

Basic

- Are posts in the right order (front page and archive pages)?
- Are the correct number of posts showing (as set in reading settings)?
- Are sticky posts styled and functioning correctly?
- Does the theme have pages tabs in the header? If so, do they overflow or have problems with child pages?

Navigation

- Do front, archive, and single pages paginate correctly. Do they show the correct number of posts?
- Posts, pages, and index should include `wp_link_pages()`.
- Is layout stable with all categories showing?

Widgets

- Is the theme widgetized as fully as possible?
- Does the theme require custom widgets?
- Do the current widgets look correct?
- Are standard widgets setup? Should they be?
- Do any standard widgets need to be overridden?

Pages

- Are comments enabled for pages? Make sure pages have `<?php comments_template(); ?>`.
- Check to make sure sub-pages don't mess up navigation.

Posts

- Does the page function correctly when logged in as an administrator compared to a normal user? (Example: do "Edit post" links work).
- Are the date and time format options respected (unless it's important to the design)?
Get the date format option like this:

```
the_time( get_option( 'date_format' ) )
```
- Is everything that needs to be styled actually styled?
 - tables
 - captions
 - unordered lists
 - ordered lists
 - blockquotes
Make sure quotes are indented and display correctly.
If the theme uses a background image or quote symbol, make sure it looks OK on both short and long quotes.

Multiple Page Posts

- Page links are displayed and formatted appropriately.
- Page links work.

The More Tag

- Does the part of the post before the more tag display on archive / front pages?
- Does the full post appear on the permalink page?

Videos

- Do embedded videos look correct?
- Make sure they don't overlap or push the sidebars down (YouTube videos can be resized with a filter in `functions.php`)

Images

- Check a post with a picture floated right, left, is there enough space around it?
- Check a post with a picture that is far too big for the content column, does it break the layout? (Perhaps use `overflow: hidden;`).
- Is `$content_width` set in `functions.php`?
- Does the gallery shortcode display properly?
- Check the gallery layout to make sure there is enough space above and below it.
- Remove borders from linked images: `img {border: none;}`.

Tags

- Make sure tag links work.
- Make sure tags are displayed OK on front page and permalink page.
- Make sure tags and tag links are shown in each post.

Categories

- Are comments displayed correctly?
- Are blockquotes and any applicable HTML styled appropriately?
- Author comment is highlighted differently.
- User avatars (gravatars) are displayed correctly.

Enclosures

- Do links for enclosures work properly?

Comments

- Are comments displayed correctly?
- Are blockquotes and any applicable HTML styled appropriately?
- Author comment is highlighted differently.
- User avatars (gravatars) are displayed correctly.

No Comments

- No comments are shown.
- Comment display form is replaced with a message, "Comments Off" or similar.

Disabled Comments

- Previous comments are still visible.
- Comment display form is replaced with a message, "Comments Off" or similar.

Trackbacks

- All trackbacks are shown correctly without overlap.

Comment Form

- Comment input form looks OK when logged out.
- Comment input form looks OK when logged in.
- Comments have "Edit" links when logged in as blog administrator.
- Comment HTML is displayed correctly, especially unordered lists and blockquotes.

Header & Footer

- Check for proper DOCTYPE.
- `<html>` tag should include `language_attributes()`.
- Check for correct XFN profile link `http://gmpg.org/xfn/1.1">` in opening `<head>` element tag.
- The "Content-type" meta element should be above the title element.
- Are you fetching the title and description using `bloginfo()`?
- Is there a feed autodiscovery `<link>`?
- Is there a `wp_head()` call?
- Is there a `wp_footer()` call?

Errors & Scripts

- Do you have a 404 page?
- Is your search page helpful? Navigate to `http://yoursite.com/?s=Test` to test.
- Is JavaScript CDATA encoded?
- Are you using `wp_enqueue_script`?

Screenshot

- Does the theme have a screenshot? The screenshot should be named `screenshot.png`, and should be placed in the top level directory.

Print styles

- Include a print stylesheet with `media="print"`. Test it on listing and single-post pages in particular.

Theme classes

- Does your theme implement the following helpful template tags? `body_class()`, `post_class()`, `comment_class()`