



Viva Gallery

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Thank you for downloading Viva Gallery. In this document you will find some information about how you can customize certain aspects of the theme and also a few suggestions and explanations about Photoshop in case you're not familiarized with it.

This theme is perfect for a Wordpress implementation

Of course you can turn it in any other CMS template or in HTML. The decision is yours.

Read this short guide and if you have any problems, doubts or questions feel free to contact me.

My contact information is at the end of this guide.

1. Features

There are 5 PSD files on the pack. The main idea was to make this a gallery web template but in the end I also included a magazine style design so that you can use this also as a personal blog or a personal portfolio.

Some features

- 2 colors vector logo
- Main menu dropdown design
- Menu mouse over effect
- Comments form and post comments design
- Login panel design
- Pagination design with mouse over effect
- Custom author biography box with social icons design
- Single item preview page with stats (can be used as download page)
- Custom download button
- Vector shapes for the most important parts of the template

The font use for the logo and the social panel is the Rondalo font. You can download here: <http://www.fontemple.com/free-download/11049-Rondalo-Regular.html> or here http://www.azfonts.net/load_font/rondalo.html

2. Template concept idea

This template can be used as a community gallery or showcase or as a download website but it can also be used as a personal blog and portfolio.

Possible uses

- ✓ Community CSS gallery
- ✓ General design showcase
- ✓ Photoshop brushes site
- ✓ Software download site
- ✓ Wallpapers website
- ✓ ...

You will notice that the thumbnails on the homepage have a few icons on the bottom side next to the rating stars.

Those would be awards icons. Establishing an award system for your showcase elements will encourage your readers to submit more designs and will also encourage interaction with your site.

If you don't want them, you can delete the group that contains them which is "*award icons*". You will find this group on for each thumbnail.

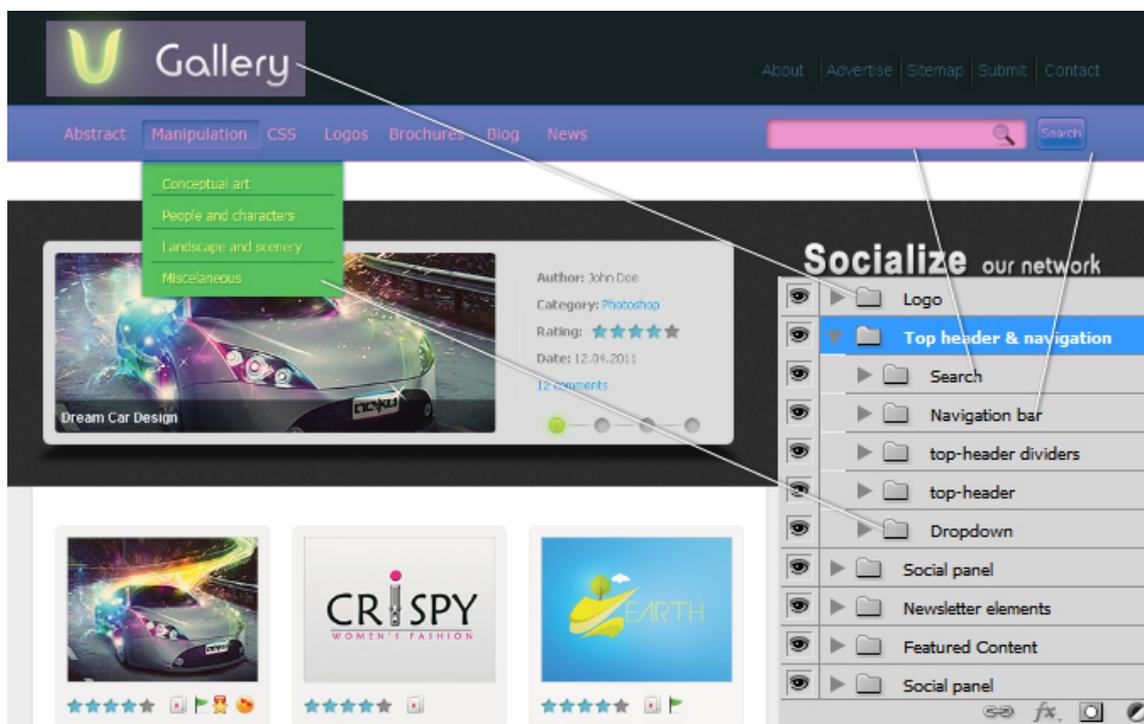
You can replace these icons with the category or post name.

3. Quick layer identification

Inside Photoshop, elements are organized into labeled layers according to their position on the page. In other words if the you want to find an element that's located on the top navigation bar, you should search the corresponding layer on the top part of the layer's palette.

For an even easier and quicker navigation, the layers are grouped so that they correspond to the sections of the template (header, main content, footer...).

Each group corresponds to a section of the website. For example, all the layers that form the logo are inside a group called "Logo" and the group is located at the top of the layers palette because the logo is on the top of the template. So it's a logical arrangement. See image below.



Having the **Move Tool (V)** selected in Photoshop, if you hold down the **Ctrl** or **Command** key while you click a graphic element on the canvas you will automatically select the layer or group that corresponds to that graphic element.

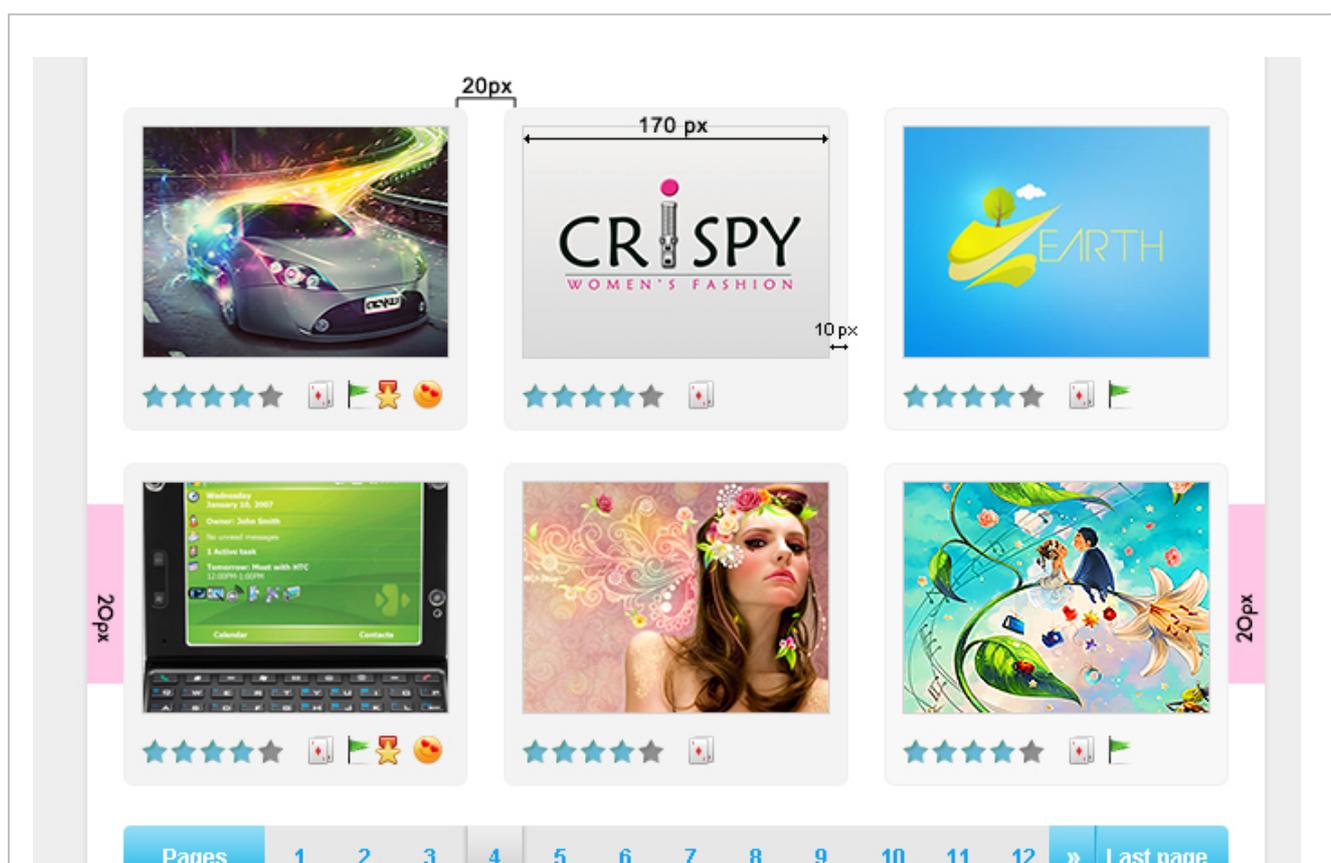
4. Layout and elements dimensions

Viva Gallery was designed using the 960grid system. That means the width of the site is 960 pixels wide.

- ✓ Main content width: 650 pixels
- ✓ Sidebar width: 290 pixels

Main content dimensions

- ✓ Margins - 20px
- ✓ Thumbnail - 170px
- ✓ Thumbnail border - 10px
- ✓ Columns space - 20px



Sidebar dimensions

- ❖ Widget width – 290 pixels
- ❖ Widget margins – 15 pixels (on each side)

You will also find dimensions values on the PSD itself. I typed the dimensions of the thumbnails and other elements on the name of the layers and groups that contain them so that you don't have to use the **Rule Tool** to measure them.

5. Customize sidebar width

If you want to have a wider sidebar for your website, you can easily change the width of the widgets without losing quality on the edges because they are made using vector shapes.

If you need more space to make the sidebar or main content area wider you have to increase the canvas size (not image dimensions). You can do that with the keyboard shortcut **Ctrl+Alt+C** and change the width value.

After increasing the canvas you can go ahead and make the sidebar widgets wider.

6. Headings styles

These are the heading styles used on the PSD template but of course you can customize them as you like.

- Heading 1 (H1) – Georgia, 27px
- Heading 2 (H2) – Georgia, 22px
- Heading 3 (H3) – Arial, 16px, Bold
- Heading 4 (H4) – Arial, 14px, Bold
- Heading 5 (H5) – Arial, 12px, Bold
- Heading 6 (H6) – Arial, 11px, Bold

That's pretty much all. I assume you have a basic understanding about Photoshop but if you have any problem customizing this template or if you need any support, don't hesitate to contact me.

7. Support information

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8. CREDITS

- ✓ Crispy logo by laila-Elshobaky - <http://laila-elshobaky.deviantart.com/>
- ✓ Own creations – Rock On - <http://www.psdbox.com/tutorials/digital-art-photoshop-tutorial/>
- ✓ Icons from IconFinder - <http://www.iconfinder.com/>