



The Handbook

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Developing a Colour Scheme

When it comes to colour, there is a lot to think about as you develop or design your WordPress [Theme](#). It's like painting a house. Which colour will cover the entire exterior? What colour do you want the door? Or the window trim? Accents and complementary colours or contrasting colours?

The colours that go into a website are not limited to the colour of the background and text. You have to consider the colours used all together. Links have three colour choices for unvisited, hover, and visited. Your header or masthead may be filled with colour while the rest of the site may be less colourful. Titles, headings, and lists, all can be in colour. And don't forget about the bullets on your lists - they are often coloured, too. With so many colour choices, finding a colour scheme or theme can be a challenge.

To help you pick your website colours, here is a list of colour tools and resources to get you started.

Colour Schemes

- [Online Color Scheme Generator](http://www.colorschemer.com/online.html) (<http://www.colorschemer.com/online.html>)
- [Wellstyled.com's Color Scheme Generator 2](http://wellstyled.com/tools/colorscheme2/index-en.html) (<http://wellstyled.com/tools/colorscheme2/index-en.html>)
- [How to Get Colour Schemes from Photos](http://www.adampolselli.com/colorschemes/) (<http://www.adampolselli.com/colorschemes/>)
- [Color Match - gets six matching web colors \(MSIE only\)](http://www.colormatch.dk/) (<http://www.colormatch.dk/>)

Colour Charts

- [Color Charts by HTML Color Codes](http://html-color-codes.com/) (<http://html-color-codes.com/>)
- [Bob Stein's Visibone Colour Charts](http://www.visibone.com/color/) (<http://www.visibone.com/color/>)

Colour Pickers

- [Flash Palette Generator](http://www.defencemechanism.com/blog.asp?blog_id=55) (http://www.defencemechanism.com/blog.asp?blog_id=55)
- [Free Application for Mac and Windows users for color picking and changing colors](http://telcontar.net/MacApps/ColourSelector/) (<http://telcontar.net/MacApps/ColourSelector/>)
- [Colorzilla for Mozilla Firefox - Color Picker](https://addons.update.mozilla.org/extensions/moreinfo.php?application=firefox&id=271&vid=1032) (<https://addons.update.mozilla.org/extensions/moreinfo.php?application=firefox&id=271&vid=1032>)
- [ColorCop helps to get colors](http://www.datastic.com/tools/colorcop/) (<http://www.datastic.com/tools/colorcop/>)
- [Iconico ColorPic - Great, simple and free](http://www.iconico.com/colorpic/index.aspx) (<http://www.iconico.com/colorpic/index.aspx>)

Colour Tools

- [Redalt's Color Tools - Enter a URL and reports colors used](http://www.redalt.com/Tools/ilyc.php) (<http://www.redalt.com/Tools/ilyc.php>)
- [Manually Add Colors to Change the Layout](http://www.themaninblue.com/experiment/Technicolor/) (<http://www.themaninblue.com/experiment/Technicolor/>)
- [Color Mixers](http://colormixers.com/) (<http://colormixers.com/>)

WordPress Colour and CSS Test Sites

- [An example of CSS Layout on a WordPress Test Site](http://www.tamba2.org.uk/wordpress/1css/) (<http://www.tamba2.org.uk/wordpress/1css/>)

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