

# Setting Up Your Countdown Timer

This is a quick how-to guide showing you how to setup the countdown timer featured in our “Wedding” theme.

Generate the timer here:

<http://www.timeanddate.com/clocks/freecountdown.html>

1. **“Select location clock should show time for”** – choose a country, timezone, or both
2. **“Select date and time to count down to”** – enter a date, or manually enter the time required.
3. **“Configure countdown timer design”**. Here you can choose from a new pre-designed options, however with this design we want to keep it as simple and clean as we can so I just skipped this option.

## CUSTOMIZATION OPTIONS

The preview box in the lower left of the website displays what your countdown timer currently looks like. Once you’re satisfied with the customization options selected, you can embed the timer into your site.

**Background Color:** This option allows you to pick a background color for your timer. For the wedding theme use a transparent background, this way it will blend seamlessly with our website.

**Counter Size:** This option allows you to choose the universal size of your timer. There are a few options to choose from including, very small, small, medium, large, very large, and custom. For our design we are going to choose custom. This will open up a couple dimension options and a checkbox allowing up to keep the width-height ratio. For our design we will keep the check box checked and enter a width of 1800.

**Text Rows:** This option allows you to choose what will display on your timer. It gives you a few options, just counter, header line + counter, 2 header lines + counter. For our design we are going to choose ‘just counter’ to keep things simple and clean.

**Font:** This options allows you to choose the font type for your timer. It comes with a few options, sans serif font, serif font, and type writer. For our design I chose serif font.

**Font Size:** This option allows you to choose the font size % you have the option to choose font sizes from 40% all the way up to 400%. For our design I chose 100%

### **Countdown Timer Number Customization**

**Counter Mode:** This option allows you to choose to either show the countdown broken into separate units, ie hours, mins, seconds as in 'Break Down' or completely in seconds as in 'Total' . For our design I chose 'breakdown'.

**Smallest Unit:** This option allows you to choose the smallest unit of time displayed in your countdown timer. For example if you choose just 'Day' it will only show the days left in your countdown. For our design we will choose seconds as the smallest unit.

**Unit Texts:** This option allows you to choose the numerical units text to display for example, Day, months, years. For our design we will choose automatic.

**Number Rounding:** This option allows you to round up or down the units of time. For our design we will choose automatic.

**When Time Has Passed:** This option allows you choose what to do once your timer has ended. There are two options allowing you to start counting up and another that will stop it at 0. For our design I chose to have it count up but most will probably want it to stop at 0.

**Daylight Savings Time:** This option allows you to take Daylight savings time into consideration. You can choose to have it set with a warning or pretend it does not exist. For our design I chose to keep it at automatic.

### **Customization for when time has not yet passed**

This option will show a color for your timer while you timer is still going.

**Countdown Clock Color:** This option allows you to choose the color of your countdown clock. They give you a lot of color options and the choice to add your own color via a hexcode entry box. For our design we will choose to add a hexcode color.

You can add your own hexcode by first copying the desired hexcode and then pasting it in the entry box labeled '#'. For our design I chose a color from the wedding theme design using the swatch options. In the upper right of the swatch option you will see a 6 digit number, I copied it and pasted it into the clock color entry. The hexcode color we will use for our design is **54B6D1**.

### **Customization for when time has passed**

This option allows you to choose a color that your timer will change to once the timer has ended. This option would mainly be used for people that chose to let the timer count up once the initial time passed.

**Countdown Clock Color:** This option works the same as the color option above.

**Borders:** This option allows you to add a border to your design. For our design we will choose no border.

Now that we have our timer totally customized we will now generate the code so we can add it into our website.

### **Select type of web page/server and create HTML**

This option allows us to choose what type of webpage we will be embedding the countdown timer code into. For our design we will choose 'Normal web page (http Server)'.

Now click on 'Show HTML for countdown timer'. Now we will copy this embed code and add it into our website design using an HTML Widget located in the upper Muse menu under 'Objects'. In the Wedding Muse theme there will be an HTML widget with a demo timer ready to go so all you will need to do is right click the html widget and then select 'edit code' this will allow you to delete the demo code and paste your own in its place. If you chose the same options as I did for the design it should fit perfectly within the fancy number borders.

That is all there is to it. Enjoy.

## **The Quick List of Options Used in the Wedding Theme Countdown Timer.**

**Select location clock should show time for:** I chose the third option and used the drop down menu.

**Select date and time to count down to:** I chose to the month, day, year option.

**Background:** Transparent.

**Counter Size:** Custom - Width 1800. Keep width-height ratio checked.

**Text Rows:** Just counter.

**Font:** Serif font.

**Font Size:** 100%

### **Countdown timer number customization**

**Counter mode:** Break down.

**Smallest Unit:** Seconds.

**Unit Texts:** Automatic.

**Number Rounding:** Automatic.

**When time has passed:** Continue counting upwards.

**Daylight Savings Time:** Automatic.

**Synchronization message:** Do not show message.

### **Customization for when time has not yet passed**

**Countdown clock color:** Hexcode 54B6D1.

**Customization for when time has passed**

**countdown clock color:** I left it black.

**Borders:** No borders.

**Padding:** No padding.