

VIVA THEMES

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REPUBLICA THEME INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Thanks for purchasing this theme. This is your first step towards having a great looking site. Please read the instructions below. If you need more help please use our [support forum](#)

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THEME OVERVIEW

Republica is a theme that can be used easily for your blog or company site and even a portal. It has a big slideshow in the home page, below that a widgetized bar and your latest posts. It comes with an advanced options panel, so you can configure it without touching a bit of code.

Some main features of the theme are as follows :

- Theme compatible with Wordpress 3.0.x
- 100% tableless css design.
- WP 3.0 menu system integration
- Custom background panel
- Advanced [theme options panel](#).
- Integrated blog pagination
- Post thumbnail feature
- Fully customizable front page slideshow
- Widget ready right sidebar and widget ready front page bar.
- 4 level dropdown main navigation.
- Additional full width page template.
- Threaded comments
- CSS & XHTML valid.
- Cross-browser compatible.
- Delivered with .png source files (.psd files available in the forum)

HOW TO INSTALL THE THEME

Please unzip the '[republica_unzip_first.zip](#)' file that you received.

The theme is the '[republica.zip](#)' file inside the folder. As you might be aware, starting from WordPress 2.8 version you can actually install the themes from your administration area. To do so, in your WordPress administration area, go to '[Appearance - Themes](#)'. In the top there appears a new tab navigation. Click on the '[Install Themes](#)' tab, then click the '[Upload](#)' item in the new menu and browse for the '[republica.zip](#)' file in your computer and after locating it press the '[Install Now](#)' button and after that '[activate](#)' the new theme.

You can also install this theme the traditional way, by unzipping the '[republica.zip](#)' file, and upload the theme folder using an ftp client to the '[wp-content/themes](#)' folder of your WordPress installation.

After installing the theme, go to '[Appearance-Themes](#)' in your WordPress administrator area, and click the '[activate](#)' link of the newly installed theme. The theme is now the active one.

THE THEME OPTIONS PANEL

This theme comes with an advanced options panel that allows you to configure different aspects of the theme without touching code. To access the options panel, in your WordPress administration area go to '[Appearance – Republica Options](#)'. Please take a look at the different options you have there.

CHANGING THE LOGO

You can change the logo from the theme panel, by changing the 'Logo Image Url' with your new logo image url.

You can also switch to text logo from the theme panel. In this case your 'Site Title' will replace the logo.

You need to replace the logo in the footer '[minilogo.png](#)' image with your own using ftp instead.

CONFIGURING THE MENU

The theme uses in full the custom menu navigation system introduced in WordPress 3.0. There is one menu location in this theme: the 'Main Menu'

You need to go to '[Appearance – Menus](#)' in your WordPress admin to start configuring your menu. You first need to create a menu in the right side and then from the left you can select the pages and categories you want to be part of each menu. Don't forget to click 'Save Menu' after you add the items.

In the left you will see the the active menu location and you need to assign the new menu to the location using the dropdown selection.

To enable dropdown in the menu interface, you have to drag the menu items below another menu item (child item).

THE FRONT PAGE SLIDESHOW

The front page slideshow is managed from the theme panel. Please go to '[Appearance – Republica Options](#)' to edit it. To change the images you need to upload your own images somewhere (better in your website) and then in the corresponding fields change the image url with your own.

Please make sure that the images size is **900x350px**. You can link each of the slides to an interior page/post and add a caption to each slide using the theme panel.

THE WIDGET AREAS OF THE THEME

This theme has 2 widget ready areas. The **SIDEBAR1** is the right sidebar visible in every page and the **SIDEBAR2** is the widgetized area just below the slideshow, visible only in the front page. You can add widgets to each area by going into '[Appearance – Widgets](#)' in your WordPress administration area and dragging & dropping widgets into each bar.

You might also find these articles useful :

<http://www.vivathemes.com/blog/how-to-add-links-in-a-text-widget/>

<http://www.vivathemes.com/blog/adding-an-image-in-a-text-widget/>

USING THE THUMBNAIL FUNCTION

One of the fantastic features presented in WordPress 2.9 is the Post Thumbnail feature, which is supported by this theme. Please note that we have eliminated the usage of any additional plugins, this enables using the WordPress features in full, makes your site safer and lighter.

When you edit a post, in the bottom of the right column you have a new area called *Featured Image*. Click on the [Set Featured Image](#) link and you will be taken in the image uploader interface, where you can upload or select one of the existing images. Make sure that after you view your image press the 'Use as Featured Image' link. The image will be resized and cropped to fit your thumbnail size. The thumbnail is visible only in the category view. It will not be visible when viewing the full post. You can add the full sized image directly to your post if you want to.

In this theme we have already set the thumbnail sizes, so you need to do nothing about it.

SETTING UP THE BLOG

The front page of this theme is set to show your latest posts. In some cases you may want to have a static page in front to make your website more business and corporate look and have the blog in another page.

To do so, in your WordPress admin go to 'Settings – Reading'. There you can select to have a page to show your latest posts and another one to be your front page. Select the page you want and don't forget to include it in the menu.

You can of course alternatively include categories in the menu using the menu system.

CUSTOM BACKGROUND PANEL

One of the new features introduced is the custom background that enables you to easily change the background color of your website or upload an image as your background.

To do so, in your WordPress admin go to '[Appearance – Background](#)' and there you can easily make the necessary changes.

Best regards,

The Viva Themes Team