Changing Your Blog’s Look

Every newly created blog has the same default theme (as shown below). This is what visitors to your blog see.

Choosing Your Blog Theme

New bloggers often spend considerable time changing their blog theme to work out which theme works best for them. While you do have a limited time to make the right impression for first time readers….Don't spend too much time initially on your blog theme because you will find that you change it as your tastes change.

These posts will help you choosing your blog theme:

1. What To Consider When Choosing Your Blog Theme
   (http://theedublogger.edublogs.org/2008/07/15/what-to-consider-when-choosing-your-blog-theme/)
2. The 100 Edublogs Themes Separated Into Categories To Make Choosing Your Next Theme Easier
   (http://theedublogger.edublogs.org/2008/07/17/the-100-edublogs-themes-separated-into-categories-to-make-choosing-your-next-theme-easier/)
3. Edublogs Themes That Allow Comments on Pages!
   (http://theedublogger.edublogs.org/2009/01/30/edublogs-themes-that-allow-comments-on-pages/ )
4. Taking The Agony Out Of Using Custom Image Headers

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In your blog dashboard, go to Appearance > Themes

Your ‘Current theme’ is shown near the top of the screen.
All "Available themes' are shown at the bottom of the screen with 15 themes per page. To view all themes you need to check each page.

To preview any of the available themes just click on the screenshot of the theme or click on Preview.

This loads a preview window where you scroll down the page to see what that theme looks like on your blog. Clicking on links such as comments, page links, categories and tags takes you to that area of the blog so you can see how the theme looks without having to activate the theme.

If you like the themes, and want to use the theme, just click Activate on the top right hand side of the preview window. Click the X on the top left side to close the Preview window and continue browsing the theme repository.
To activate any of the available themes, without previewing, just click on the **Activate**.

Once your theme has been activated you can visit your blog site from inside the administration area of your blog by clicking on **Visit Site**.

**Tip:** If you hold the Ctrl key and then click **Visit Site** this loads your blog in another tab in your web browser.