

# WordPress Blog Setup Cheat Sheet

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## Before You Begin

- ☐ Decide on your blog niche
  - ☐ Choose a blog name
  - ☐ Sign up for domain + hosting (e.g., HostGator)
  - ☐ Keep 5–10 minutes and coffee ready
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## Step 1: Domain Name

- ☐ Pick a memorable, short domain name
  - ☐ Register domain via HostGator or Namecheap
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## Step 2: Hosting + WordPress

- ☐ Buy a beginner hosting plan
  - ☐ Connect or choose your domain name
  - ☐ Use 1-click WordPress install
  - ☐ Log into WordPress dashboard
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## Step 3: Pick a Theme

- ☐ Install Astra, Kadence, or GeneratePress
  - ☐ Go to Appearance → Themes → Add New → Activate
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## Step 4: Essential Plugins

- ☐ Install Rank Math or Yoast SEO
  - ☐ Add WP Super Cache (speed)
  - ☐ Add Wordfence (security)
  - ☐ Add UpdraftPlus (backups)
  - ☐ Add WPForms (contact form)
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## Step 5: Customize Settings

- ☐ Set Site Title & Tagline (Settings → General)
  - ☐ Set permalinks to “Post Name” (Settings → Permalinks)
  - ☐ Customize Homepage Display (Settings → Reading)
  - ☐ Upload logo & favicon (Appearance → Customize)
  - ☐ Set timezone & language (Settings → General)
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## Step 6: Create Key Pages

- ☐ About Page (your story & mission)
  - ☐ Contact Page (via WPForms)
  - ☐ Privacy Policy & Terms (use WP AutoTerms plugin)
  - ☐ Disclaimer Page (if using affiliate links)
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## Step 7: First Blog Post

- ☐ Write your first post (see Digital Web Verse guide)
- ☐ Set categories and tags
- ☐ Add a featured image
- ☐ Preview → Publish → Celebrate!