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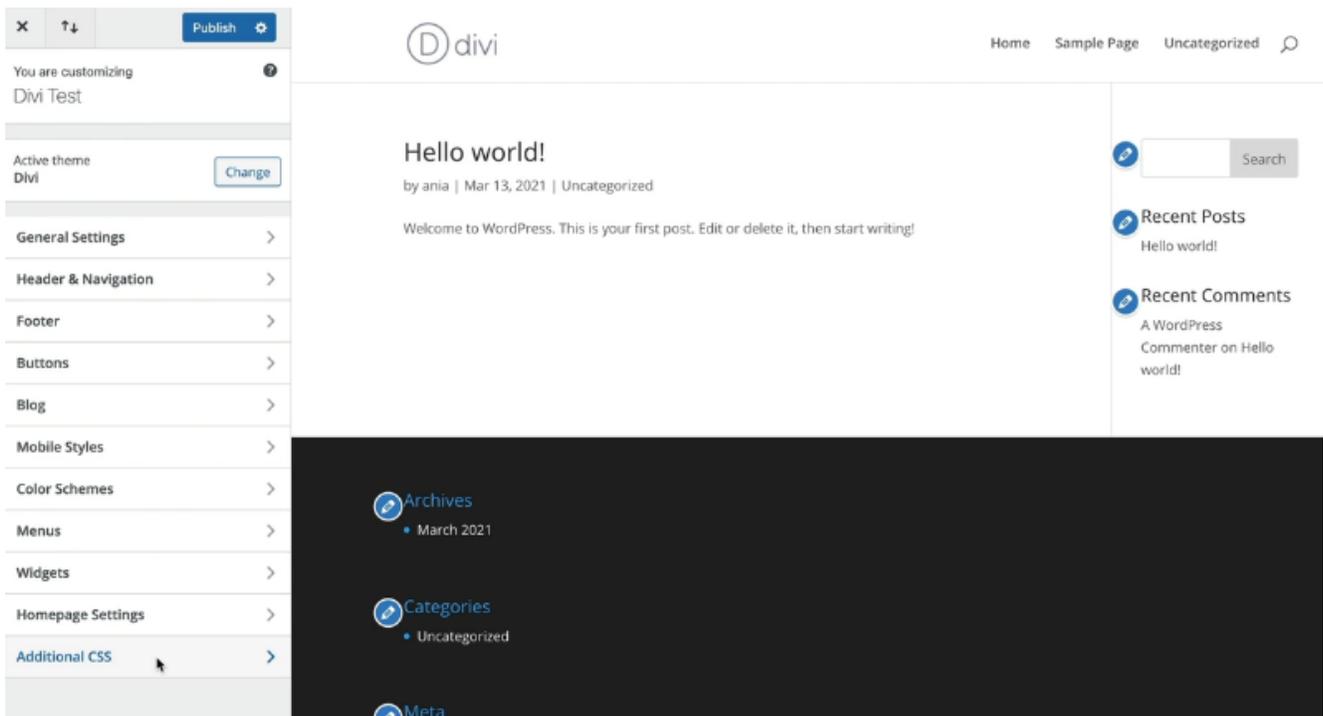
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## Introduction

Hello and welcome to the lesson about the Divi Theme Customizer. Similarly to the previous lesson, I would like to give you an overview of the options so that you have a better understanding about which options do what exactly, what is important and what shouldn't necessarily concern you.

First off, there is a distinction here, as some of the options are coming from Divi and some are default WordPress settings. And different plugins can add additional customization panels and settings here as well, so it's good to know what does what. Most of it is Divi but not everything.



## Additional CSS

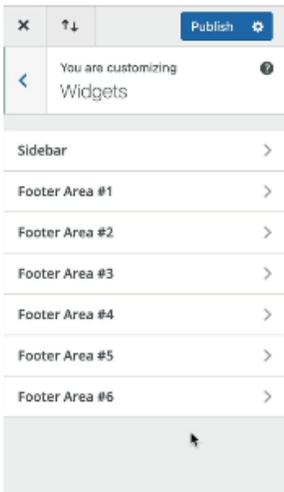
Let's start at the end, shall we? First, Additional CSS. That's the same box, the same field for custom code that is inside the Divi Theme options. If I add custom CSS here, I will also be able to edit that code from the Divi Theme options.

## Homepage Setting

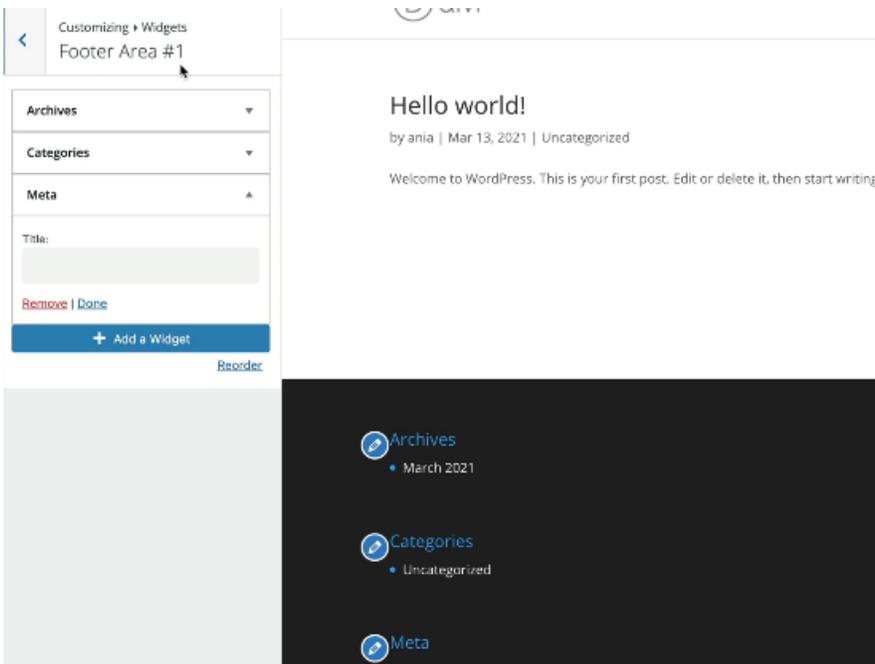
This is the default WordPress setting. You can assign your homepage as a static page the same way you can do under Settings -> Reading.

## Widgets

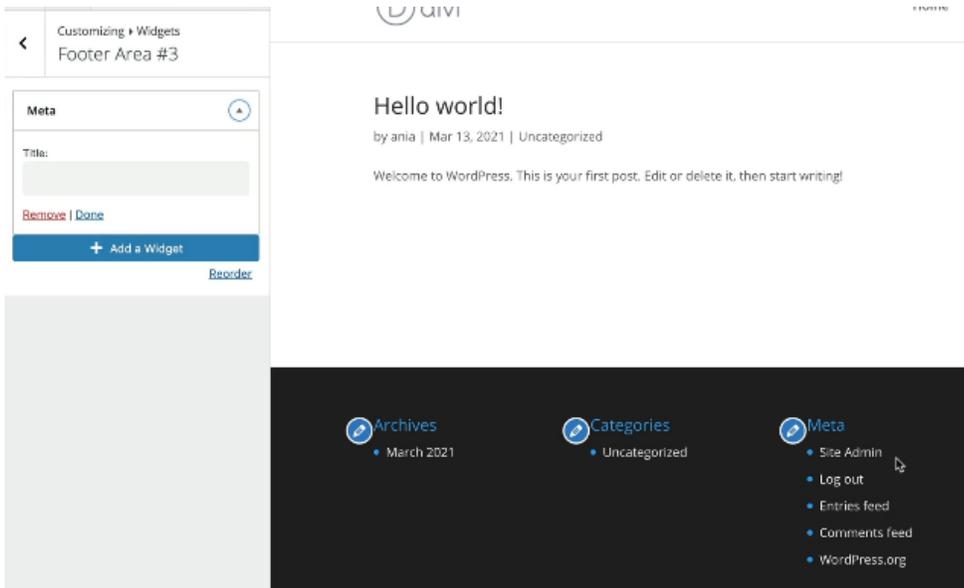
This is also a WordPress setting, but the widget areas you see here are defined within the Divi Theme.



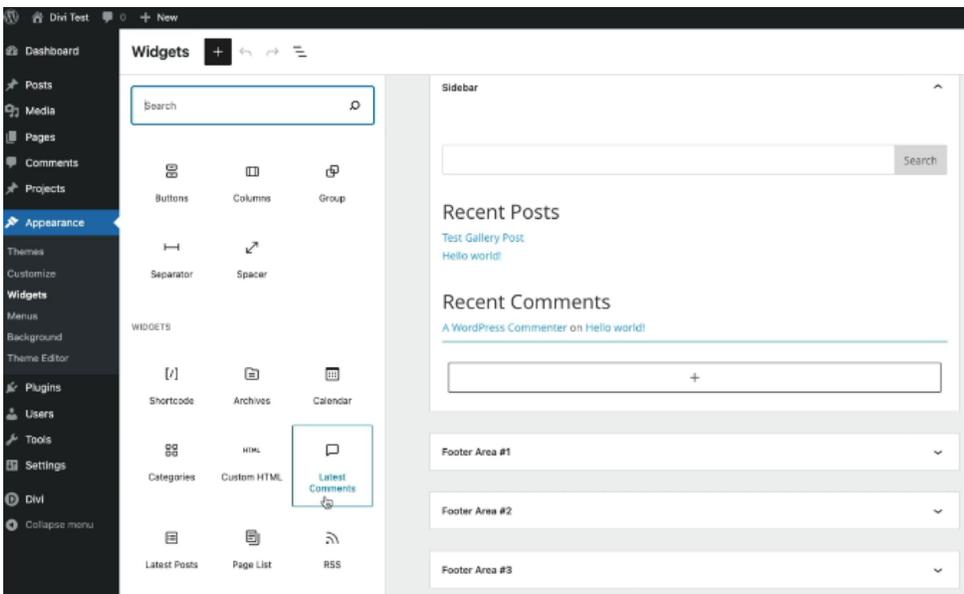
So as you can see, Divi comes with seven widget areas: a Sidebar widget area and 6 Footer Areas. And the reason there are 6 is because we can change the layout in the Theme Customizer -> Footer to have 6 columns (I will show you that when we come to the Footer tab) but just to show you really quickly now, these three widgets, Archives, Categories, and Meta, are here inside the first Footer Area in the Widgets tab.



And I can actually move them from here using the Reorder feature. Let's say I want to move the Categories to the second Footer Area and I want to move the Meta to the third Footer Area, you see?



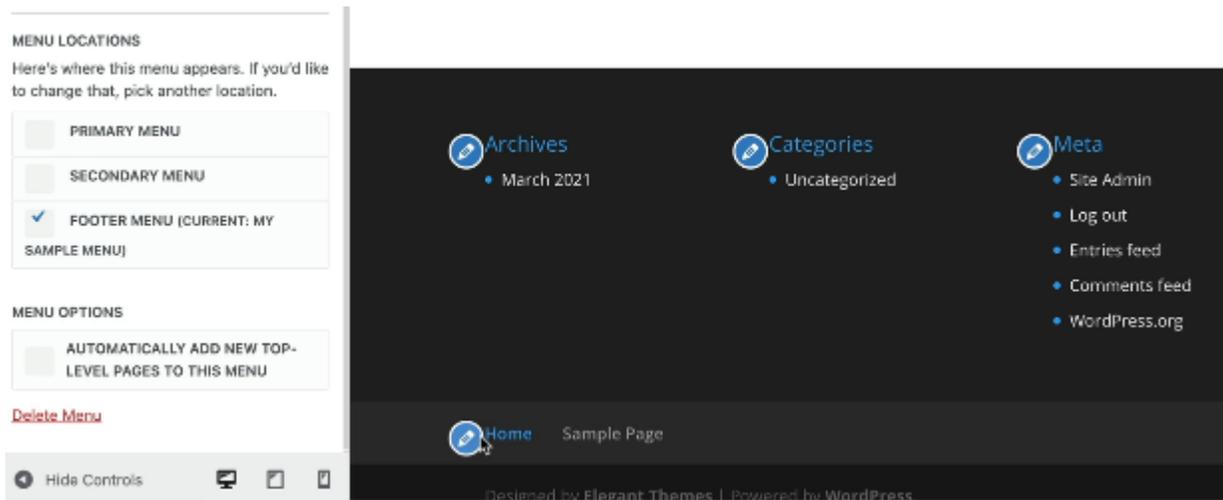
And I can do the same, so I can rearrange or add new widgets, from the WordPress Appearance-> Widget panel. I have the same Footer areas there, and the Sidebar and additional widgets I can display.



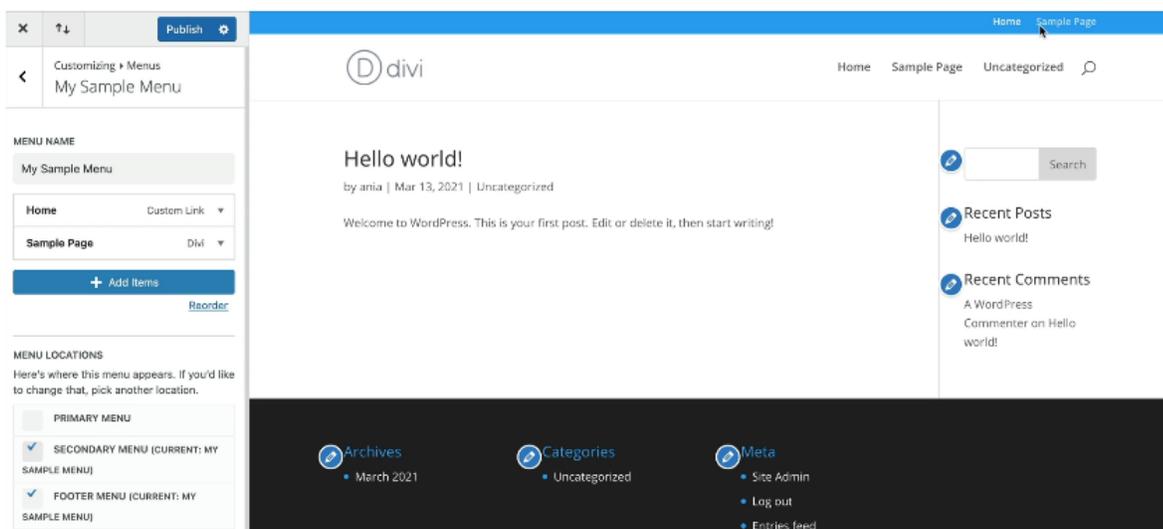
OK, so you may want to use it, that's the default Divi Footer, it will be replaced once you define the Footer inside the Theme Builder, so that's worth noticing.

## Menus

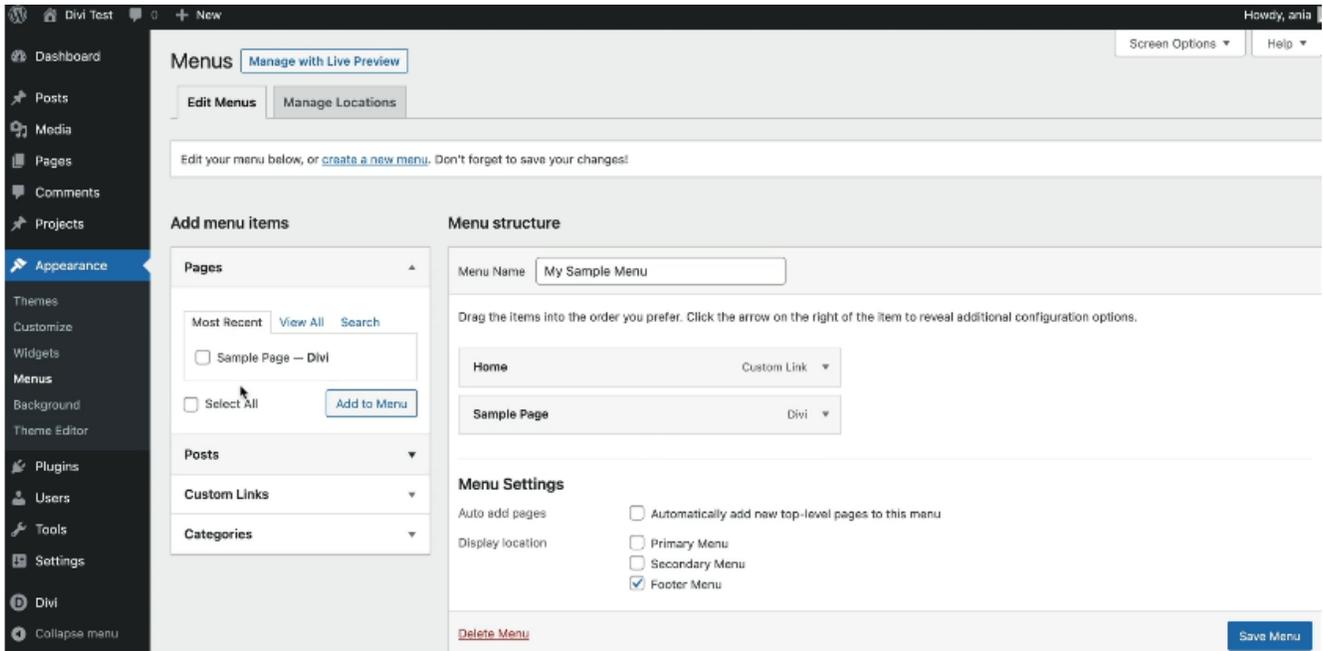
You have 3 menu locations that you can use within Divi, so there is the Primary Menu at the top. The Secondary Menu can be displayed above the Primary Menu, and there is also the Footer Menu.



In this example, I already assigned a sample menu as the Footer Menu. If I assign the same menu as the Secondary Menu, you can see it displayed here as well.



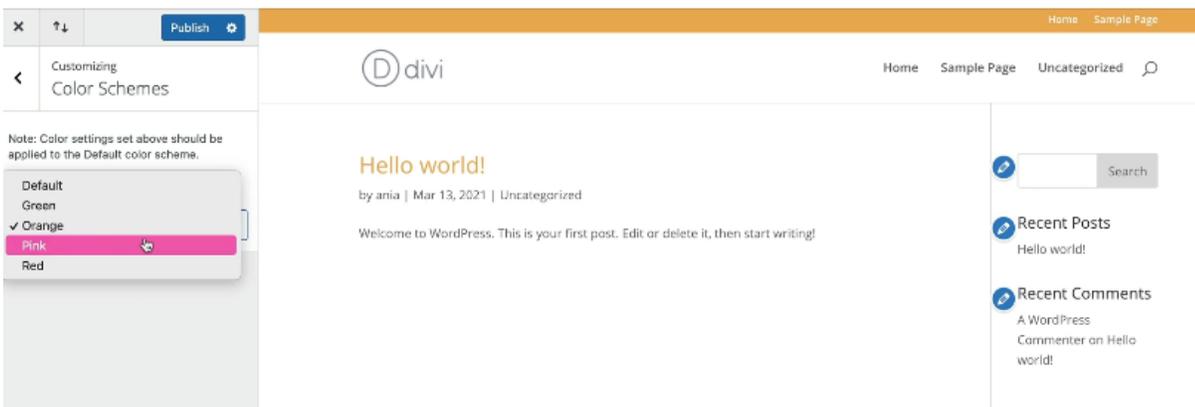
There are 3 different places where you can assign a custom menu in Divi, but again, this will be overwritten by the Theme Builder Header and Theme Builder Footer. You can edit your menus here the same as you would edit them from the Appearance -> Menu tab.



Now, back to the Theme Customizer. The features we discussed until now belong to the default WordPress panel.

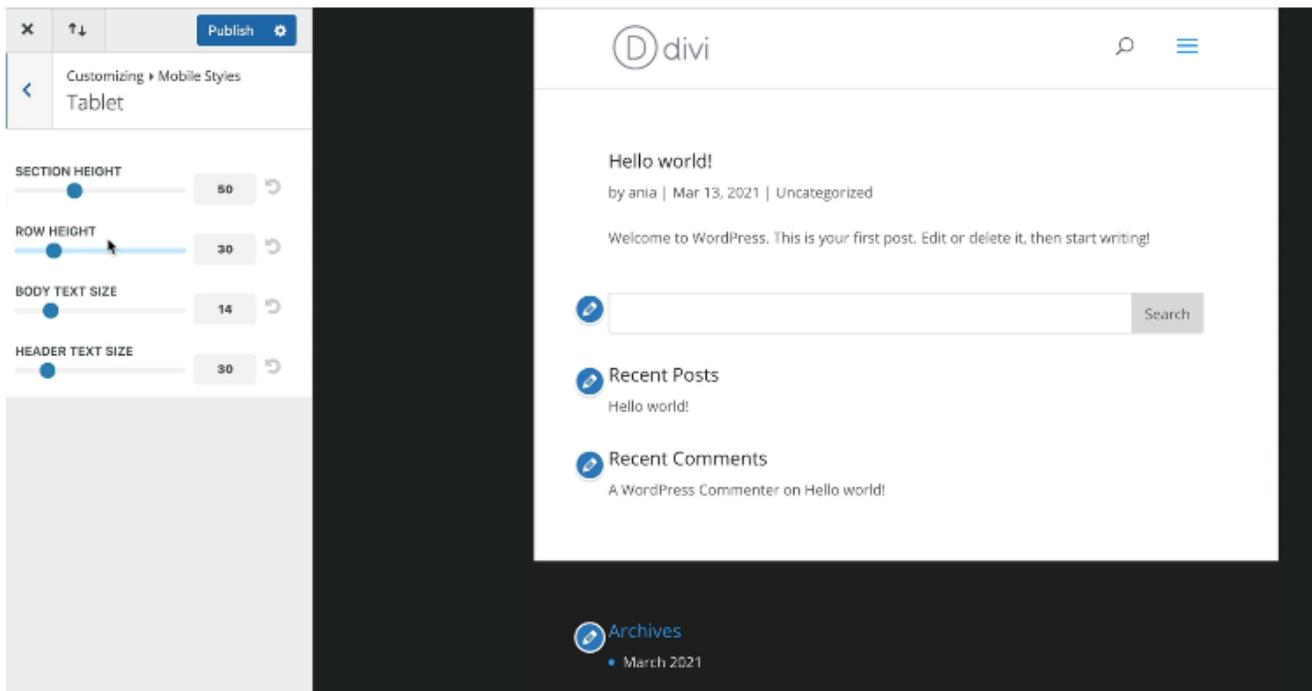
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This is probably some old dated setting, and you can change it to green or orange, but that's obviously not very useful and it doesn't help you much, so I never edit this.



## Mobile Styles

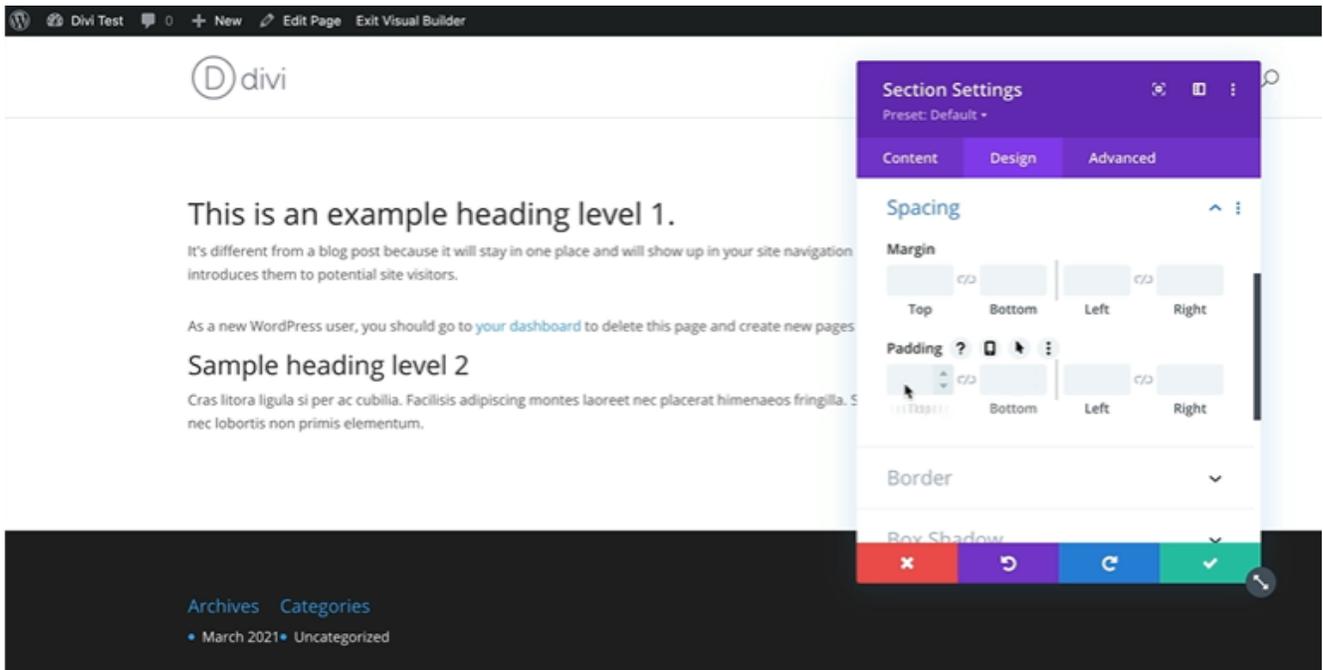
Now, we have Mobile Styles here, and this is kind of interesting, because you have some options to change for tablet, phone and also mobile menu but I would like to show you how that works exactly.



Section Height and Row Height are the default values for the top and bottom padding inside the section and inside the row on tablets. So inside Divi CSS you would see a CSS rule saying that each section should have 50 pixels top and bottom padding. You can change that here, and it will change the default padding for the section.

I do recommend trying to increase these values, even all the way to the biggest possible, so 150 pixels both for top and bottom padding just to add too much white space to your rows and sections, so that you kind of force yourself to change that and use the spacing more intentionally. This would work well within the Divi Builder.

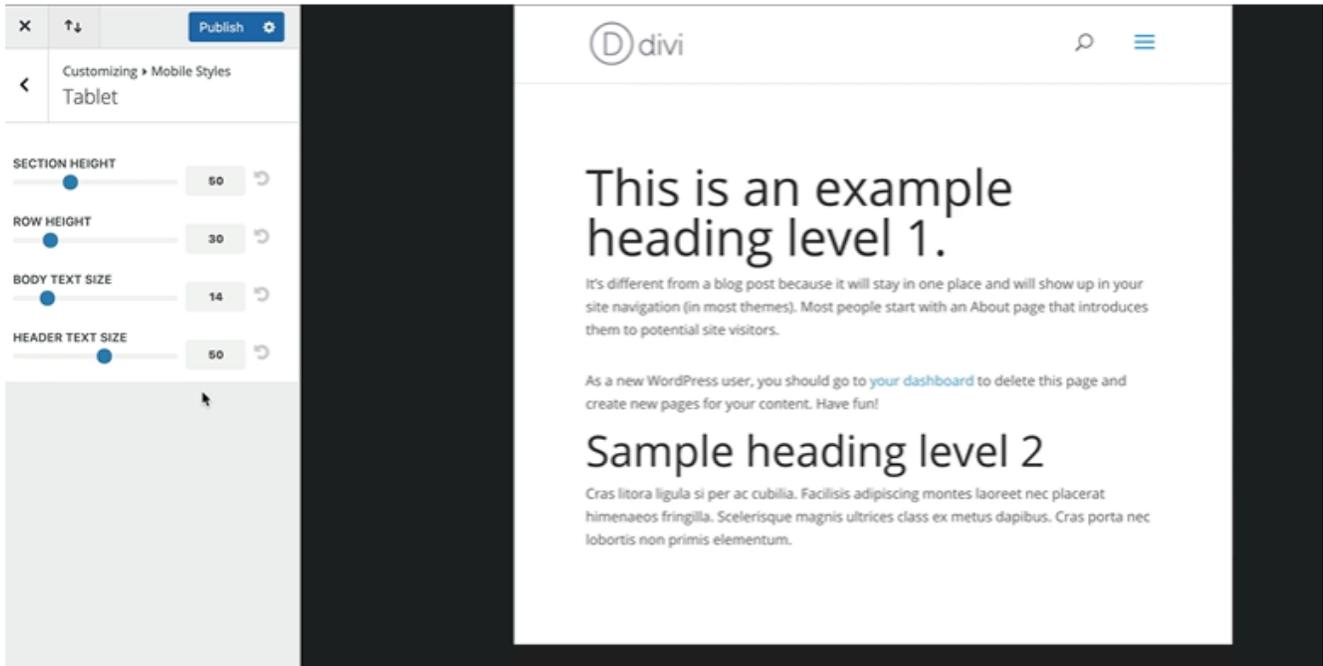
I have a sample page setup here and I will show you the default values for the Spacing section:



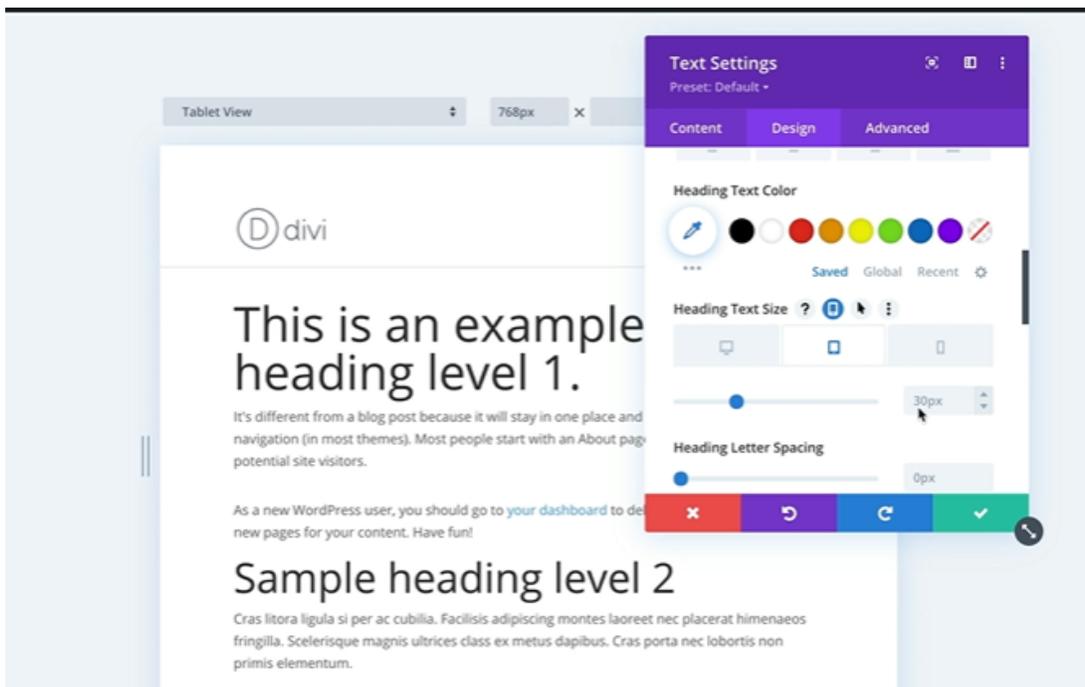
And there's nothing here, these fields are empty. There is padding in the section but it's not visible here. If I save that setting for 150 pixels for Section Height and Row Height in the Theme Customizer Mobile Styles for tablet, it will also work here but these values won't be visible.

So you will be able to easily edit these values if needed, but that doesn't work the same way for Header Text Size or Body Text Size in the Theme Customizer. So I do not recommend changing these values.

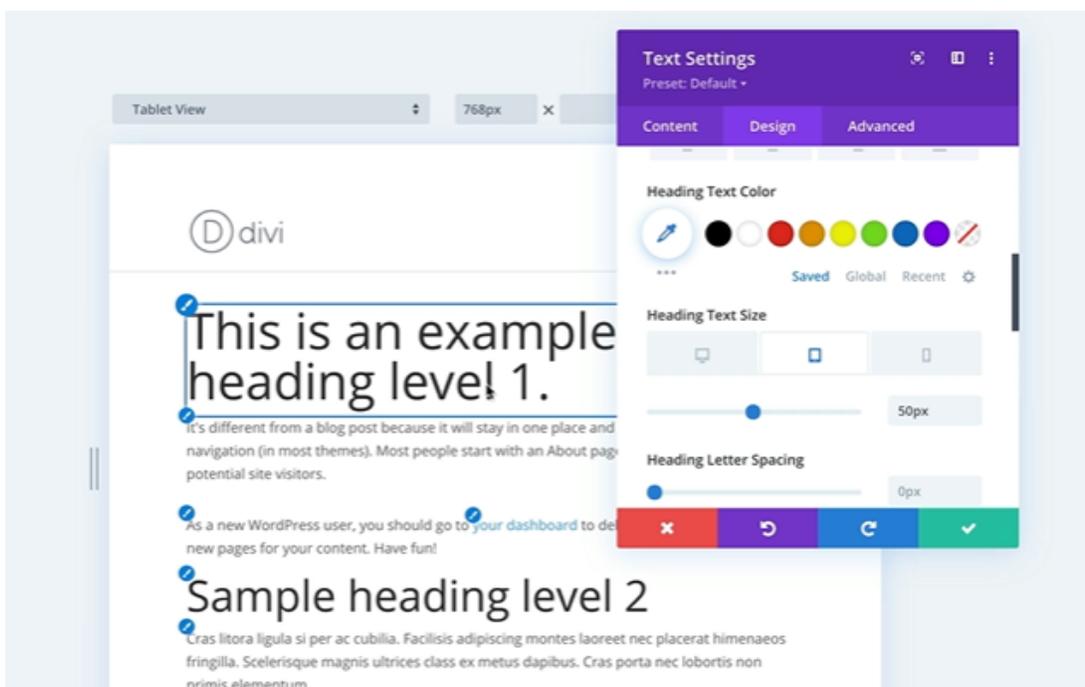
Let's say I want to set my Header font to 50 pixels on tablets, and let's actually open my sample page where I have two different headers. I changed the values for section and row back to default. Now, I have two heading levels: Heading 1 and Heading 2, and by changing this value for Header Text Size from default 30 to 50, both headings changed their size.



So the 50 is being used for heading level 1 and the rest of the heading levels are being sized accordingly, so let's publish these changes. And remember, I set the 50 pixels value for tablet, and now I'll refresh my page and check how my design and how my heading size looks for a tablet.



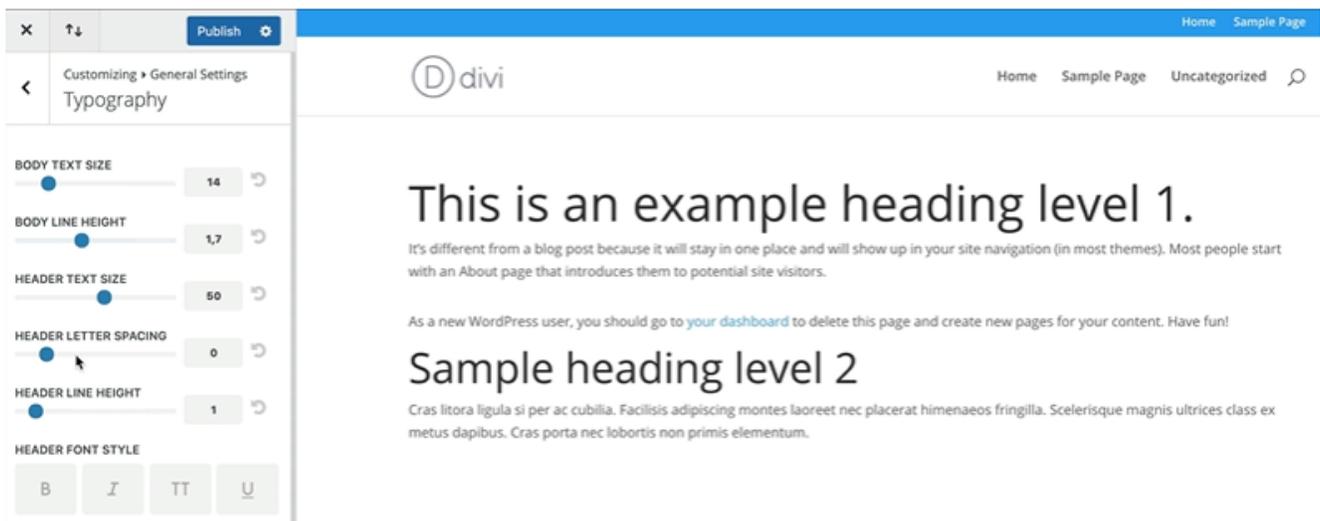
It is big, but the greyed out value here, the greyed out value, shows that it is set as 30 pixels, so let's see what happens if we change it to 50.



Nothing changed, because in reality, this value was 50 (even though it seemed to be set at 30 px in the Text Settings). If I set it to 49, 48 and so on, the size will decrease. But once we go to 31 pixels and 30, you'll see you cannot set it to 30 anymore, because the default value is greyed out, and you only can choose 29, 31, and so on.

So I do not recommend editing Header Text Size, and it would work the same way for Body Text Size, so I do not recommend changing these settings in the Theme Customizer.

Now, there is another way to do this which I don't recommend using either, just let me show you real quick. If I go to General Settings -> Typography and change my Header Text size from 30 to 50 in the settings for desktop, it will look like this.



That's the default version for desktop, and when I publish that and refresh my page with the Divi Builder, you see my heading on the desktop is big, it has 50 pixels and my H1 size actually changed its default value to 50, so this works correctly.

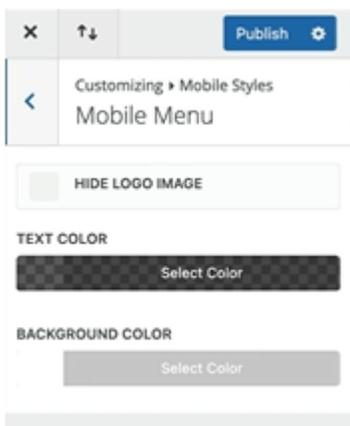
But since the Heading level 2 has been affected as well, the size has been changed, and when I check the default size for Heading 2, it says 26, but it's not the actual size. It's around 36 or even more. And I no longer can use the 26 value because the default got kind of messed up by changing the size of your header text in the General Settings.

So again, I do not recommend changing these values.

Let's just quickly go back to our Mobile Styles so we don't miss any setting. In Tablet -> Section and Row Heights, sure, you can experiment with it, see if increasing that size helps you make more intentional decisions regarding your spacing, but do not change Body Text or Header Text here.

And the same exactly applies to your sections and rows for Phones. Do not change the Text size here as well.

Now, Mobile Menu. The settings here are pretty limited, you can change the background color, the text color, and you can hide the logo image. So we will definitely need to use custom CSS to make the Mobile Menu look nice, and we'll get to that later.



## Blog

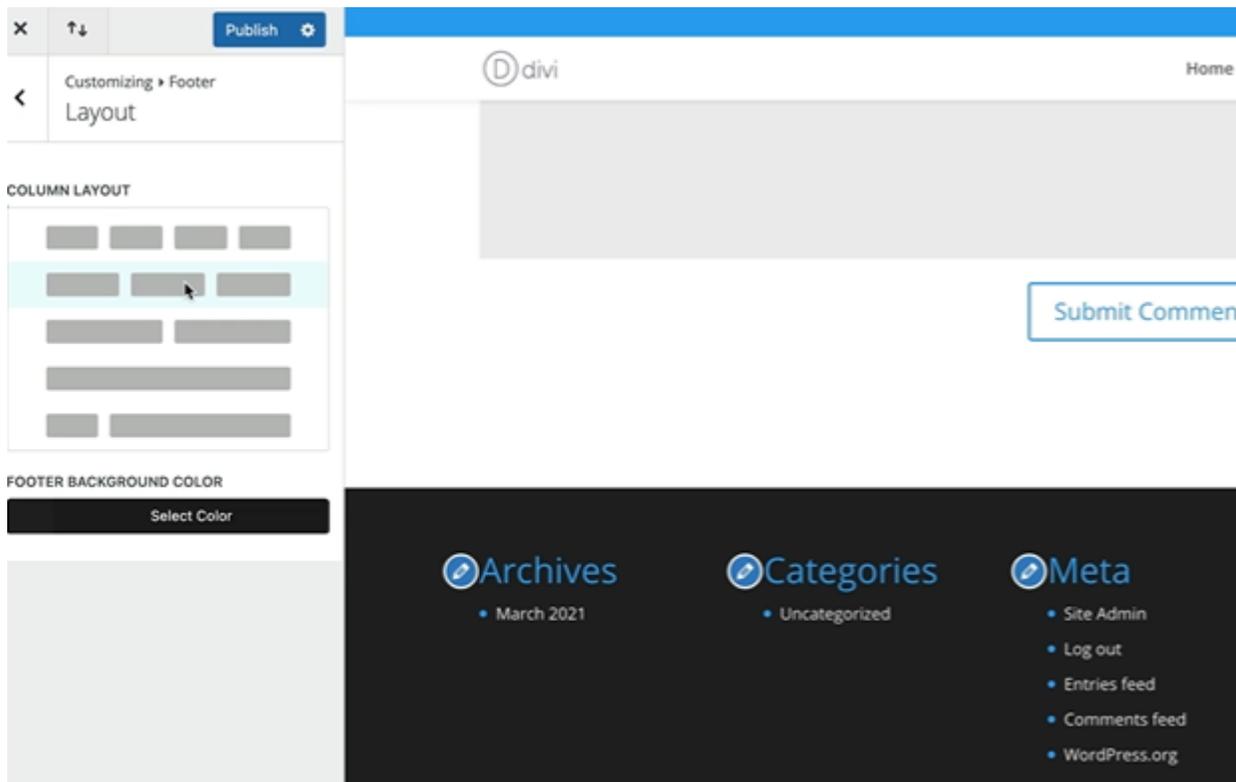
Here, you have the option to edit your post and this applies to a default post as long as you do not use the Theme Builder to design your post layout. Not very useful anymore, I would say.

## Buttons

Here, you have your Buttons Style and Hover Style and you can change that look of the default button, but my recommendation is to use the Global Presets and define the look of your buttons within the Divi Builder.

## Footer

As for the Footer, remember how we saw that there are six Footer Areas (in the Widgets tab)? Here you can change the layout of your default footer to all sorts of different column structures, including six columns. You can also change the background color.

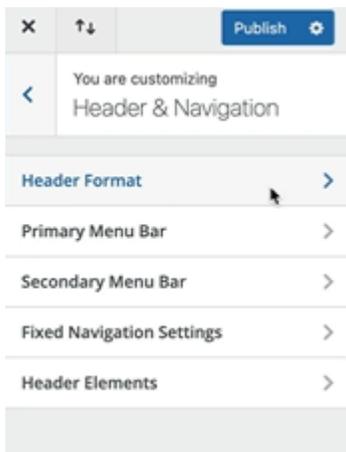


But these options are also kind of limited, so you have your Footer Menu, Bottom Bar, you can change your Social Icons here in the Footer Elements, so we can hide or show them. Remember, we can set the visibility of these icons inside the Divi Theme options.

I think that replacing the Footer with the Footer Build, with the Divi Builder inside the Theme Builder gives you a lot more options and it is more powerful, but you can still use the default footer and I will show you how you can edit it with custom CSS later, because the options to customize it here in the Theme Customizer are pretty limited.

## Header & Navigation

Now, I won't go over all the available settings here. There are different Header Formats you can use or even vertical navigation with the sidebar menu, and you can go through all those settings yourself.



I will share how you can edit these elements more with custom CSS because we don't have too many customization options here, and we do need to rely on custom CSS if we want the website to look nice and original, not just like the default Divi Theme.

## General Settings

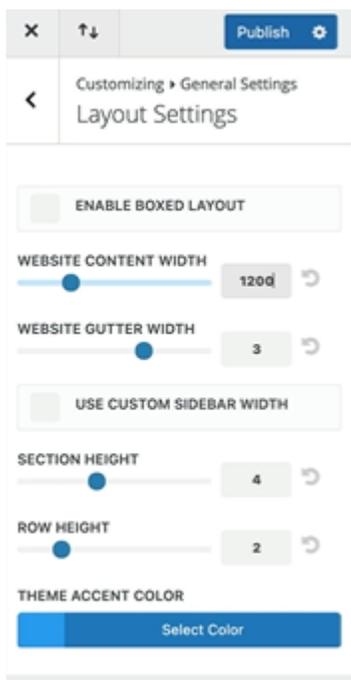
There are a few things here I would edit. First: Site Identity -> Site Icon. This is the little icon that is visible in the website browser navigation, so you want to assign one here.



And also in the Typography settings, I would change the default Header Font and Body Font to my chosen font. That is the only setting I would edit here because, for example, if you change your Header Font Style to bold and you want to make it regular afterwards without using custom CSS, you can't. Changing the Header Font Style here would change the default style to bold, but the default style visible in the Theme Builder (similar to text size) would be still displayed as regular, so you can't select "regular" again.

That's why the only thing I would edit here is the Header Font and Body Font. Choosing a different font here will replace the default font that I can select in the Divi Builder. So the default would be the one that is set inside the Theme Customizer.

The last tab you might want to check in the General Settings is your Layout Settings, and here you can change the default maximum width of regular rows (Website Content Width), so I usually change it to 1200 pixels just to kind of have more space for my columns. And you can also experiment with different Section and Row Height for desktops.



These values here are not pixels like we saw for tablets and phones, but they represent percentages, so the default 4 is 4% top and 4% bottom padding for each section on

desktop. You can change it and increase these values again to force yourself to remove white space instead of adding it every time.

## Final thoughts

And that basically sums up all the available options in the Theme Customizer. And I know that Divi is kind of going away from Customizer settings more and more, and they are trying to keep every possible setting within the Builder alone. That's why it's important for us to be familiar with the options available here but I think that now is the time to switch to using the Theme Builder instead of the default Divi settings.

They are still fine to use if you want to get the site up and running quickly. They look pretty good by default and they are easy to customize with CSS, but the Theme Builder gives you more possibilities, so I think that's what we should be focusing on.

## Action Items

- Spend some time going through each Theme Customizer Panel to make sure you know what each setting does. If something isn't clear, make sure to ask so that the Theme Customizer doesn't hold any secrets from you and you know it inside-out.