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Changing your blog's  
appearance

Workbook

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There are plenty of themes and options available in our service that can alter the way your blog looks. If you aren't sure how to do this, our step-by-step guide might help.

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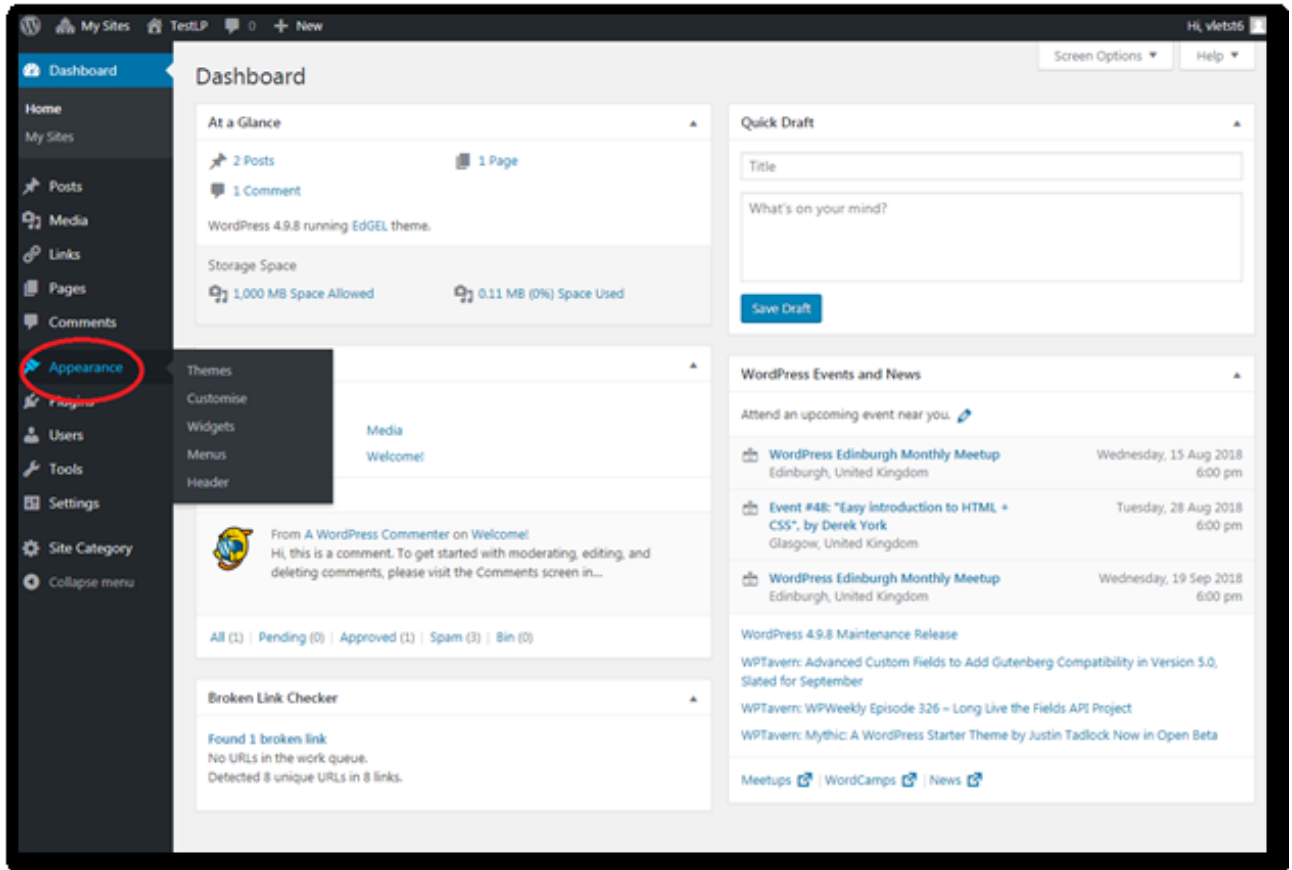
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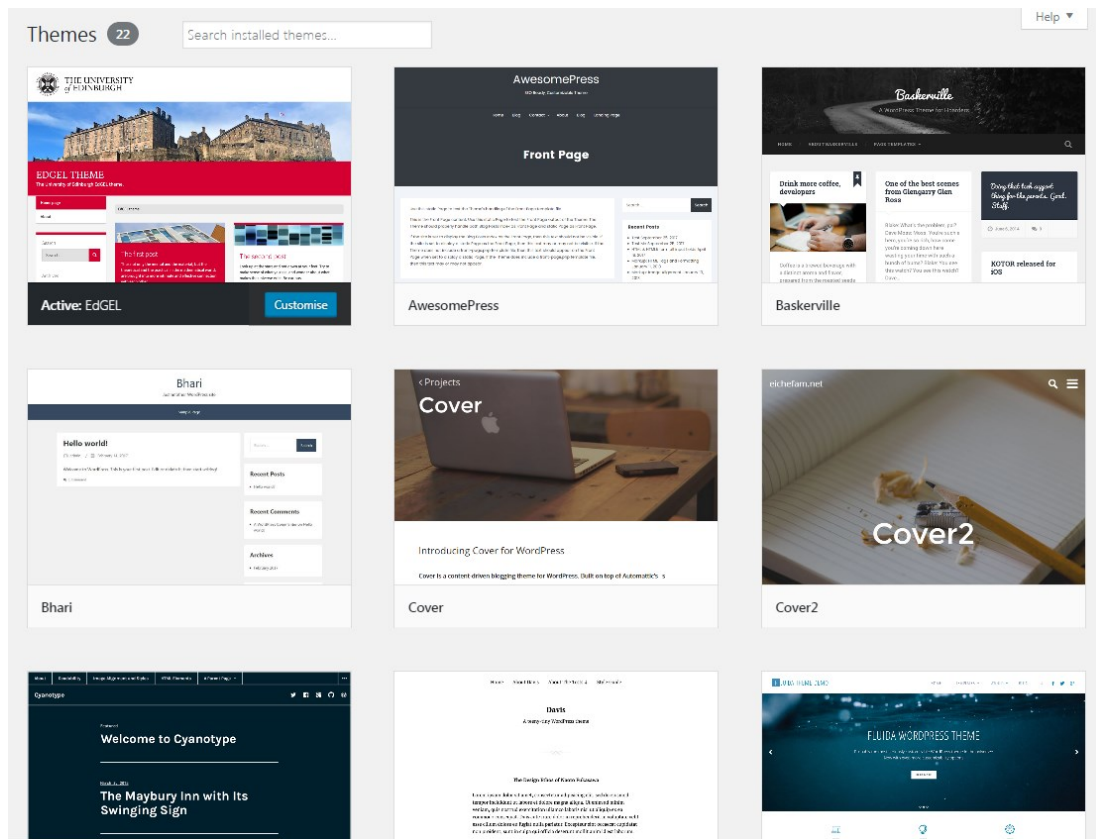
## 1. Changing themes

1) Log in to your blog and select **Appearance** in the side bar to the left.



2) A menu will appear to the right as you hover over **Appearance**. Click on **Themes**.

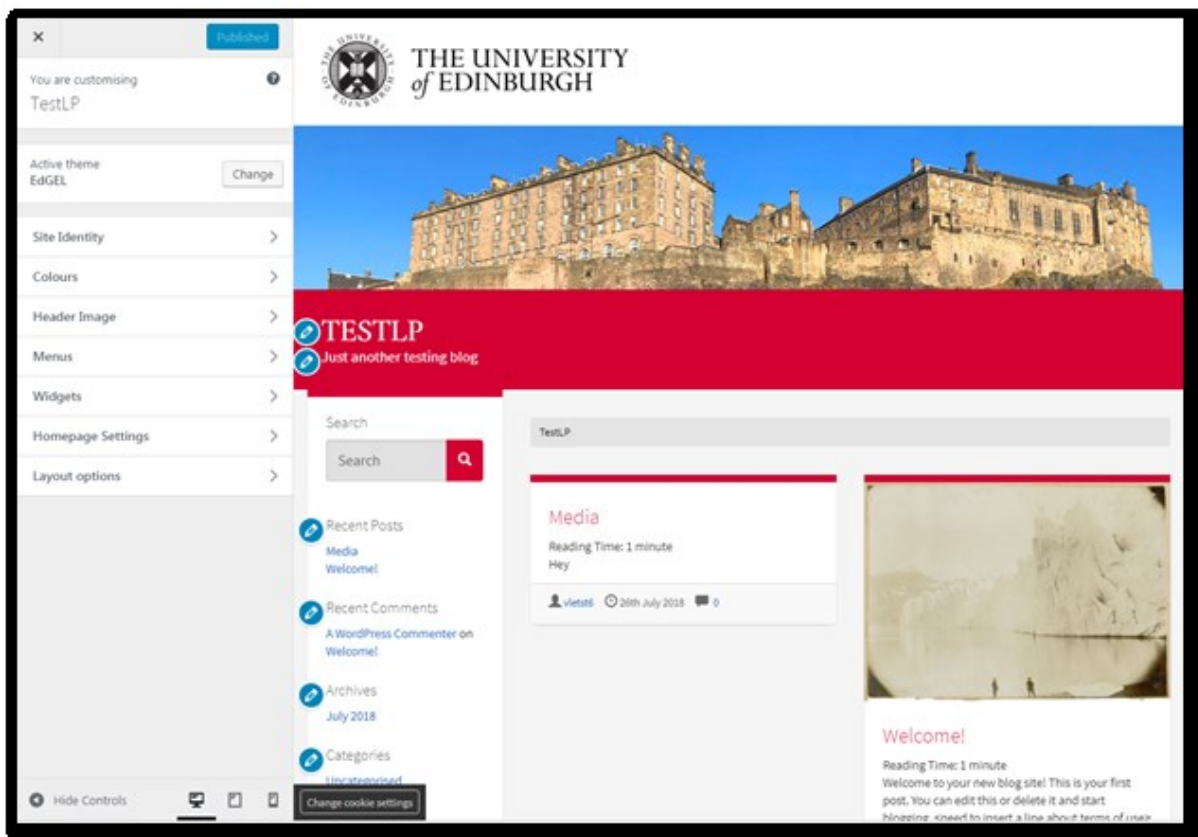
3) This page showcases all the themes that come with our service. You have the freedom to decide which of these themes to use for your blog. To change to a new theme, hover over your selected one and click on the '**Activate**' button. You can do a 'Live Preview' if you want to see how the new theme will look without any commitment!



4) Your blog's appearance should now have changed. Click on your blog's name in the top banner (next to **My Sites**) to view it.

## 2 How to customise the EdGel theme and colours

- 1) Go to the **Themes** page, via **Appearance**.
- 2) Make sure the **EdGEL theme** is activated. If you are not sure how to do this, consult our earlier section.
- 3) Once EdGEL is active, you will see a **Customise** button appear. Click on it.
- 4) Here, you can change the header image, menus and the homepage settings. Some of these features, such as **Menus** and **Widgets** are treated in our other 'how-to' sections. Find them [\[here\]](#).



- 5) Click on **Colours**. There is a selection of colours here that align with University branding. Click on a colour to get a preview.
- 6) Once you are happy with your changes, make sure you click on **Publish** to save any modifications.