

Neutica+

A child theme for Thematic

About Neutica+

Neutica+ is quite simply a ‘suped-up’ version of the **original Neutica theme** created over a year ago. **Neutica+** is a much stronger theme both on the front-end and the back-end. The CSS for the front-end has been slimmed down to the bare minimum, which makes page loads much faster and editing easier. I also ported over the back-end to **Thematic**, one of the (if not THE) strongest WordPress theming frameworks to date. That means Neutica+ and Thematic together make for a pretty slick theme design that can be used for almost any type of site. The Neutica+ theme options page also makes it a cinch to customize, while fixing a lot of the common issues/concerns that popped up in the previous version. Check out the **demo**, and if you like what you see, **buy it now** for only \$15⁰⁰.

Features

- A strict grid based design mixed with clean typography heavily influenced by the work of **Josef Müller-Brockmann**
- A **theme options page** for easy customization of colors, layout, post formatting, etc.
- Optional Featured posts section which pulls random “sticky” posts
- 3 widgetized sidebar areas
- 5 additional & optional, in-post, Ad-spaces for banners & widgets
- Crispy clean and valid XHTML Markup with Microformats courtesy the of Thematic theme framework
- Valid CSS that has been browser proofed for Firefox, Safari, & most Internet Explorer browsers (including the dreaded **IE6!**)

Documentation

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Installation Instructions (WordPress 2.8 or higher)

1. **Download** and extract the latest version of the Thematic Theme.
2. Upload the resulting *thematic* folder to your WordPress *wp-content/themes* directory.
3. **Download** and extract the Neutica+ Theme.
4. Upload the resulting *neuticaplus* folder to your WordPress *wp-content/themes* directory.
5. Navigate to APPEARANCE > THEMES in the back-end and activate **Neutica+**.
6. That’s it!

Usage

Neutica+ uses three images sizes that lock into the Neutica+ grid. These sizes are automatically set when you activate Neutica+. Please note that these settings only effect the images that you upload AFTER you activate Neutica+. For your reference, here are the sizes:

1. **THUMBNAIL** images have a max width of **185** and a max height of **185** (cropped).
2. **MEDIUM** images have a max width of **285** and a max height of **285**.
3. **LARGE** images have a max width of **585** and a max height of **585**.

More info

Sidebars

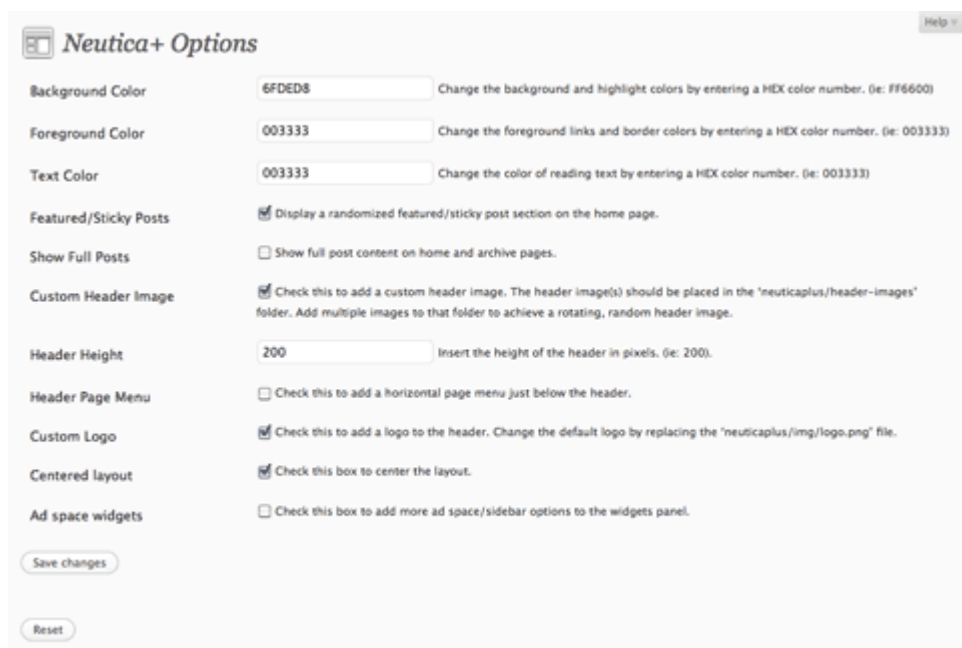
There are three sidebars included with Neutica+. These sidebars can be edited at [APPEARANCE > WIDGETS](#). Here's a list of the available sidebar.

1. **Leading Sidebar** - This is the full width sidebar which should also contains the main navigation.
2. **Primary Sidebar** - This side bar is half the width of the full sidebar column and floats to the left side.
3. **Secondary Sidebar** - This side bar is half the width of the full sidebar column and floats to the right side.

Note: When you activate Neutica+ for the first time, you will need to add the **Neutica+ Page Menu** to the top of the **Leading Sidebar**. (This will be done automatically in future versions)

There's also an extra set of additional sidebars which can be activated on the Theme Options page.

Theme Options



The screenshot shows the 'Neutica+ Options' page in a WordPress back-end. The page has a title 'Neutica+ Options' and a 'Help' link. It contains several settings:

- Background Color:** Input field with '6FDED8'. Description: 'Change the background and highlight colors by entering a HEX color number. (ie: FF6600)'
- Foreground Color:** Input field with '003333'. Description: 'Change the foreground links and border colors by entering a HEX color number. (ie: 003333)'
- Text Color:** Input field with '003333'. Description: 'Change the color of reading text by entering a HEX color number. (ie: 003333)'
- Featured/Sticky Posts:** 'Display a randomized featured/sticky post section on the home page.'
- Show Full Posts:** 'Show full post content on home and archive pages.'
- Custom Header Image:** 'Check this to add a custom header image. The header image(s) should be placed in the "/>

There are a number of Theme Options that allow you to add a personal touch to Neutica+. These options can be found at [APPEARANCE > NEUTICA OPTIONS](#) in the back-end.

1. **BACKGROUND COLOR:** Change the background and highlight colors by entering a HEX color number. (ie: FF6600)
2. **FOREGROUND COLOR:** Change the foreground links and border colors by entering a HEX color number. (ie: 003333)
3. **TEXT COLOR:** Change the color of body text by entering a HEX color number. (ie: 003333)
4. **FEATURED/STICKY POSTS:** Displays a randomized featured/sticky post section on the home page.
5. **SHOW FULL POSTS:** Show full post content on home and archive pages.
6. **CUSTOM HEADER IMAGE:** Add a custom header image. The header image(s) should be placed in the *neuticaplus/header-images* folder. Add multiple images to that folder to achieve a rotating, random header image.
7. **HEADER PAGE MENU:** Add a horizontal page menu just below the header.
8. **CUSTOM LOGO:** Adds a logo to the header. Change the default logo by replacing the *neuticaplus/img/logo.png* file.
9. **HEADER IMAGE HEIGHT:** Adjusts the height of the header in pixels to match the header image. (ie: 200)
10. **CENTERED LAYOUT:** Centers the layout.
11. **AD SPACE WIDGETS:** Add more ad-space/sidebar options to the widgets panel.

Customizing the logo and header images.

Header Images

The header image(s) should be placed in the *neuticaplus/header-images* folder. Add multiple images to this folder to achieve a rotating, random header image that changes with each page load.

Custom Logo

The logo can be customized by replacing the *neuticaplus/img/logo.png* file (for IE6 you will have to also replace the *neuticaplus/img/logo.gif* file). Included with this theme is a Photoshop file that you can use as a basis for your own logo. As a suggestion, the font **Alte Haas Grotesk** really gels well with the typography in Neutica+.

Favorite Icon Image

Create a 16x16px favicon image using one of the **many free services** available on the web. Then replace the *neuticaplus/img/favicon.ico* file with the icon you created.

Caveats

While developing Neutica+ I discovered a few minor hiccups in Thematic. I believe the fixes have been added to the latest **Thematic SVN**. But until a stable release is available, you will need to apply the fixes manually to your Thematic files. Here's a list of the bugs with links to the fixes.

1. **Attachement Page title link error fix**
2. **Author Page template hook typo fix**

Other Information

Automatic Image rotator by **Automatic, Ltd.**

The **Thematic Theme Framework** by Ian Stewart of **ThemeShaper.com**.

All sample images in the demo were used with permission from **Ouxu Chang**.

Support

Neutica+ is distributed AS IS. fthrwght and Allan Cole will **not** be offering support or customization help. Please make sure that you have followed all of the instructions to the smallest detail and make sure that you are using the **latest** version of WordPress. The **Themeshaper Support Forums** is a great place to find information about using and tweaking child themes within this framework. The WordPress **Support Forums** is another great resource for everything related to WP and theming — I am sure you will find answers to almost all of your questions with these two resources.

That said, here's **my email**, if you'd like to get in touch with me. ;-)

ENJOY!

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