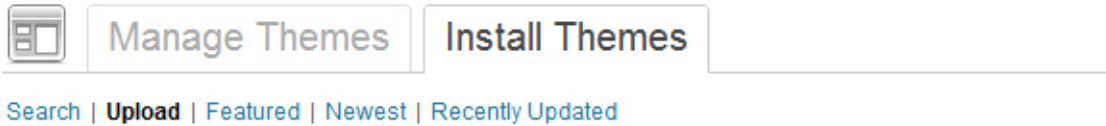


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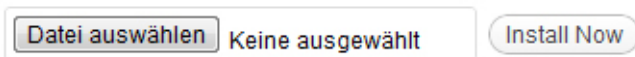
1. Theme-Installation

After downloading the Nilmini theme .zip folder on your WordPress blog just log into your WordPress admin panel and go to design / themes. Next to the tab „Manage Themes“ you can find the „**Install themes**“ tab menu. At the top of the bar, just choose the „**upload**“ option.



Install a theme in .zip format

If you have a theme in a .zip format, you may install it by uploading it here.



The Nilmini theme folder must be in the zip format to upload it via the WordPress admin panel. Just click on the „**Install Now**“ button to install the theme. After the successful installation you can click on the „**Activate**“ link to activate Nilmini as your current blog theme.

Alternatively, you can also install the theme directly to your server with a FTP client (e.g. Filezilla). Just drop the unzipped Nilmini folder into the **wp-content/themes** folder. Now you can see the Nilmini theme under available theme in your themes admin panel and you can choose to activate Nilmini from here.

2. Theme Options Page

Now you can setting the options for your Nilmini theme. On the Theme Options page (**Appearance / Theme Options**) you can find several ways to customize the theme.

You can set your **individual link color** using the Color Picker or by typing in a colors #hex value directly. Also you can choose to use serif or sans-serif font, or display the posts meta info (date, author info and comments count) at the right side of the post content (default) or at the left side.

You can also upload your own **logo image** (jpg or png) via the theme options page. Just upload your logo image to the WordPress Media Library using the link on the theme options page. In the media library settings you must copy the file URL of your image, save your settings and paste this URL into the text field of the custom logo image.

If you don't want to show the **search form in the header** you can also hide the search form via the theme options check box.

One more theme option is an **intro text slogan** you can type in the theme options textarea. Here you can write a little slogan about yourself or your blog.

You can also upload a **custom favicon** for your blog. Just create 16x16 pixel JPG image and convert it (e.g. with an online favicon generator like faviconr.com) to the .ico file format. Now you just have to upload the favicon.ico file to your Nilmini theme folder (e.g. via a FTP program) and paste the favicon URL into the custom favicon text field on the theme options page.

If you like to **change the footer text** in your blog, you can paste your individual footer text into the text area of „Custom Footer text“. You can use HTML code like ` link text ` for a link.

Nilmini Theme Options

Custom Link Color

 
Default color: #E84D38

Font Option

serif sans-serif

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scelerisque sed duis

This is a head

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tristique augue, et mi
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Layout Option

Posts meta info right Posts meta info left





Custom Logo Image

[Upload your own logo image](#) using the WordPress Media Library and then insert the URL here

Hide header search form

 Check this box to hide the search form in the header.

Custom Header Slogan

Hi, I am Ellen, a web developer and blogger from Stuttgart, Germany. Here on my personal blog I just want to share some thoughts and pictures with you.

If you want to show a header slogan text, insert your slogan text here.

Custom Footer text

Customize the footer credit text. Standard HTML is allowed.

Custom Favicon

Create a favicon image e.g. with [Faviconr](#), upload your .ico Favicon Image (via FTP) to your server and enter the Favicon URL here

Share post buttons

 Check this box to include a post short URL, Twitter, Facebook and Google+ button on the blogs front page and on single post

Share post buttons on single posts only

 Check this box to include the share post buttons only on single post pages.

With the last option on the theme options page you can choose to include a posts share option to your posts. Either you choose to show the share option (short URL, twitter, facebook like and google+ button) at the blogs front page and on single post pages or on single post pages alone.

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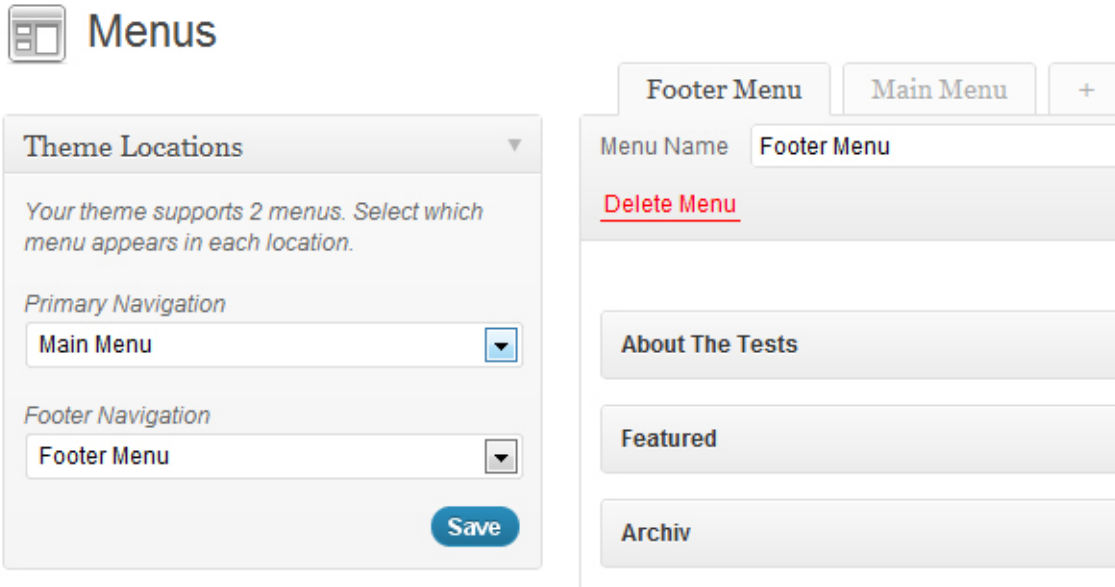
Short URL   

To use the WP.me short URL (like in the Nilmini live demo) you can install the Jetpack by WordPress.com (<http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/jetpack/>) and activate the shortcode option there.

3. Custom Menus

Under **Appearance / Menu** in the admin panel you can set up the custom menus for your blog navigation. This WordPress option is very helpful because here you can choose the navigation links of your blog for the main header navigation and the optional footer navigation.

Just create your own custom menus (you can choose any name for your menus) using custom links, pages or categories. Now you only have to choose your menus as **Primary Navigation** (header) and **Footer Navigation** (if you like an additional navigation in the footer) in the „**Theme Locations**“ field.



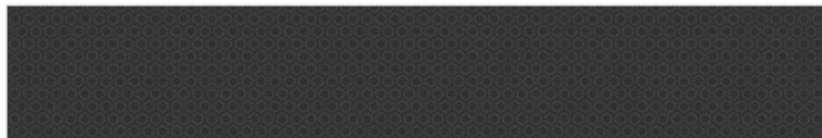
4. Custom background color or image

You can also customize the background of your blog with a different background color or by uploading a custom background image. To do so go to **Appearance / Background** in your WordPress admin panel.

Custom Background

Background Image

Preview



Remove Image

[Remove Background Image](#)

This will remove the background image. You will not be able to restore any customizations.

Upload Image

Choose an image from your computer:

[Datei auswählen](#) [Keine ausgewählt](#) [Upload](#)

Display Options

Position

Left Center Right

Repeat

No Repeat Tile Tile Horizontally Tile Vertically

Attachment

Scroll Fixed

Color

[Select a Color](#)

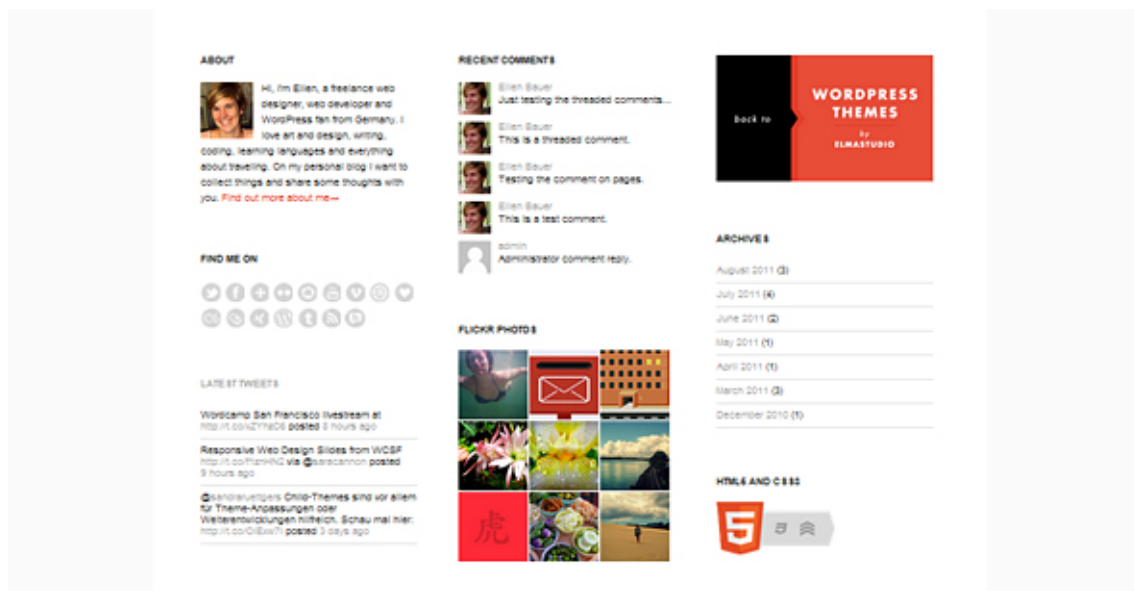
[Save Changes](#)

In Nilmini theme folder under **images / backgrounds**, we prepared 6 some background images with different patterns you can use as your background image. Of course you can also prepare your own image and

upload it via the background settings. Just make sure your image has not a very large file size because this might cause your blog to load very slow into the browser, especially on mobile devices. If you prepare a smaller image (like 100x100px) you can choose the „tile“ option to repeat the image vertically and horizontally.

5. Custom Widgets

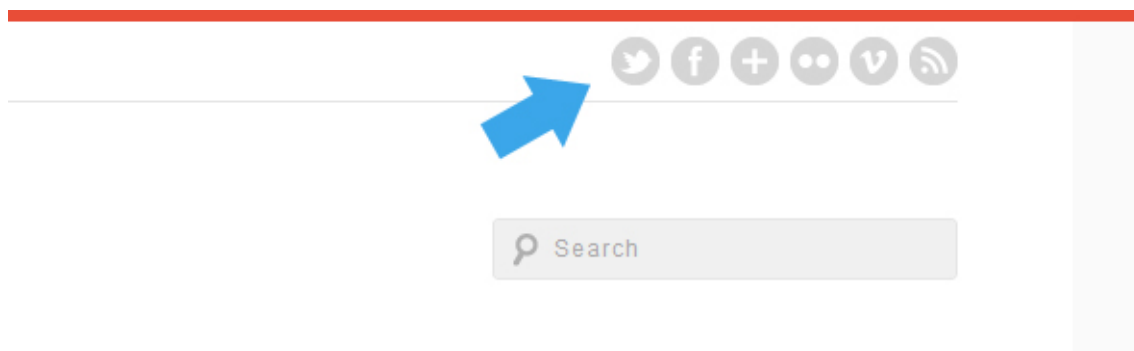
To add WordPress widgets to the optional Nilmini footer widget area (you can add widgets in three columns) go to **Appearance / Widgets** and drag'n'drop the available widgets into the three footer areas.



(Nilmini footer widget area)

In addition you can add a Social Links widget to the theme header (top border) via the Header Social Links area.

With this **Social Links area** you can link to your social profiles on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, YouTube, Google+ and many others directly in your themes header.



(The icon we use in the theme are designed by Gedy Rivera lifetreecreative.com/icons).

To use the Social Links widget just add the URLs of the social profiles that you want to use. All the other fields you can just leave blank.

The other custom Nilmini widget you can select is the **Flickr widget**. In the widgets option you can choose how many pictures you would like to display, whether the images should be of a persons or a Flickr group account and whether you want the latest pictures or a random selection of images to be shown.

You can get your **Flickr ID number** on the website idgettr.com. Copy your Flickr ID and paste it in the widgets option field.

6. Using the post formats

In the Nilmini theme you can choose to use the different WordPress post formats **Standard, Aside, Status, Link, Quote, Chat, Image, Gallery, Video or Audio** for your posts. Just choose the post format in the Format field while writing or editing a post.

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More...

Format

- Standard
- Aside
- Status
- Link
- Quote
- Chat
- Image
- Gallery
- Video
- Audio

With different post formats your blog layout will look more interesting and your readers can see what kind of content the posts show.

For the display of **quotes** you can use the WordPress text editor button „quote“ or choose the blockquote tag in the HTML editor.

For **Video posts** you can simply select the YouTube or Vimeo embed code and insert it into the Video post. For the **Audio post format** you can use a music player widget e.g. from soundcloud.com. You can also install an audio player WordPress plugin such as the j-Player to play audio files right from your blog posts.

Links in the **Link post format** will be shown in a different layout automatically so your users the the link highlighted (see sample post formats posts in the Nilmini theme demo).

For the **Gallery post format** you can just upload multiple images via the Image upload option (Upload/Insert). In the „Add an Image“ window you can find the gallery tab. Here you can choose to insert all images of a post into a gallery. The gallery shortcode **[gallery]** will be inserted into your post.

In the live demo of Nilmini, we also added the amount of columns for the gallery preview pictures to 4. The gallery shortcode will then look like this:

[gallery columns = „4“]

You can find more options for the WordPress gallery shortcode on the WordPress Codex page: http://codex.wordpress.org/Gallery_Shortcode

7. Author info on single post page

If you want to show an author description text at the end of every post on single posts pages you only need to fill out the Biographical Info in a User profile. There you can also insert links (in the format ` link text </ a>`).

8. Threaded Comments support

Nilmini supports WordPress threaded commenting. Readers will see a reply button for every comment to reply directly. If the button does not show up automatically you might have to enable the threaded comments option under **Settings / Discussion / Other comments options** first.

9. Plugins you could use with the Nilmini Theme

To include forms (like a contact form) to your blog, we have prepared special CSS stylings for the **Contact Form 7** plugin.

If you want to include an special archives page for a list of all posts on your blog (like you can see in the Nilmini theme demo), you can use the WordPress plugin „**Smart Archives Reloaded**“.

If you want to show code in your articles, you should be possible to use the plugin „**Syntax Highlight Evolved**“. By using the plugin your code snippets will also display correctly on mobile devices.

If you wish to view the latest comments with Gravatar support as you can see in the live demo of Nilmini, you can use the „**Better WordPress Recent Comments**“ plugin.

To use the same styling as you see in the Nilmini live demo paste the following code into the Plugin option „Template Options“ for the template code:

```
<li class="sidebar-comment">%avatar%<div class="comment-content"><p><span class="sidebar-comment-autor"><a href="%link%" title="%post_title_attr%">%author%</a></span><br />%excerpt%</p></div></li>
```

To show pagination you can install the **WP Pagenavi plugin**. You just have to make your customizations in the plugins setting page (don't use the CSS provided by the plugin, since Nilmini is prepared with CSS styles already). You also don't have to change any code in the themes template files anymore.

10. Shortcodes for multicolumn text, info boxes and buttons

You can see a live-demo of the shortcode elements here:

<http://themes.elmastudio.de/nilmini/shortcodes/>

To set text into **two columns** use the shortcodes in your posts or pages:

```
[two_columns_one]
put your left column text here...
[/two_columns_one]
[two_columns_one_last]
put your right column text here...
[/two_columns_one_last]
[divider]
```

To set your text into **three columns** use the shortcodes like this:

```
[three_columns_one]
put your left column text here...
[/three_columns_one]
[three_columns_one]
put your middle column text here...
[/three_columns_one]
[three_columns_one_last]
```

put your right column text here...

```
[/three_columns_one_last]
```

```
[divider]
```

To set your text into **four columns** use the shortcodes like this:

```
[four_columns_one]
```

put your first column text here...

```
[/four_columns_one]
```

```
[four_columns_one]
```

put your second column text here...

```
[/four_columns_one]
```

```
[four_columns_one]
```

put your third column text here...

```
[/four_columns_one]
```

```
[four_columns_one_last]
```

put fourth column text here...

```
[/ four_columns_one_last]
```

```
[divider]
```

The **[divider]** shortcode will clear your divs so the columns will not collapse into each other.

For **info boxes (yellow, red or green)** you can use the shortcodes:

```
[yellow_box]info text here... [/yellow_box]
```

```
[red_box]info text here... [/red_box]
```

```
[green_box]info text here... [/green_box]
```

```
[white_box]info text here... [/white_box]
```

```
[blue_box]info text here... [/blue_box]
```

```
[darkgrey_box]info text here... [/darkgrey_box]
```

Buttons shortcodes:

Small Buttons:

```
[button link="link URL here" color="red" ]small Button[/button]
```

Large Buttons:

```
[button link="link URL here" color="red" size="large"]large Button[/button]
```

To open a button link in a new browser tab you also can use **target="blank"** as an option:

```
[button link="link URL here" color="red" target="blank"]Red Button Text[/button]
```

As **color values** for your buttons you can use **red, orange, blue, green or purple**.

11. Theme Translation

Nilmini is ready for theme translation. Right now there is the default **English and a German** translation available. You can add your own translation or customize an existing translation very easily by using the WordPress plugin »Codestyling Localization«. At the plugins homepage you can also find a detailed plugin description.

12. Child Theme for theme customizations

In case you want to customize the Nilmini theme and you therefore want to change the code in the themes styleeheet (style.css) or any of the theme template files please consider creating a child theme for your changes.

Creating a child theme is very easy and it **saves all your individual changes** from being overwritten by a future update of the Nilmini theme. You can find more information on creating a child theme in the WordPress Codex.

To get started you can download a **sample child theme folder** at the Nilmini theme page:
<http://www.elmastudio.de/wordpress-themes/nilmini/>

We hope you like the Nilmini theme and have lots of fun blogging with it. If you have any questions, problems or suggestions for theme optimizations please contact us by writing a comment on the Nilmini theme page or via email to kontakt@elmastudio.de.

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