

WordPress - How to Customize Site Colors

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Applies to: Russell Labs websites using the Twenty Eleven theme.

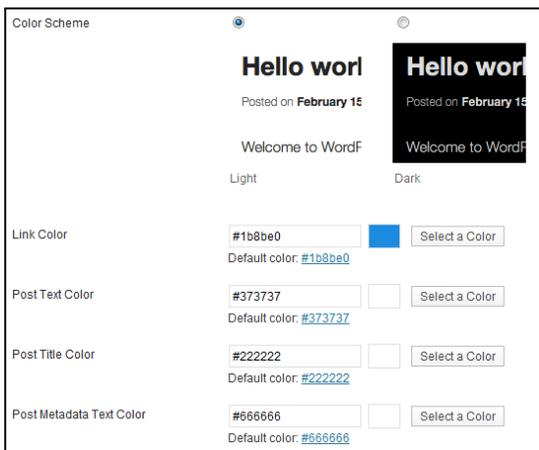
Twenty Eleven allows limited customization to the basic site color scheme.

You can change:

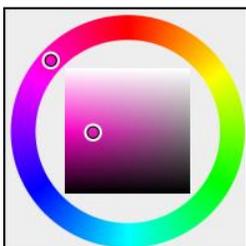
- from the normal color scheme to a “dark” color scheme
- the menu colors
- some of the link colors
- the background colors for pages and posts
- the site background color that frames the layout (called Page Border Color)

To Customize the Colors:

1. Login to WordPress. The Dashboard appears.
2. On the Dashboard menu, click Appearance. The Appearance box expands.
3. Click Theme Extensions.
4. Verify that the checkbox is checked by Custom Colors.
5. Click Save Changes.
6. In the Appearance box, click Theme Options. The Theme Options screen appears:



7. Locate the property you want to change. Click Select a Color. A color wheel appears:



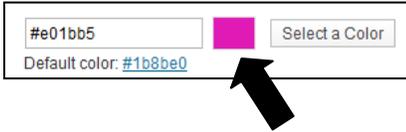
8. Click on the color wheel to select a color. The color code appears in the box above the color wheel, and the color appears in the swatch box next to it:



9. Click in the box above the color wheel. The color wheel closes.

10. Scroll down and click Save Changes.

Tip: If you decide you don't like a new color, you can revert to the default color by clicking the default color link:



11. Open the website in another browser window and check the results.

Important:

Links have 3 states:

- unvisited
- visited
- hover (not in Internet Explorer)

There can be a color setting for each of those states, but you can only see and modify the color for the unvisited link through this screen. Make sure when you change a link color that you click the link, return to the page and refresh the screen so you can see what the visited color looks like.

Further, if you switch the color scheme to the "dark" scheme, verify that you can still see the links in all three states, otherwise your links may fade into the background.