

Setting up Your (Great) Blog in 10 Easy Steps

1) Go to WordPress.com



2) Click on Get a WordPress Blog now »



3) Choose a name

Username:
(Must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only.)
Email Address:
(We'll send your password to this address, so triple-check it.)
Legal flotsam: I have read and agree to the fascinating terms of service.

Hint: this is like getting an email address at yahoo or gmail or finding a domain name: all the basic great ones have already been taken, so you'll have to be creative!

4) Access your email to activate your Blog

5) Bask in the Radiance of your Online Presence

6) Now Let's Get to Work – Log-in (find the link in the sidebar)

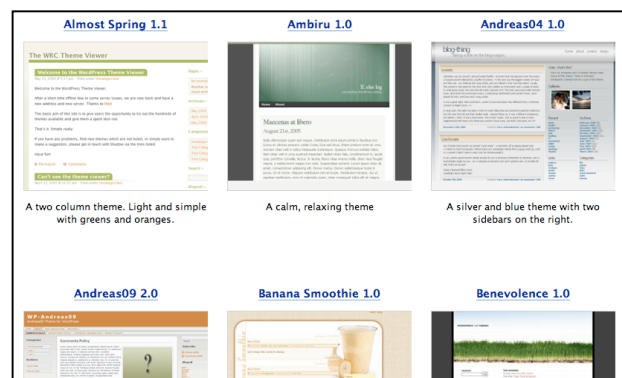
7) Look for the “Dashboard” tab at the top of the page



8) Start with the most dramatic: Click “Presentation” and choose a new Theme by clicking on it and clicking “view site” (in a new tab or window) to see the change.

9) Now we'll build the site by:

- Adjusting “Options – Discussion”
- Adding Widgets (Flickr, Gaggly, etc.)
- Killing Spam with Akismet
- Creating Pages / Hotlists
- Thinking about Podcasts & Vodcasts
- Building a Blogroll & RSS Feeds



10) Use it with students! For tips on setting up the administration of the site to suit student / classroom use, take a look at [this post](#) from Mike Hetherington.