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Thread: [Thoughts & Advice on my Wordpress Blog Theme](#)

**Toph Beifong** - August 12, 2016, 4:36 am

o I've been working on a football(soccer) WordPress theme and i'm at a stage where i'm starting to like what i have but well my opinion is a tad bias.

So... What do you guys think? And how can i improve what i already have?

FYI the background is just for show at the minute, need to work up my own one but that's the sort of thing i'm going to have.

**D2key** - August 12, 2016, 5:56 am

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If you are doing a logo and a header, What will be in it? You should only add content that has usefulness. So if you are going to add a header, i don't suggest just having the logo in it, which relates back to my other point, maybe placing the navigation and search box inside the header.

For the search box, idk maybe its just because its against such an empty background. If you want to Pull away from just a standard block, you need to do some really good background work to make sure the page doesn't look like its floating, especially if you're going for a flat look

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Nah im not changing the navigation, like the search bar it helps break the design up from being a standalone block. for the logo im going to see if i can incorporate it into the background so its not just floating there

**d4rkj4y** - August 15, 2016, 5:26 am

Maybe have a more targeted advert that blends in better with your website.

The one currently sticks out like a sore thumb.

**btm1st** - October 1, 2016, 10:32 am

Wouldn't waste valuable real estate with search box up top like that imho - Nav at the top or right side works better we've found. Like was said above, check out top 3 competitors and imitate success. They've probably tested and found what's most successful and gives them the best results.

Ad placement is key and I'd adjust yours a tad if I were you. Overall, like it a lot.