

# WordPress Block Editor – Classic Block

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This tutorial is part of our series on [How To Use The WordPress Block Editor \(Gutenberg\)](#).

- To learn more about using the WordPress block editor interface, go here: [The WordPress Block Editor – Content Area](#)
- To learn more about using blocks, see this tutorial: [How To Use WordPress Block Editor Blocks](#)
- For additional information, see this tutorial on [How To Use The WordPress Classic Editor](#).

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## Classic Block – Description

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The *Classic block* works just like the [WordPress Classic Editor](#) but in block form.

### Common Symptoms of Anxiety

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Whatever form of anxiety you have, treatment can help.

**This content was created using the WordPress Classic Editor**

Use the Classic block to add content created using the WordPress Classic Editor to the block editor.

## How To Use The Classic Block

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In this section, we'll cover:

- How to add a Classic block to your content.
- How to edit and configure your Classic block and block settings.
- How to remove the Classic block from your content.

For more details on using blocks (e.g. how to move blocks around your content), see this tutorial: [How To Use Blocks](#).

## Adding A Classic Block

To add a *Classic block* to your content:

- Either:
  - Open a post created using the Classic Editor in the Block Editor (note: this automatically converts all the content into a Classic block).
  - Click on the 'Add Block' tool in the **Editing Toolbar** section and select the Classic block (in *Most Used* or *Text* section),
  - Add the Classic block in the **Content Area**.
- Type or paste in your content (if adding a new Classic block).
- Use the **WordPress classic editor menu tools** to edit and format your content.

Let's go through the above steps:

Automatically Add A Classic Block When Opening An Existing Post Created With The Classic Editor

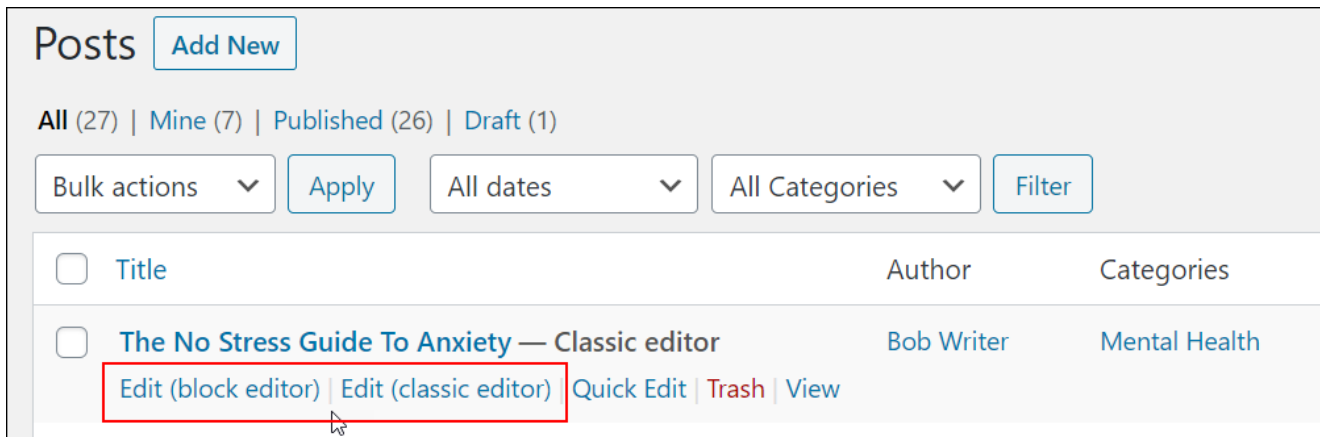
Here is a post created using the WordPress Classic Editor...

The screenshot shows the WordPress Classic Editor interface. At the top, there's a title field containing "The No Stress Guide To Anxiety" and a "Permalink" field with the URL "https://mywp.site/2020/11/29/the-no-stress-guide-to-anxiety/". Below the title is an "Add Media" button and a rich text editor toolbar with various formatting options like bold, italic, list, quote, link, and table. The main content area displays the heading "Common Symptoms of Anxiety" followed by two paragraphs of text. The first paragraph reads: "We all experience anxiety from time to time. People with anxiety disorders, however, frequently experience panic attacks from intense, excessive, and persistent worry and fear about everyday situations." The second paragraph reads: "Anxiety and panic attacks can interfere with daily activities and are difficult to control. Often, the feelings are out of proportion to any actual danger and can happen over a sustained period of time. Avoiding certain places or situations can help prevent those feelings." To the right of the text is an image of a woman wearing a white face mask, holding her hands to her face in a gesture of distress or anxiety. On the right side of the editor, there are several panels: "Publish" (with "Status: Published", "Visibility: Public", and "Published on: Nov 29, 2020 at 19:22"), "Format" (with "Standard" selected), and "Categories" (with "Most Used" selected).

This post was created using the WordPress Classic Editor.

If permission settings allow, users can open posts using either the block editor or classic editor. (For more information on how to set these permissions, see this tutorial: [The WordPress Block Editor](#))

In this example, we'll open a post created using the Classic Editor inside the Block Editor.



Let's open a post created with the classic editor using the block editor...

This will automatically add a Classic block to your post and all of the content in the post editor will be contained inside this block.

WordPress editor interface showing a post titled "The No Stress Guide To Anxiety". The post content is contained within a "Classic" block, which is highlighted by a red arrow pointing to the word "Classic" in the block's header. The text of the post includes:


## The No Stress Guide To Anxiety

Classic

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All of the content in this post is contained inside the Classic block.

Clicking anywhere inside the block opens up the Classic editor menu.

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Classic

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The block includes the Classic editor menu.

The classic editor menu includes all of the tools you need to edit your content just as if you were using the **WordPress Classic Editor**.

The No Stress Guide To Anxiety


Use the Classic Editor to edit this post

Paragraph **B** *I* [List] [List] [Quote] [List] [List] [List] [Link] [Image] [Table] [Table]

ABC - A [Image] [Image] [Image] [Image] [Image] [Image] [Image] [Image] [Image] [Image]

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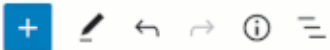
Document → Classic

Use the Classic editor menu to edit your post.

Add A Classic Block When Creating New Content With The Block Editor

To add a Classic block using the Block Editor, first, create a new post or page or open an existing post or page and either:

Click on the 'Add Block' tool and select a 'Classic' block...



Save draft

Preview

Publish



## A Classic Case Of Writer's Block

Start writing or type / to choose a block



Add a Classic block using the Add Block tool.

Or, select a Classic block using the **Inserter tool** in the Content Area.

## A Classic Case Of Writer's Block

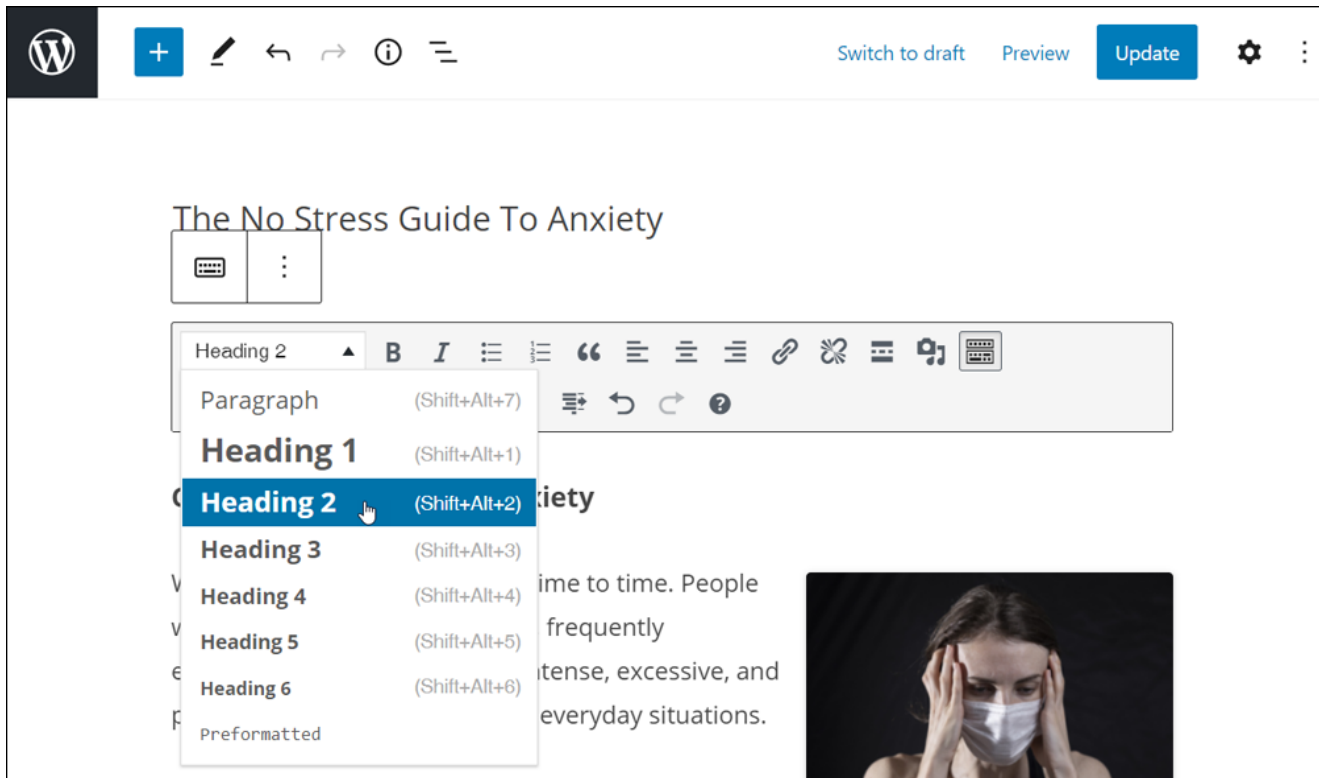
Start writing or type / to choose a block



Add a Classic block using the Insert tool.



After adding a Classic block, begin typing or paste in your content.



Add and edit your content inside the Classic block.

After adding and editing your content inside the Classic editor, save, publish, or update your post or page.

## How To Edit A Classic Block

All content editing is done using the menu buttons and options inside the Classic block's content editing toolbar.

To edit your content inside the Classic Block:

- Click inside the Classic block to select it.
- Use the *Classic Content Editor* tools to edit, format, and customize your text, add media, hyperlinks, etc. To learn how to use all the classic editor menu options, see this tutorial: [How To Use The WordPress Classic Editor](#)



The Classic block content editor.



To learn how to switch from the Block Editor to the Classic Editor, see this tutorial: [How To Use The WordPress Block Editor](#)

The Classic block provides a couple of additional useful options that you can use to format and edit your content:

- **Convert to Blocks**
- **Edit as HTML**

Let's go through these options briefly:

Convert to Blocks

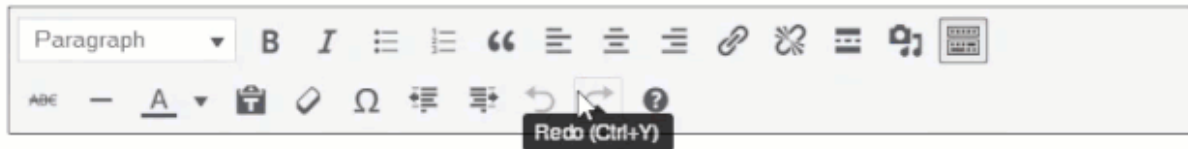
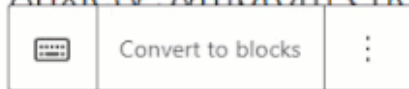
If you add content to a post or page using a classic block, you can convert your content into blocks by clicking on *Convert to blocks* in the Classic block editor.

The screenshot shows the WordPress Classic block editor interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the WordPress logo, a plus sign, a pencil icon, and navigation arrows. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are buttons for 'Autosaving', 'Preview', and 'Publish', along with a settings gear icon and a vertical ellipsis. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is visible. At the top of the content area, there is a text input field labeled 'Add title'. Below the title field, there is a toolbar with several icons. One of the icons, 'Convert to blocks', is circled in red. Below the toolbar, there is a rich text editor with a 'Paragraph' dropdown menu and various formatting options like bold, italic, list, quote, link, unlink, and more. The main content of the page is a paragraph of text titled 'Common Symptoms of Anxiety'. The text reads: 'We all experience anxiety from time to time. People with anxiety disorders, however, frequently experience panic attacks from intense, excessive, and persistent worry and fear about everyday situations. Anxiety and panic attacks can interfere with daily activities and are difficult to control. Often, the feelings are out of proportion to any actual danger and can happen over a sustained period of time. Avoiding certain places or situations can help prevent those feelings. Symptoms of anxiety can start during childhood or the teen years and continue into adulthood.' To the right of the text, there is a small image of a woman covering her face with her hands, suggesting anxiety or distress.

Convert content created in the Classic block into Blocks.

This will automatically add the right formatting tags and convert your content into blocks.

## Anxiety Symptom Checker



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Convert Classic content to blocks.



Notes:

- Opening content created with the Classic editor in the Block editor is ok, but we don't recommend going the other way (i.e. opening content created with the Block editor in the Classic editor), as the block editor adds tags to your content.
- Additionally, elements such as images may be missing or may need to be realigned.

The screenshot shows the WordPress Block Editor interface. At the top, there is an 'Add Media' button and tabs for 'Visual' and 'Text'. Below these are buttons for formatting: bold (b), italic (i), link, block quote, delete (del), insert (ins), image (img), unordered list (ul), ordered list (ol), list item (li), code, more, and close tags. The main area displays HTML code for several blocks, with some lines highlighted in yellow. Red arrows point from the text 'Block Editor Tags' to these highlighted lines, indicating the special tags added by the Block Editor.

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<!-- wp:image
{"align":"right","id":109,"width":221,"height":147,"sizeSlug":"large","linkDestination":"none"} -->
<div class="wp-block-image">
<figure class="alignright size-large is-resized"></figure>
</div>
<!-- /wp:image -->

<!-- wp:paragraph -->
<p>Veggies es bonus vobis, proinde vos postulo essum magis kohlrabi welsh onion daikon amaranth tatsoi tomatillo melon azuki bean garlic.</p>
<!-- /wp:paragraph -->

<!-- wp:list -->
<ul>
<li>Gumbo beet greens corn soko endive gumbo gourd.</li>
<li>Parsley shallot courgette tatsoi pea sprouts fava bean collard greens dandelion okra wakame tomato.</li>
<li>Dandelion cucumber earthnut pea peanut soko zucchini.</li>
</ul>
<!-- /wp:list -->

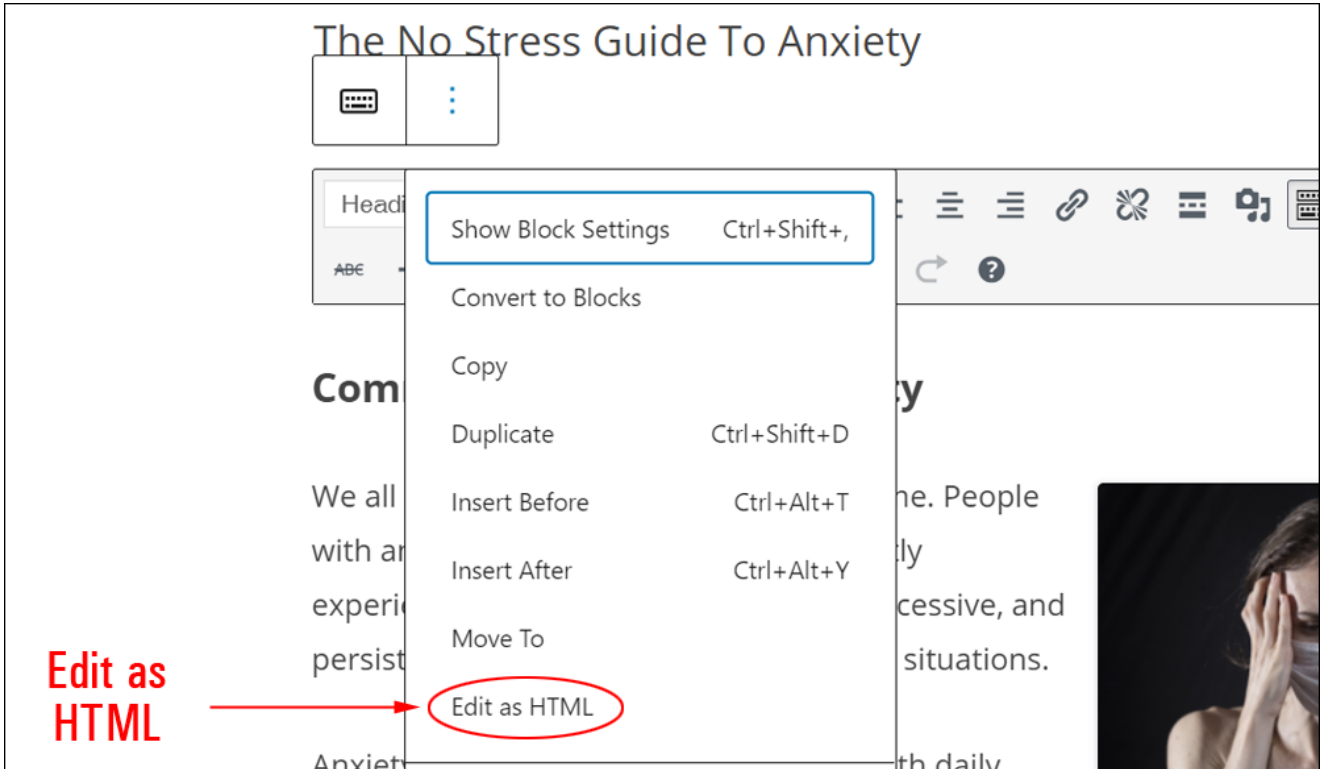
<!-- wp:heading -->

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The Block editor adds special tags to your content.

### Edit as HTML

You can also format content inside the Classic block using the HTML editor (the equivalent of the 'Text' tab in the WordPress Classic Editor) by selecting *More Options > Edit as HTML*.



Use the Edit as HTML option in the Classic block to format and edit your content.

Edit your content as HTML and switch back to 'Edit visually' to preview your changes.

# Anxiety Symptom Checker

Edit as HTML

The screenshot shows a context menu for an HTML block in a WordPress Classic editor. The menu items are:

- Show More Settings (Ctrl+Shift+,)
- Copy
- Duplicate (Ctrl+Shift+D)
- Insert Before (Ctrl+Alt+T)
- Insert After (Ctrl+Alt+Y)
- Move To
- Edit visually** (circled in red)
- Group
- Remove block (Shift+Alt+Z)

The background text is HTML code for an anxiety symptom checker, including an image tag and a list of anxiety disorders.

Switch between Edit as HTML and Edit visually in the Classic block.

Remember to update and publish your post or page to save your changes.

Learn more about using HTML in this tutorial: [A Basic Guide To Using HTML](#)

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[Edit as HTML.](#)

## How To Remove A Classic Block

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To delete or remove a Classic block from your content:

- Click inside the Classic block to select it.
- Select the 'More Options' tool in the Block Editor.
- Click on 'Remove Block'.
- The block will be removed from your post or page.

Anxiety Symptom Checker

Convert to blocks

Heading 1 B

ABC - A

Show More Settings Ctrl+Shift+,

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Duplicate Ctrl+Shift+D

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Deleting a Classic block.

Additionally...

- You can reposition your block using the 'Move Up' and 'Move Down' arrows or the Drag and Drop handle tool (if you need help with this step, see this tutorial: [How To Use Blocks](#)).
- *Note:* You cannot convert a Classic block into a **Reusable block**.

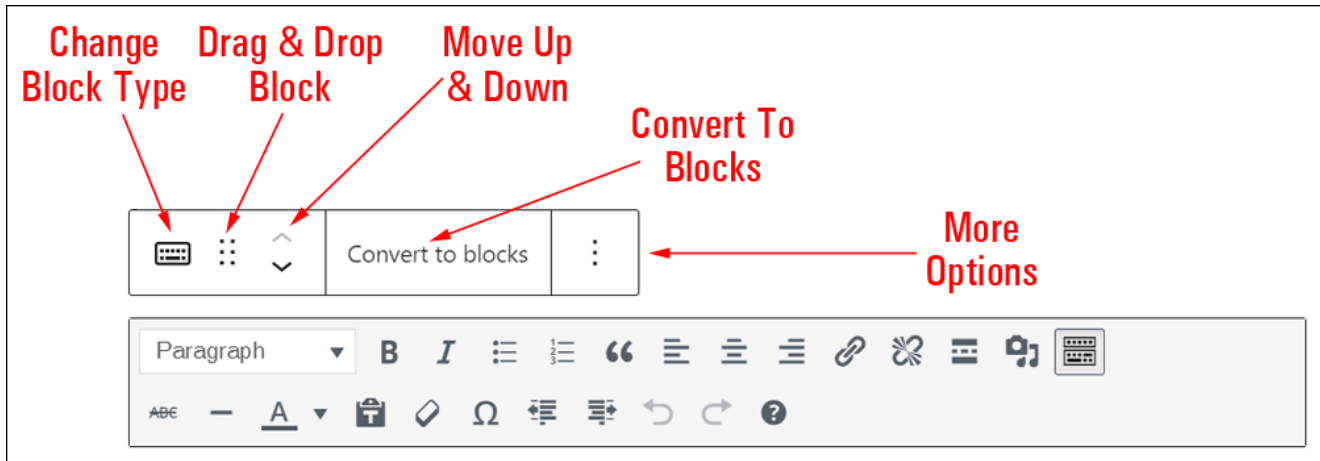
## Classic Block Tools, Options & Settings

The *Classic block* includes tools, options, and settings for:

- Categories Block Editor
- Categories Block Settings

## Classic Block Editor



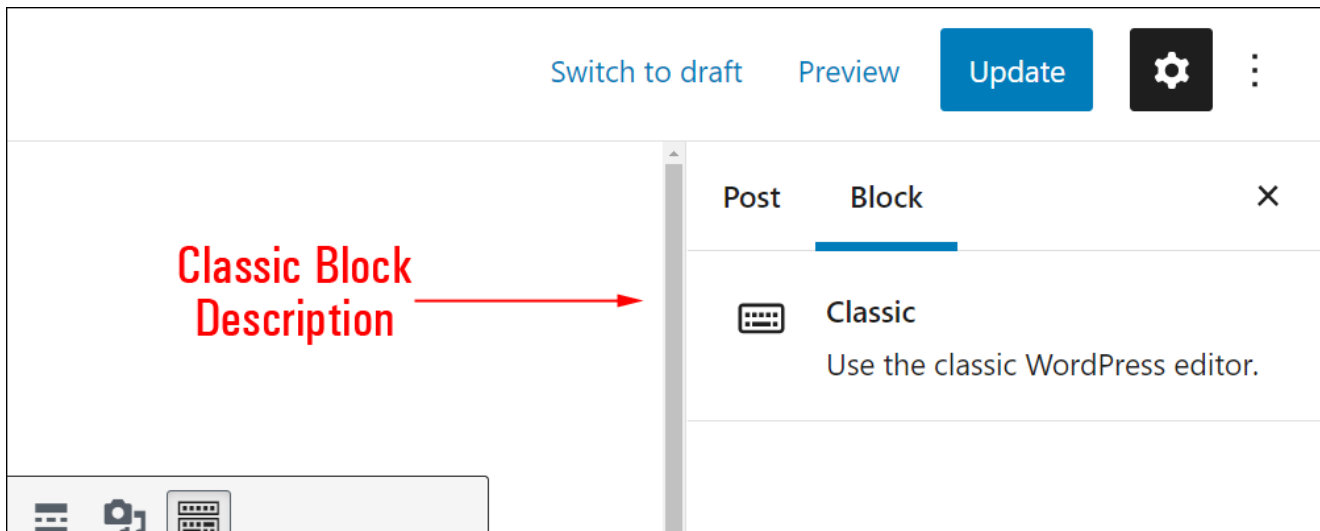


Classic block editor menu.

The *Classic block editor* includes tools that let you perform the following operations:

- **Change block type or style** (See ‘*Classic Block – Additional Info*’ section below.)
- **Drag block**
- **Move block up and down**
- **Convert to blocks**
- **More Options** – See [How To Use Blocks](#) to learn how to use this section.

## Classic Block Settings



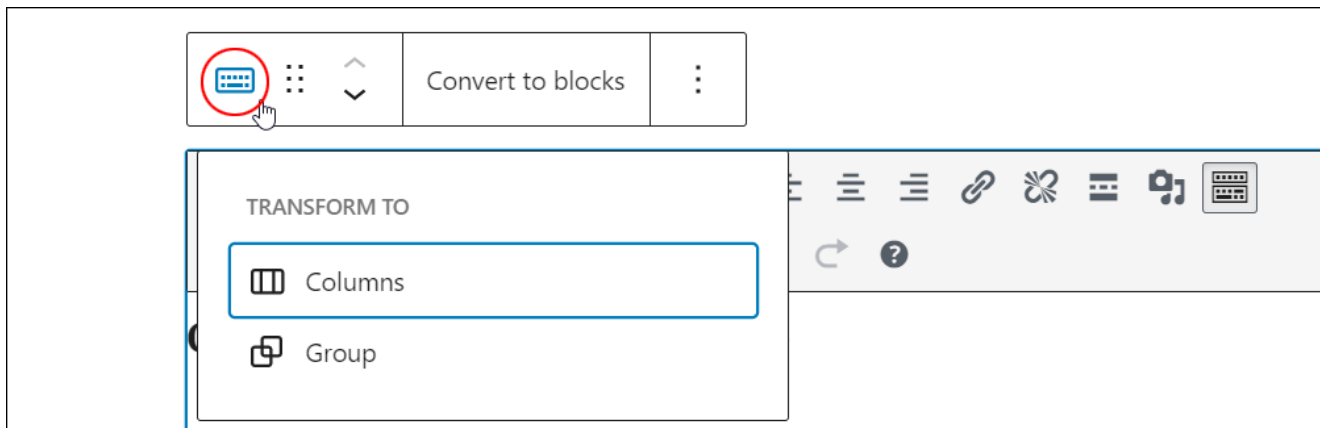
Classic block settings.

This section contains only a description of the block. There are no options in the Settings section for editing a *Classic block*.

## Classic Block – Additional Info

The *Classic block* can be converted into the following block types:

- Columns block
- Group block



Change the Classic block into other block types.

Installing **plugins** or **themes** on your site may also add new functionality, options, or settings to the Classic block.

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Use the Classic block to add content created using the WordPress Classic Editor to your posts or pages.

Congratulations! Now you know how to use the WordPress content editor's **Classic block**.

For tutorials on how to use other blocks, go here: [\*\*WordPress Block Editor – How To Use Blocks\*\*](#)

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