

SOFA Disorderly – Theme Manuals

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Sofa Disorderly demo site can be found here: <http://disorderly.sofarider.com/>

Thank you for purchasing Sofa Disorderly WordPress theme! For any questions you might have please contact me at info@sofarider.com.

1. Introduction

One theme – five layouts. Spiced up with unique jQuery content slider, built-in Widgets, Custom Templates, Shortcodes and extremely powerful theme Options section. Regardless of what your website is going to be about, Sofa Disorderly theme shall fit. Literally!

One mouse click and your Home Page changes layout. The same can be done with Category page in disregard of selected Home Page layout type. There are 7 ready-made Widgets and 14 different Widget-ready areas, custom login screen, personalized author page, instant contact form, cool drop-down menu and a whole bunch of useful options that let you control almost each and every aspect of a content. If you are on the quest for WordPress third hand – you just have found it.

2. Requirements & Compatibility

This theme has been tested on both PC and Mac. Each and every Browser supporting JavaScript will run it at no issue - including IE6. Of course, don't expect to see rounded corners on any IE below version 9.

3. Quick Setup

OK, let's spend a few minutes and make your WordPress work properly with this theme. Of course, before you start, don't forget to Activate Sofa Disorderly theme.

3.1. Media Settings

From Admin menu select **Settings > Media**, take a look at illustration below and define new values. (Thumbnail: 302x200, Medium: 630x0, Large: 959x0).

Media Settings

Image sizes

The sizes listed below determine the maximum dimensions in pixels to use when inserting an image into the body of a post.

Thumbnail size Width Height
 Crop thumbnail to exact dimensions (normally thumbnails are proportional)

Medium size Max Width Max Height

Large size Max Width Max Height

Embeds

Auto-embeds When possible, embed the media content from a URL directly onto the page. For example: link

Maximum embed size Width Height

Uploading Files

Store uploads in this folder *Default is `wp-content/uploads`*

Full URL path to files *Configuring this is optional. By default, it s*

Organize my uploads into month- and year-based folders

Save Changes

3.2. Permalink Settings

WordPress default link structure is quite bad, especially for SEO so we are about to make it more search engine and user friendly. OK, from Admin menu select **Settings > Permalinks**, take a look at illustration below and apply to your own Permalink Settings (`/%category%/postname%`).

Permalink Settings

By default WordPress uses web URLs which have question marks and lots of numbers in them, however WordPress offers you compatibility of your links. A [number of tags are available](#), and here are some examples to get you started.

Common settings

Default `http://disordery.lh/?p=123`

Day and name `http://disordery.lh/2011/02/26/sample-post/`

Month and name `http://disordery.lh/2011/02/sample-post/`

Numeric `http://disordery.lh/archives/123`

Custom Structure

Optional

If you like, you may enter custom structures for your category and tag URLs here. For example, using `topics` as your category base

Category base

Tag base

Save Changes

For a case you are unable to modify Default permalink structure, it means that your “.htaccess” file is not writable. This problem is commonly met on Windows IIS server although it's not a rule and may persist on both Unix and Linux servers. It can be fixed by changing write permission of “.htaccess” file to 755 (know as CHMOD 755) on Unix/Linux. Windows IIS server will probably not allow write permission change which means you'll have to contact your hosting provider.

3.3. Menus

This theme has support for 3 different menus: header, footer and sidebar aka Widget menu.

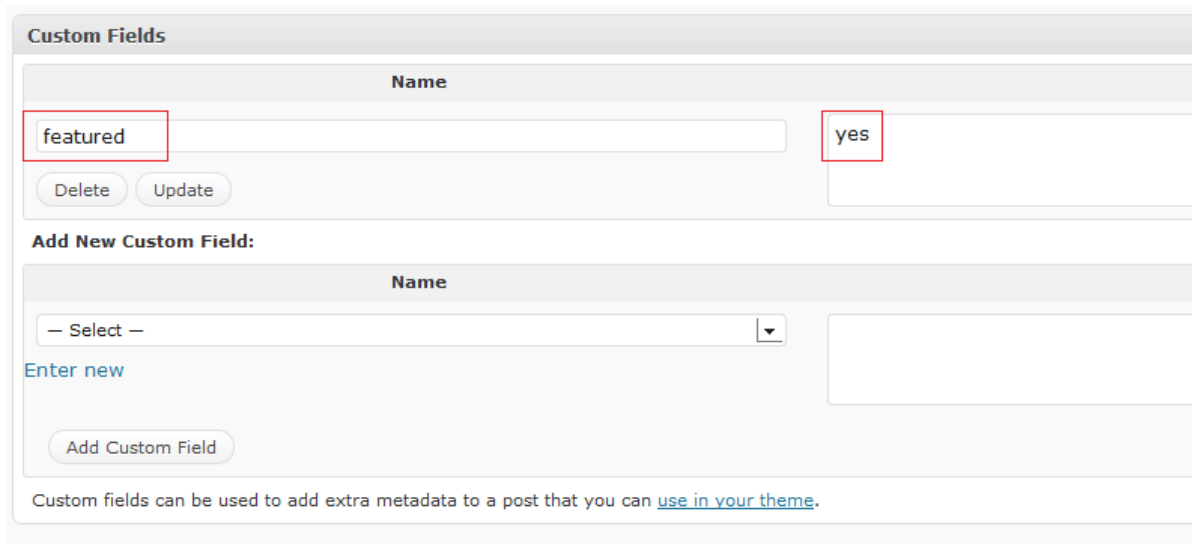
Now select **Appearance > Menus** from dashboard and create these three. You'll probably get back to this section later, as you add more categories and pages. Feel free to arrange menu items for each menu on the way you like.

The screenshot shows the WordPress Menus editor interface. On the left, there are three sections: 'Theme Locations', 'Custom Links', and 'Pages'. The 'Theme Locations' section has three dropdown menus for 'Main Menu', 'Footer Menu', and 'Widget Menu', each with a red box around it and the annotation '2. Select to declare your menus then Save!'. The 'Pages' section has a list of pages with checkboxes, including 'Totally unique Featured Content Slider', 'Customizable? Yes, of course!', 'Shortcodes', 'Fullwidth Page', 'Contact Us', 'Gallery', and 'About', with a red box around the list and the annotation '3. Add menu items'. On the right, the 'Main Menu' is being edited. At the top, there are tabs for 'Footer Menu', 'Main Menu', and 'Widget Menu', with a red box around the '+' button and the annotation '1. Use this button to create 3 Menus'. Below the tabs, the menu name is 'Main Menu' and there is a checkbox for 'Automatically add new top-level pages'. A 'Delete Menu' link is visible. The menu items are listed in a hierarchical structure: 'Home Page' (CUSTOM), 'About' (PAGE), 'Categories' (CUSTOM), 'Our Work' (CATEGORY), 'Blog' (CATEGORY), 'Company News' (CATEGORY), 'New in Design' (CATEGORY), 'Custom Templates' (CUSTOM), 'Gallery' (PAGE), 'Fullwidth Page' (PAGE), 'Shortcodes' (PAGE), and 'Contact Us' (PAGE). A red box around the 'Our Work', 'Blog', 'Company News', and 'New in Design' items has the annotation '4. Drag'n'drop to rearrange'.

By creating your menus use “Main Menu”, “Footer Menu” and “Widget Menu” as menu names.

4. Featured Content Slider

As you probably guess, this jQuery slider is supposed to display so called featured content. Any Page, Post or custom post type can be considered as “featured”. The only thing you gotta do to make it visible there is to declare new **name-value** pair (**featured-yes**) in Custom Fields. Have a look at the illustration below.



The screenshot shows the WordPress Custom Fields interface. At the top, there's a header "Custom Fields". Below it, a table with a "Name" column. A row is shown with the name "featured" and the value "yes". Below the table, there are "Delete" and "Update" buttons. Underneath, there's a section "Add New Custom Field:" with a dropdown menu showing "-- Select --", a text input field, and an "Add Custom Field" button. At the bottom, there's a note: "Custom fields can be used to add extra metadata to a post that you can [use in your theme.](#)"

Custom Fields are a part of both Page and Post (Add New / Edit) and can be found below WYSIWYG editor. WordPress 3.1 hides Custom Fields panel by default so if you are running WP 3.1+ you'll most probably have to unhide it. How? Once on Post or Page editor, take a look at the right upper corner of your WP Admin. There's a tiny little button reading “Screen Options”. Click on it to expand options then tick “Custom Fields” checkbox. That's all.

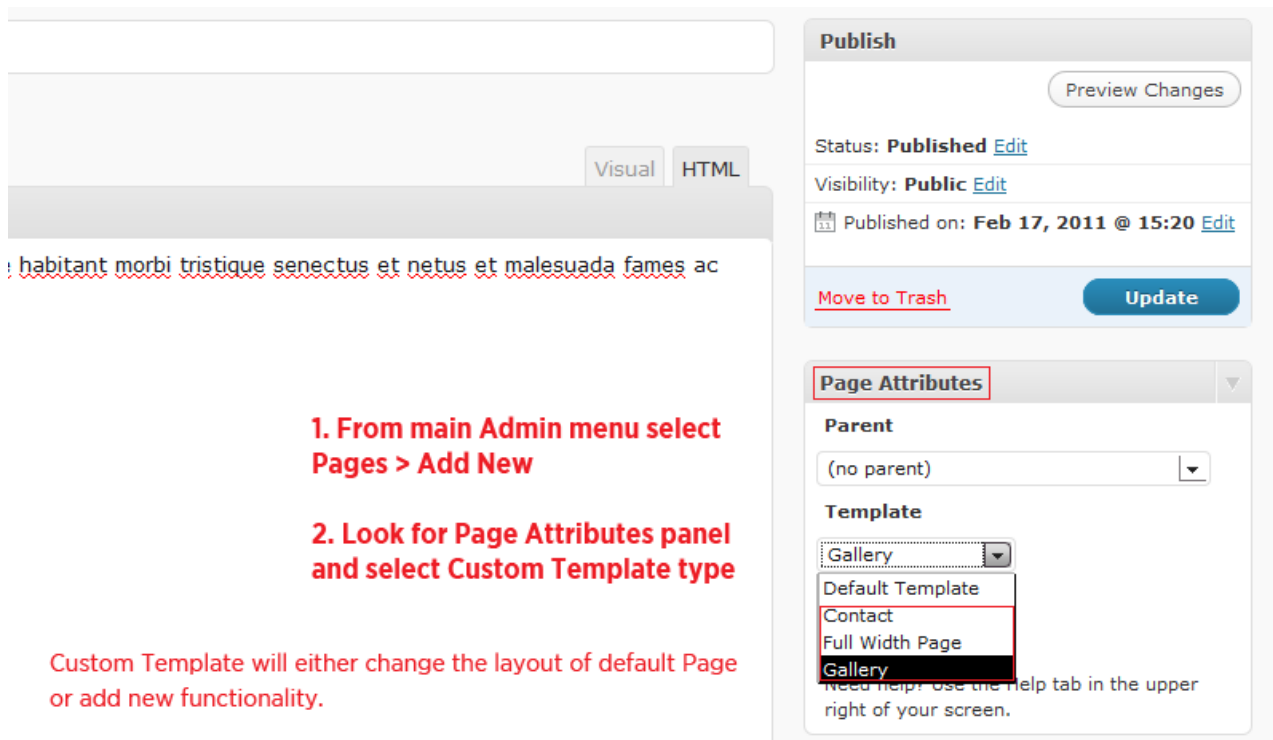
All of Featured Content Slider options can be found under SofaDisordery Options page. From Dashboard select **Appearance > SofaDisordery Options >> Featured Content Slider** and make it work best for your needs. Each and every of its options is fairly well described in-place so no need to provide any extra information here.

5. Custom Templates

In WordPress, Custom Templates are usually applied to Page. Custom means that such page is most probably made for certain functionality that is out of WP's default template possibilities. Of course, that's not a rule, for example Fullwidth page is nothing but a common page without sidebar and it does nothing unusual.

Anyway, Sofa Disorderly is equipped with 3 extra type of pages:

- **Fullwidth**
- **Contact**
- **Gallery**



The screenshot shows the WordPress page editor interface. On the left, there is a text area with the placeholder text "habitant morbi tristique senectus et netus et malesuada fames ac". Below the text area, there are two tabs: "Visual" and "HTML". On the right, there is a "Publish" panel with a "Preview Changes" button. Below the "Publish" panel, there is a "Page Attributes" panel. The "Page Attributes" panel has a "Parent" dropdown menu set to "(no parent)" and a "Template" dropdown menu. The "Template" dropdown menu is open, showing the following options: "Gallery", "Default Template", "Contact", "Full Width Page", and "Gallery". The "Gallery" option is highlighted. Below the "Page Attributes" panel, there is a small text box that says "need help? use the help tab in the upper right of your screen."

1. From main Admin menu select Pages > Add New

2. Look for Page Attributes panel and select Custom Template type

Custom Template will either change the layout of default Page or add new functionality.

Custom Templates are not a must. Many people will probably use Contact template only in order to instantly add a contact form to their website.

Gallery template is the only one settable via SofaDisorderly Options page. And it's really powerful one! Once you fill your website with some content and images, create new Page and apply Gallery template to it. It'll automatically pull out all of images used by Posts. By default, of course. Theme Options related to Gallery can help you to filter out results, set the number of thumbnails per row, set the number of images extracted from Post, etc.

6. Widgets

In order to access Widgets section of WordPress Admin select **Appearance > Widgets**.

On the right hand side you gonna find the list of 8 different sidebars, 3 footer columns and 3 Home Page columns that are widget-ready.

Now, on the Widget list (left hand side, larger area) you can notice 7 different Widgets starting with 'DISORDERY'. These are preferred theme Widgets! Drag and drop from left to any widget-ready sidebar or column on right hand side. That's how you add Widgets. And that's all you gotta know. Of course, you can use other, default Widgets too or even create your own if you like!

Things you should know about “DISORDERY Adverts” Widget

This Widget is used to hold a chunk of HTML code which actually represents an array of 125x125px clickable banners. It means that you should add such code on your own. I guess it shouldn't be a problem for anyone and in order to ease your job, here's a sample code. Just copy and paste to widget body.

```
<a href="http://flashden.net/?ref=thename" title="ad1">

</a>
<a href="http://themeforest.net/?ref=thename" title="ad2">

</a>
<a href="http://audiojungle.net/?ref=thename" title="ad3">

</a>
<a href="http://graphicriver.net/?ref=thename" title="ad4">

</a>
```

* Parts of text marked **red** is what you should replace with your own info!

8. How to?

How do I localize/translate this theme properly?

This theme takes behalf of WordPress' built-in GNU gettext framework (<http://www.gnu.org/software/gettext/gettext.html>) and can easily be translated in such manner.

How to start? It's quite simple. First of all go to <http://www.poedit.net/> and download this mini application made for the purpose of translation. It's free and cross-platform ready. After installation open '**sofa_disordery**' theme folder and spot another folder inside named '**theme_localization**'. It contains '**sofa_disordery.po**' file which can be opened with Poedit – an app you just have installed.

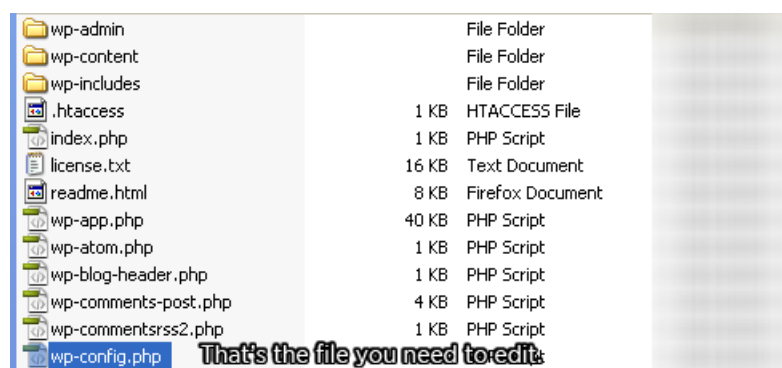
Translate all the phrases found in '**sofa_disordery.po**' and save new file as locale. What is locale? A locale is a combination of language and regional dialect. Usually locales correspond to countries. For example, let's say you are translating this theme to French. You will have to save it as '**fr_FR.po**'. However, in case you translate it to Brazilian Portuguese, you gonna save it as '**pt_BR.po**'. Take a look for more examples here:

http://codex.wordpress.org/WordPress_in_Your_Language

After you save translated file, you'll find additional namesake with the different extension - "**.mo**". That's the one we actually need! You can leave "**.po**" file in '**theme_localization**' folder but "**.mo**" has to be copied to '**sofa_disordery**' root folder!

In case you already use localized version of WordPress and a locale of Sofa Disorderly theme corresponds to the locale of WordPress – your job is done. Otherwise you'll have to do the following:

1. open '**wp-config.php**'. This file can be found **in root of your WordPress installation**. Have a look:



2. open '**wp-config.php**' in some text editor, preferably the one capable to display line numbers

3. go to line #67, it currently reads:

```
define ('WPLANG', '');
```

4. in case you have saved your translation file as 'fr_FR.po', you gonna change it to:

```
define ('WPLANG', 'fr_FR');
```

...in case you have saved your translation file as 'de.po', you gonna change it to:

```
define ('WPLANG', 'de');
```

...in case you have saved your translation file as 'pt_BR.po' you gonna change it to:

```
define ('WPLANG', 'pt_BR');
```

...etc, etc, etc.

5. save 'wp-config.php' and re-upload if required

Once again: In order to make your localization work, ".mo" file needs to be present in

'**sofa_disordery**' root folder! In case you are stuck with it – don't hesitate to drop me an email!

How do I change theme's default logo?

Open '**sofa_disordery**' root folder and spot another folder inside named '**images**'. That folder actually contains all of graphic files used by this theme so if you are about to replace certain icons too – that's the right place to look for.

Default theme logo file is named '**site_logo.png**'. All you have to do is to create a namesake that shares the same file type (PNG). It means your own logo should be saved as '**site_logo.png**' and copied to '**images**' folder. By doing so, default theme logo will be overwritten.

How do I change recipient e-mail address to which contact form results are sent?

By default Contact form results are sent to WP Admin. It means that whoever did an installation should have email address entered too. Either way, in order to be sure at which email address your Contact form is about to end up, select **Users > Users >> ADMIN_NAME** ... where ADMIN_NAME represents user name provided by WP installation.

In case you want to use different email address, do the following:

1) In '**sofa_disordery**' root folder find the file named '**contact.php**'. Open it.

2) go to line number #58 that by default reads **\$to = \$owner->user_email;**

3) replace **\$owner->user_email** with 'another_recipient@domain.com' so it reads like:

```
$to = 'another\_recipient@domain.com';
```

4) save '**contact.php**' and re-upload to server if necessary

How do I add or change that header image that can be seen on inner pages?

Header image can be added from Admin panel. As you probably already know, Header is WordPress 3.0 feature and can be controlled from **Appearance > Header**. That's the admin page used to upload or remove header image.

Sofa Disorderly theme Options allow you to kinda extend Header functionality; set header image width, height, make it linkable and optionally – appearance. In order to set it up, from Dashboard select:

Appearance > Sofa Disorderly Options >> Header Options

9. Sofa Disorderly theme Options

It's the page that can be called steering wheel of your theme. And you are a driver. By combining theme options you can score different results in front-end and/or change entire layout. All of the options are well described in-place and there shouldn't be any questions of type "What is this option about?". Read carefully what is each option about and try to remember, that's the whole story. Be creative, play with different settings and see how changes affect look and feel of your website. Once you realize how much power dwells in theme Options, you'd like to use this theme over and over.

jQuery plugins & icons used with Sofa Disorderly

1. DD_belatedPNG

This brilliant (and probably the best one) plugin is used to handle transparency issue on IE 6. More info can be found here: http://www.dillerdesign.com/experiment/DD_belatedPNG/

2. Uniform (Sexy forms with jQuery)

Uniform masks your standard form controls with custom themed controls. It works in sync with your real form elements to ensure accessibility and compatibility. <http://pixelmatrixdesign.com/uniform/>

3. jQuery cookies - jcookie

It is used to handle open/close state of a main menu as well as theme Options multiple screens.
<http://plugins.jquery.com/project/jCookie>

4. Dropdown (main/top navigation drop-down)

This menu was available at Dynamic Drive but unfortunately it seems like it's removed for some reason.

Icons used with this theme

Social icons were downloaded from iconsperia.com, "readme" file can be found in "images" folder of Sofa Disorderly theme.

Enjoy Sofa Disorderly!