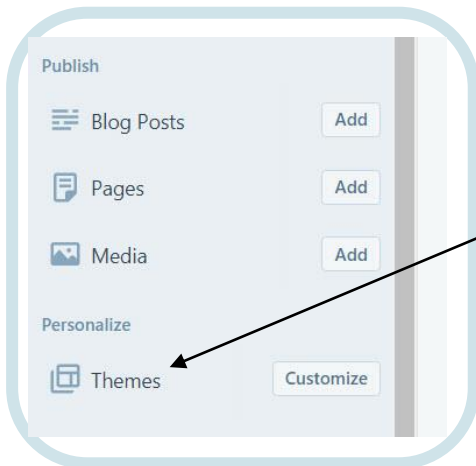


How2 apply a theme to a blog in WordPress

You have learned so far how to set up your blog in WordPress, choosing one of the three themes provided in the setup steps. Now you can choose the theme you really want your blog to have, from a large range of different themes that WordPress offers, even to those using their free account.

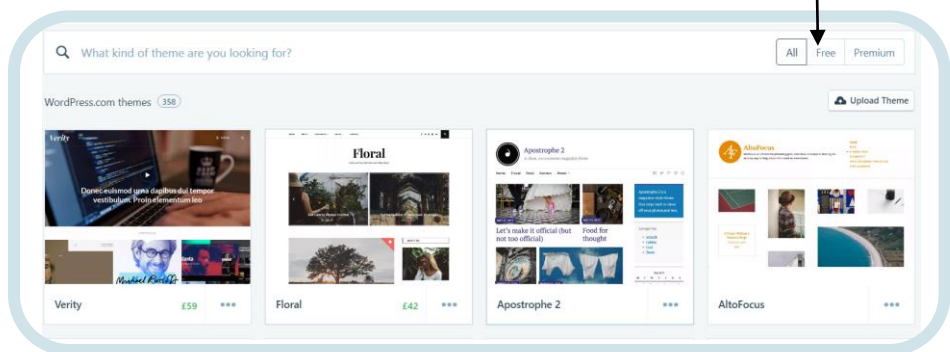
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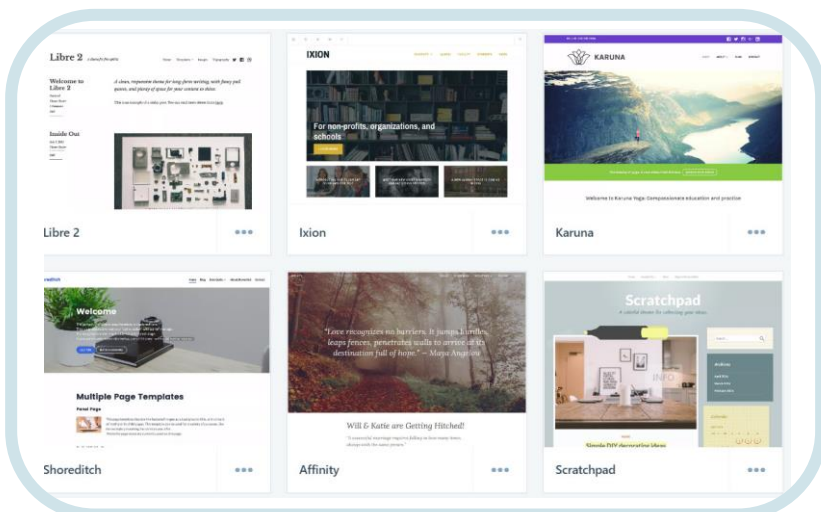
Under My Site in the top left of your blog, you will see a set of menu options which is where you can set all sorts of features for your blog.

Under Personalize, you will find the Themes button. Click on that to open up the Themes option.

In the next window, you will see lots of themes but some of them have a cost. To make sure you are only seeing the themes that are free, click on Free in the options on the right.

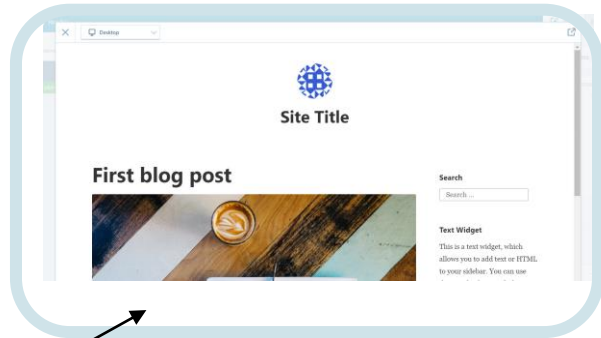
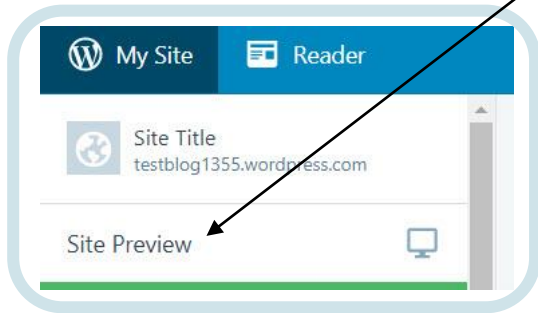


Even with the free options, there are lots of different themes you can choose from. Scroll through and choose the one that you like. Click on it to find out more about it – some are designed for businesses, restaurants, even schools. Look for one that is made for personal bloggers, such as **Independent Publisher**. Click Activate this design to apply it to your blog.



Checking what it looks like

To see what your new theme looks like, click on Site Preview.



You can then see your blog in its preview window. If you're not impressed with the theme, you can always change it later!

Now check out how **How2 add an image to a blog post in WordPress** which explains how to create your first blog post, complete with images.