

Black Label Studios

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Wordpress Theme Collection

Thanks for downloading the Black Label Studios WP theme pack. We hope you enjoy the use of our theme, and kindly ask that you keep our footer intact when using our design work. This helps us pay for new designs and keeps our business going.

Installing the WP Theme

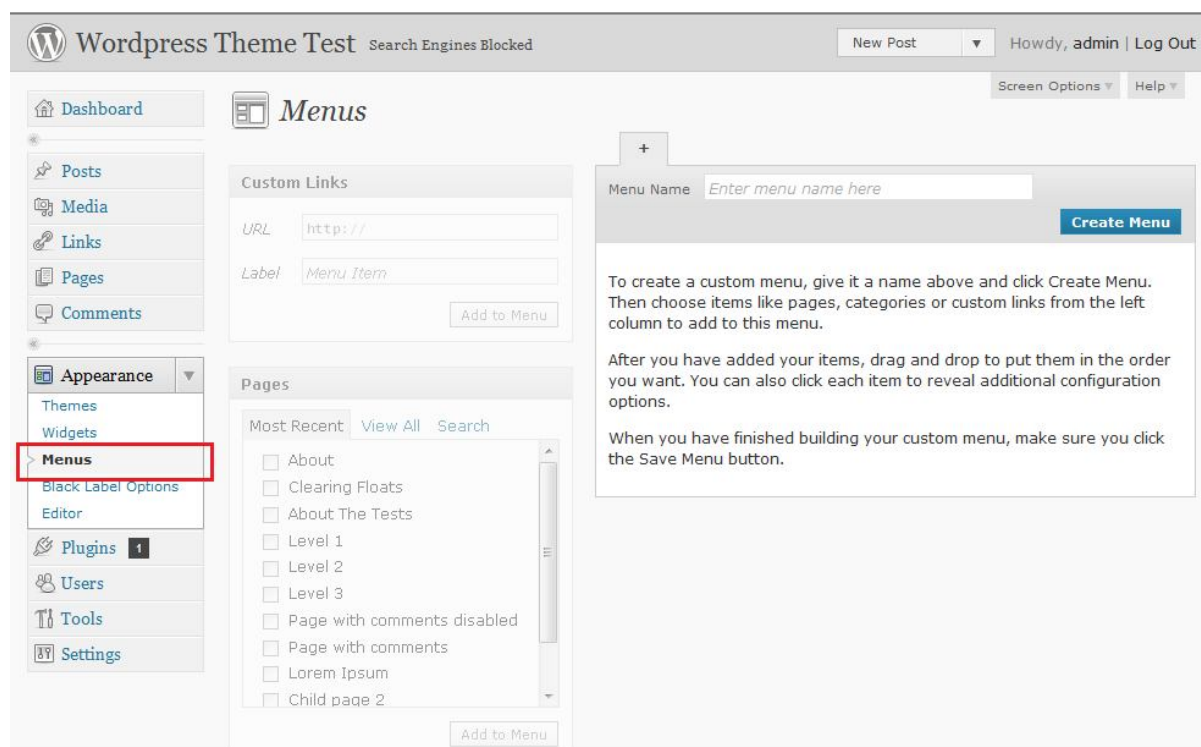
After extracting the ZIP file containing the theme (and these instructions), use your preferred FTP client to transfer these up to your Wordpress installation under the wp-content/themes folder.

Within your Wordpress administration, go to Appearance, select the desired theme (which will bring up an example of your site with the theme applied). Click on Activate at the top-right of this example screen to put the new theme into effect.

IMPORTANT! As the theme uses a 3rd party LavaLamp menu system, you will need to configure your menu. Default Wordpress pages (and sub-menu items) may not display correctly until this has been done. The following instructions will step you through re-creating your primary "main menu", as well as the Footer navigation menu.

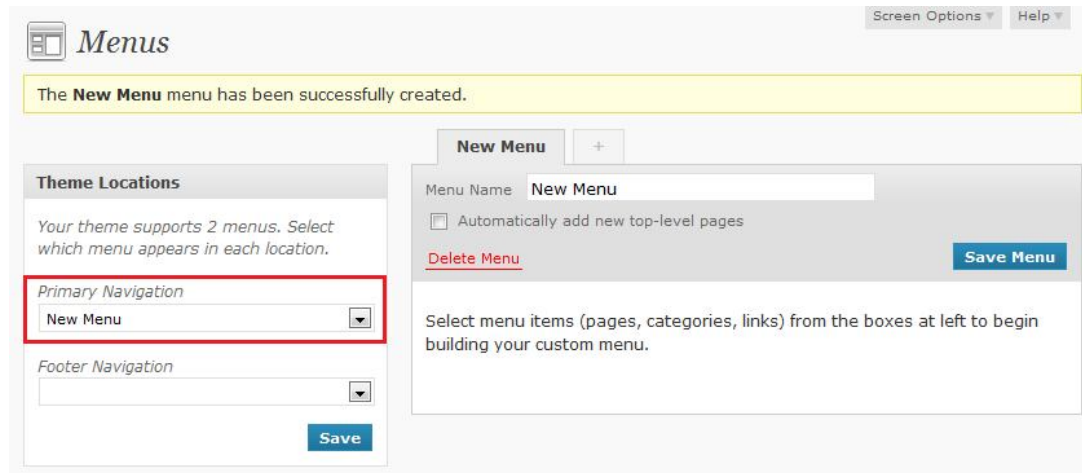
How to configure your LavaLamp Menu

Once the new theme has been activated, a new Menus option will become available under Appearance. Click on this to enter the menu configuration section for your new theme;



Start by giving your new menu a name, and clicking on Create Menu. This will unlock the menu configuration sections to the left of the main menu window.

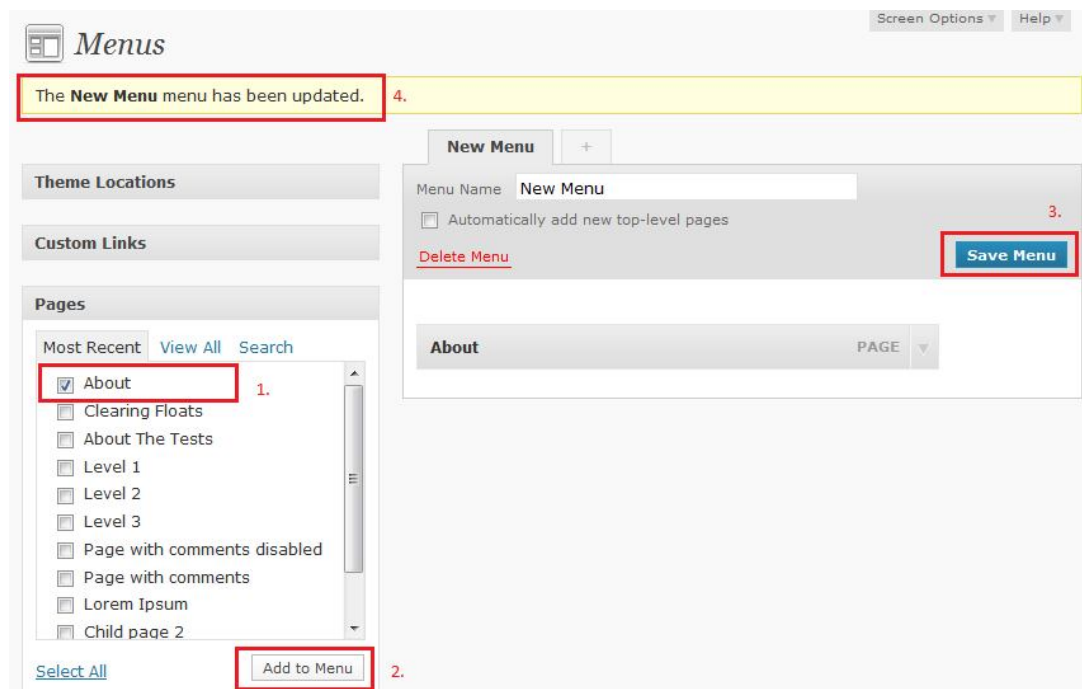
Set the **Primary Navigation** (the menu at the top of your Wordpress page) to use the new menu you just created;



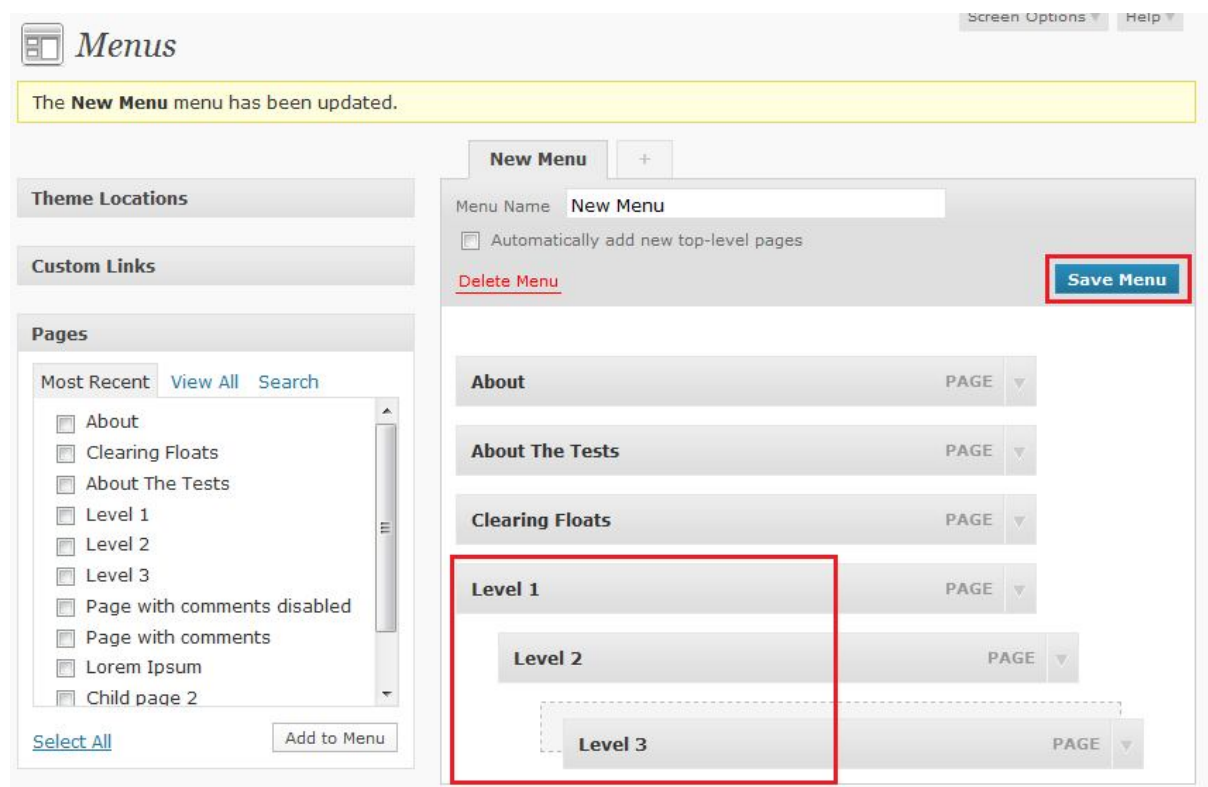
At this point, the menu on your Wordpress blog will just appear as an empty menu background banner. From here you can start to build your menu up using existing Wordpress pages, categories and / or URLs.

The below example uses the test data provided by the Wordpress.org website (imported via tools -> import);
<http://svn.automattic.com/wpcom-themes/test-data.2010-08-02.xml>

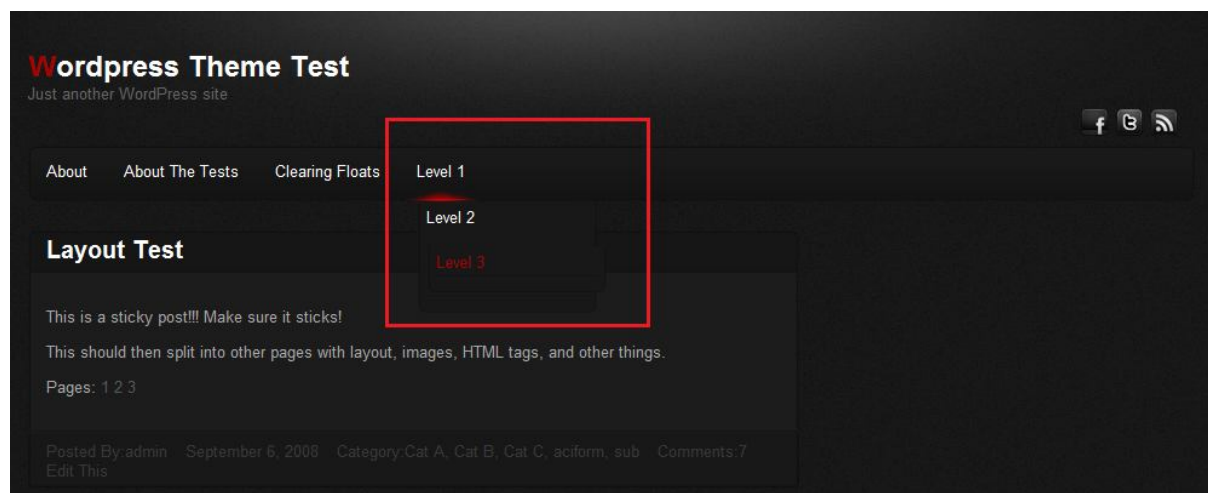
Start by selecting the About page (under pages), click Add to Menu. This will add the About Page to the new menu window. Click Save Menu to bring this into effect on the website;



To create 2nd and 3rd level menus, simply drag the newly added menu item to the right, in order to indent or step the menu beneath another menu item as seen below, remembering to click on Save menu to bring the options into effect.;

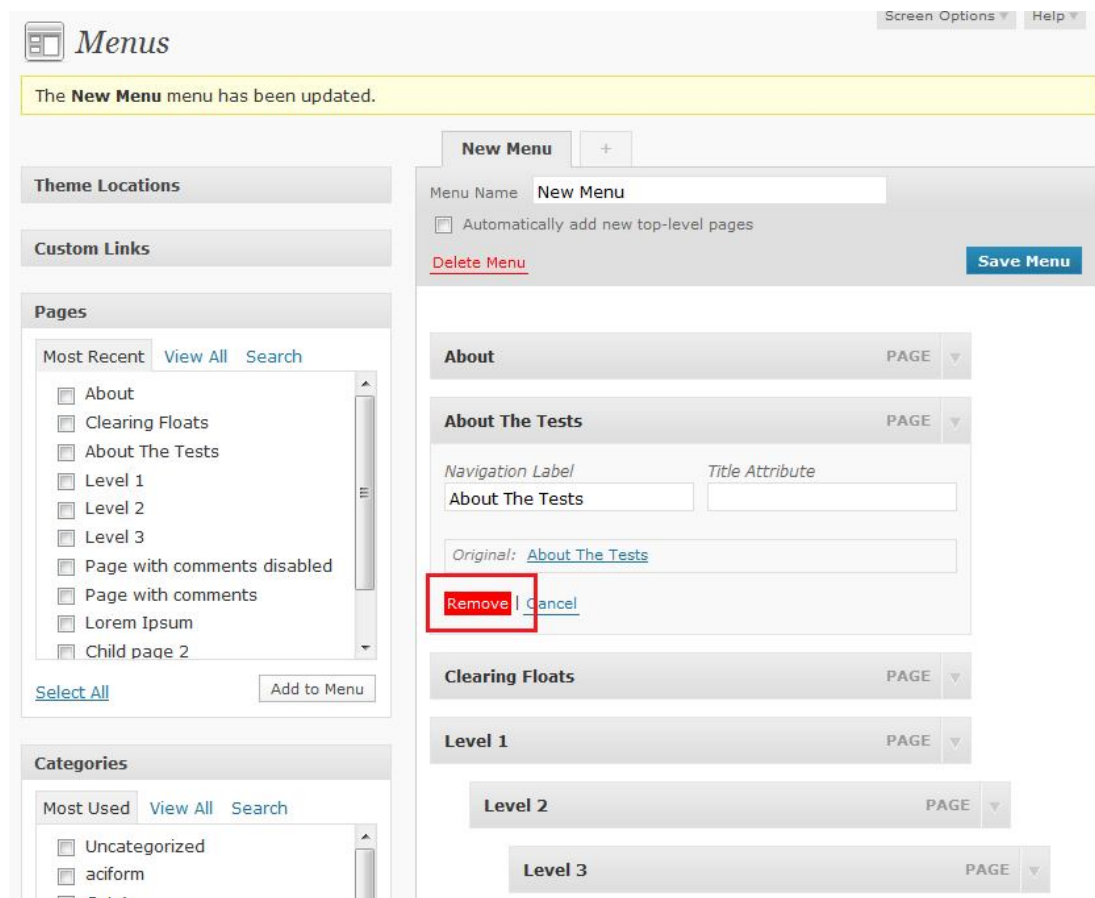


The above setup will look as follows on the website (once saved) – using the black and red theme;



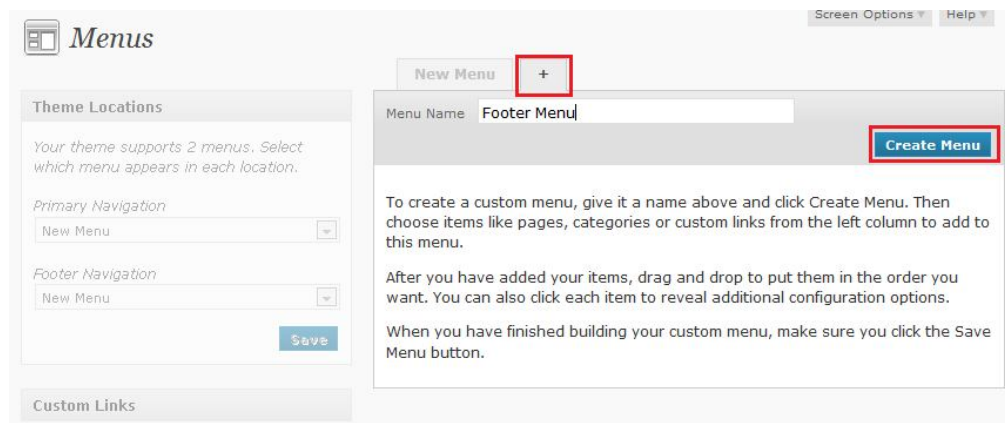
The 3rd party LavaLamp menu does have a few limitations – the main one being with the number of menu options possible at the top of the page, however if working within this parameter you should find the menu quite functional.

To **remove menu items**, expand that item under the main menu window, and click on remove. Again remembering to save the menu to put this into effect;



Creating the Footer Menu;

As mention above, the default Wordpress menus may not display correctly until re-created for the LavaLamp menu system used with this design. As such, you will also need to create a separate menu for your footer navigation. To do this, start by clicking the "+" symbol next to your new menu (which you created above);



Give the menu a name, and click create menu.

The next step is to configure the website to use this new menu. You do this via the Theme locations frame to the left of the main menu window;

The screenshot shows the WordPress 'Menus' screen. At the top, a yellow message states: 'The Footer Menu menu has been successfully created.' Below this, on the left, is the 'Theme Locations' panel. It indicates 'Your theme supports 2 menus. Select which menu appears in each location.' Under 'Primary Navigation', 'New Menu' is selected. Under 'Footer Navigation', 'Footer Menu' is selected and highlighted with a red box. A 'Save' button is at the bottom of this panel. On the right, the 'Footer Menu' configuration panel is active. It shows 'Menu Name: Footer Menu', an unchecked checkbox for 'Automatically add new top-level pages', a 'Delete Menu' link, and a 'Save Menu' button highlighted with a red box. Below these is a text area: 'Select menu items (pages, categories, links) from the boxes at left to begin building your custom menu.'

Select the new footer menu you've just created, click save, then "Save menu" to bring this into effect. You can now proceed with configuring your footer menu in the same way as your primary menu. To switch between the menus in the setup, simple select the appropriate tab;

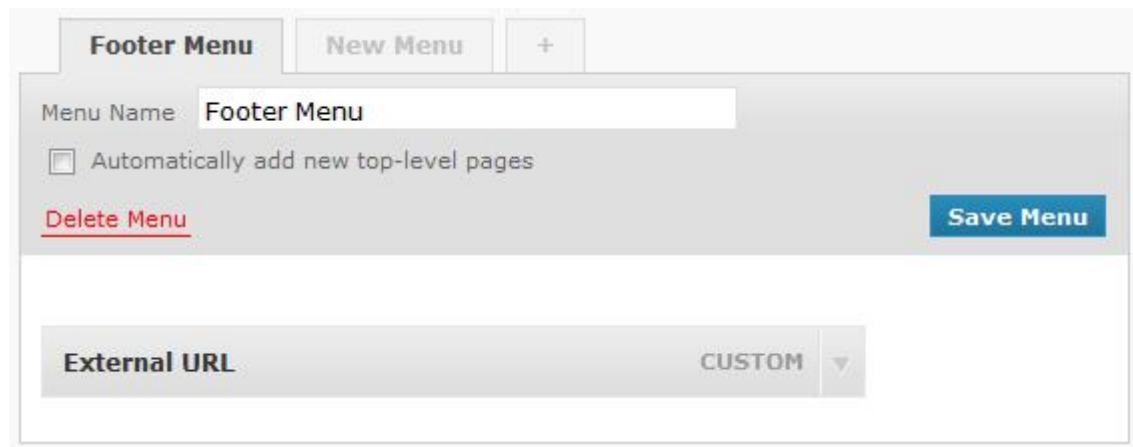
This screenshot is similar to the previous one, showing the 'Footer Menu' configuration. However, the 'New Menu' tab is now highlighted with a red box, indicating the user can switch between menu configurations. The 'Footer Menu' tab is currently selected. The 'Theme Locations' panel on the left remains the same, with 'Footer Menu' selected for 'Footer Navigation'. The 'Save Menu' button on the right is still highlighted with a red box.

Adding External URLs;

To add external URLs to your menu, expand the "Custom Links" form on the page. Fill in the URL details and anchor text, then click add to menu to include this into your navigation;

This screenshot shows the 'Custom Links' form expanded at the bottom of the 'Footer Menu' configuration page. The 'Custom Links' section is highlighted with a red box. It contains a 'URL' field with the value 'http://www.someurl.com', a 'Label' field with the value 'External URL', and an 'Add to Menu' button. The 'Theme Locations' panel on the left is still visible, showing 'Footer Menu' selected for 'Footer Navigation'. The 'Footer Menu' configuration panel on the right is also visible, showing the 'Save Menu' button.

Once added, you will see this become available in your main menu window. Click “Save Menu” to bring this into effect on your website;



The screenshot shows the WordPress menu configuration interface. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Footer Menu' (selected), 'New Menu', and a '+' icon. Below the tabs, the 'Menu Name' is set to 'Footer Menu'. There is a checkbox labeled 'Automatically add new top-level pages' which is currently unchecked. To the left of the checkbox is a red link labeled 'Delete Menu'. To the right is a blue button labeled 'Save Menu'. Below these elements is a large white rectangular area. At the bottom of this area, there is a label 'External URL' and a dropdown menu currently set to 'CUSTOM'.

Your footer menu should now reflect the configured menu within your admin;

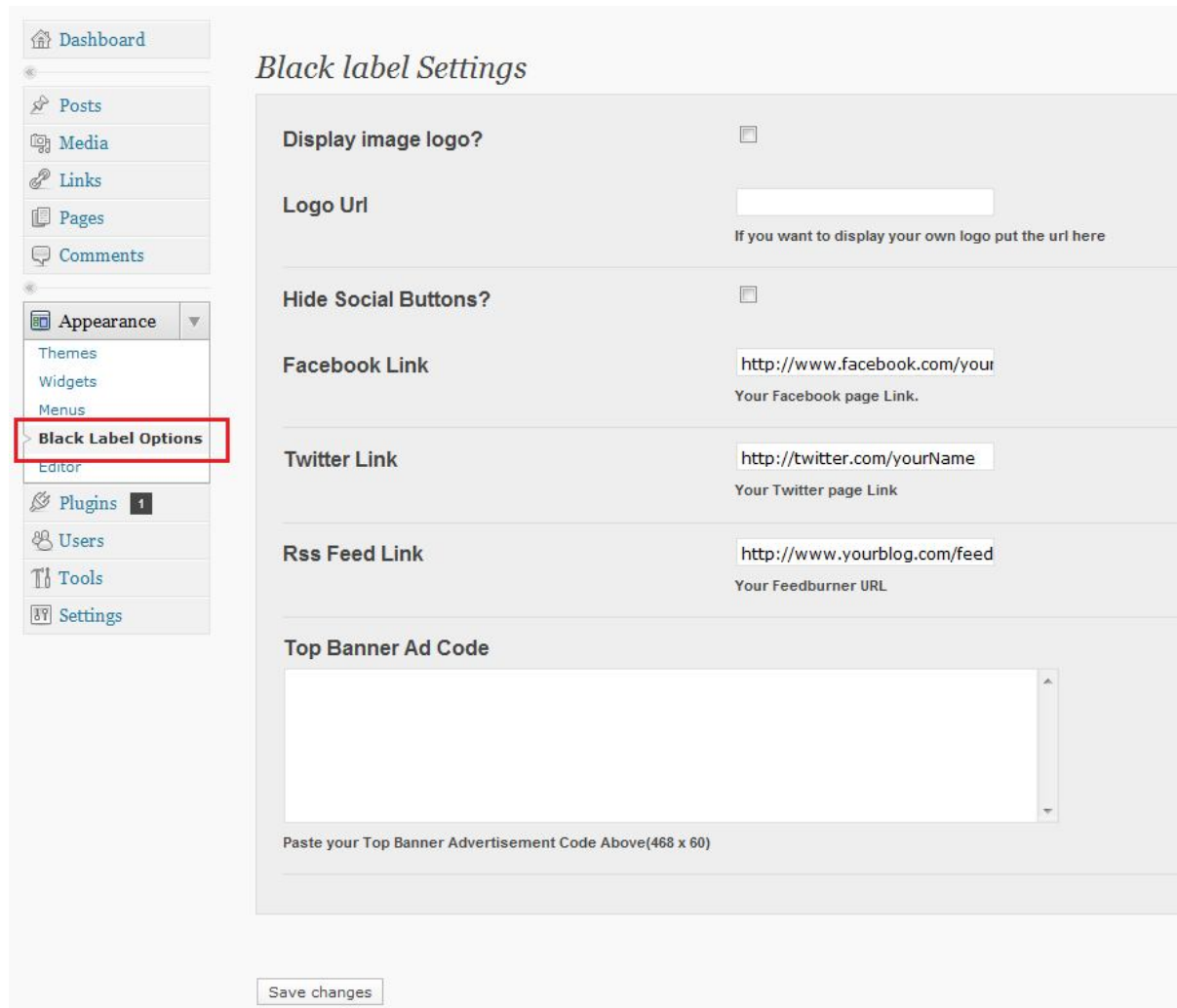


More IMPORTANT Information!

If you wish to switch between the Black Label themes, you will need to go back into Menus and reset the Primary and Footer Navigations back to the menus you’ve created above. Until this is done, the site will use the default Wordpress pages and menu configuration which may not display correctly on the website.

The Black Label Options

The theme also allows for you to specify Social networking buttons and gives you the option to including a banner image into the design. These settings are configurable (and optional) under Appearance, Black Label Options;



Black label Settings

Display image logo? ☐

Logo Url

If you want to display your own logo put the url here

Hide Social Buttons? ☐

Facebook Link

Your Facebook page Link.

Twitter Link

Your Twitter page Link

Rss Feed Link

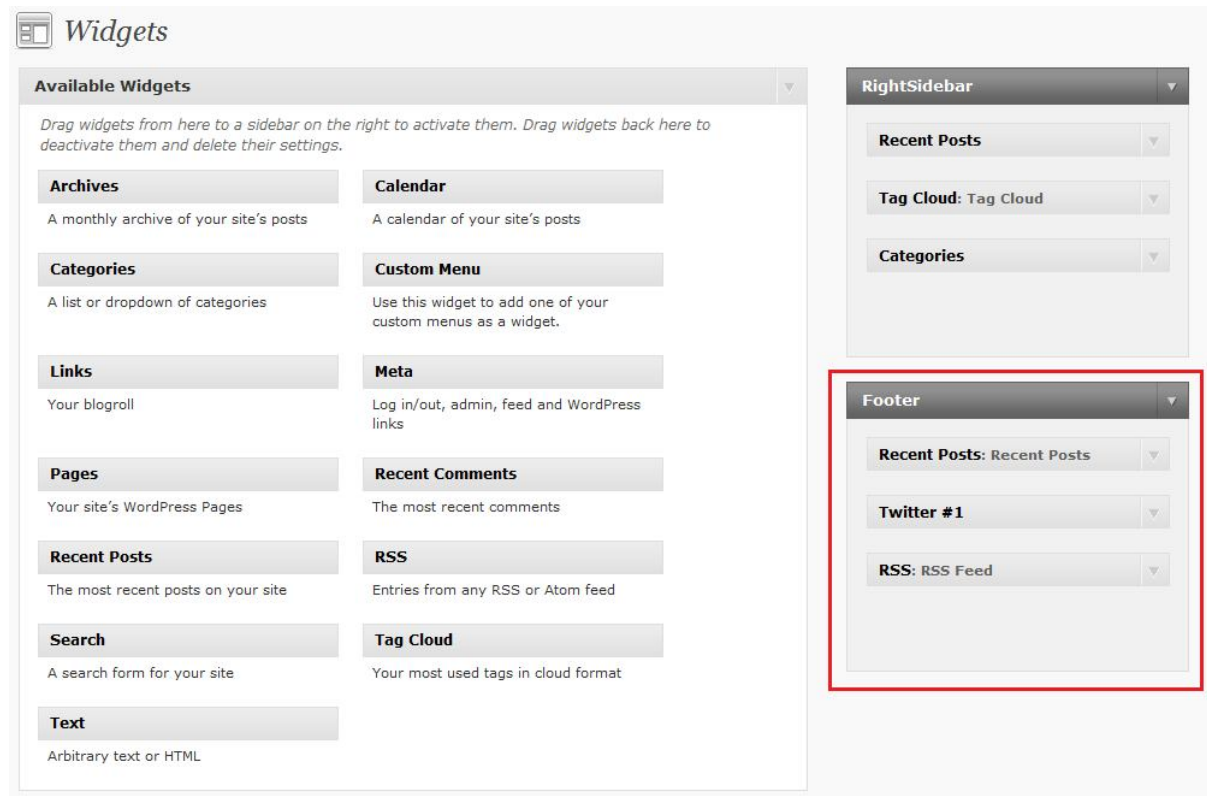
Your Feedburner URL

Top Banner Ad Code

Paste your Top Banner Advertisement Code Above(468 x 60)

Adding the footer widgets;

To add footer widgets into your blog, go to Appearance → Widgets, simply drag the desired (activated) widgets into the Footer box beneath your Right Side Bar box;



Final IMPORTANT Note!

We are happy for you to make any changes to the code as you require, however we do ask that you please keep the Theme Design accreditation in the footer intact. This link on your website costs you nothing, but means a great deal to us and helps us cover our costs toward providing new theme designs.

Thank you for your support, and we hope you enjoy using our theme!

For more information on the jQuery LavaLamp;

<http://nixboxdesigns.com/projects/jquery-lavalamp/>