NORTH

Premium E-Commerce Theme

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1. Installing the Theme

You need to upload the theme files to your WordPress installation's wp-content/themes/ folder. Then go to your WordPress administration panel and activate the theme from the **Appearance > Themes** pane.

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If you want to install the theme by uploading the zip file, please make sure that you do not upload the zip file downloaded directly from Themeforest. The zip file you downloaded contains extra files such as documentation (one you are reading) and licensing. You should upload the zip file containing the WordPress files only.

Once the theme is uploaded, you need to activate it. Go to **Appearance > Themes** and enable your chosen theme. Once you have enabled the theme, you need to make sure you have everything necessary to use it properly. To do this, please go to **Appearance > Install Plugins** to install the necessary plugins such as Visual Composer.

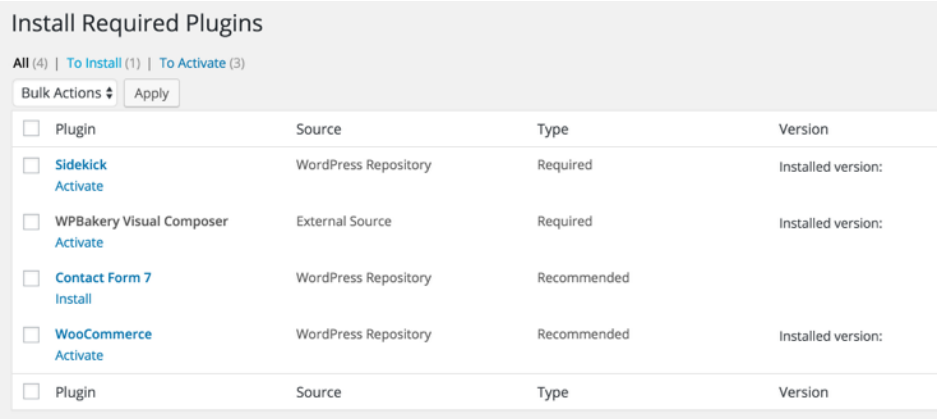
Warning!

While installing your theme through wordpress admin, you may encounter an error message saying “are sure you want to do this?”. This is mainly due to your hosting php settings. The theme zip file is roughly around 6mb and in some hosting providers, the default value for **max_upload_limit** left default which is 2mb. To solve this problem you should either increase your maximum upload size (to 10mb) on your hosting admin panel or ask your host to do it for you if you do not have the privilege to alter your server php settings. This is a very common request and they should be able to help you out. Once the limit is increased you can re-try the install and you’ll be all good to go.

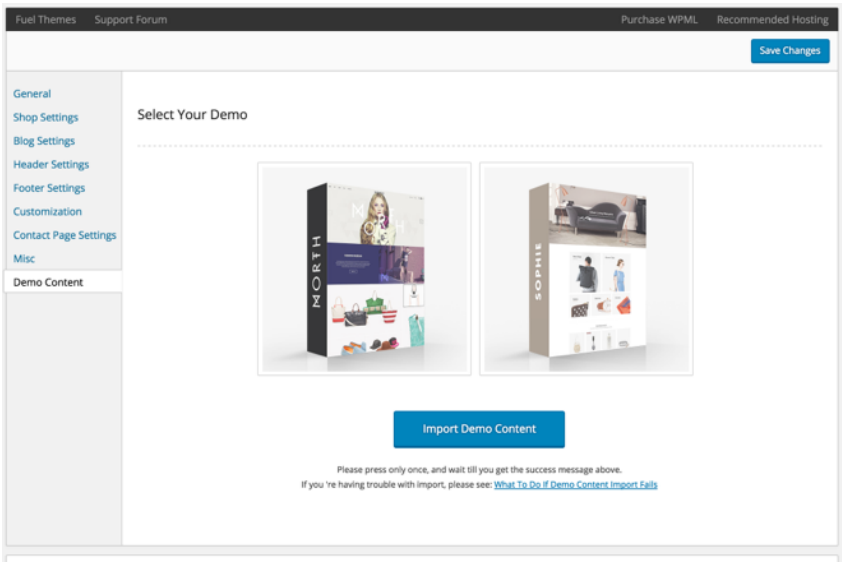
2. Importing the Demo Content

This theme comes with importable dummy content, such as pages, products blog posts, portfolio items, etc, to help you get started in case you're running on a fresh WordPress installation.

Before Importing the Demo Content, please make sure you have installed the necessary plugins from: **Appearance > Install Plugins**



You can install the demo content from **Appearance > Theme Options > Demo Content**



What if the Import fails or stalls?

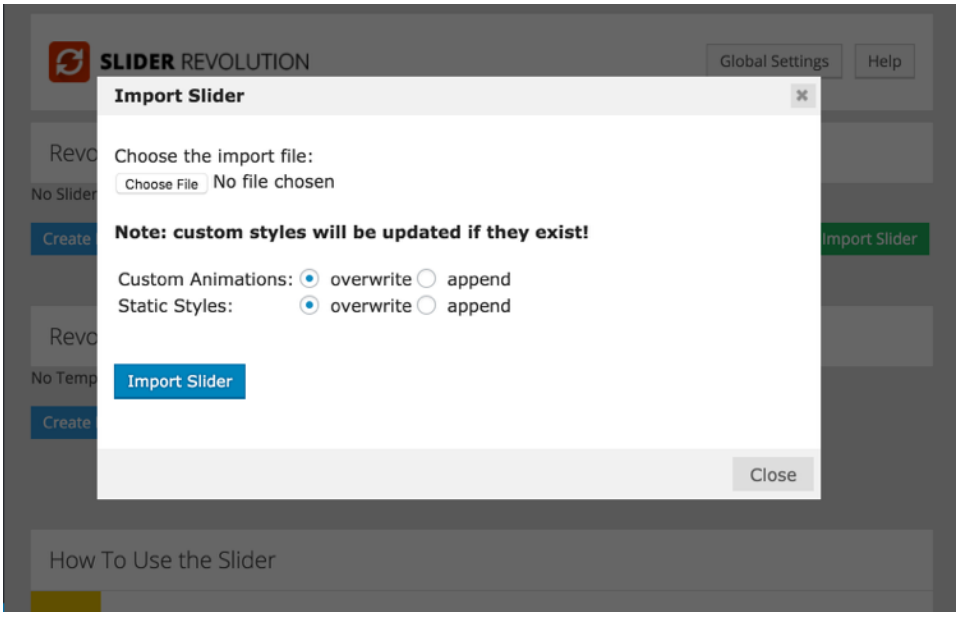
If the import stalls and fails to respond after a few minutes, or it fails with a simple error message like “Import failed,” You are suffering from PHP configuration limits that are set too low to complete the process. You should contact your web host and ask them to increase those limits to a minimum as follows:

- max_execution_time 600
- memory_limit 128M
- post_max_size 32M
- upload_max_filesize 32M

You can verify your PHP configuration limits by installing a simple plugin found here: http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/wordpress-php-info. And you can also check your PHP error logs to see the exact error being returned.

Sliders are not imported.

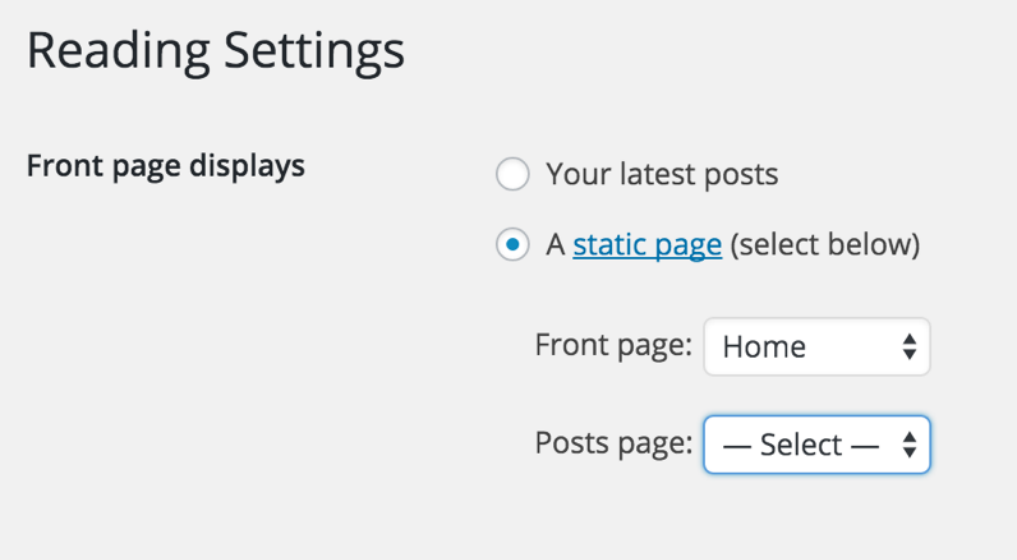
You need to import the Revolution Sliders separately using the Revolution Slider import screen:



3. Setting up your front page

To set up your front page, you need to create two pages:

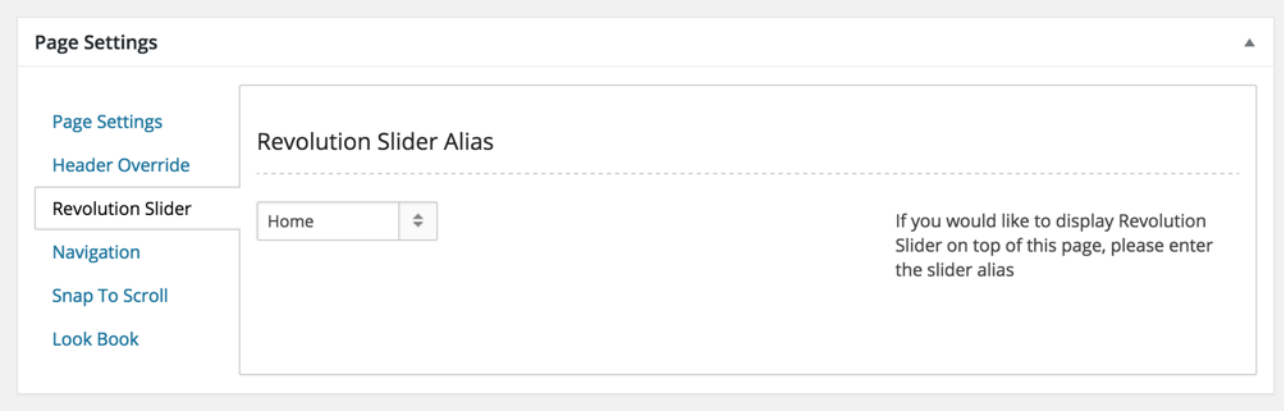
Create a page using the integrated Visual Composer and name it “Home” Then go to **Settings -> Reading** and click on “**A static page (select below)**” as shown:



4. Adding a Revolution Slider to your page

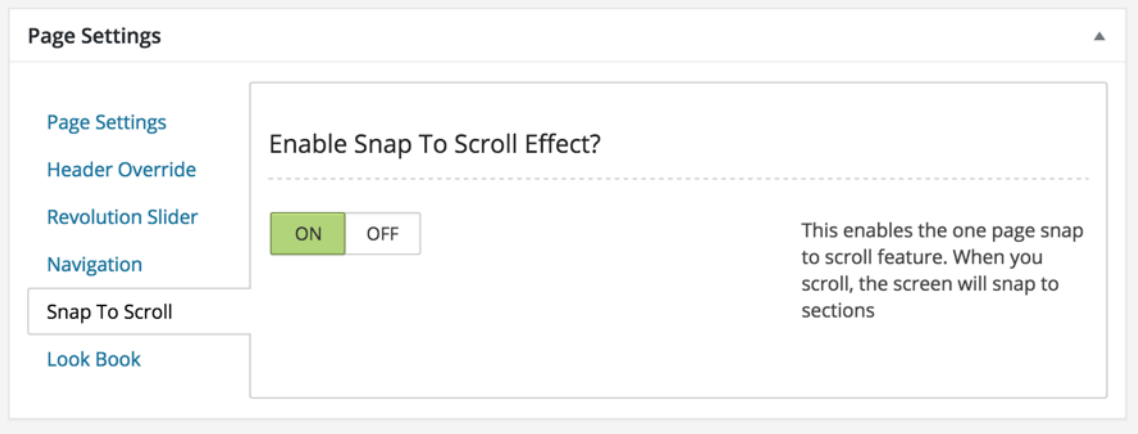
If you want to use the pre-built sliders that come with the demo, please import them separately using the Sliders.zip file provided with your download.

All pages on North theme has a metabox underneath the editor. Inside that, you can set your preferred Revolution Slider, which will place the selected slider on top of the page content:



5. Using Snap to Scroll

Snap to scroll feature can be enabled per page from Page metaboxes:



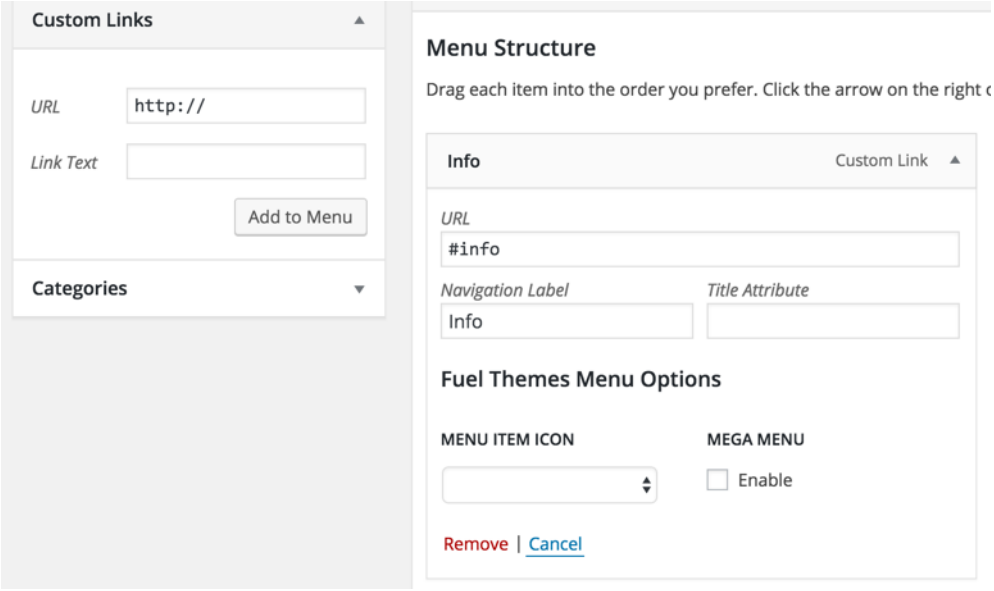
This will treat each Visual Composer row as a 1 snap to scroll slide:

To have a **color changing header**, you must make sure that each row has a background image. **This is very important, a background-color won't work.**

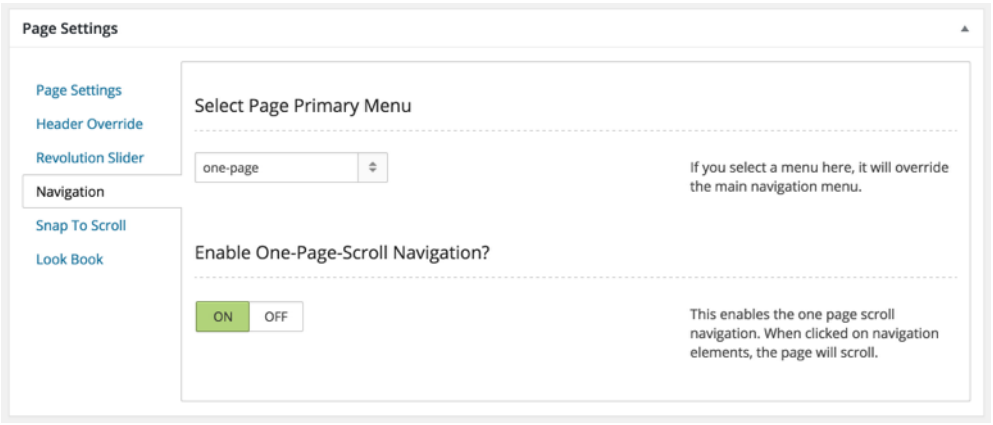
6. Using One Page Scroll

One page scroll checks for menu link hashtags against Visual Composer Row IDs.

1) Add an ID to a Visual Composer row settings. For example, “info”.
2) Use the same ID to add a “Custom Link” inside Appearance > Menus:

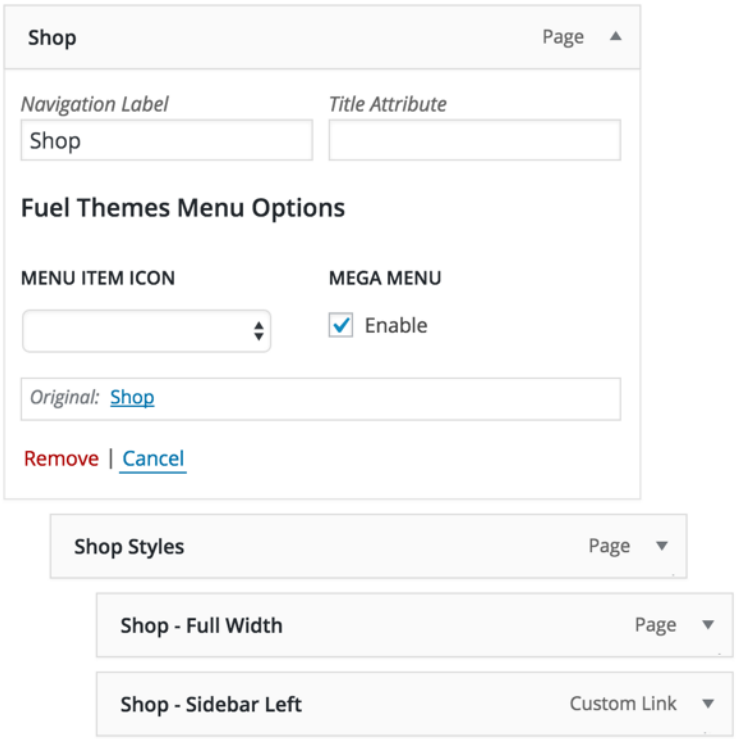


3) Now save your menu, and assign it to your page

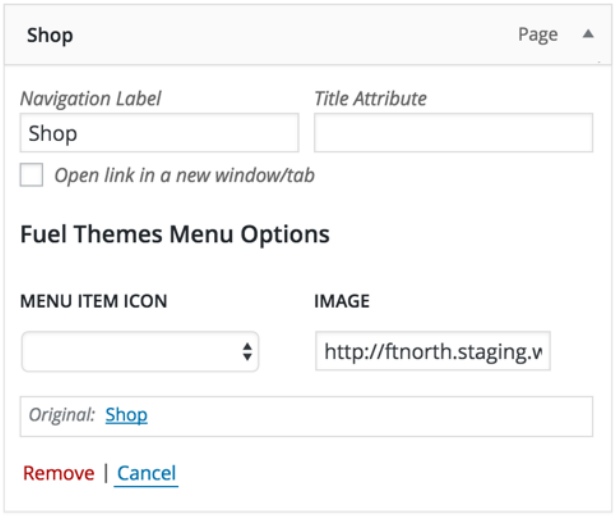


7. Using the Mega Menu

You can easily have mega menus on your main navigation using the North theme. To do that, you need to check the "**Mega Menu**" checkbox on the first-level menu element:



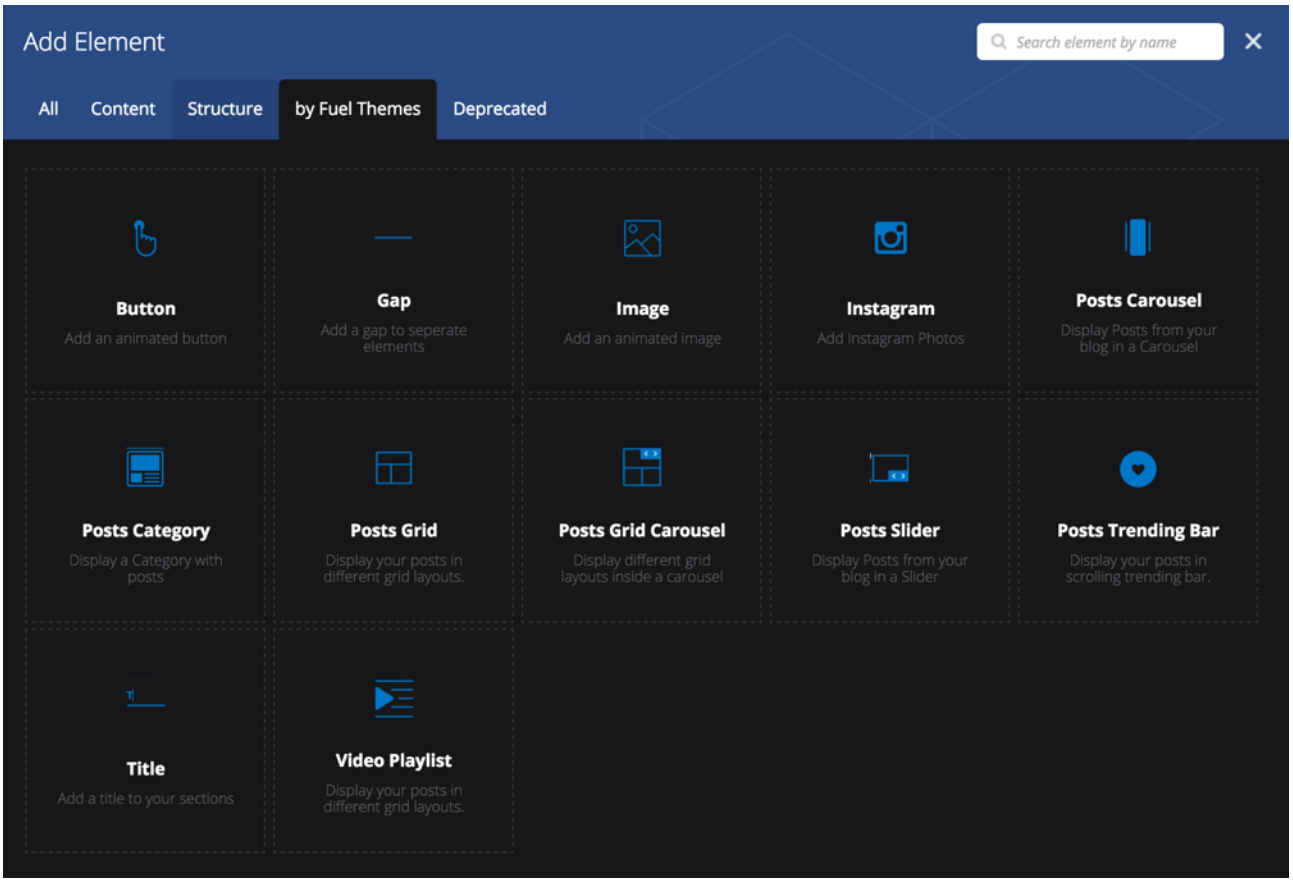
Adding an image item is also pretty straightforward, just paste your image source url to the "Image" field:



8. Using Visual Composer to construct your pages

To utilize this theme to the maximum, you need to get acquainted to using Visual Composer.

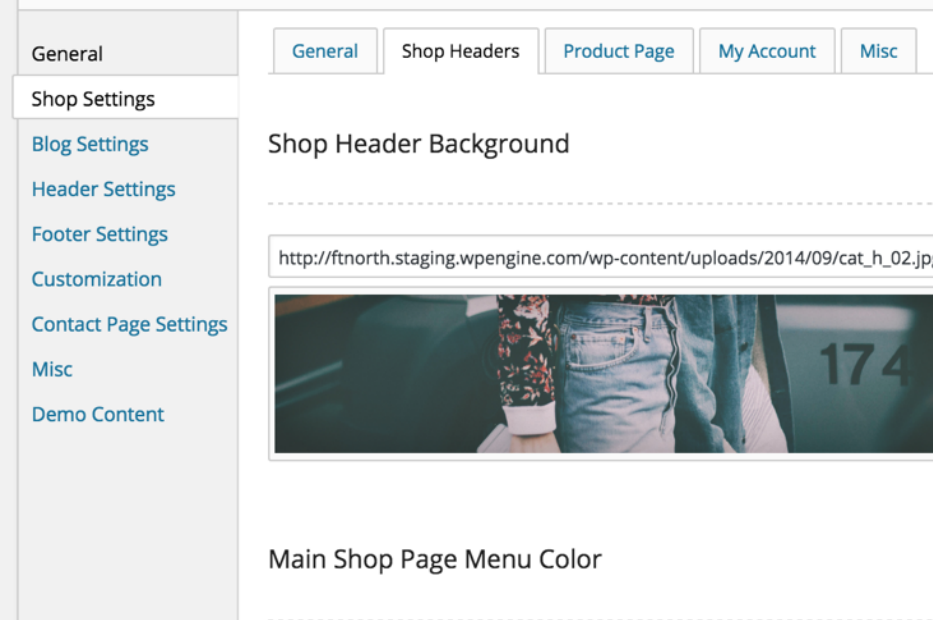
We have added custom Visual Composer Elements on top of the default ones to create unique layouts. You can find these extra elements under the **by Fuel Themes** tab inside Add Element window:



Most of the elements are self-explanatory, so you can try different settings.

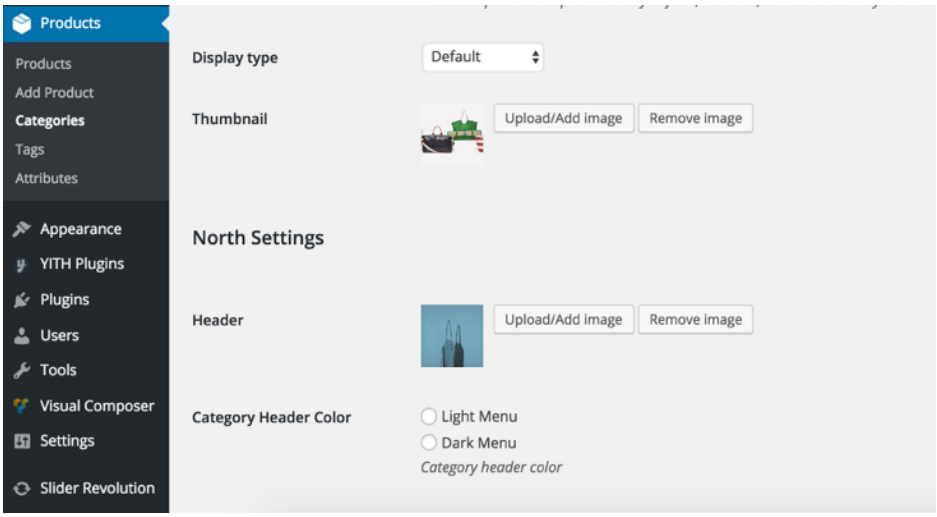
9. Adding a Shop Header

You can add a shop header image from Appearance > Theme Options > Shop Settings > Shop Headers:



10. Adding Category Header Images

You can change category headers individually from Edit Category pages:



11. Translating Theme Phrases

This theme is localization ready, which means you can use localization tools to translate your theme. Please use one of the below tools to translate your theme. I personally prefer **Poedit**.

Pootle: An open source web-based translation system. The server hosted at Locamotion.org currently has WordPress translation enabled on it.

Poedit: An open source program for Windows, Mac OS X and UNIX/Linux which provides an easy-to-use GUI for editing PO files and generate MO files.

GNU Gettext: The official Gettext tools package contains command-line tools for creating POTs, manipulating POs, and generating MOs. "For those comfortable with a command shell"

The translation file is located in languages folder (**/inc/languages**). Edit the .po file using POEdit, use the translation field to make replacements.

From the file menu, save file with your language name e.g de_DE.po. It will generate both a .po and .mo file for your translation.

Next edit wp-config.php located in the root folder of wordpress and define the WPLANG prefix with your language name which should be similar to the translation file name.

You can find more info on editing the wp-config.php and adding the WPLANG prefix here: http://codex.wordpress.org/Editing_wp-config.php#Language_and_Language_Directory

12. Multi-Language Support Using WPML

To enable multi-language support, you need to purchase the WPML plugin. What WPML does is gives you the ability to add different translations of your posts, pages & products.

Getting started:
http://wpml.org/documentation/getting-started-guide/

How to set and translate main features of the theme
http://wpml.org/documentation/translating-your-contents/using-the-translation-editor/

Translation Management & Features
http://wpml.org/documentation/translating-your-contents/using-the-translation-editor/translation-management-features/

Translating URL slugs
http://wpml.org/documentation/getting-started-guide/translating-page-slugs/

How to scan strings coming from the theme / plugin
http://wpml.org/documentation/getting-started-guide/theme-localization/

How to translate strings using String Translation
http://wpml.org/documentation/getting-started-guide/string-translation/

13. Updating the theme

There are 2 methods to update our wordpress themes to newer version. These new updates are essential if you want to have a bug free website as we give new features and improvements to the theme over time. some of these updates might be needed in order to make the theme compatible with wordpress newer versions. there is no risk on losing your settings and pages. However if you have done modifications on core theme files, then they will be lost, so you should back up those files.

Update Through Wordpress Admin Panel

- For this method you should first install **Theme Upgrades Tool** (http://wordpress.org/plugins/easy-theme-and-plugin-upgrades/)
- Unzip the file you just downloaded from ThemeForest and locate the WordPress Theme. (eg. north-wp.zip)
- Log into your WordPress Dashboard.
- Click on **Appearance > Themes**. Still within the Themes section, on header tab, click on **Add New**, then on header second tab click **Upload Theme**.
- Click **Browse…** and locate the new theme file. (eg. north-wp.zip)
- In the **Upgrade existing theme?** option choose **Yes** from the dropdown list.
- Click **Install Now"**
- Click **Activate**.

Updating using a FTP software

- Login into your Themeforest account and go to downloads (Dashboard > Downloads)
- Download the theme into your computer
- Install an FTP program (Filezilla is free)
- Retrieve your FTP login information from your hosting admin panel and login into your hosting via FTP
- Unzip the item main file
- Locate north-**wp.zip** and unzip it. make sure your unzipping software do not create extra directory with the same name nested into each other.
- Drag and drop theme main folder into your FTP program with the destination : **YOUR_HOSTING_ROOT/YOUR_SUBDIRECTORY/wp-content/themes/**
- FTP program will give a warning that there is an existing with the same directory name, choose replace all.

Also, remember to clear your browser cache after each update if you notice anything off. Old theme files can persist in your local cache and make you think something's wrong.

14. Get Support for your theme

As per Envato rules, you get **6 months of free support** for your WordPress theme.

Support deals with installation of the theme, issues that arise from the usage of any features available by default, **BUG FIXES**, and **SMALL MODIFICATIONS** within one or two lines of code. We do not offer support for installation or administration of WordPress itself, nor do we provide support for any third party plugins, or problems associated with using them in a combination with one of our themes.

I have read the documentation and cannot find a solution to my problem
If you are still having troubles, please use our support forum here: http://fuelthemes.ticksy.com/

I need Fuel Themes to install & setup the theme for me
Please check out our Professional Installation Service on Envato Studio

I need complex customizations
Please fill out the customization form on our website: http://fuelthemes.net/theme-customization/
We also partnered up with WP Curve for customers who need a professional regularly monitoring their WordPress website.

What is your recommended hosting for a hassle-free, fast website?
WPEngine is absolutely phenomenal. They have the best support and our demos are hosted on their platform since we started. Get 2 months free hosting with WP Engine on any shared annual plan