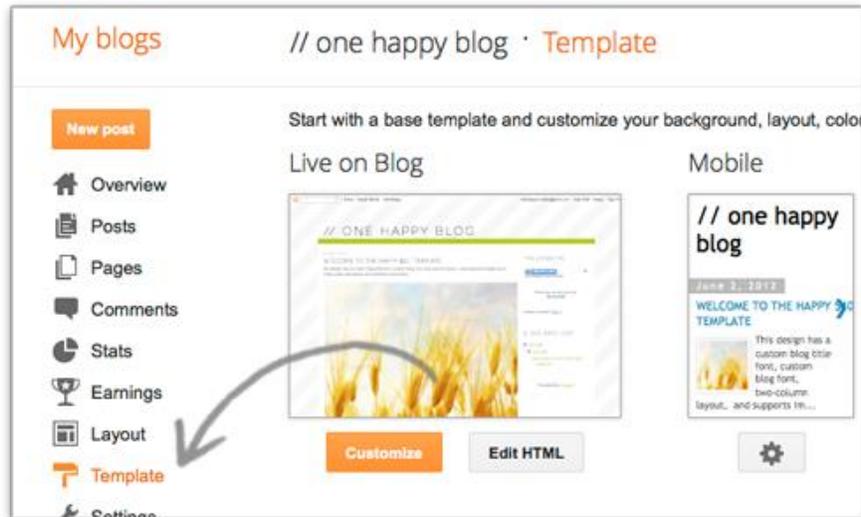


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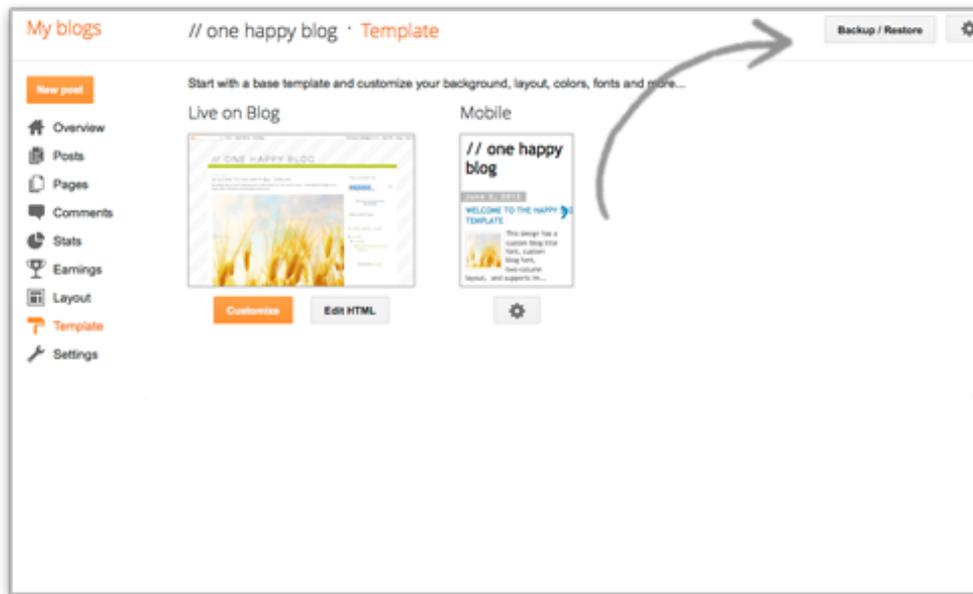
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STEP 1: BACKUP YOUR TEMPLATE

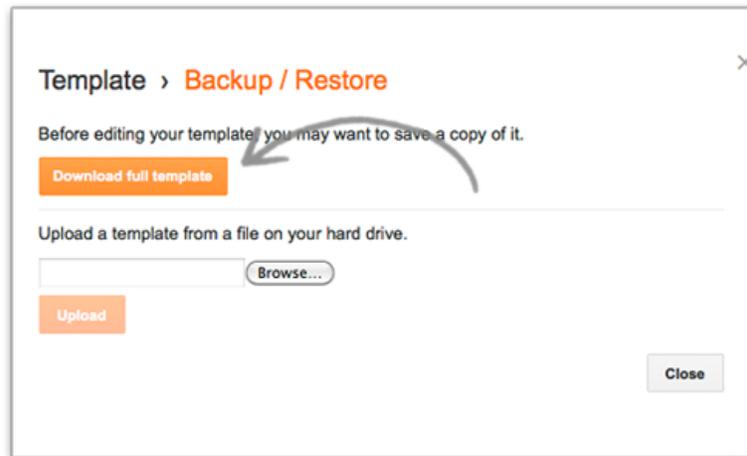
- Just to be safe, start by backing up your current template. From your control panel page, select the **Template** tab.



- On the top right, select the **Backup / Restore** button.



- Click the **Download Full Template** button.

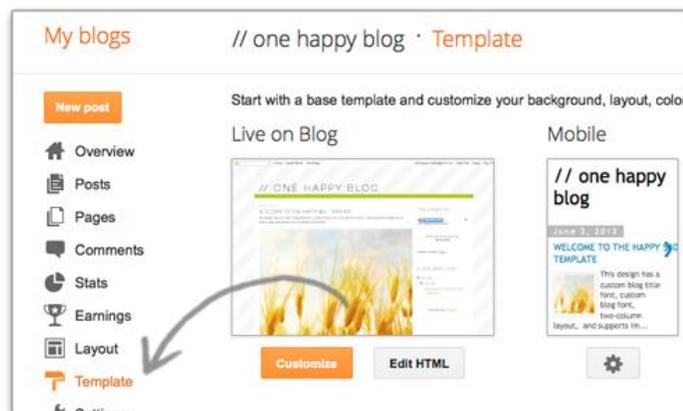


STEP 2: DOWNLOAD AND UNZIP THE TEMPLATE FILE

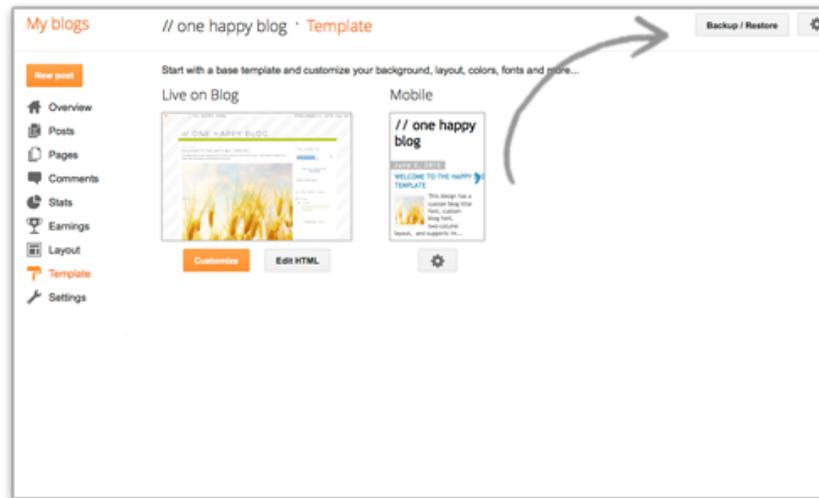
- In the email sent to you, click on the **Template File** link and save it to your computer. Please note that the link is good for a maximum of 5 downloads during the next 24 hours.
- Locate the zipped file on your computer and unzip it.
 - FOR THOSE USING A PC: double click on the file and then click **Extract all files**.
 - FOR THOSE USING A MAC: double click on the file and it will unzip.

STEP 3: INSTALL THE TEMPLATE

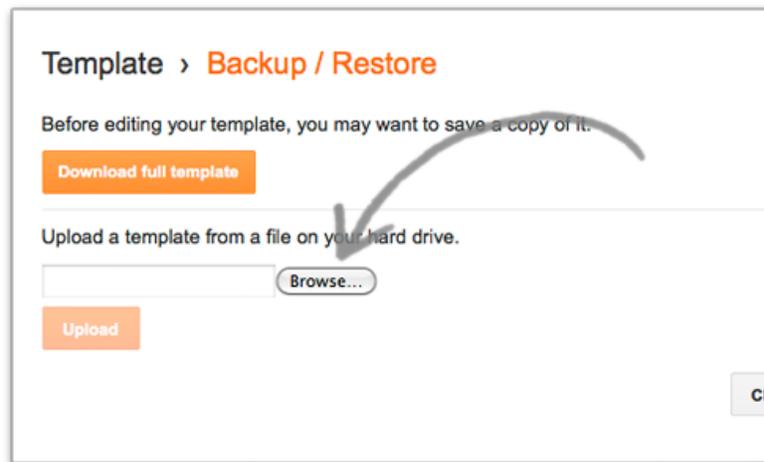
- Return to your blog's control panel and click on the **Template** tab.



- Click the **Backup / Restore** button on the top-right corner.



- When the pop-up box appears, you will see an option to **upload a template from a file on your hard drive**.



- FOR THOSE USING A PC:
 - Select **Browse** and find your unzipped folder from your computer.
 - Double click on the unzipped folder to open it. The file you want to upload is an .xml file and will be the name of the template followed by a series of numbers (ie: jackie4892 or jackie4892.xml).
 - Select the file and then hit the **Upload** button.

- FOR THOSE USING A MAC:
 - Find your unzipped file from your computer. The file you want to upload is an .xml file and will be the name of the template followed by a series of numbers (ie: jackie4892 or jackie4892.xml).
 - Select the file and then hit the **Upload** button.
- **IMPORTANT!** – if a warning message appears asking if you want to keep your widgets, BE SURE to choose **keep widgets** or you will lose all your current gadgets/widgets.

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS:

- If you receive the following error message when uploading the file:

We were unable to save your template. Your template could not be parsed as it is not well-formed. Please make sure all XML elements are closed properly. XML error message: (SyntaxError) : Unexpected token '<'

Tip #1: Try switching to a different web browser and it should work for you. Firefox is recommended.

Tip #2: Make sure you are uploading the unzipped.xml file only and not the entire zipped folder. The .xml file is found inside the folder after unzipping it.

- If after installing the design you still see your old design covering the new design, you need to find the gadget the old design is installed to and delete that widget. If your old header is covering up the new design, go into your header widget and delete the old header image. Your blog needs to be free of all past design elements for the new template to appear correctly.

CUSTOMIZATION TIPS:

Most of our templates have features that can be customized. Customizations for your particular design were listed at checkout and are listed on your purchase receipt.

To apply customizations

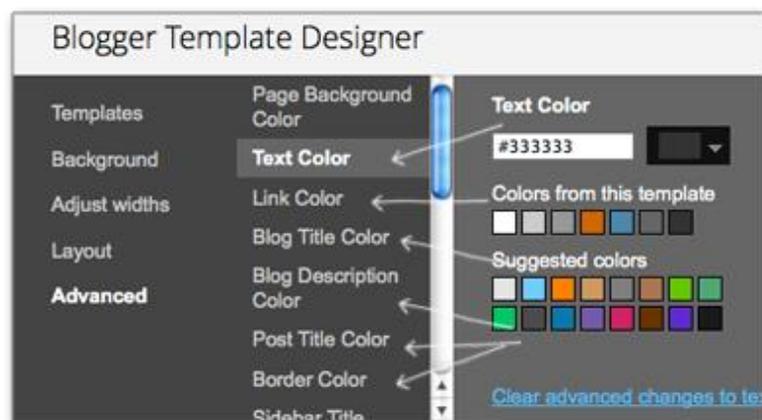
- Go to your blogs control panel.
- Click on the **Template** tab on the left.
- Click on the **Customize** button



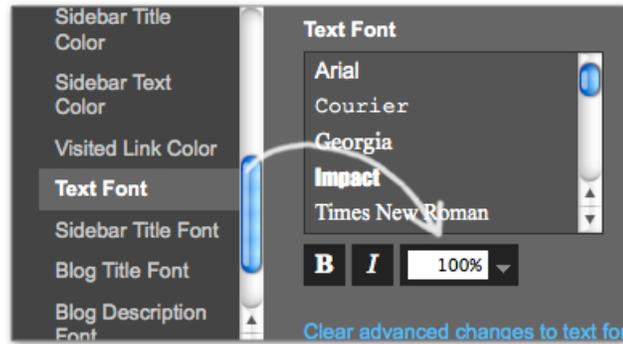
- Click on the **Advanced** tab on the left.



- If your design has custom color options, you will be able to apply them in the color tabs.



- To change the size of your fonts, you will change the size percentage.

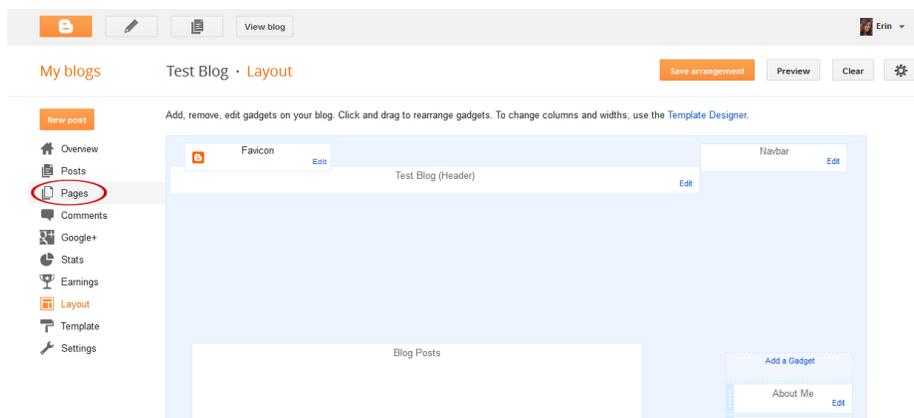


- You will see a preview of all of the changes you make, so feel free to play around with things until you get it looking like you are wanting (**note:** if your design comes with custom fonts, the custom fonts will not show up in the template editor, but will appear once you view your live blog). Nothing will be saved until you click the **apply** button in the top right corner. The **apply** button will save all changes.

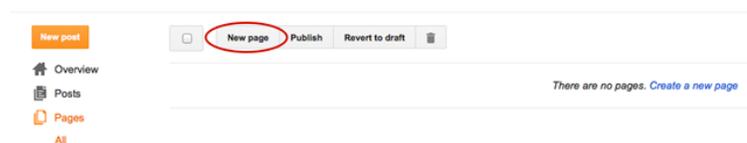
ADDING THE MENU BAR:

Your design comes with a stylized menu bar. If you already have a menu bar in place on your blog, it will automatically assume the stylized look when you install the design. If you do not currently have a menu bar and would like one added, please follow the steps below:

STEP 1: click on the **Pages** link.

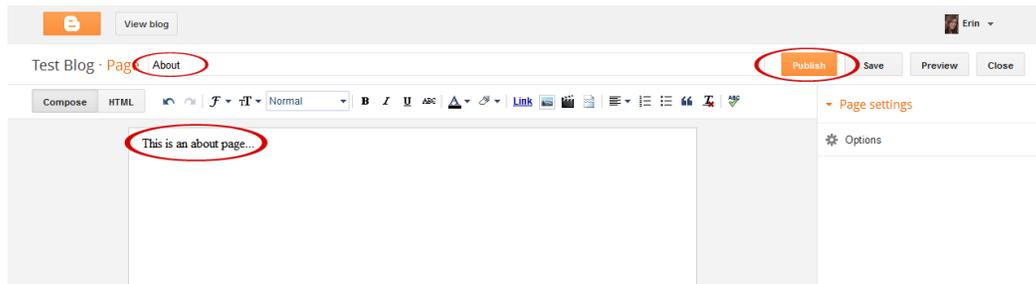


STEP 2: click the **New Page** button.

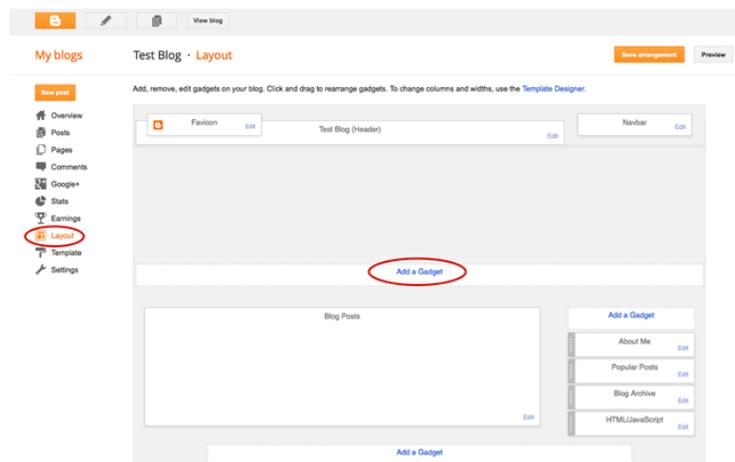


STEP 3: type the page title (this will appear as a link on the navigation bar), add the page content and then click **Publish**.

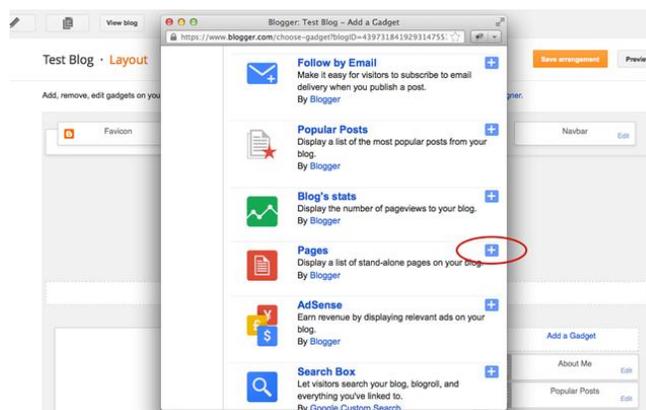
Note: make sure the page is published or it will not show on your navigation bar.



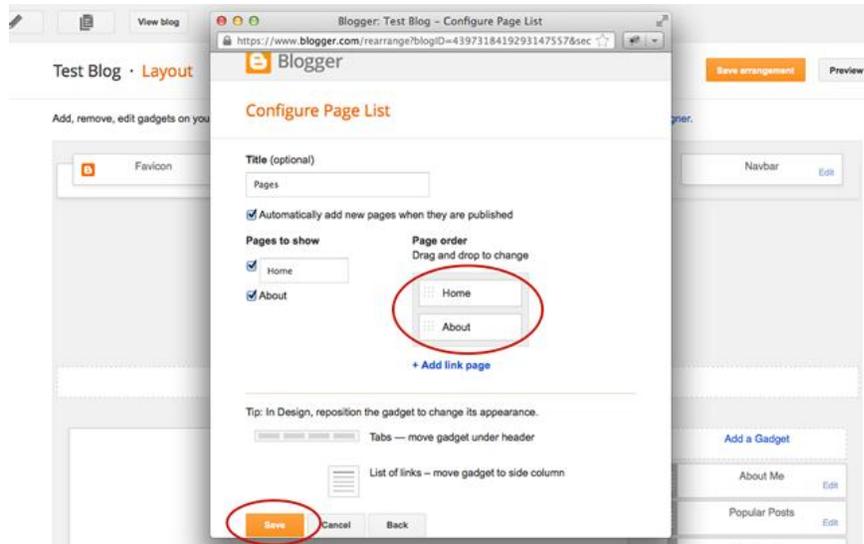
STEP 4: After your pages are published, you need to add the **Pages** gadget to your layout to make the categories appear on your blog. Go back to **Layout** and click on **Add a Gadget** in the space underneath the header.



STEP 5: Choose **Pages** from the list of gadget options.



STEP 6: Drag and drop your categories to rearrange them in the order you want them to appear and then click **Save**. Your design will now show the menu bar when you view your blog.



Enjoy your new design! Please contact us at info@designerblogs.com if you have any questions or difficulties uploading your design and we'll be happy to offer additional assistance.