

**WordPress: Visual QuickStart Guide**  
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If you're looking for step-by-step instruction this book is for you. They give instructions how to setup a site on WordPress.com which is free.

They have many screen shots and helpful tips throughout the book which help newcomers.

They start out logically with First Steps in which they explain the differences between hosting services and setups. They explain how to use Cpanel and install WordPress using Fantastico along with everything else you need to know to get your first WordPress site available.

They add some extra information every now and then like the Breakdown of User Account Types where they go into detail about their different permissions. They include instructions on how to install popular plug-ins such as Akismet to stop spam.

One thing that I found annoying was the continued use of "continues on next page" if the odd numbered page continues to the next page.

In the last couple of chapters they get into detailed code but they even make this easy for a beginner to understand and implement.

They then end with one appendix dedicated to troubleshooting along with another one with over four pages of resources (links) to help you on your way after you get a basic site up.

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