

# WordPress Block Editor – List 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](#)

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## List Block – Description

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The *List block* lets you add bulleted and numbered lists to your content.

### What Your Dog Is Telling You:

- **Woof** = *I'm happy.*
- **Woof** = *I'm not happy.*
- **Woof** = *Give me food.*
- **Woof** = *Let's go walkies.*
- **Woof** = *Let's play fetch.*
- **Grrrr** = *Cat.*



*Being a pup's not so ruff!*

Add lists to your content.

## How To Use The List Block

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In this section, we'll cover:

- How to add a List block to your content.
- How to edit and configure your List block and block settings.
- How to remove the List 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 List Block

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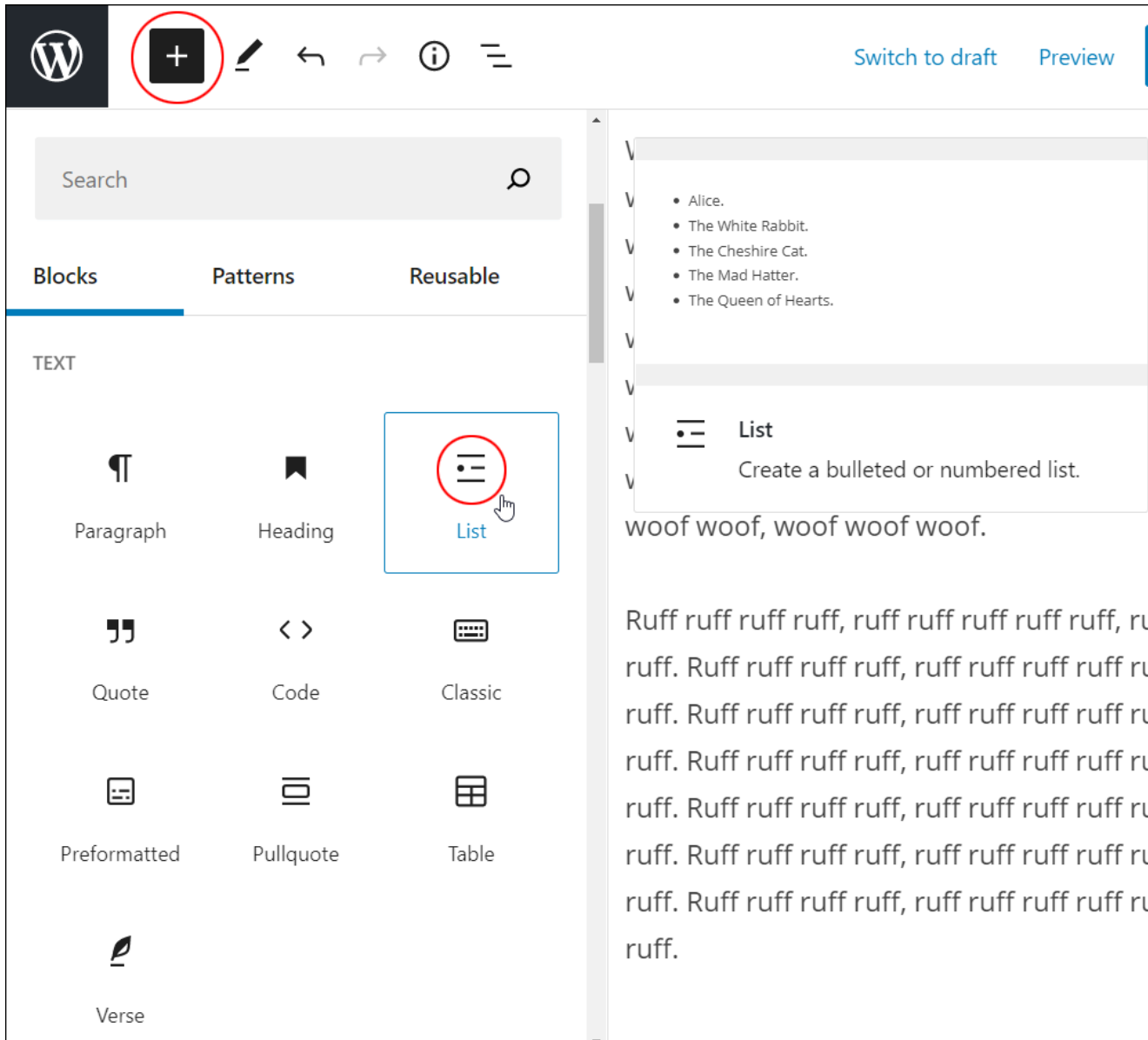
To add a *List block* to your content:

- Either:
  - Click on the 'Add Block' tool in the **Editing Toolbar** section and select the List block (in *Most Used* or *Text* section),
  - Add the List block in the **Content Area**.
- Type your list.
- Use the tools in the *List Block Editor* or *Block Settings* section to edit your list.

Let's go through the above steps.

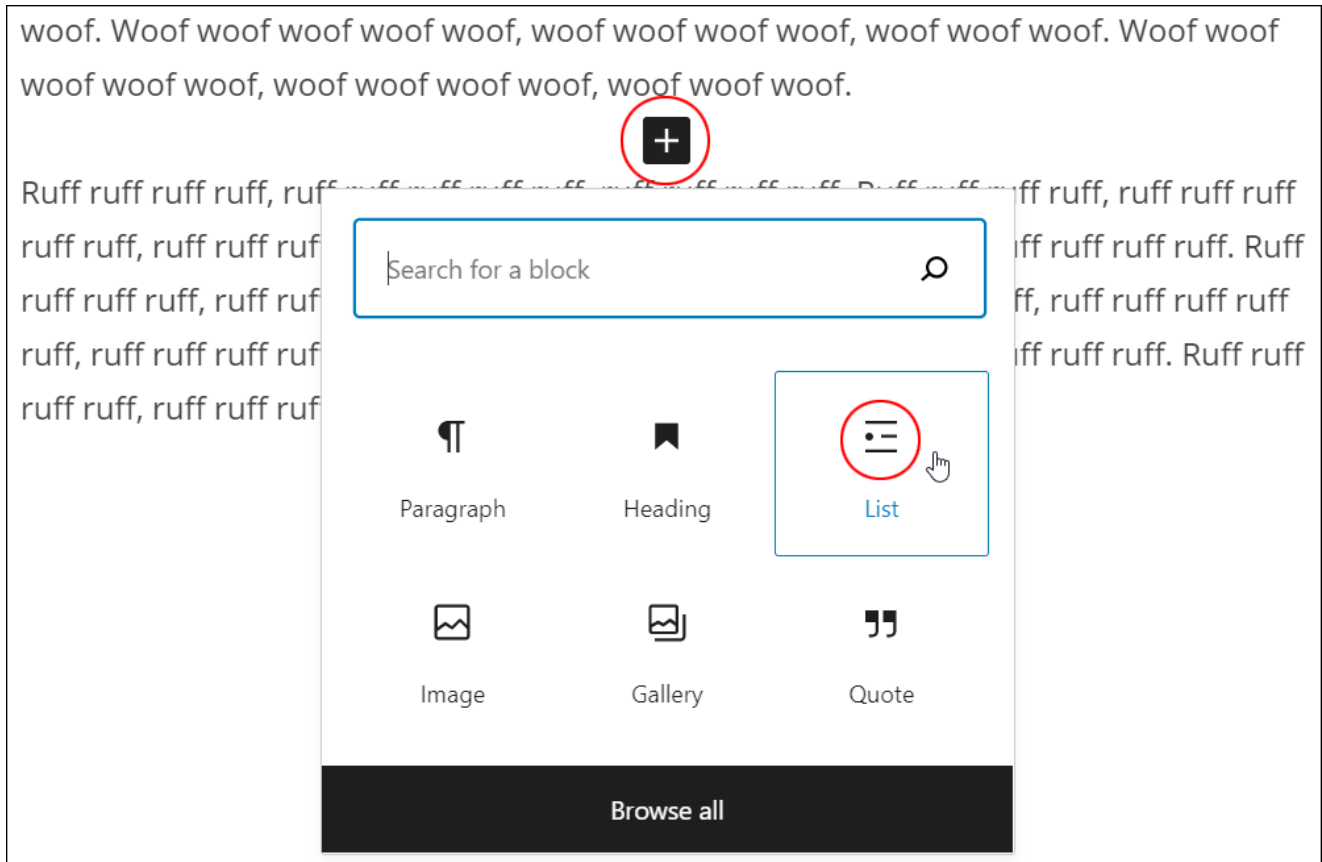
First, create a new post or page or open an existing post or page and either:

Click on the Add Block tool and select a List block...



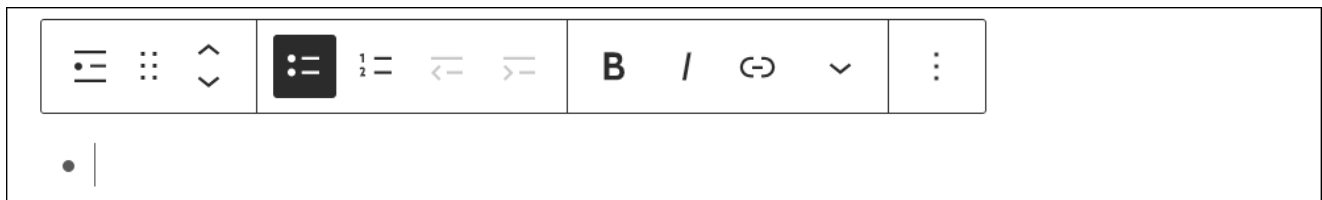
Use the Add Block tool to insert a List block into your content.

Or, select a List block using the **Insert** tool in the Content Area.



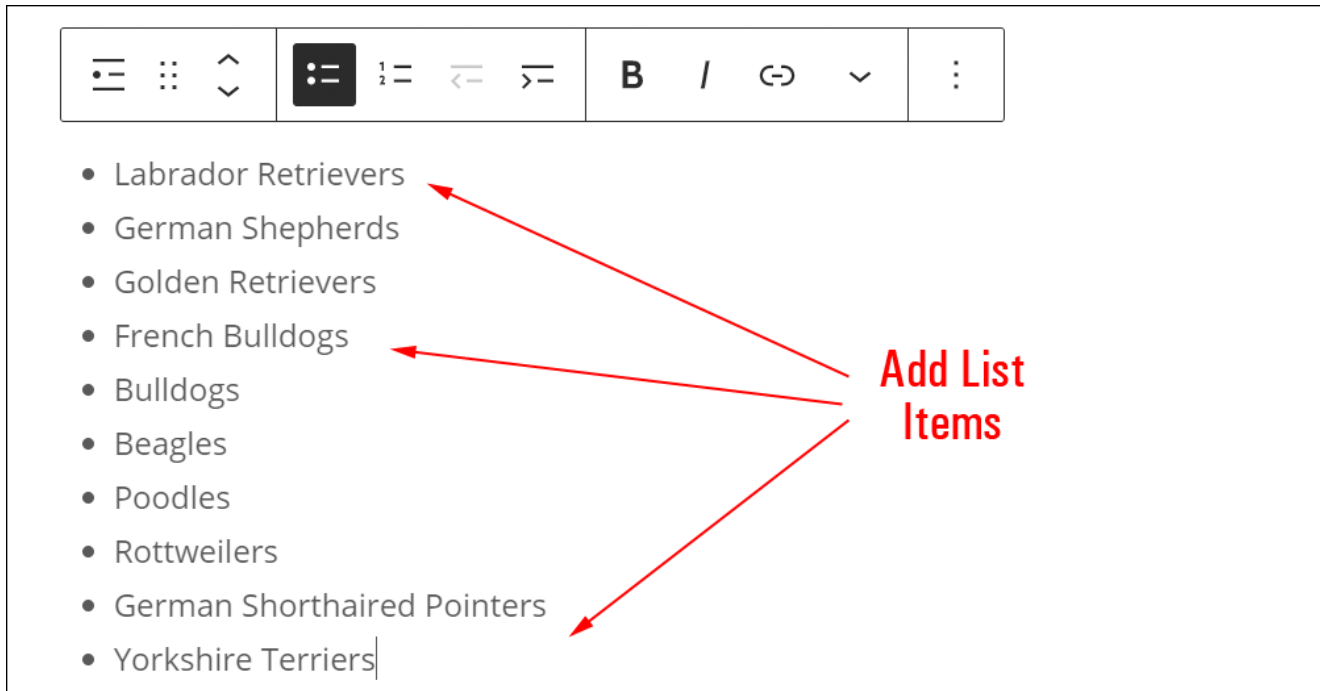
Add a List block to your content using the Inserter tool.

Either of the above methods will add a List block to your content.



List block (no list items added).

After adding a List block, type or paste in your list.



List block with added list items.

After adding a list to your content, you can:

- Edit and configure the block settings,
- Save, publish, or update your post or page.

## How To Edit A List Block

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To edit a List block:

- Click inside the List block to select it.
- Use the *Block Editor* tools to:
  - Select the type of list you want from the Block Editor tools (i.e. *bulleted* or *numbered*)
  - Create lists within lists (i.e. nested lists) using the editor's indent and outdent buttons.
  - Format the text in your list items (e.g. bold, italics, strikethrough, etc.)
  - Add a hyperlink to text in your list items.
- Use the *Block Settings* to change various settings on your list.

Let's go through the above:

You can change your list from bulleted to numbered and nest list items using the indent (space key) and outdent (backspace key) editor tools.



- Write list...



Change your list from bulleted to numbered and nest list items.

You can also nest an image inside a list. See our tutorial on using an **Image block** if you need help using images in the block editor.

## 10 Most Popular Dog Breeds

- Labrador Retrievers
- German Shepherds
- Golden Retrievers
- French Bulldogs
- Bulldogs
- Beagles
- Poodles
- Rottweilers
- German Shorthaired Pointers
- Yorkshire Terriers



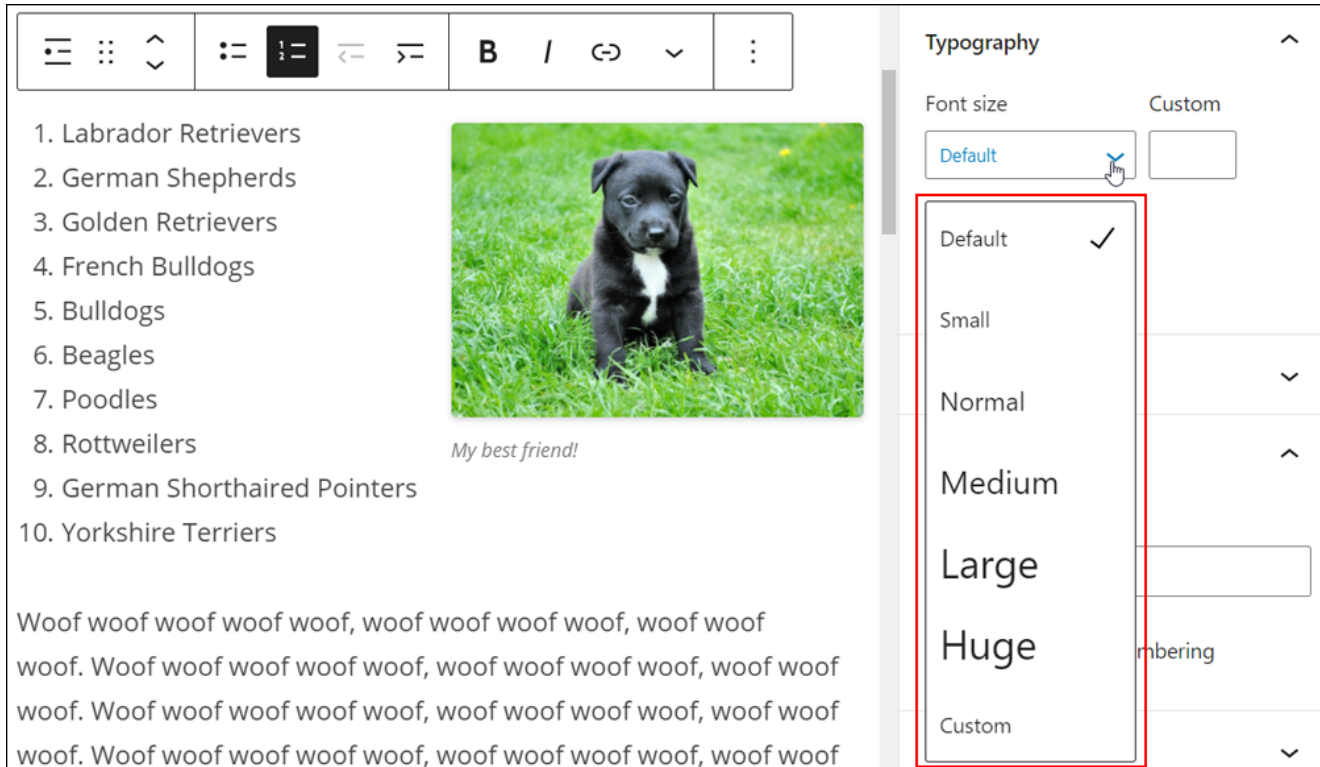
Nest an image in your list.

After adding a list, you can easily change the font size in the Typography section.

Either:

- Select a preset size from the *Font size* drop-down menu, or
- Enter a font size in pixels into the *Custom* field.

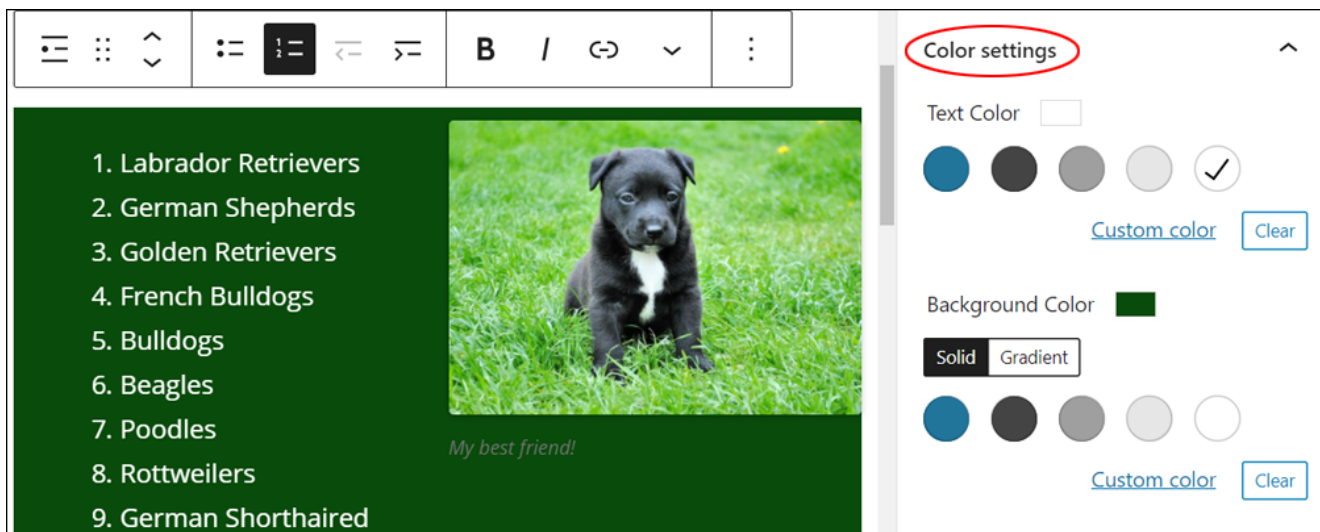
Click the *Reset* button in this section to return the text in your list to its default font size.



The screenshot shows a text editor interface. On the left, there is a list of dog breeds: 1. Labrador Retrievers, 2. German Shepherds, 3. Golden Retrievers, 4. French Bulldogs, 5. Bulldogs, 6. Beagles, 7. Poodles, 8. Rottweilers, 9. German Shorthaired Pointers, 10. Yorkshire Terriers. Below the list is a paragraph of text: "Woof woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof. Woof woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof. Woof woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof. Woof woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof." To the right of the list is a photo of a black puppy with a white chest patch sitting in green grass, with the caption "My best friend!". The right-hand side of the interface shows the "Typography" panel. The "Font size" dropdown menu is open, showing options: Default (selected with a checkmark), Small, Normal, Medium, Large, Huge, and Custom. A red box highlights the "Default" option.

Change the font size of your list items.

You can also change the text and the block background color using preset or custom color palettes.

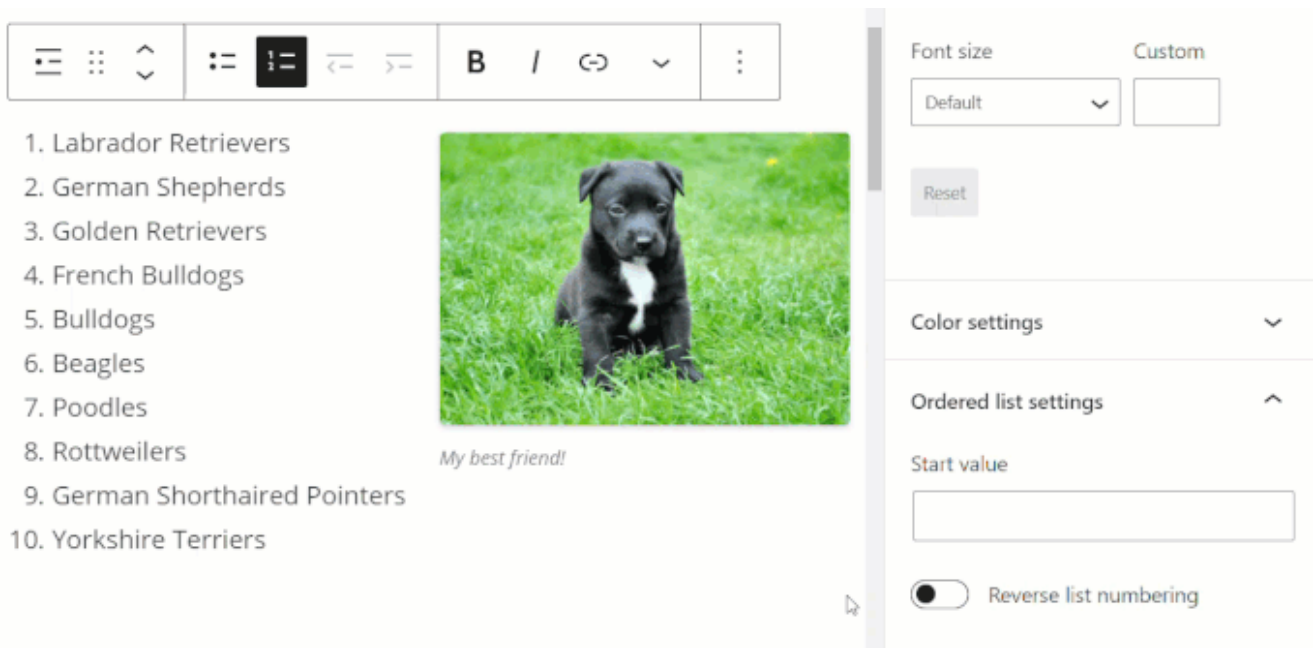


The screenshot shows the same text editor interface as above, but with a dark green background for the list and image area. The right-hand side of the interface shows the "Color settings" panel. The "Text Color" is set to white, and the "Background Color" is set to dark green. The "Text Color" section has a "Custom color" button and a "Clear" button. The "Background Color" section has a "Solid" button and a "Gradient" button, and also has a "Custom color" button and a "Clear" button.

Change your list item's text and block background colors.

If you're using an ordered list, you can also configure:

- *The starting number of your list* – e.g. if you set the value to '3' your list will start from the number '3' (i.e. 3, 4, 5, etc.)
- *Reverse the list numbering order* – e.g. change your list order from 1,2,3 to 3,2,1.



The screenshot displays the WordPress Block Editor interface. On the left, there is a toolbar with various icons for text formatting and alignment. Below the toolbar is an ordered list of dog breeds: 1. Labrador Retrievers, 2. German Shepherds, 3. Golden Retrievers, 4. French Bulldogs, 5. Bulldogs, 6. Beagles, 7. Poodles, 8. Rottweilers, 9. German Shorthaired Pointers, and 10. Yorkshire Terriers. To the right of the list is an image of a black puppy with a white patch on its chest, sitting in a grassy field. Below the image is the caption "My best friend!". On the far right, the 'Ordered list settings' sidebar is open, showing options for 'Font size' (Default, Custom), 'Color settings', and 'Ordered list settings'. The 'Ordered list settings' section includes a 'Start value' input field and a 'Reverse list numbering' toggle switch, which is currently turned off.

Ordered list settings.

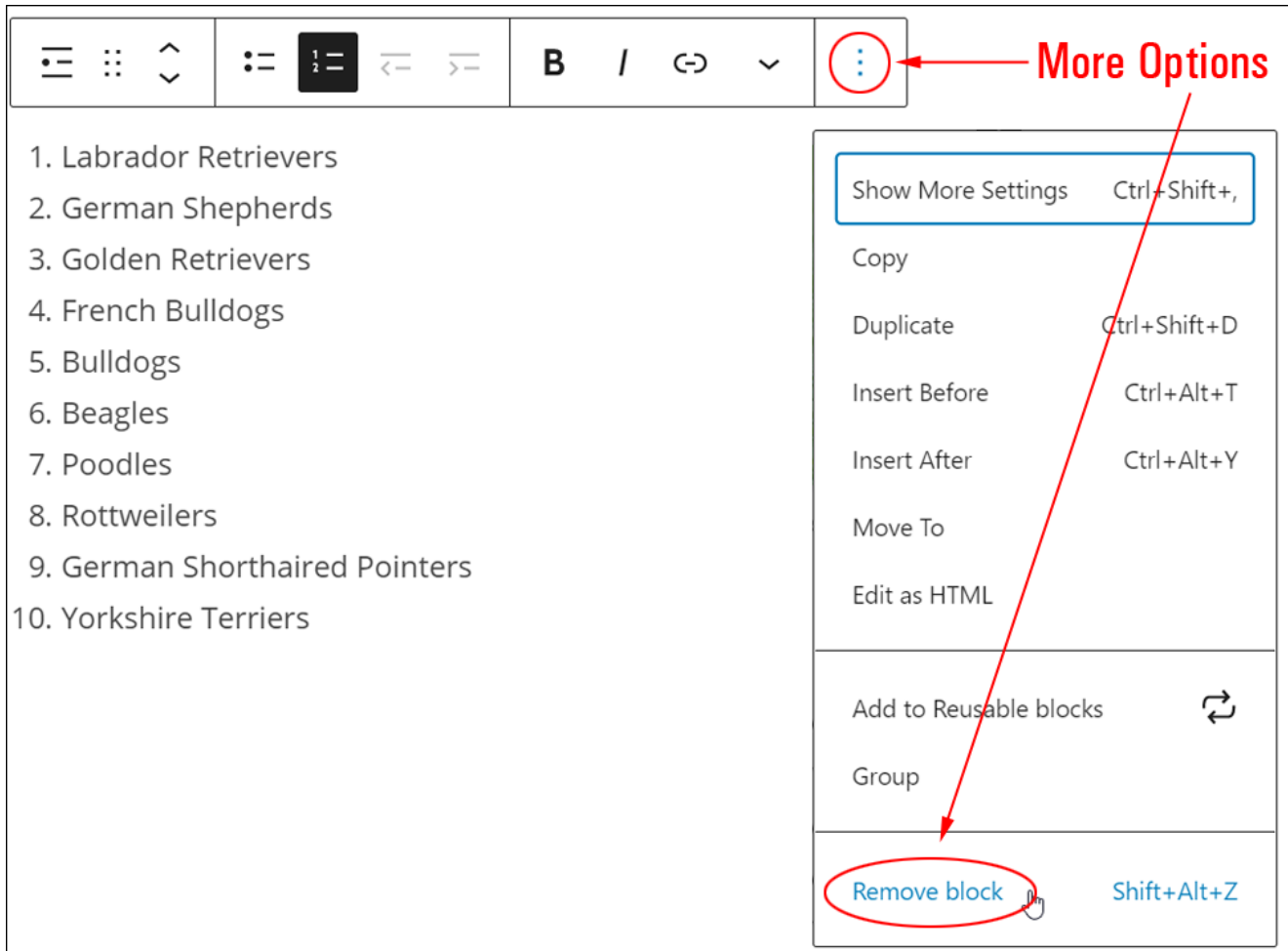
Remember to update and publish your post or page to save your settings.

## How To Remove A List Block

To delete or remove a List block from your content:

- Click inside the List block to select it.
- Select the 'More Options' tool in the Block Editor.
- Click on 'Remove block'.
- This will remove the List block from your content.





Use the More Options menu to remove the List block from your content.

*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 our tutorial on [How To Use Blocks](#)).
- You can also convert a List block into a [Reusable block](#).

## List Block Tools, Options & Settings

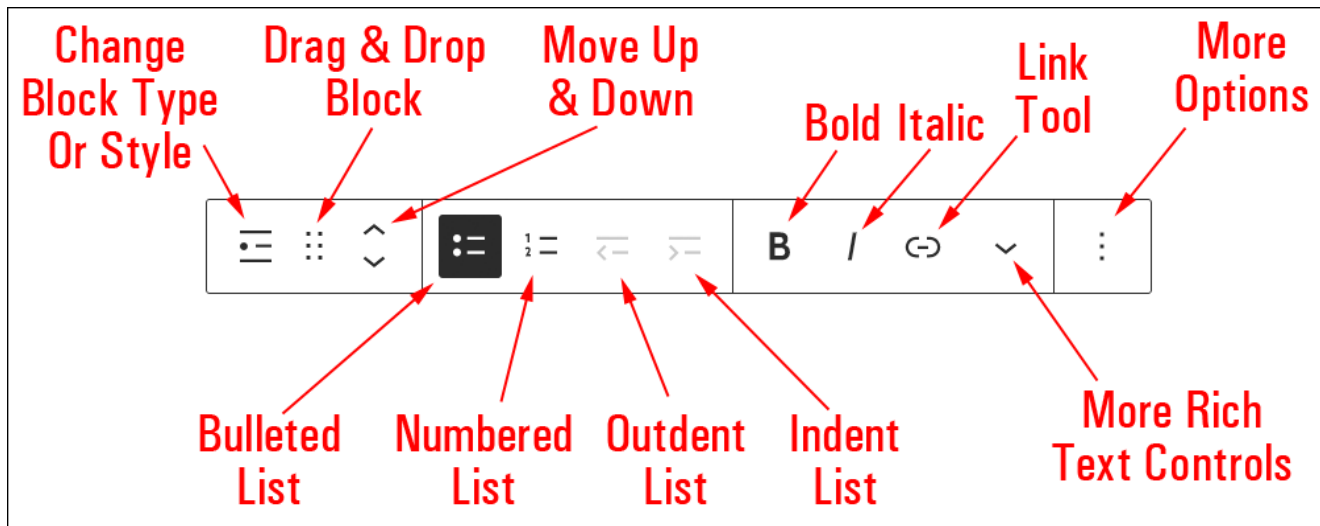
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The *List block* includes tools, options, and settings for:

- List Block Editor
- List Block Settings

### List Block Editor

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List block editor.

The *List Block Editor* includes tools that let you perform the following operations:

- **Change Block Type** (See ‘*List Block – Additional Info*’ section below.)
- **Drag & Drop Tool**
- **Move Up and Down Tool**
- **List Type**
  - Bulleted (Unordered list) – Use unordered lists to display items in no particular order (e.g. a list of product benefits).
  - Numbered (Ordered list) – Use ordered lists to display items in sequential order (e.g. a checklist with step-by-step instructions).
- **List Indentation**
  - Outdent list (Decrease indentation)
  - Indent list (Increase indentation)
- **Bold** – Add bold text formatting to your file text.
- **Italic** – Add italicized text formatting to your file text.
- **Link Tool** – Link and unlink text in your block.
  - Custom URL* – Paste a URL or type a search term to bring up a list of posts, pages, or custom post types on your site containing your search term.
    - Clicking on the *Link settings* button brings up the following options:
      - Open the link in a new tab (on/off).
    - Apply button. Once the Apply button is clicked, your link displays the following additional options:
      - View the link.
      - Edit the link.
      - Delete the link.
- **More Rich Text Controls** – See [How To Use Blocks](#) to learn more about using rich text control settings.
- **More Options** – See [How To Use Blocks](#) to learn how to use this section.

# List Block Settings

The image shows a screenshot of the 'List Block' settings panel in a content management system. The panel is titled 'Post Block' and contains several sections: 'List', 'Typography', 'Color settings', 'Ordered list settings', and 'Advanced'. Red text annotations with arrows point to specific parts of the panel:

- List Block Description**: Points to the 'List' section, which includes a description: 'Create a bulleted or numbered list.'
- Typography**: Points to the 'Typography' section, which includes a 'Font size' dropdown set to 'Default' and a 'Custom' input field.
- Color Settings**: Points to the 'Color settings' section, which includes 'Text Color' and 'Background Color' options, each with color swatches and a 'Custom color' button.
- Ordered List Settings**: Points to the 'Ordered list settings' section, which includes a 'Start value' input field and a 'Reverse list numbering' toggle switch.
- Advanced Settings**: Points to the 'Advanced' section, which includes an 'HTML anchor' input field, a description of anchors, a 'Learn more about anchors' link, and an 'Additional CSS class(es)' input field.

List block settings.

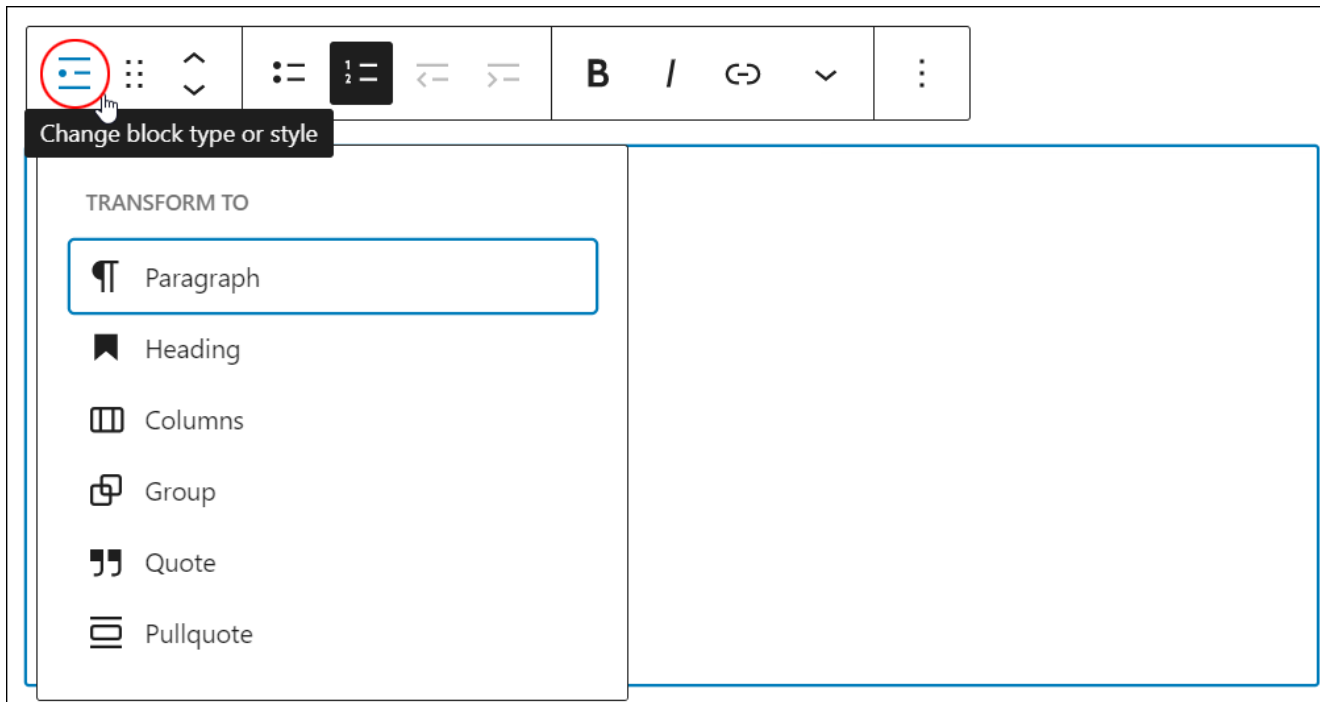
List block settings include:

- **Block description area**
- **Typography**
  - *Font Size* – Depending on the theme used, font sizes may include the following:
    - Default
    - Extra small
    - Small
    - Normal
    - Medium
    - Large
    - Extra large
    - Huge
    - Gigantic
    - Custom
  - *Custom font size*
    - Value field – Enter a value in points
    - Reset – Resets font size to default.
  - *Line height* – Enter a line height value (decimal values allowed, e.g. 2.5)
- **Color Settings** – Select from the preset color palette or add a custom color using hexadecimal or RGB values. Click the Reset button to restore the default text color.
  - *Text color*
  - *Background color*
- **Ordered List Settings:**
  - *Start value* – Enter the number you'd like your list to start with.
  - Reverse list numbering (*on/off*) – Enable this option to reverse the numbering order of your list (e.g. from 1,2,3 to 3,2,1).
- **Advanced Settings**
  - *HTML Anchor* – Create a unique web address to send users directly to this block using a unique jump link URL. To learn more about using HTML Anchors, see our tutorial on **How To Use Blocks**.
  - *Additional CSS Class(es)* – This field lets you add multiple CSS classes to your block separated with spaces. This allows you to write custom CSS and style the block as you see fit. Note: This requires having knowledge of CSS (Cascading Style Sheets).

## List Block – Additional Info

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You can convert a *List block* into the following block types:

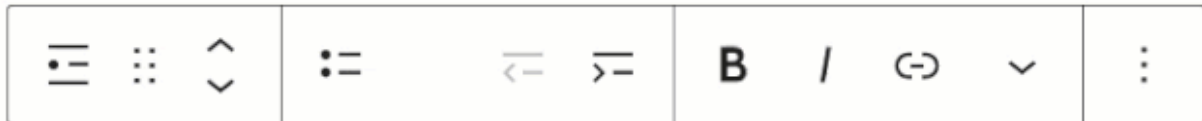


Change the List block into other block types.



*Notes:*

- Changing a *List block* into a *Paragraph block* turns each list item into a new Paragraph block.
- Changing a *List block* into a *Quote block* turns list items into paragraphs within the quote and adds a line for citing the source of the quote.



1. Labrador Retrievers
2. German Shepherds
3. Golden Retrievers
4. French Bulldogs
5. Bulldogs
6. Beagles
7. Poodles
8. Rottweilers
9. German Shorthaired Pointers
10. Yorkshire Terriers

Transform lists into other block types.

*Additionally:*

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

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*My best friend!*

Woof woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof. Woof woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof. Woof woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof. Woof woof woof woof woof, woof woof woof woof, woof woof

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

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

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