



Blogger 102



Background Templates

We Can Do It



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Blogger offers a handful of background templates. Many more can be found online (above examples). Most websites will have a basic template and multiple column template and step-by-step directions to add template. In most cases, the site will have you log in to your blog and the site will automatically change your template for you. You may need to look for one of the following buttons (symbols of blog and Blogger).



Design Tip: Keep in mind that less is more from a design perspective. If your blog is too busy parents and students will be less likely to use your blog. Larger blocks of color/design and a consistent palette of colors is often easier on the eye.

A Sampling of Free Template Background Websites:

<http://www.thecutestblogontheblock.com>

<http://btemplates.com>

<http://shabbyblogs.com>

Many more free websites can be found online if you Google any of the following: free blog templates, blog templates for educators, blogger templates for teachers

Each time you change the template keep in mind 2 things:

1. Remove the navigation toolbar at the top of your blog as it automatically gets added when you switch templates or when creating a new blog. Removing this navigation toolbar is highly suggested as students and parents are able to click on other blogs, which may not be appropriate.

How to remove unwanted navigation toolbar:

- A. Go to the bottom of your blog and click on “Blogger” and then “Design” and then “Edit HTML”.



Backup / Restore Template

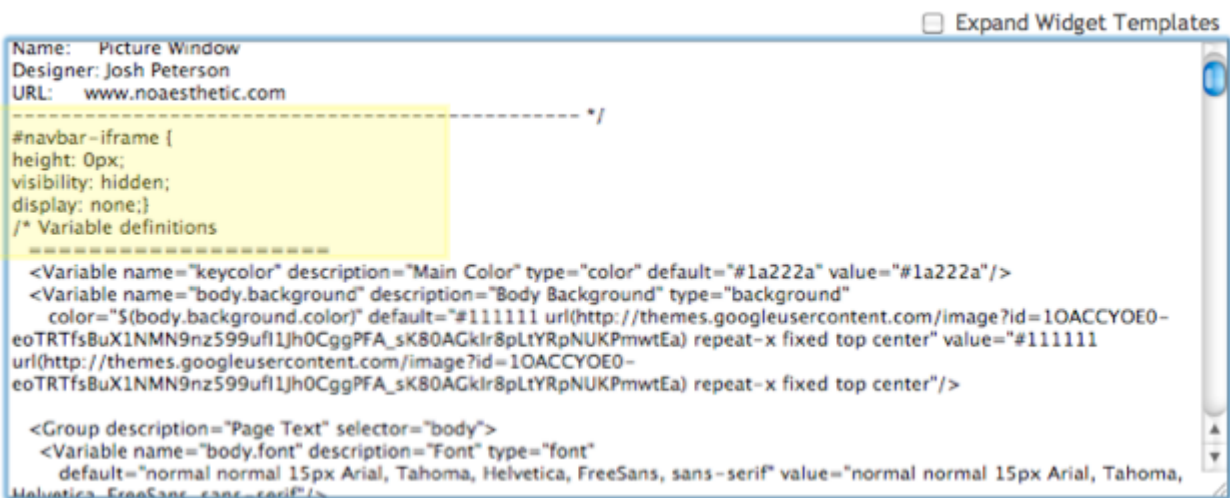
Before editing your template, you may want to save a copy of it. [Download Full Template](#)

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- B. On the same page, copy and paste the following 4 lines of text and paste it in the line directly above the line of text `/* Variable Definitions.`

```
#navbar-iframe {  
height: 0px;  
visibility: hidden;  
display: none;}
```

Example:



2. If you want to adjust the width of your new template or change the text color etc. go to “Design” and then “Template Designer”. Make sure to click “Apply to Blog” before leaving this page.



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