

A PRACTICAL WORKBOOK

Divi 5 Design System Starter Kit

Three coordinated palettes, a responsive type and spacing recipe, preset specifications, and a clear build order.

Build once. Keep pages consistent.

Use the values as a starting point in your own Divi 5 site. Fill in the project worksheet before you change shared styles.

Start with the roles

Choose a palette on page 3, then build variables and presets in this order.

1

Set your color roles

Pick one palette. Name each color for its job: Primary, Ink, Surface, Border, and Accent.

2

Set your type roles

Choose a Heading and Body font family, then use the suggested sizes on page 4.

3

Set consistent space

Use one spacing scale instead of selecting a new margin for every module.

4

Create reusable presets

Style one Button and one Card example; save named Element Presets for matching element types.

5

Check all device views

Inspect desktop, tablet, and phone. Save responsive overrides only where needed.

Where in Divi? Open the Visual Builder, then use the Design Variable manager for color and font roles. Open the relevant module's Preset control for saved Element Presets. Use the responsive device selector before changing tablet or phone values.

The exact controls and labels can change as Divi 5 evolves. The linked WP Build Notes Fixes on page 8 contain the detailed walkthroughs.

Choose a color system

Pick one complete palette. Values are editable examples, not colors hard-coded into your site.

01 ELECTRIC EDITORIAL



Primary

#2563EB

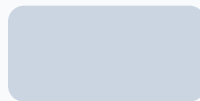


Ink

#0F172A

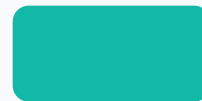
Surface

#F8FAFC



Border

#CBD5E1



Accent

#14B8A6

02 WARM STUDIO



Primary

#B45309

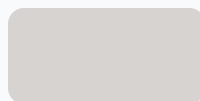


Ink

#292524

Surface

#FFFBF5



Border

#D6D3D1



Accent

#7C3AED

03 CALM PRODUCT



Primary

#0F766E



Ink

#102A43

Surface

#F4F8FB



Border

#C7D2DA



Accent

#D97706

Apply consistently: Primary to action buttons and links; Ink to headings and main text; Surface behind content; Border around cards and fields; Accent sparingly for highlights. Check text contrast with your final color combinations before publishing.

Type and spacing recipe

A concrete baseline you can adjust after previewing your actual content.

TYPE ROLES

Role	Desktop	Tablet	Phone
H1 heading	48 px / 1.1	40 px / 1.15	32 px / 1.15
H2 heading	34 px / 1.2	30 px / 1.2	26 px / 1.2
Body	18 px / 1.6	17 px / 1.6	16 px / 1.55
Button label	16 px / 1.2	16 px / 1.2	16 px / 1.2

SPACE SCALE

Token	Value	Use
S1	8 px	Icon and label separation
S2	16 px	Inside a compact control
S3	24 px	Card inner spacing
S4	40 px	Between content groups
S5	64 px	Section top and bottom on desktop

Responsive section padding: Try 64 px desktop, 48 px tablet, 32 px phone. Inspect every parent section and child module before adding another gap: their padding and margins add together.

Reusable preset specifications

Enter these values into a sample module, then save a named Element Preset.

1

Primary Button preset

Primary background • white text • 16 px bold label • 14 px vertical / 22 px horizontal padding
• 10 px corner radius.

2

Secondary Button preset

Transparent background • Primary border and text • same padding and radius as Primary Button.

3

Card preset for its element type

Surface background • 1 px Border color • 24 px inner padding • 16 px corner radius. Keep content-specific text outside shared styles.

Preset rule

A preset applies to the same Divi element type. Updating a shared preset can change every element using it. Make a separate preset when a component has a different purpose.

Suggested names: Button / Primary, Button / Secondary, Blurb / Info Card. Test one example on a noncritical page before applying the preset widely.

Responsive build and audit

Work from content order outward, then refine each breakpoint.

Check	Action
Phone spacing	Switch to Phone; inspect section, row, column, and module padding separately.
Card wrapping	On the card row: Design → Layout → Flexbox; set wrapping to Wrap and tune gaps.
Card widths	If cards still squeeze, inspect child width / minimum width and responsive structure.
Column order	Set Display Order on each column in a phone view; review the original reading order.
Shared styles	Change a variable and a preset once; inspect every connected element.

Accessibility check: Visual Display Order may differ from the document order used by keyboard navigation and assistive technology. Keep the underlying content sequence sensible and test it.

Your project worksheet

Fill these in before applying sitewide changes.

Site / project

Primary / Ink / Surface

Border / Accent

Heading font / Body font

Primary button preset

Secondary button preset

Card preset and element type

Desktop / Tablet / Phone section padding

Pages to verify after changes

Tip: Save a copy of your current layout before changing presets or variables across a live site.

Build, test, then publish

Use this final review alongside the six detailed WP Build Notes Fixes.

- ☐ Names describe roles rather than specific pages.
- ☐ All button text remains readable on its background.
- ☐ Desktop, tablet, and phone have been checked on the front end.
- ☐ Navigation and buttons work by mouse and keyboard.
- ☐ Global variable changes reach only their intended elements.
- ☐ Preset changes reach only their intended element types.

DETAILED FIXES

Responsive spacing

Mobile column order

Wrapping card rows

Global color variables

Module presets

Font variables

WP Build Notes is an independent resource. Divi is a product of Elegant Themes. This kit contains example settings to adapt to your site; it is not a Divi import file.

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