

WordPress Block Editor: Separator Block

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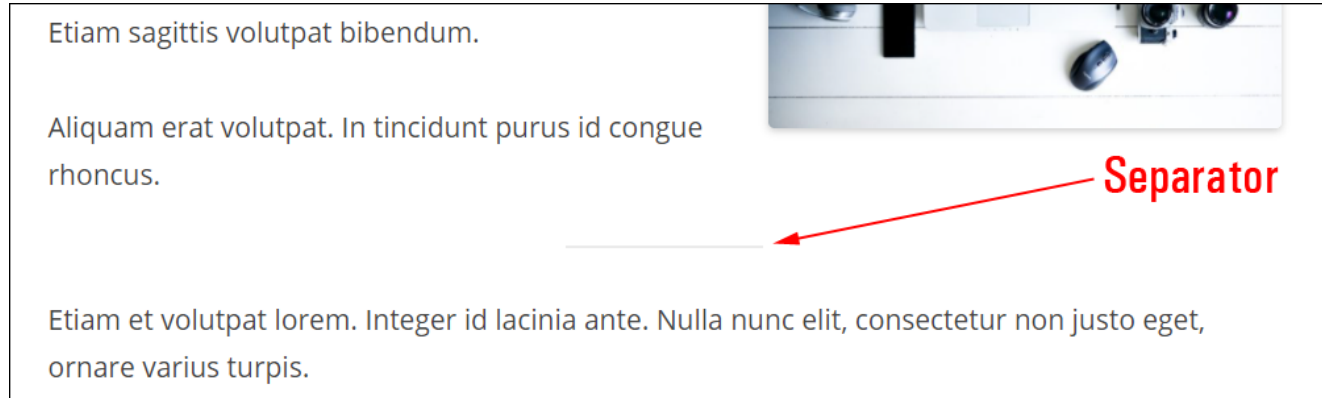


This tutorial is part of our series on [How To Use The WordPress Block Editor \(Gutenberg\)](#).

- 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](#)

Separator Block – Description

The *Separator block* lets you break your content sections with a horizontal separator.



Create a break between your content ideas or sections with a horizontal separator.

How To Use The Separator Block

In this section, we'll cover:

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

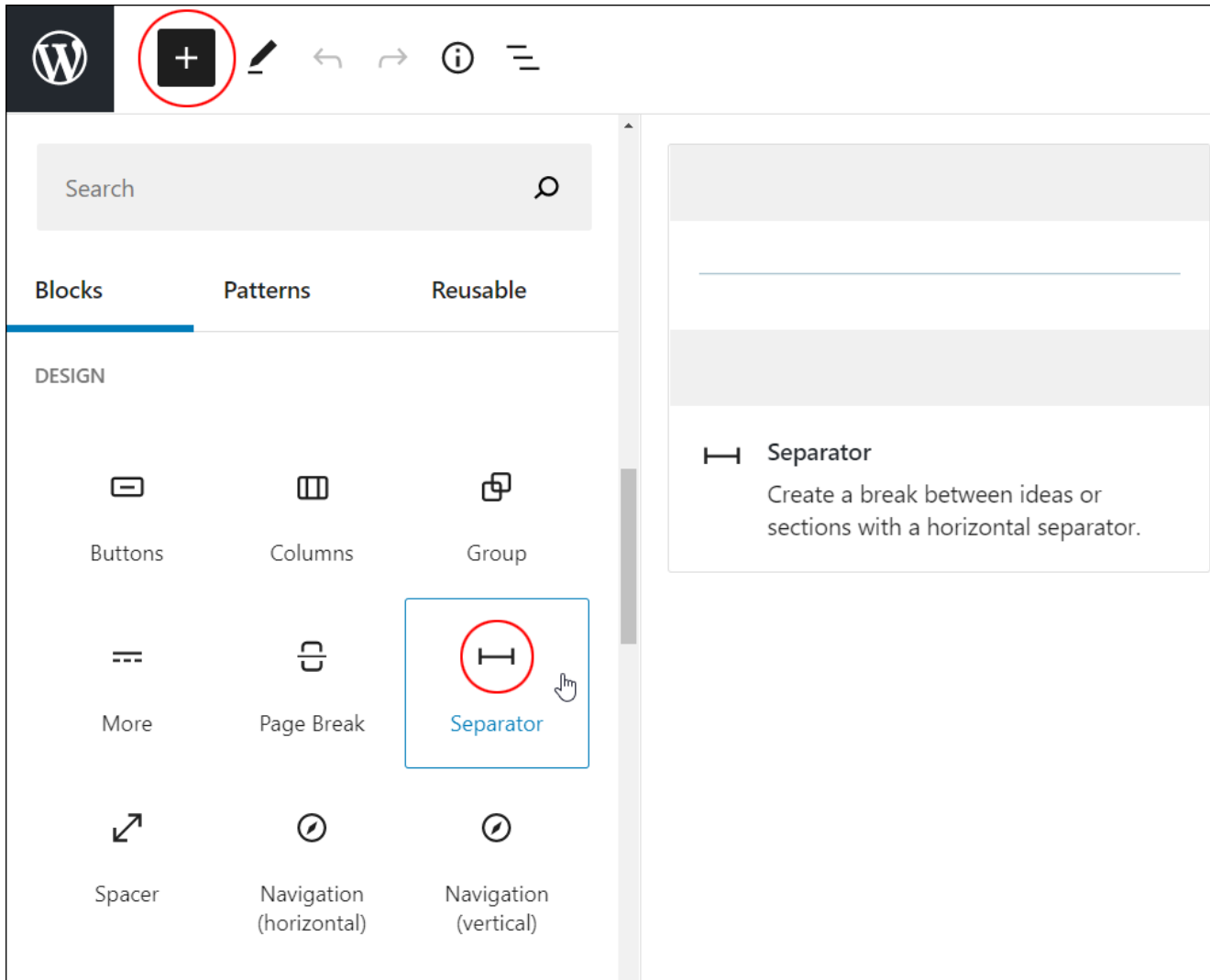
To add a *Separator block* to your content:

- Select a place in your content to add a horizontal separator (i.e. before or after), then either:
 - Click on the 'Add Block' tool in the **Editing Toolbar** section and select the Separator block (in *Most Used* or *Design* section),
 - Add the Separator block in the **Content Area**.
- Use the tools in the *Separator Block Editor* or *Block Settings* section to resize, edit, format, or customize your separator element.

Let's go through the above steps.

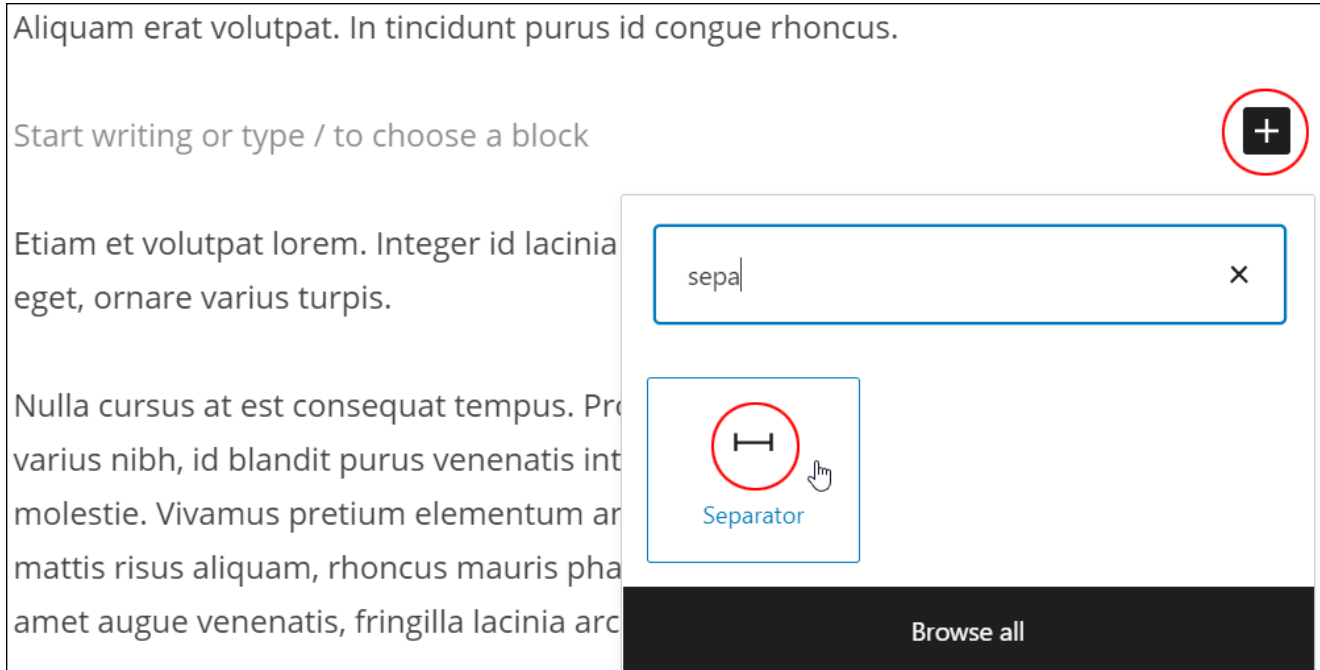
First, create a new post or page or open an existing post or page and either:

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



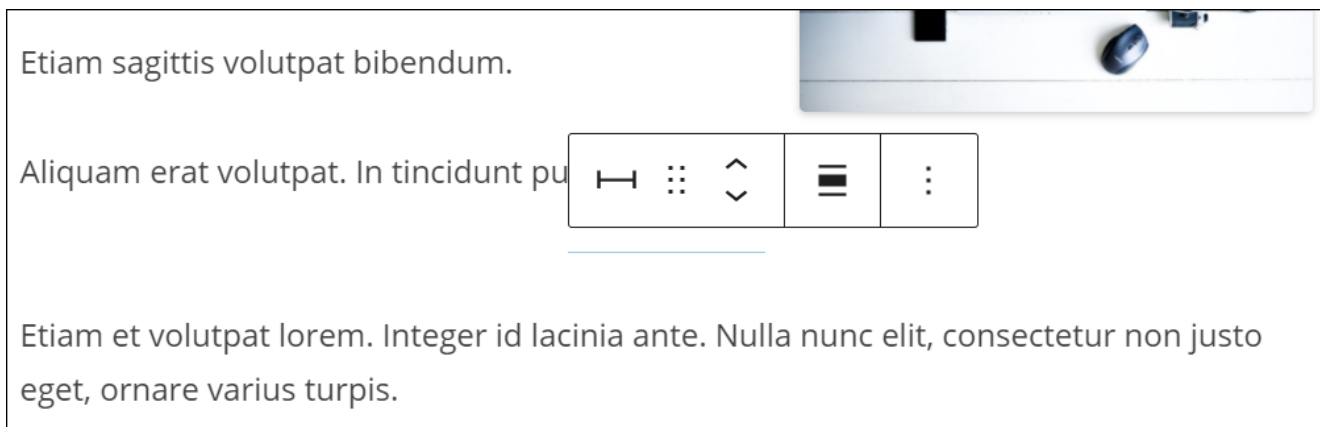
Add a Separator block to your content using the Add Block tool.

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



Use the Inserter tool to insert a Separator block into your post.

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



Separator block added to content.

After adding a horizontal separator, you can:

- Edit your block's settings,
- Save, publish, or update your post or page.

How To Edit A Separator Block

To edit a Separator block:

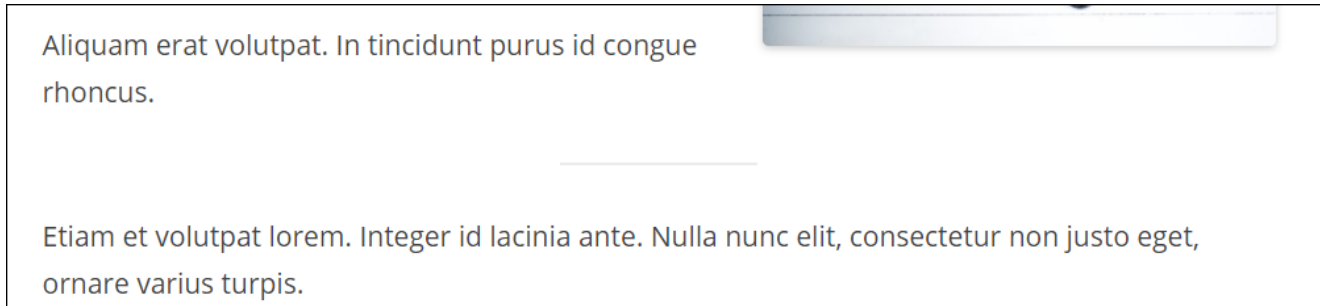
Click inside the Separator block to select it, then:

- Use the *Block Editor* tools to change the style or alignment of the horizontal separator, or
- Use the *Block Settings* to change the style of the horizontal separator.



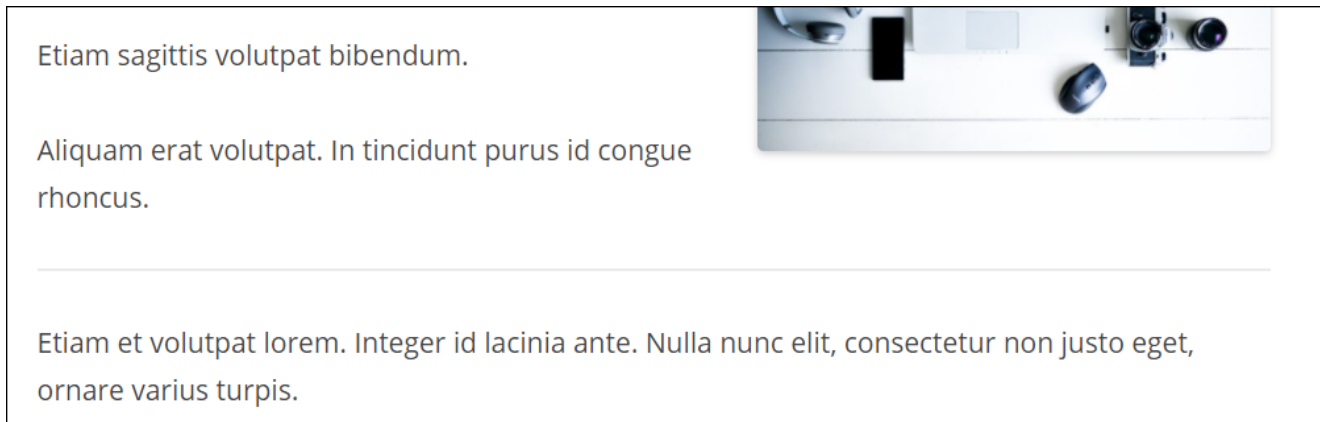
The active theme installed on your site controls the Separator block's default separator line and available styles.

For example, the Separator block for the theme used in the screenshot below adds a short line to content by default.



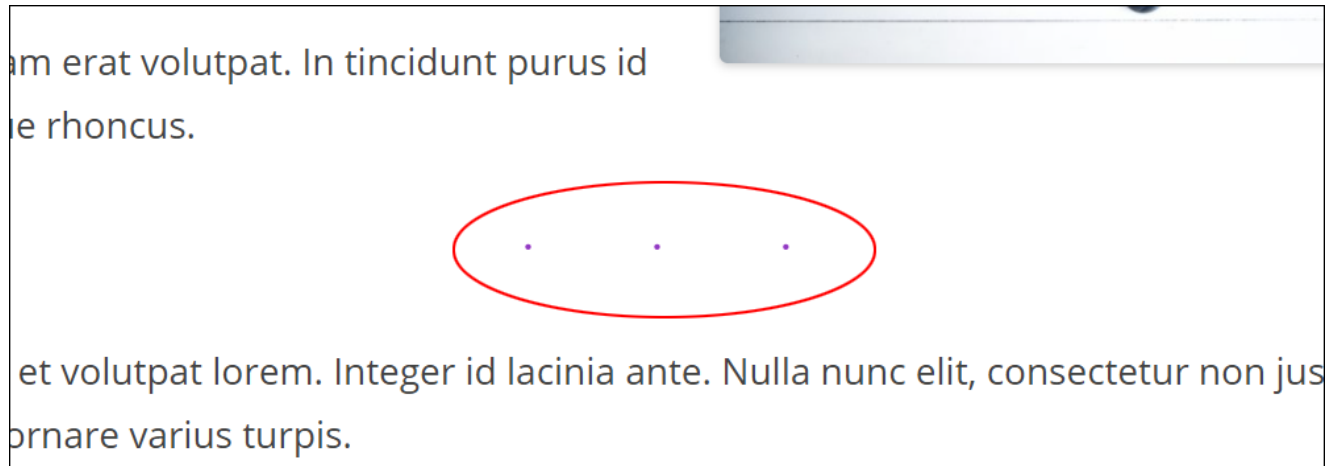
A short horizontal separator line.

The theme's optional styles also include a wide horizontal line.



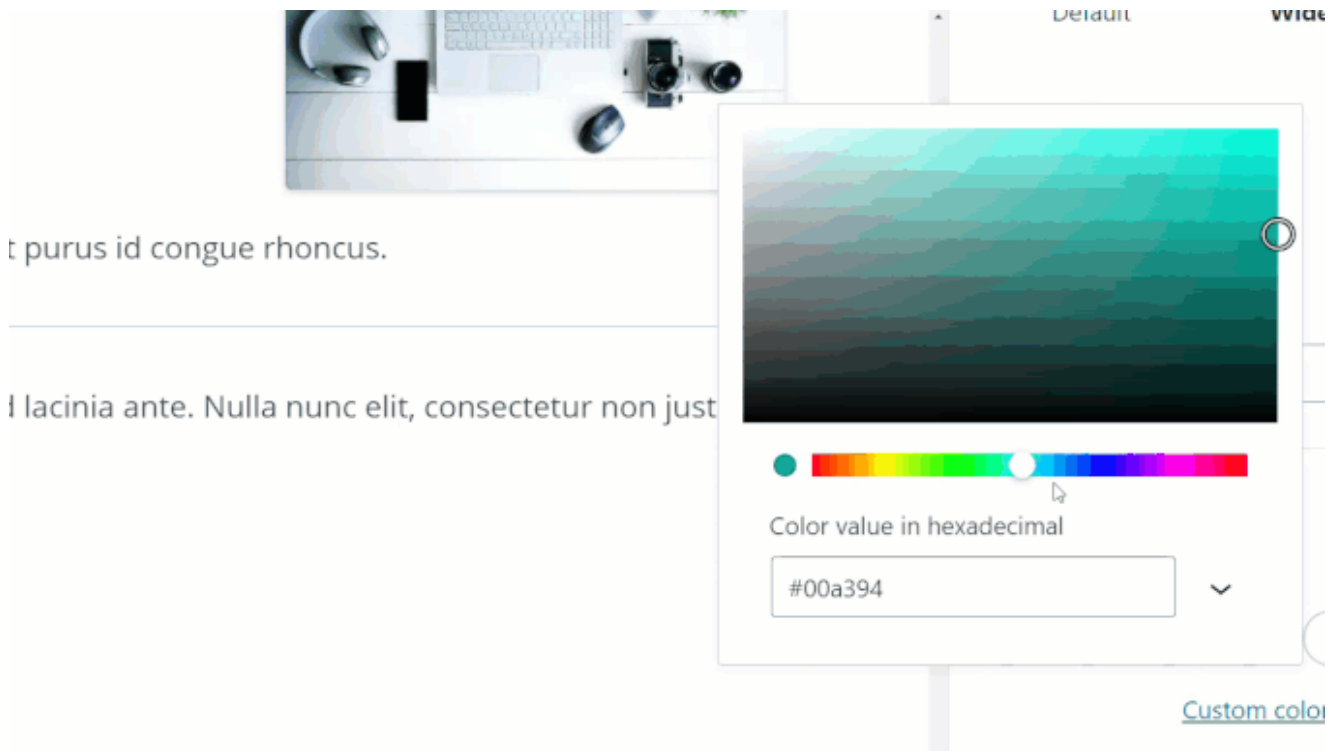
A full-width horizontal separator line.

And a dotted line too.



A dotted separator line.

You can change the color of your separator lines using the Separator block's color settings.



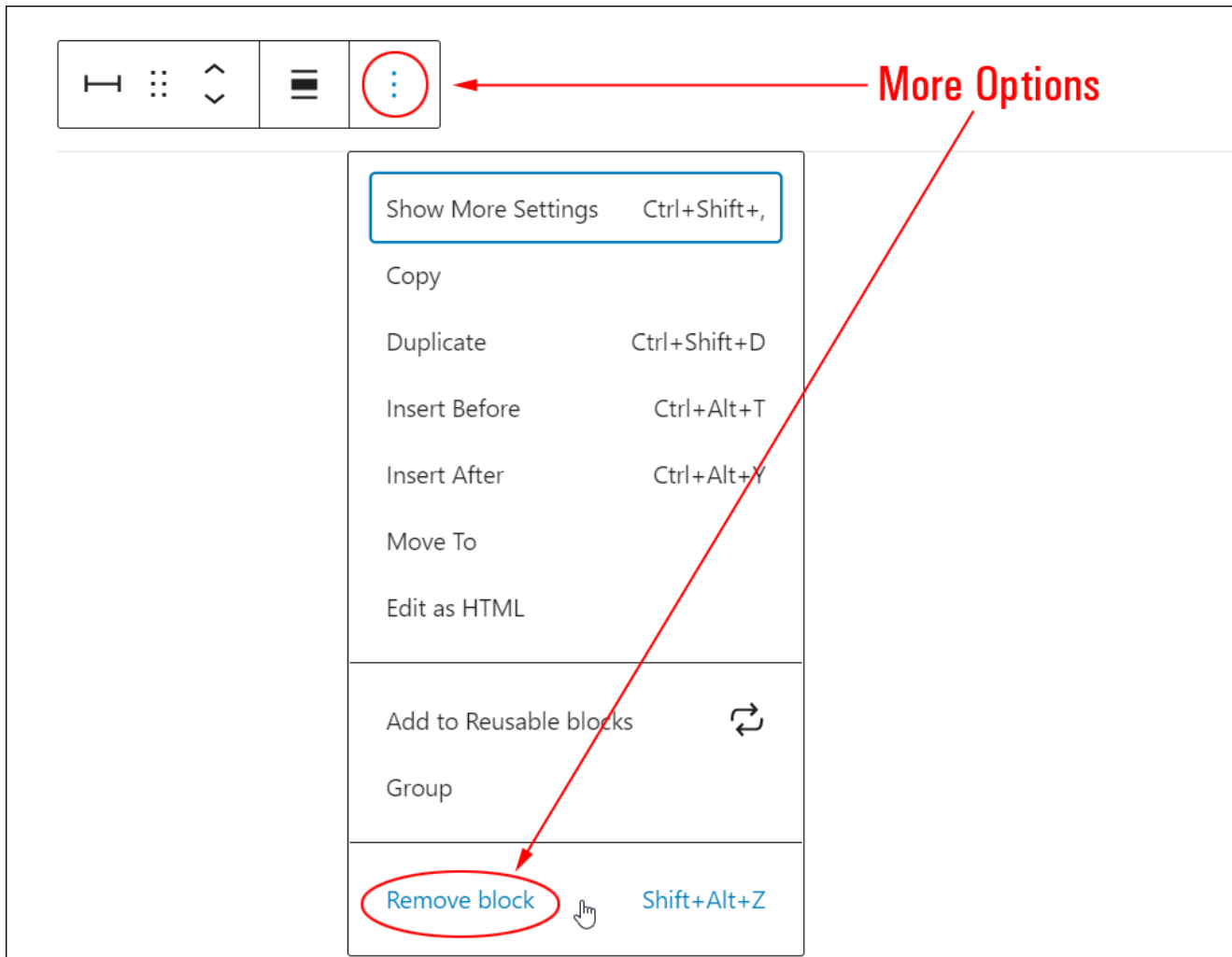
Use the Separator block's color settings to change the color of your separator lines.

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

How To Remove A Separator Block

To delete or remove a Separator block from your content:

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



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

Additionally...

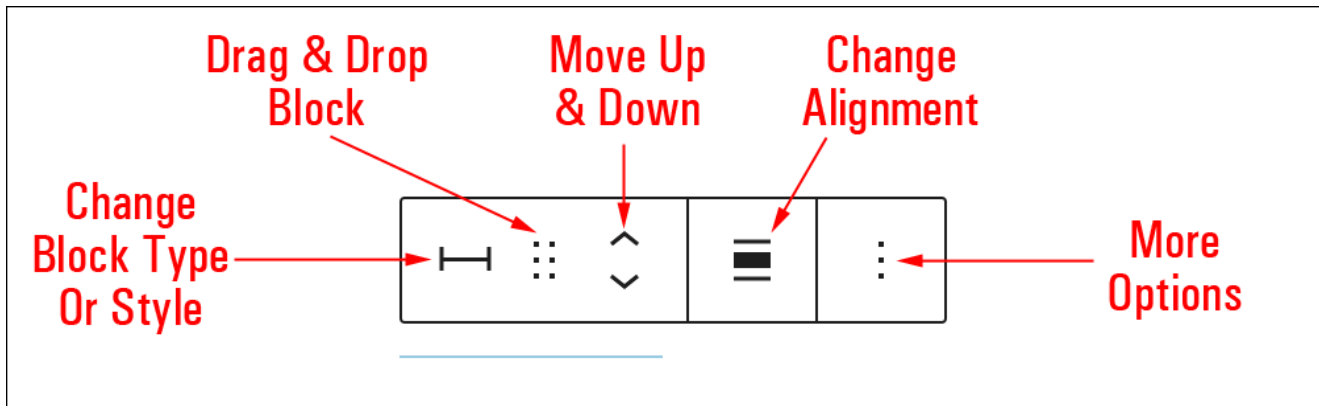
- You can reposition your block using the 'Move Up' and 'Move Down' arrows or the Drag and Drop handle tool (if you need help with this step, see our tutorial on [How To Use Blocks](#)).
- You can also convert a Separator block into a [Reusable block](#).

Separator Block Tools, Options & Settings

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

- Separator Block Editor
- Separator Block Settings

Separator Block Editor



Separator block editor.

The *Separator Block Editor* displays:

- **Change Block Type** (See 'Separator Block – Additional Info' section below.)
- **Drag & Drop Tool**
- **Move Up and Down Tool**
- **Change Alignment Tool**
 - Align center
 - Wide width – makes the block stick out on either side of regular content.
 - Full width – makes the block stretch over the entire width of the browser window (regular content remains within margins on either side).
- **More Options** – See [How To Use Blocks](#) to learn how to use this section.

Separator Block Settings

The image shows the settings panel for a Separator block in the WordPress editor. The panel is titled 'Post Block' and contains the following sections:

- Separator Block Description:** A section with a title and a description: 'Create a break between ideas or sections with a horizontal separator.'
- Styles:** A section showing two style options: 'Default' (represented by a thin line) and 'Wide Line' (represented by a thick line). Below these is a 'Default Style' dropdown menu currently set to 'Not set'.
- Color Settings:** A section with a 'Color' palette containing five circles (blue, black, grey, light grey, white). There is a 'Custom color' link and a 'Clear' button.
- Advanced:** A section with an 'HTML anchor' text input field. Below it is explanatory text about anchors and a link to 'Learn more about anchors'. At the bottom is an 'Additional CSS class(es)' text input field containing 'is-style-default'.

Red arrows on the left side of the image point from text labels to these sections: 'Separator Block Description' points to the top section, 'Styles' points to the style options, 'Color Settings' points to the color palette, and 'Advanced Settings' points to the bottom section.

Separator block settings.

Separator block settings include:

- **Block description area**
- **Styles** -The styles displayed in this section depend on the theme and plugins installed on your site. For example, *short line*, *wide line*, *thick line*, *dots*, etc.
Default Style – Use the drop-down menu to select a default style for the block.
- **Color Settings** – Select from the preset color palette or add a custom color using hexadecimal or RGB values. Click the Clear button to restore the default text color.

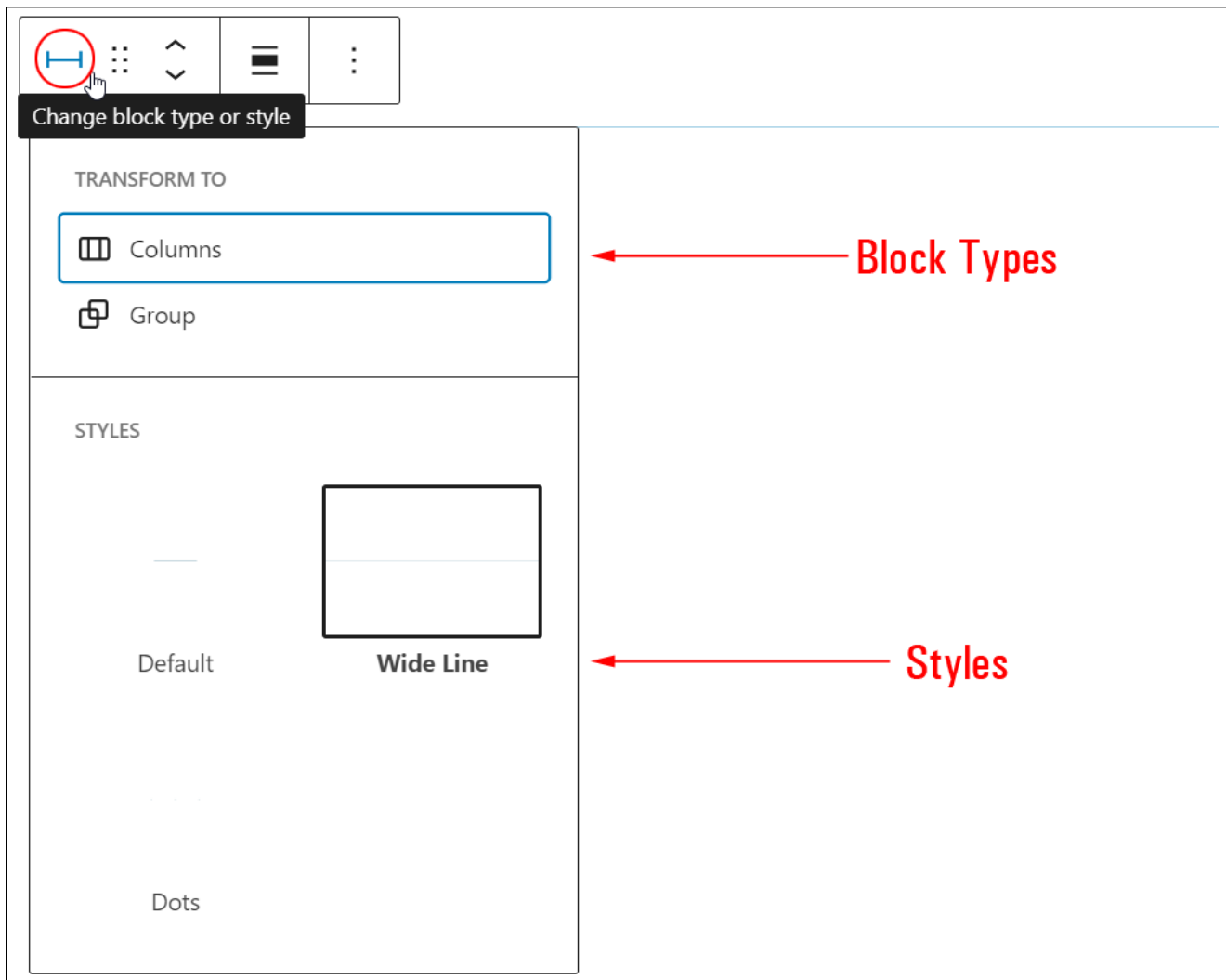
- **Advanced Settings**

- *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).

Separator Block – Additional Info

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

Alternatively, you can select different separator styles by clicking on the ‘Change block type or style’ feature and choosing another separator option in the Styles section.



Change the Separator block into other block types.

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

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Break up your content using horizontal lines with the Separator block.

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

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

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