

# Nifty Fifty WordPress Theme Documentation

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## Quick start guide

1. Install and activate the Nifty Fifty theme.
2. Configure Jetpack plugin: connect it to wordpress.com or use the Dev mode.
3. Turn on all needed Jetpack features via Jetpack → Settings.
3. Add photos via Portfolio powered by Jetpack plugin (create projects).
4. Add your Portfolio / individual projects to the front page / inner pages.
5. Customize the site identity (logo, tagline), color skin and menus.

6. Set up the blog.

## Installation

To instal the Nifty Fifty theme, follow these steps:

1. In your WordPress admin panel, go to *Appearance* → *Themes* and click the Add New button.
2. Click *Upload Theme, Browse and Choose File*; then select the theme's ZIP file. Click Install Now.
3. Click *Activate* to use your new theme.

**Note:** we strongly recommend using a *niftyfifty-child* child theme that comes in the theme package (downloadable files) for your custom modifications. This will help you keep your content despite main theme updates.

4. Set up the Jetpack plugin. The image galleries in the theme are powered by the Jetpack plugin, so you'll need to configure it. To get access to all free features of the Jetpack plugin, you should connect it to wordpress.com via your WordPress dashboard (create a free wordpress.com account). If you don't want to connect your site to wordpress.com for some reason, the theme will still work well with the [Developer mode](#) enabled. To work in the development mode, you need to add `define( 'JETPACK_DEV_DEBUG', true );` to your config.php file. Alternatively, to use the Developer mode, you may install the [Jetpack Dev Mode](#) plugin.

# Import sample data

**Choose the most suitable option:** import sample data from **.sql file** (if it's a fresh installation without custom content and you just want to make your site look like our demo) or **xml file** (if you have custom content on your website that you do not want to lose and you only need to add sample data of the theme portfolio).

You should be able to find **manual-install** zip archive that comes in the theme package (downloadable files). You'll be working with it in any of the following cases.

## Import sample data from xml file

1. Install WordPress if you have not already done that.
2. Add the theme via FTP or by uploading it via WordPress Dashboard.
3. Activate the theme and install required plugins (Jetpack).
4. Connect Jetpack to WordPress.com (it's free). Activate other Jetpack modules like 'Contact Form' following this URL `your_website_url/wp-admin/admin.php?page=jetpack_modules` (replace `your_website_url` with your domain name).

6. Navigate to Dashboard → Tools → Import and click on the 'Run Importer' link.

You may need to install WordPress importer first by pressing 'Install Now' under WordPress label.

7. Click 'Browse' button and select *niftyfifty.wordpress.theme.xml*
8. Click 'Upload file and import'.
9. Select 'Download and import file attachments'.
10. Click 'Submit'.

11. Wait until the import is complete.
12. Navigate to Dashboard → Settings → Reading Settings.
13. Proceed to other theme settings in the documentation.

## Import sample data from sql file

1. First, you need to upload media files to your server. For this try to connect to your server (where WordPress is installed) using any FTP client (e.g. Filezilla, Cyberduck, Transmit) or File Manager - service on your hosting control panel. Then navigate to your site root folder/wp-content/ and upload directory from manual\_install that is called **/uploads**
2. After that you should find *niftyfifty*.sql file in the package with sample data and open it with file editor like Notepad++, Coda, Atom, etc. and use '**Search and Replace**' option.

**Find:** `your_website_url_here`

**Replace with:** `https://your-site.com` (add your website URL address without a trailing slash)

Click **Replace all** and save changes.

**Note:** By default WordPress table prefix is wp\_. If there is custom table prefix in your database, you need to replace it in SQL file, too. You can find your WordPress table prefix in **wp-config.php** file at the site root folder on the server. In the example below you can see custom table prefix mp\_

**Example:** `$table_prefix = 'mp_';`

So once you found your table prefix, copy it and open *niftyfifty*.sql file with file editor and use '**Find and Replace**' option again:

**Find:** `wp_`

**Replace with:** `custom_table_prefix_` (note there is underscore \_ at the end)

Click **Replace all**

After that:

**Find:** `_custom_table_prefix` (note there is underscore `_` at the beginning)

**Replace with:** `_wp`

Click **Replace all**

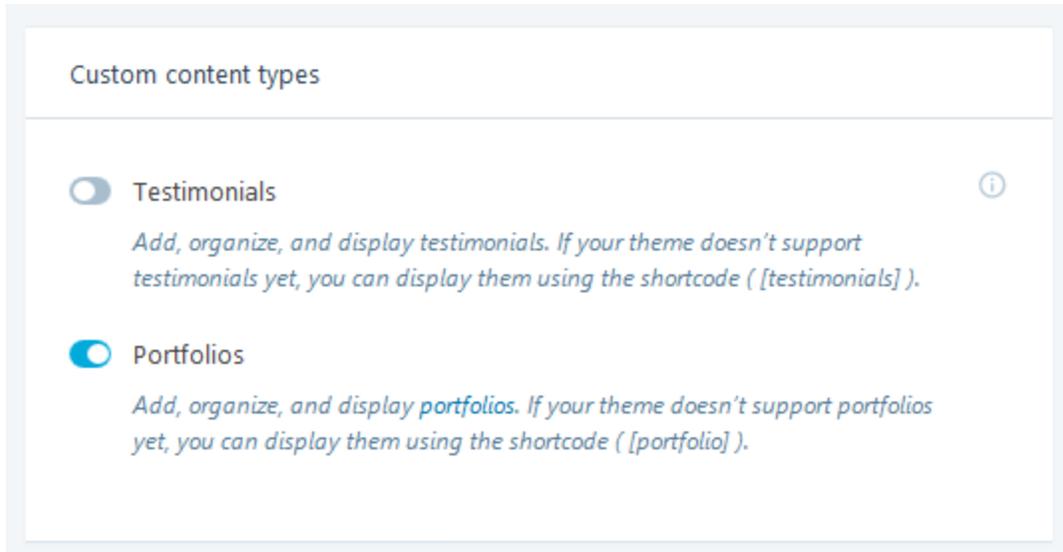
Save the changes and proceed to the next step.

3. Connect to PhpMyAdmin tool - usually it can be found in your hosting account or cPanel.

Once you are in PhpMyAdmin interface, you should click on the database name in the left sidebar and find **Import** tab at the top. Click **Import** and upload the edited *niftyfifty*.sql file. After the message about successful import you can go and check your site.

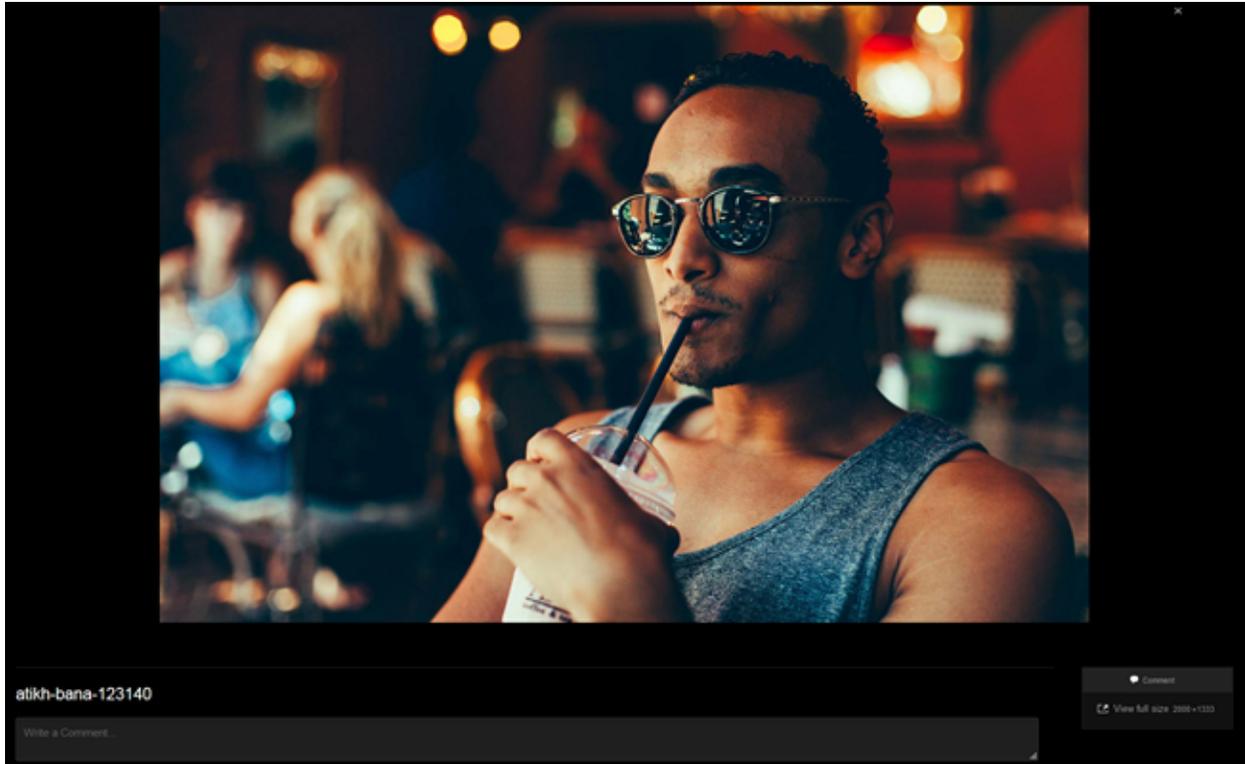
## Create portfolios with photos

To be able to showcase your photos on the front page or any other page, you should add them via the Jetpack plugin. So, you should configure the plugin settings first: go to *Jetpack* → *Settings* → *Writing tab* → *scroll to Custom Content types* → *switch on Portfolios*.

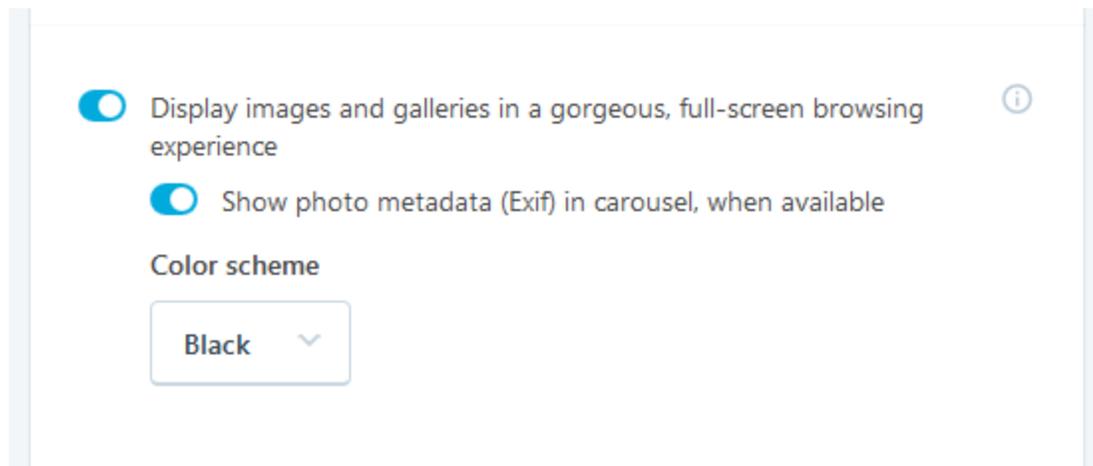


You may also surf through other Jetpack settings like *Sharing*, *Discussion*, *Traffic*, *Security* and turn on the options you might need.

For example, you might also want the site visitors to preview the images in the lightbox. Here is the frontend example of the lightbox:

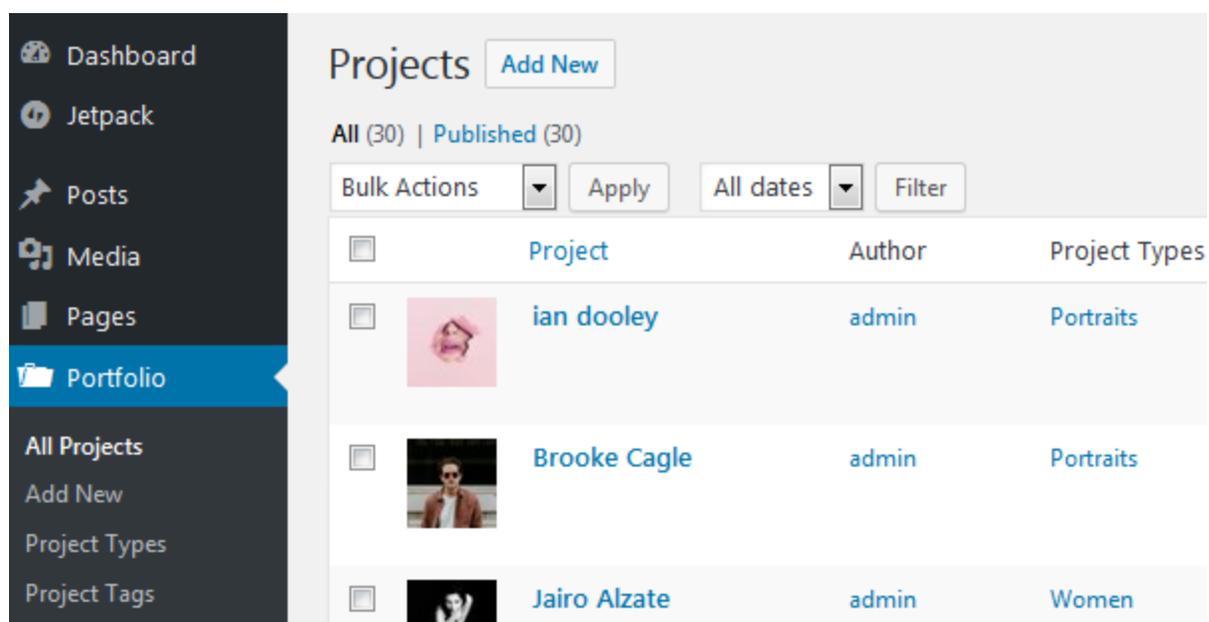


The lightbox opens the photo in a bigger size, allows visitors to preview the image in a full size and comment under the photo. To turn on the lightbox feature for Jetpack galleries, go to *Writing tab* → *scroll to Media* → *Turn on Display images and galleries in a gorgeous experience*:



Or, you may enable the Sharing buttons on Blog with Jetpack as well (*Sharing tab* in Jetpack settings).

Once the portfolios are enabled, the appropriate menu will appear on the WP dashboard and you can start adding photos to individual projects:



The screenshot displays the WordPress dashboard's 'Projects' section. On the left sidebar, the 'Portfolio' menu item is highlighted. The main content area features a 'Projects' header with an 'Add New' button. Below the header, there are filters for 'All (30)' and 'Published (30)', along with 'Bulk Actions', 'Apply', 'All dates', and 'Filter' options. A table lists three projects:

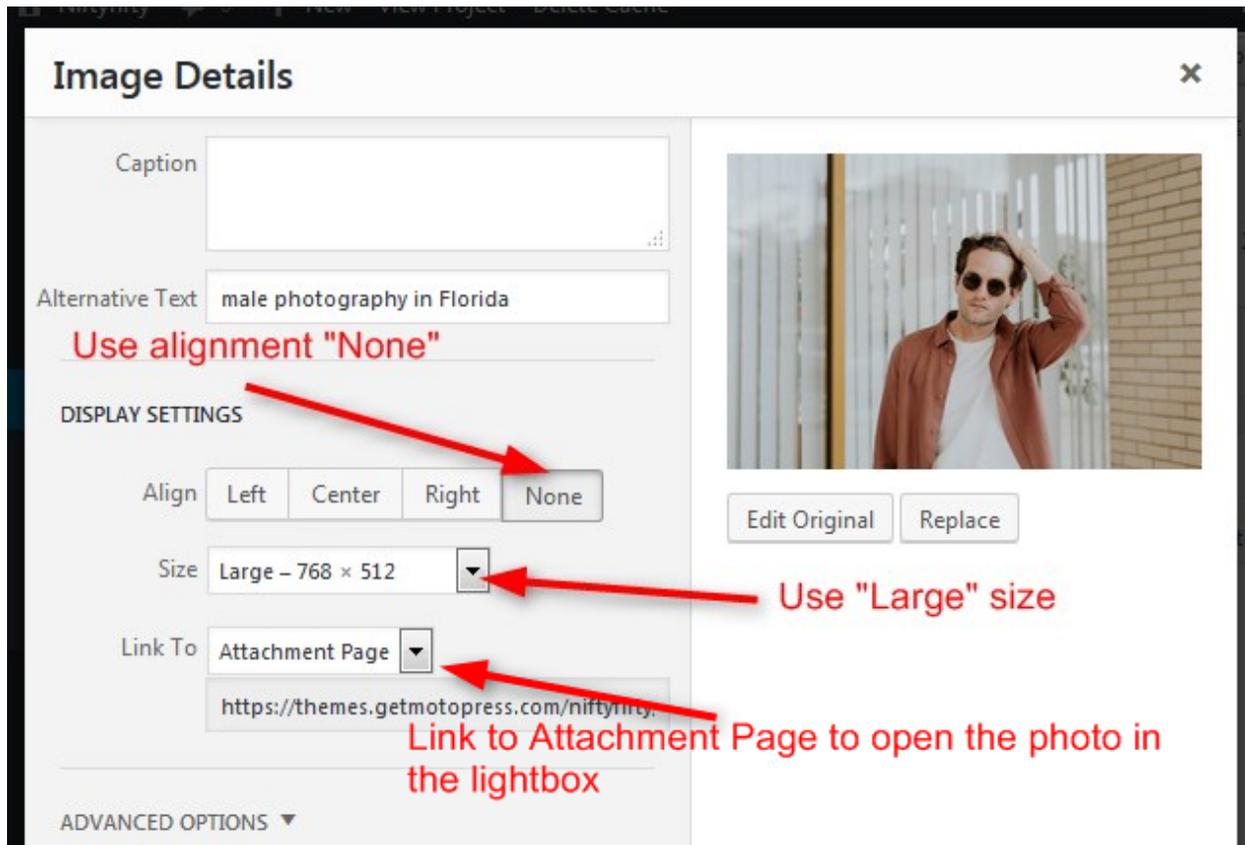
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project	Author	Project Types
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <a href="#">ian dooley</a>	<a href="#">admin</a>	<a href="#">Portraits</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <a href="#">Brooke Cagle</a>	<a href="#">admin</a>	<a href="#">Portraits</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <a href="#">Jairo Alzate</a>	<a href="#">admin</a>	<a href="#">Women</a>

The process is simple - you'll need to upload the images via the Media Library into the post (use Add Media button).



When editing an individual image (to edit the image, left click on it → Edit), try to follow this technique:

- Use alignment "None"
- Set "Large" size
- Link to Attachment Page to let site visitors open the image in the lightbox.



The screenshot shows the 'Image Details' lightbox in WordPress. On the left, there are input fields for 'Caption' and 'Alternative Text' (containing 'male photography in Florida'). Below these is the 'DISPLAY SETTINGS' section with three rows: 'Align' (with buttons for Left, Center, Right, and None), 'Size' (with a dropdown menu set to 'Large - 768 x 512'), and 'Link To' (with a dropdown menu set to 'Attachment Page' and a URL field below it). On the right, there is a preview of the image (a man in a brown jacket and sunglasses) and two buttons: 'Edit Original' and 'Replace'. Red arrows point from text annotations to the 'None' alignment button, the 'Large' size dropdown, and the 'Attachment Page' dropdown. The annotations are: 'Use alignment "None"', 'Use "Large" size', and 'Link to Attachment Page to open the photo in the lightbox'. At the bottom left, there is a section for 'ADVANCED OPTIONS' with a dropdown arrow.

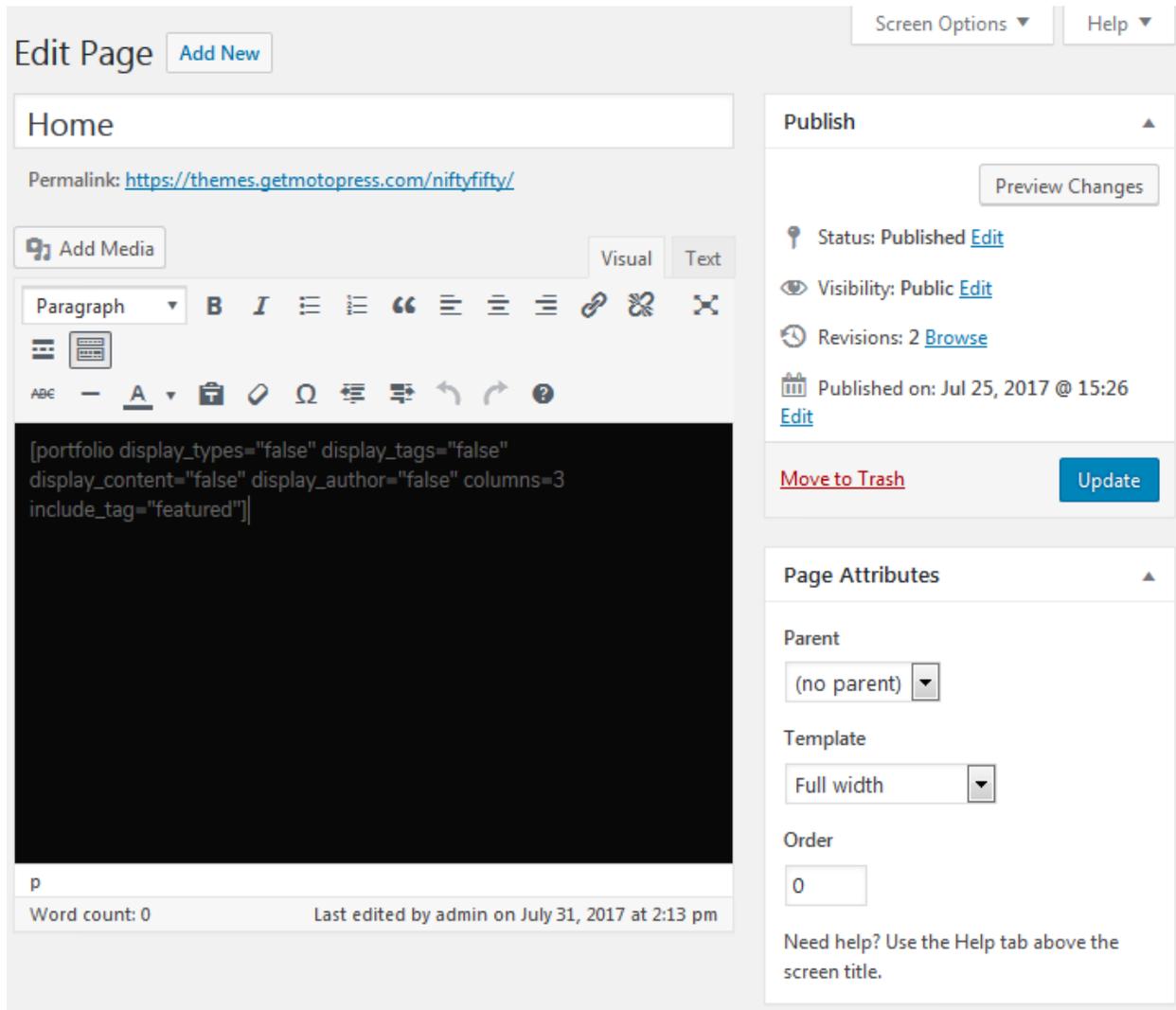
Once all your portfolios are created, you can showcase them on the needed pages.

## Set up the front page

To create the front page with your portfolios, follow this way:

1. Go to Pages → *Add New* and add a page.

2. Label it appropriately, e.g. *home page*, *front page*.
3. In the Page Attributes, select *Full Width* template.
4. Add the Jetpack Portfolio shortcode with your custom settings: set what info to show and what to hide:



The screenshot shows the WordPress 'Edit Page' interface. The page title is 'Home' and the permalink is <https://themes.getmotopress.com/niftyfifty/>. The main content area contains the following shortcode: `[portfolio display_types="false" display_tags="false" display_content="false" display_author="false" columns=3 include_tag="featured"]`. The 'Page Attributes' sidebar on the right shows the 'Parent' set to '(no parent)', the 'Template' set to 'Full width', and the 'Order' set to '0'. The 'Publish' sidebar shows the status as 'Published', visibility as 'Public', and published on 'Jul 25, 2017 @ 15:26'.

Here are the shortcode attributes you can use for showcasing the portfolios:

- **display\_types:** display Project Types – displayed by default. (true/false)
- **display\_tags:** display Project Tag – displayed by default. (true/false)
- **display\_content:** display project content – displayed by default. (true/false)

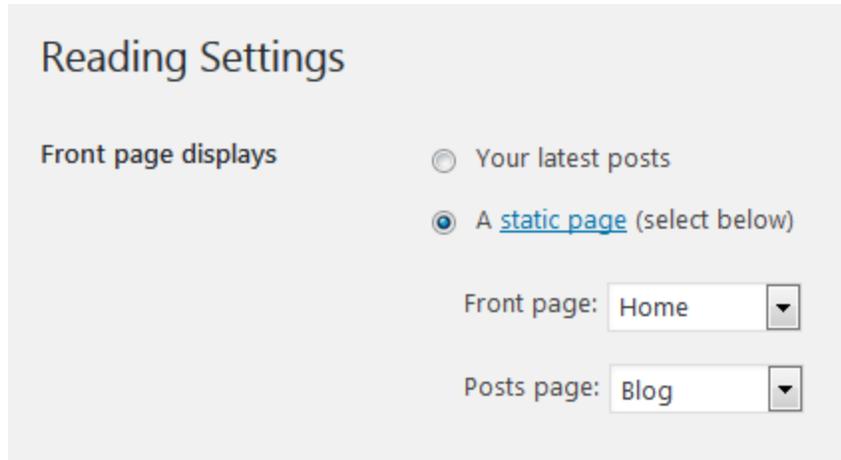
- **display\_author:** display project author name – hidden by default. (true/false)
- **include\_type:** display specific Project Types. Defaults to all. (comma-separated list of Project Type slugs)
- **include\_tag:** display specific Project Tags. Defaults to all. (comma-separated list of Project Tag slugs)
- **columns:** number of columns in shortcode. Defaults to 2. (number, 1-6)
- **showposts:** number of projects to display. Defaults to all. (number)
- **order:** display projects in ascending or descending order. Defaults to **ASC** for sorting in ascending order, but you can reverse the order by using **DESC** to display projects in descending order instead. (ASC/DESC)
- **orderby:** sort projects by different criteria, including **author** name, project **title**, and even **rand** to display in a random order. Defaults to sorting by **date**. (author, date, title, rand)

In the default Nifty Fifty theme we use the following shortcode for the front page portfolios:

```
[portfolio display_types="false" display_tags="false" display_content="false"
display_author="false" columns=3 include_tag="featured"]
```

Pay attention to the tag="featured" - all the images presented on the front page are tagged with our custom tag 'featured' (you can include any other tag or type into your shortcode).

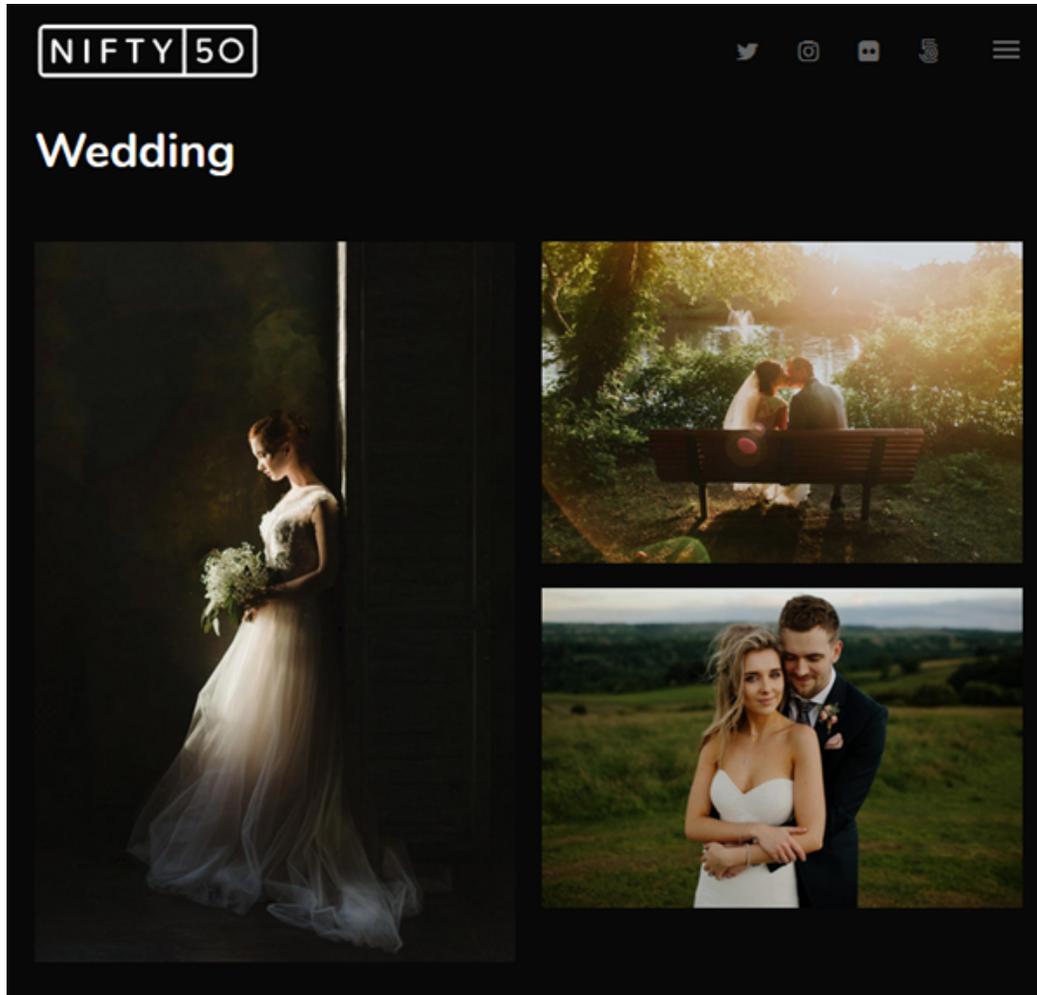
5. Go to Settings → Reading: set "Front page displays" to *Static Page*.
6. In the same *Reading* screen set the Front Page to the one you created during the step #2:



If you want to create any inner page and showcase all portfolios of just one Portfolio type (category), simply include that category into the shortcode. For example, you want to showcase the portfolio “Wedding” on the individual page, then use the following shortcode (with your custom parameters):

```
[portfolio display_types="false" display_tags="false" display_content="false" display_author="false" columns=2 include_type="wedding"]
```

In result, your page “Wedding” will be displayed as follows (with the titles on hovers):

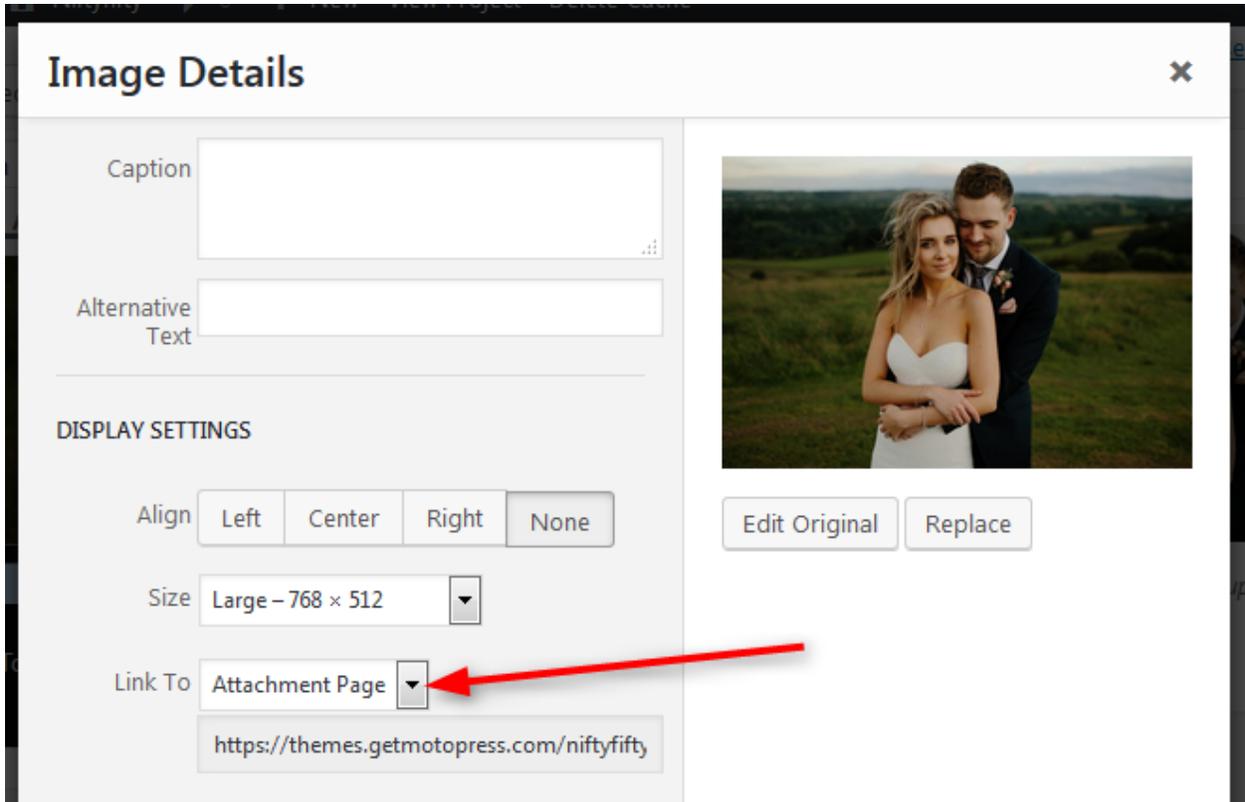


And inside any of these portfolios you'll see a list of photos, each of them can be previewed in the lightbox if you enable it in the Jetpack.

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Remember, for the image to be opened in the lightbox, it should be linked to the Attachment page:



The navigation buttons inside the project category are pretty handy:

↓ scroll down to see all images

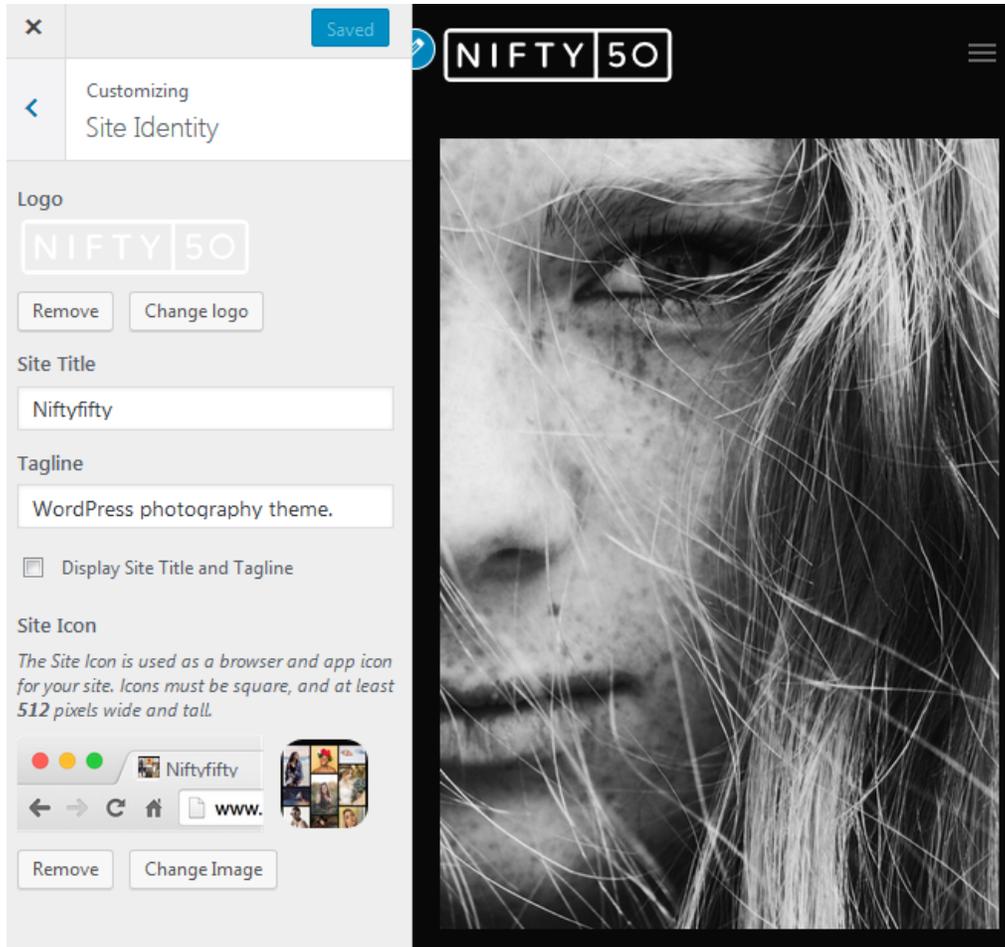
← → buttons to switch between projects

## Customize the front page

To customize other elements of the front page, you may go to the Visual WordPress Customizer via *Appearance* → *Customize*.

### Site title and logo

There you are free to edit the site identity like *logo*, *site title*, *tagline*, and *favicon* (site icon):



## Color skin

In the Colors menu in Customizer you may also choose a white or black color scheme for the theme:

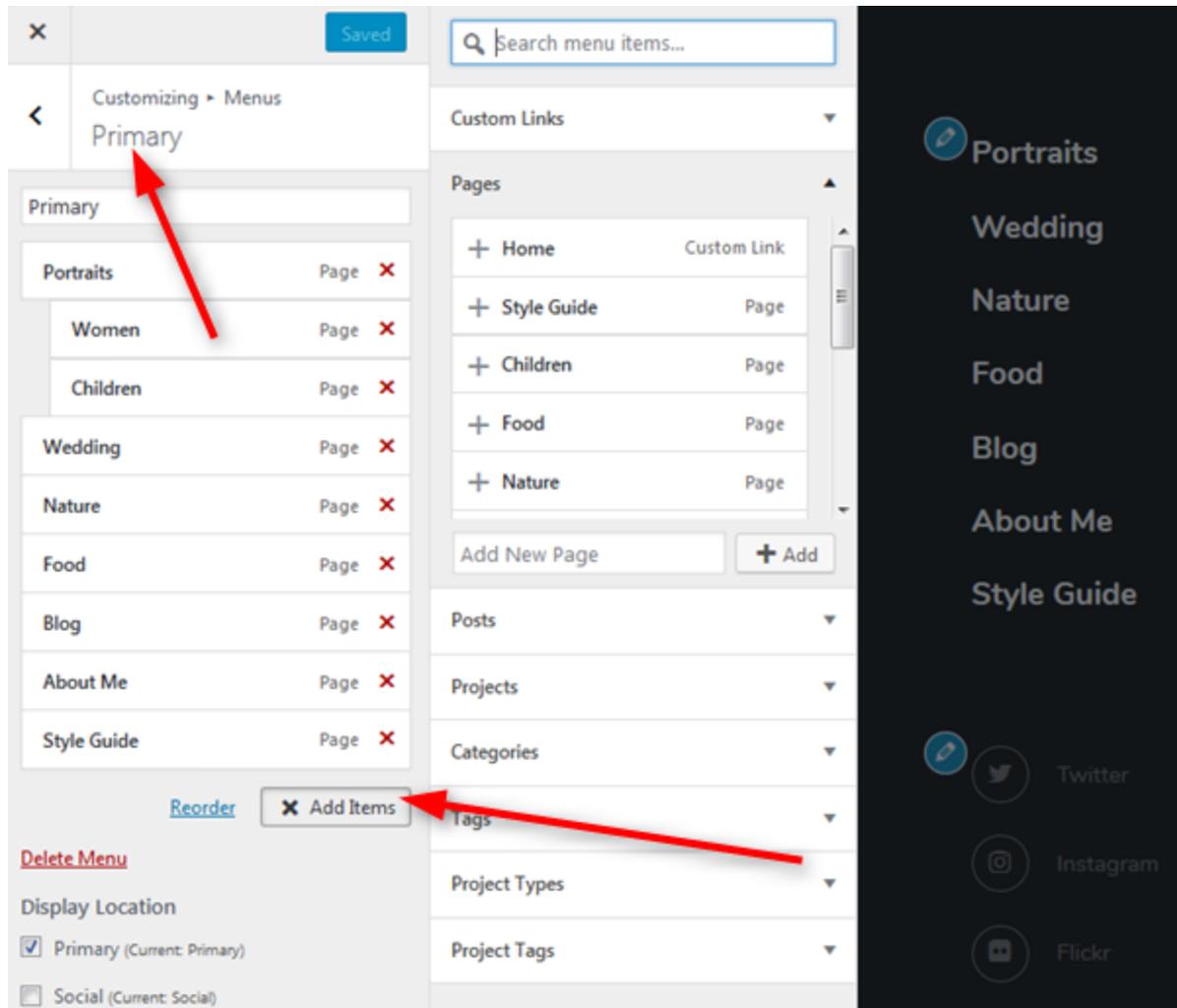


## Menus

In the *Menus*, choose what menus to display and what info exactly to display in those menus: Footer, Primary and Social. By clicking “Add item” in any of those menus, you may choose what item to add to the menu.

Generally, menus come with the primary one (your site pages), social media buttons and footer.

By default, the theme contains all of them, but you should remember that menus are very flexible, so you can change the content of each (for example, switch the default location of social media icons and footer, add items to menus, etc.) or entirely delete any. *However, the social media icons will be displayed as icons only if you put them into Social menu.*



## Social icons

To add social icons to Footer or Header menu, navigate to *WordPress Customizer* → *Menus* → *Add Menu* → *Add Custom links* with the appropriate names (e.g. Twitter) and links to your social media accounts.

In the *Display Location* menu choose the menu where the social icons should be displayed.

# Page templates

There are several page layouts you can work with:

1. **Full width**
2. **Fixed width**
3. **Default template (with sidebar)**

# Blog

Follow the steps below to display blog posts on your website instead of a static front page (the one with your custom content blocks):

1. Create new page and name it accordingly (*blog, news, etc.*).
2. In *Settings* → *Reading* set "Posts page" to *blog, news, etc.* you just created.
3. Scroll down and Save changes.
4. If you want your front page to show latest posts instead of portfolios, Navigate to *Appearance* → *Customize* → *Static Front page* → set to show "*Your latest posts*".