

So as we said in the last video, sometimes it can feel daunting to have to create all of the pages from scratch. One way as a beginner to get around that is by finding a theme with a starter site option. You can simply search on google "Wordpress themes with starter sites". One theme that I enjoy and recommend for this is Neve, so I will go to add new theme and search that name in our top right corner now. Then I will click install and activate. From there, you will see that I am brought to a page where there is this button "Try one of our ready to use starter sites". So I will go ahead and click that.

And now I am brought to a page full of different starter sites to choose from. You will see that some of them are premium, meaning you have to pay for them. I would not recommend that, and would instead recommend choosing a free template, as you will likely be changing the appearance anyways. You can click through each of these templates and see what each site looks like. Once you find one that you like, you will click import.

So I see there is this one that is specifically formatted for blogs that I like. I will click import here. And I will leave all of these turned on. However, if you have already created content and posts yourself, you might not want to import the content. You can also just import the templates if you have content. For now, I will click import entire site.

And then I don't want any marketing emails, so I'll just click skip and add your own content and then view website. So you can see now, I have actually uploaded this sample site onto my domain. Now, instead of making a page from scratch, I can just edit each of these elements. So for example, I don't want this to say "The minimalist blog" but I want it to say the title and tagline of my website. So I'll just go up into this top bar and click "Edit page" and edit each of those things. And let's say I also don't like this big yellow circle and want to change it to something that represents CU a little more. So I'll click on that background, and go to style and then change the image there.

Once I'm happy with how it's looking, I'll click Update and we can see what the new site looks like!

One potential issue to keep in mind with using a starter site is that it will load content onto your BuffsCreate which may or may not take up a lot of space. As BuffsCreate users, you are given 1 GB of free space, so you want to make sure that you aren't keeping anything you don't want in your files. For example, if you scroll down on this template, you can see that they've added a really nice photo of this person, but you won't want to keep that on your site. To remove any media that you don't want to keep, you can click the left sidebar which you can make appear by clicking on the w icon and then simply go to media, find the photo you want to delete, and then click delete permanently. You can also delete any pages or posts you don't plan on using to save even more space by clicking that category on the left side, finding the post or page you won't use (like for example, I won't be using this privacy policy page), click trash, then actually go to the trash bin and click delete permanently.

So you can continue to do the same process and go through this starter site and change things until you like them! This is just one way to make the starting process just a little easier for you. It's also a really great way to get more familiar with Wordpress in general, and the process of building sites. You can even use this template as a practice and then create another subdomain where you can copy over elements you like or try to duplicate them from scratch!

In the next video, I will show you how to actually create your own page or post so that you can actually start adding your own content.