

# Start a Blog Checklist

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## Research domain name

Use [www.namecheckr.com](http://www.namecheckr.com) to quickly check if your desired name is available as a domain and on social media channels.

## Purchase hosting and domain

I recommend [Siteground](#) as your hosting provider because in my research and all my years of using them, they are affordable and offer a high-quality service.

## Install Wordpress theme

Divi from [Elegant Themes](#) is my recommendation because with this one plug and play, drag and drop theme, you can create 1000s of different templates.

## Install your plugins

I highlight 7 plugins [in this post](#) that will give you optimal security and functionality to get you going.

## Set Up Socials and Email List Opt-In

Don't you skip the email list step! Try [ConvertKit](#) free for 30 days or Mailerlite. Also, set up your blog on all the popular social media channels that are relevant to your niche.

## Write

You've done enough backend work up to this point. Let's not wait for perfection. Blogging has a neverending learning curve. It's time to jump in and write!