

# Smashing MultiMedia WordPress Theme

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**Support:** (other than this help file)

As this is a free release the theme comes unsupported beyond the provision of this help file.

That said, let's begin.

## Install Wordpress

Make sure you have an **.htaccess** file (I have provided one along with the theme-look for it in the **Documentation** folder) and a **wp-config.php** file in the root directory (wordpress will create this automatically for you when installing).

It needs to be writable by the server as the theme is being set up. After you finish you can change the permissions to something more secure

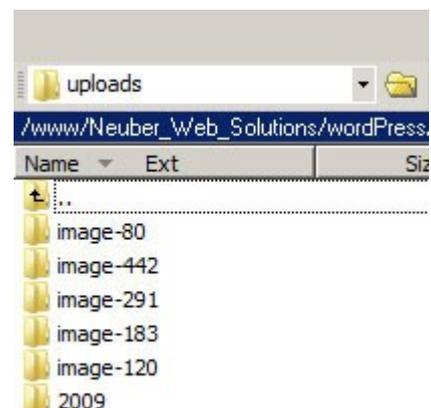
(For SEO friendly URL's the .htaccess file uses the directive mod-rewrite. If your web server hasn't loaded this module then it will ignore this directive. You will then need to contact you hosting provider for more information.)

2. You also need to create an **"uploads"** folder inside the **wp-content** folder and make that also writable by the server. I have provided one for you in the **Documentations** folder with the needed folders already inside

3. Next **create the following folders inside the "uploads" folder:**

- a. **image-80**
- b. **image-120**
- c. **image-183**
- d. **image-291**
- e. **image-442**

Please be sure to name these newly created folders as you see above. Case sensitive! **Change their permissions to 777 (make them writable)**



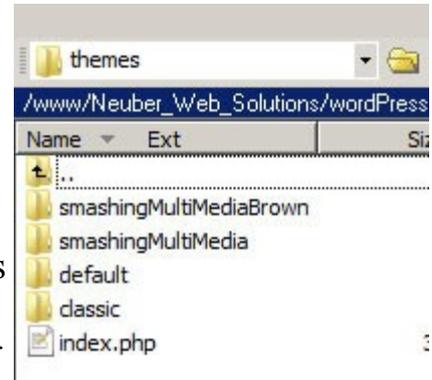
Next, install the theme

## **Install the theme:**

1. Download and save the theme's zipped folder on your desktop.
2. Unzip. You should see the smashingMultiMedia parent theme and the 1 child theme: smashingMultiMediaBrown inside the "Theme Files" folder
3. Connect to your hosting account with the FTP client of your choice, and get inside of your WordPress install

4. Take the 2 theme folders and move them inside the themes folder. Make sure that they are on the same level as the default theme-**so not inside any other folder!!**

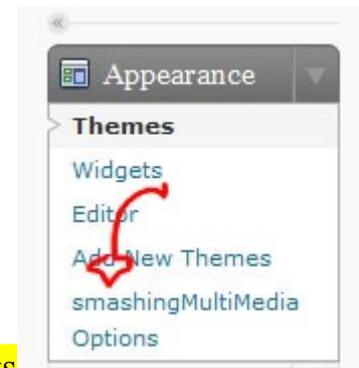
5. Now go back to your browser, login to your WordPress administrator interface - and go to the **Appearance > Themes**. Once there you should now see a new listing for your new WordPress parent and child theme you just installed.



6. From there, **click on the child theme to activate it.**

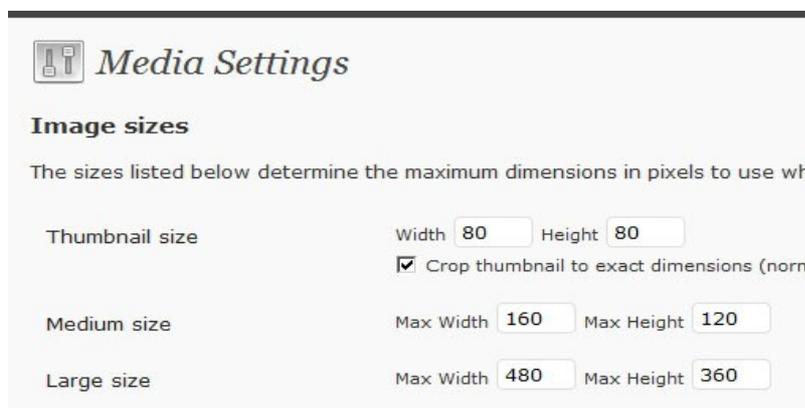
7. Next go to the **smashingMultiMedia Theme Options** page (appears under Appearance after activation) and **save the default settings once before anything else!**

I have included some dummy content along with the theme (look for it in the **Documentation** folder) I strongly recommend you use it.



However before you import anything **set your Media Settings first.**

Go to **Settings > Media** and use the settings you see in the image below.

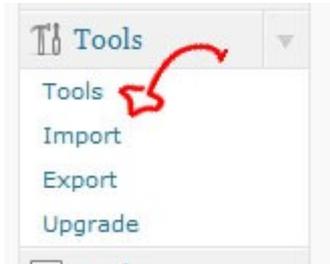


You are not bound to these settings by all means; however remember that the main

content width is 628px so the large size width of your images should not exceed that!

Additionally, delete the Default About page and the Hello World post

Now, import the dummy content:



Go to **Tools > Import** and choose „WordPress“.

When you click on „Upload File and Import“ you will be asked whether you'd like to download the Attachments. Please make sure you check the box!

As you add content (or in the case of the dummy content when it has finish importing) make sure you also update the information in the Theme Options. This way things will display on the front end as expected.

For example, if working with the imported content, you'll need to

- manually make the Featured posts sticky

I have provided detailed instructions under each Theme Option Setting so you should be fine. In the rare case when something does not seem to make sense to you please feel free to ask however please keep in mind that support for the free theme is not free!

**Featuring Posts:**

just make them sticky!

### **Adding Media to your posts:**

#### **image galleries:**

using Wordpress's Media Library. When writing a post upload you images as a gallery using the "Add an image" button.

For the lighbox effect use any plugin of your choice. I have installed the <http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/jquery-lightbox-for-native-galleries/>

When the post is viewed on multible post pages (index.php, category.php) then the first attached image is taken, resized and displayed. If for some reason\* you do not want the first gallery image to be used but rather a different one then add a **Media Splash Image-for 3column-multible post pages**

\* see „Some Problems and their Solutions“ section of the help file

#### **Video, music:**

a. if hosting on 3rd party site eg vimeo simply enter the appropriate SmushingMultiMedia video shortcode (see page 7 for detailed explanation)

b. self hosted. Use any plugin of your choice and follow it's instructions for use  
I have tested the Flash Video Player Plugin for WordPress

Download: <http://www.mac-dev.net/blog/>

### podcasts:

use any plugin of your choice and follow it's instructions for use.

One such plugin is PowerPress.

Download: <http://www.blubrry.com/powerpress/>

Installation video: <http://help.blubrry.com/blubrry-powerpress/blubrry-powerpress-video-configuration-demo/>

## **Adding Media Splash Images:**

Note: the image resizing is done for you using a custom php script. You may have heard of scripts like TimThumb. Well this is similar but is self written however as with TimThumb, it still requires the GD Library on your server so contact your host if you get errors with it.

### for the sticky media post in the Featured Area:

*Optional* when using SmushingMultiMedia video shortcodes.

*Required* when using a media plugin or if you have uploaded an Image Gallery. Will be resized down to 442px in width.

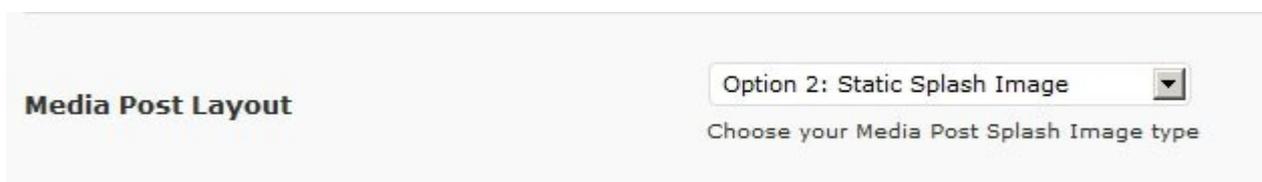
### for the thumbnail in the Featured Area:

*Optional*. Will be resized down to 80px in width. If not used then the sticky posts will be numbered and an oversized number appears :)

### for 3column-multible post pages:

*Required* however *optional* when a gallery of images is used! Will be resized down to 183px in width.

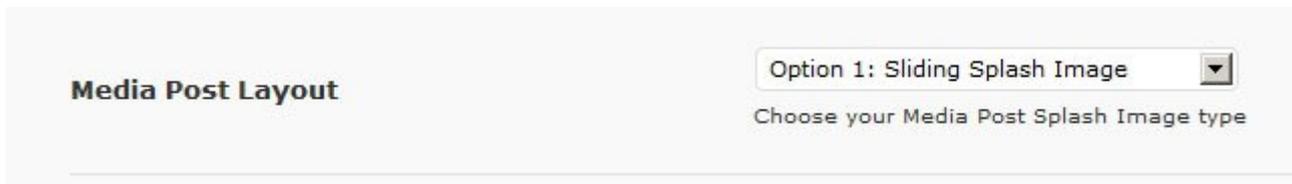
When using an image with a 4:3 ratio (or any other landscape ratio) the teaser image when resized get's a small height which works best if you set the following from your Theme Options:



And it looks like this:



Using an image with a 3:4 (or any other portrait ratio) opens up additionally the following option:



And it looks like this:



Hovering the splash image will make it slide to the left revealing the post title, some teaser text and a read more button or link (depending on what you choose in your Post Teaser Options)

This however does not mean you are restricted in your options, even though it may appear to be so. Please have a look at the „Some problems and their Solutions“ section of the help file.

### **Post Excerpts:**

In case you see part of your shortcode sneaking out and showing along with your excerpt then:

1. add more text in your description or
2. enter a lesser word limit or
3. choose to display "Post Excerpt" over "Post Content" or
4. choose "Post Excerpt" and type some short text in the "Excerpt" box below the post

## **SmushingMultiMedia video Shortcodes:**

Add video using the following shortcode: ***please use the html tab of the post editor!***

[yourhost id="video id" width="max width 628" height="according to ratio"]

### **version 1.0 supported sites:**

Vimeo, YouTube, Google Video, Blip TV, Veoh, Viddler, Revver

### **examples:**

**1. Vimeo** eg <http://vimeo.com/5363880>

id="5363880"

[vimeo id="3376673" width="628" height="353"]

**2. YouTube** eg [http://www.youtube.com/v/MWYi4\\_COZMU&hl=en&fs=1&](http://www.youtube.com/v/MWYi4_COZMU&hl=en&fs=1&)

id="MWYi4\_COZMU&hl=en&fs=1&"

[youtube id="MWYi4\_COZMU&hl=en&fs=1&" width="628" height="353"]

**3. Google Video** eg <http://video.google.com/googleplayer.swf?docid=7664206256212725581&hl=en&fs=true>

id="7664206256212725581&hl=en&fs=true"

[googlevideo id="7664206256212725581&hl=en&fs=true" width="628" height="353"]

**4. Blip TV** eg <http://blip.tv/play/AYGPryCBum0>

id="AYGPryCBum0"

[bliptv id="AYGPryCBum0" width="628" height="353"]

**5. veoh** eg <http://www.veoh.com/static/swf/webplayer/WebPlayer.swf?version=AFrontend.5.4.2.20.1002&permalinkId=v17847048KQG6QD2r&player=videodetailseembedded&videoAutoPlay=0&id=anonymous>

id="v17847048KQG6QD2r"

[veoh id="AYGPryCBum0" width="628" height="353"]

6. **Viddler** eg <http://www.viddler.com/player/90b36677/>

id="90b36677"

[**viddler** id="90b36677" width="628" height="353"]

7. **Revver** eg <http://flash.revver.com/player/1.0/player.js?mediaId:99898;width:480;height:392;>

id="99898"

[**revver** id="99898" width="628" height="353"]

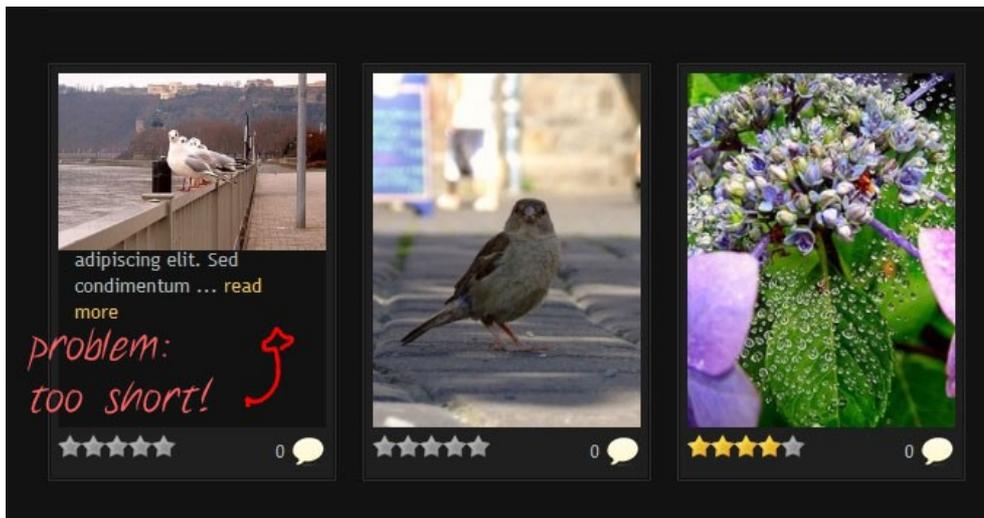
You may have noticed that I left the width and height on 628 x 353. That's because our imaginary example video has a 16:9 ratio and I wanted to use all the available space when the video appears on the single page.

## ***Some Common Problems and their Solutions:***

1. You want the following layout/display combination:

The image shows a screenshot of the WordPress Media Post settings interface. The settings are organized into four sections, each with a title and a dropdown menu. The first section, 'Media Post Column Options on Front Page', has a dropdown set to '3 Columns'. The second section, 'Number of posts to show', has a text input field containing the number '6'. The third section, 'Media Post Column Options on Category Pages', also has a dropdown set to '3 Columns'. The fourth section, 'Media Post Layout for the Front Page', has a dropdown set to 'Option 1: Sliding Splash Image'. Red rectangular boxes highlight the first and fourth sections.

You have uploaded a gallery of images and the first image in the gallery has landscape proportions. You take a look at your front end and you see this:



## Solution:

### Optional Media Splash Image for the thumbnail in the Featured Area (front page)

Upload your image using the media uploader and paste the full path to it like so: <http://your-site.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/mediaSplashImage.png>. It will be automatically resized for you (according to it's ratio) down to 80px in width.

### Media Splash Image for 3column-multible post pages (when selected from Theme Options)

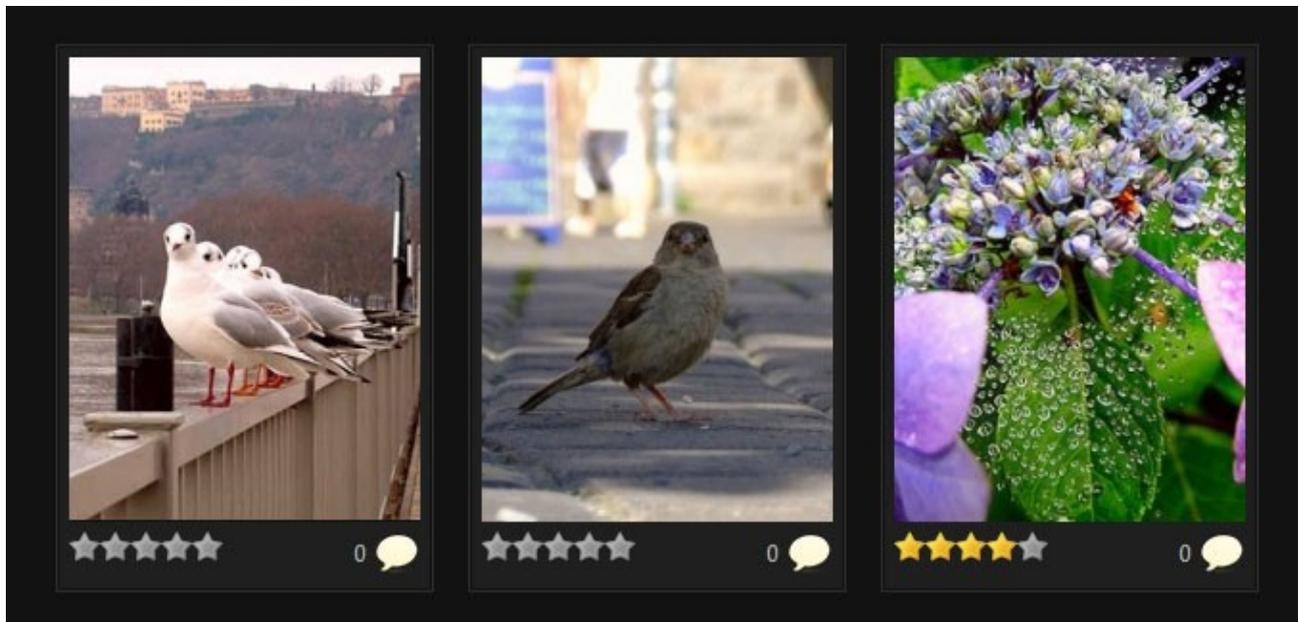
[http://smashingmultimedia.sarah-neuber.de/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/IMG\\_3616\\_v2.jpg](http://smashingmultimedia.sarah-neuber.de/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/IMG_3616_v2.jpg)

Upload your image using the media uploader and paste the full path to it like so: <http://your-site.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/mediaSplashImage.png>. It will be automatically resized for you (according to it's ratio) down to 80px in width.

*a portrait image from my uploaded gallery images*

Add the path to an image with portrait dimensions in the:  
**Media Splash Image-for 3column-multible post pages**

And on the front end:



**Solved!**

## 2. Warning error: file\_get\_contents ();

You need **PHP Allow URL fopen : ON** so contact your host!

## *Plugins you may like to download:*

**For a Contact Form:** cformsII

<http://www.deliciousdays.com/cforms-plugin>

Be sure to „**Deactivate Styling**“ form it's settings!

**For the ratings:** wp-PostRatings

<http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/wp-postratings/>

I have included and „**before and after**“ screenshots of the plugins settings I used for the theme in the Documentation folder so be sure to check them out!

**For the Ads:** wp125

<http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/wp125/>

follow it's instructions for activation. Make sure you **disable the „Default Style“ from the plugins Settings!**

**For a valid WordPress Gallery Output:**

<http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/cleaner-gallery/>

install and follow it's instructions for use.

The above plugins are also installed in the demo (2.8.4) and they work without any problems. If you have any issues with them please contact their respective authors as I do not provide support for code I did not write :)

## *Customization Tips:*

**How to replace:**

- **the logo.** Create your image. If you are using alpha trasparency then save it as PNG24 (in the Photoshop settings „Save for the Web“) and add the suffix **-trans** to it's file name. This is for IE6 to play nice ;) The script responcible for making IE6 fall inline is called IE7\*

Now, upload your image inside the activated child theme's images folder and it will replace the one that came with the theme (if the file name is the same) .If your image has the same dimmencions as the original then no further adjustments are needed.

However this may not always the case so open style.css (from the activate child theme) and find the following section:

```
/* LOGO */
#header h1 {float:left;width:344px;height:100px;background:url(images/logo.png) no-repeat top
```

```
left;text-indent:-9999em;position:relative;top:-36px;left:0;margin-bottom:0;}
#header h1 a { cursor:pointer;display:block;width:344px;height:100px;}
```

Adjust what I have highlighted in red. That's it!  
If you like to adjust the logo's position, then play around with the value highlighted in green.

\*IE7 is a JavaScript library to make Microsoft Internet Explorer behave like a standards-compliant browser. It fixes many HTML and CSS issues and makes transparent PNG work correctly under IE5 and IE6.

For more information please see here: <http://dean.edwards.name/weblog/2008/01/ie7-2/>

- **the custom avatar image (for reader comments).** Create your image (80 x 80) save it as: **noAvatar.jpg** and place it inside the activated child theme's images folder. That's it!
- **The favicon.** Create your graphic and use a service like: <http://www.favicon.cc/> Place the generated .ico file inside the activated child theme's images folder. That's it!  
If your new Favicon does not show up right away, try refreshing the page or clearing your cache — or put a '?' at the end of the url, which will trick a browser into thinking the page is new and not cached.

## **Translating the theme:**

The template files are fully localized ready to have the text extracted and translated. For this you need to download the Code Styling and Localization plugin:

<http://www.code-styling.de/english/development/wordpress-plugin-codestyling-localization-en>

Install it and follow it's instructions for translating.

To give you a brief overview (does not replace reading through the instructions for yourself)

After installation got to Tools < Localization

1. Choose the parent theme (smashingMultiMedia - folder must be writable!)
2. Add New Language
3. Choose your Language from the modal window that opens
4. Click Create po. File
5. Click rescan (links to the right)-The plugin will scan the files to extract all text
6. Click Edit (again from links to the right)
7. Edit<Translate

8. When finished save and generate mo file.

Finished!

Don't forget to set WPLANG inside of wp-config.php to your chosen language.