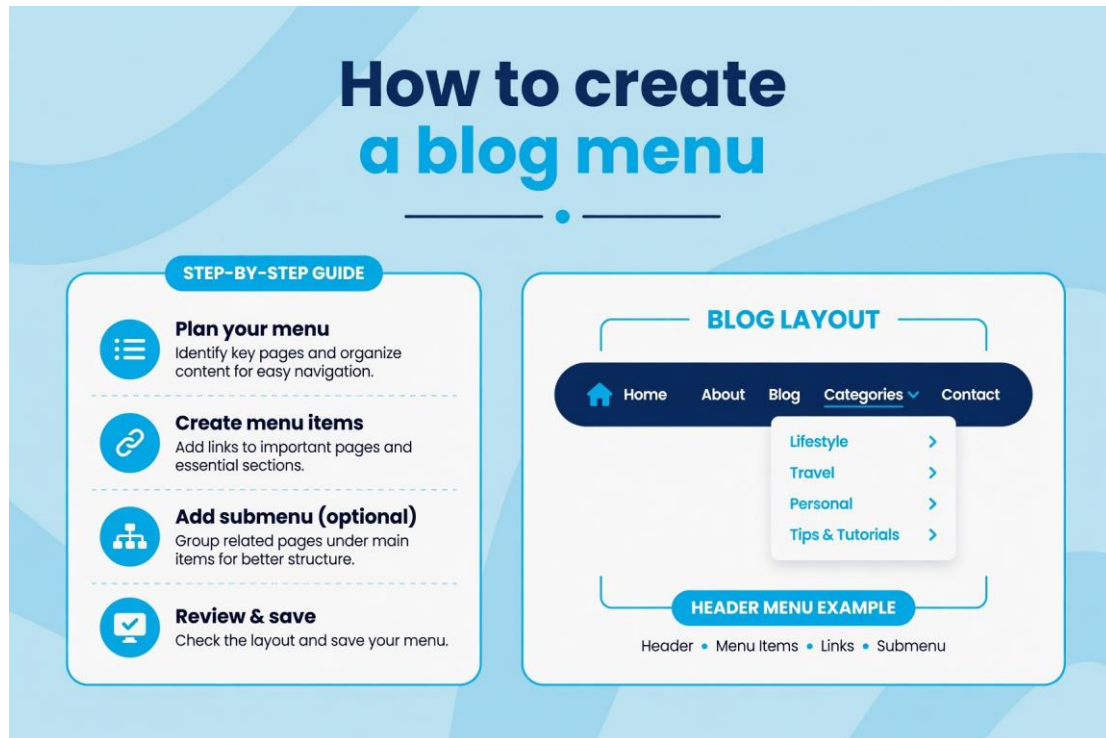


How to Create a Blog Menu



Introduction

Visitors navigate your content through the **blog menu**—typically Home, Posts, About, Contact, and links to funnels or external URLs. On systeme.io, the menu is part of the **Blog layout**, not a separate app: edit the **Menu** element once and it appears on every page that uses the default blog shell.

This guide follows [How to create a blog menu](#).

What You Need

- A [systeme.io](#) account ([plan](#))
- An existing **blog** ([create a blog](#))
- Optional: extra **blog pages** to link ([create blog pages](#))

Step 1: Open the Blog Layout Editor

1. Go to **Sites**
2. Click **Blogs**
3. Click your **blog title**

4. Click **Blog layout**

The blog layout editor opens. This template wraps most blog pages (header, footer, menu). Pages with **Don't use blog layout** won't show this menu unless you add navigation manually on that page.

Step 2: Edit the Menu Element

1. Click the **Menu** element in the layout
2. In the left panel, all **Menu items** are listed

For each item you can configure:

- **Title** — label shown in the nav (e.g. Contact, Shop)
- **Type of link** — **Blog link** or **Custom URL**
- **Menu item link** — if Blog link, pick a page from the dropdown; if Custom URL, type the full URL
- **Open in a new window** — check for external links
- **Delete** — remove the item from menu and layout settings
- **Has submenu** — enable a dropdown under this item
- **Open** — expand submenu in the editor to preview
- **Add submenu item** — same fields as top-level items (title, link type, URL)

Add new top-level items through the menu element's add control in the layout editor (same pattern as existing template items). Point **Blog link** entries to pages you created under systeme.io **Pages**.

Step 3: Save and Preview

1. Save the blog layout
2. From the blog dashboard, click **View blog**
3. Click each menu item to confirm Blog links and Custom URLs work
4. Test submenu expand/collapse on desktop and mobile if your template supports it

Best Practices

- Keep top-level items short (5–7 max) so the bar doesn't crowd on mobile
- Link **Posts** or category pages via Blog link to the Post list or category URLs you defined
- Use Custom URL for your main funnel or systeme.io sales pages on another path
- Put legal pages (Privacy, Terms) in a submenu under About

Troubleshooting

Menu change not visible

Save blog layout; hard-refresh browser; confirm you edited Blog layout, not a single page with don't use blog layout.

Broken Blog link

Target page deleted or URL path changed—reselect page in Menu item link dropdown.

Submenu not showing

Has submenu enabled; add at least one submenu item; theme may style dropdowns only on desktop.

[Contact systeme.io support](#) with blog URL and screenshot of menu settings.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the blog menu edited?

Blog Layout → click the Menu element.

Blog link vs Custom URL?

Blog link = internal blog page; Custom URL = any URL including external.

Can I add dropdown submenus?

Yes—Has submenu + Add submenu item.

Related Resources

- [How to create a blog menu](#)
- [How to create a blog page](#)
- [How to create a blog with systeme.io](#)
- [How to add a form or popup on your blog](#)

[systeme.io](#) — professional blog navigation without custom code.

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