTENT SIDEBAR

- 01. Go to **Admin > Themes > Layout Templates**
- 02. Click on "Forum Wrapper"
- 03. The sidebar starts at line 124
 - To customize the sidebar header, find these lines:

• To customize the sidebar description, find these lines:

```
    Short site description. Kale chips skateboard fingerstache, distillery
paleo keytar banjo biodiesel health goth synth bitters viral disrupt literally
chia food truck.
```

- See Page 14 for customizing the Cbox
- Do not remove my copyright
- 04. Click the orange-highlighted "Save Theme" button near the top of the page to save your changes

CONTENT

СВОХ

- 01. Go to **Admin > Themes > Layout Templates**
- 02. Click on "Forum Wrapper"
- o3. Click inside the text area, press ctrl (OSX: cmd) + F and type "BEGIN CBOX"
- 04. This should bring you to this line:

```
<!-- BEGIN CBOX - www.cbox.ws - v4.2 -->
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- 05. Open http://www.cbox.ws/ in a new tab or page
- o6. Click "Log in" at the top right of the page
- 07. Login to your Cbox account
- 08. Go to Look & feel > Edit CSS
- o9. In the "Editor" text area, copy and paste the CSS from this page: http://pastebin.com/TWSG5ufy
- 10. Click the blue "Save" button
- 11. Go to **Publish**
- 12. Scroll down to "Get your embed code"
- 13. Click the blue "Copy to clipboard" button
- 14. Go back to your board's Forum Wrapper template
- 15. Paste the Cbox code beginning at this comment:

```
<!-- BEGIN CBOX - www.cbox.ws - v4.2 -->
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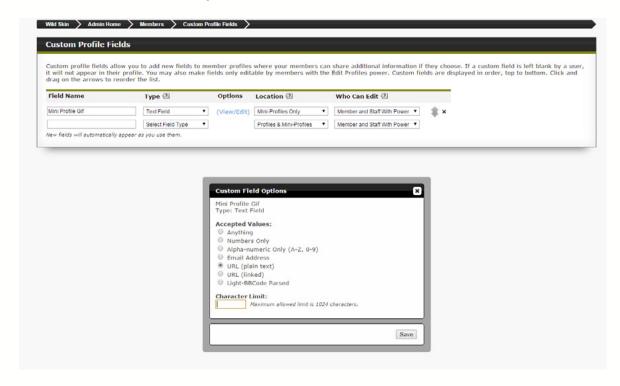
16. Click the orange-highlighted "Save Theme" button to save your changes

CONTENT CUSTOM FIELDS

There's currently only one custom profile field built into *Wild Skin*: an image that appears in the hover content of the mini profile. You must create this field from your Admin panel in order for it to be usable.

01. Go to Admin > Members > Custom Profile Fields

02. Enter these values **exactly**:



03. This area is saved automatically

RECOMMENDED PLUGINS

Wild Skin does not have any required plugins, but here are a few that are both supported by the theme and that I personally recommend.

01. Thread Descriptions

• "Gives the capability of having thread descriptions. You can choose which boards can have thread descriptions. By default, all boards can have a thread description."

02. Hide Avatar Builder

• "Removes The Proboards Avatar Builder from the modify profile page."

03. Tabbed Sections in Post

• "UBBC coding for making a tabbed box inside a post."

04. Style Tag

• Creates new options for styling UBBC tags in posts.