



How To Set Up & Use Your Blueball StyleSwitchr v2.0 Stacks

Rapidweaver Skill Level: Beginner to Advanced.

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1. What does the StyleSwitchr stack do?

The Blueball StyleSwitchr stack allows any Rapidweaver user to add in “Style Switching” on their Stacks pages for any Rapidweaver theme! The StyleSwitchr stacks for Stacks 2 adds 2, 3, 4, or 6 small different color squares to your Stacks 2 page that a viewer to your site can click on in their browser to change the look of your site page by switching css style sheets. **The StyleSwitchr stack is completely self contained** and does not rely on any external javascript files for it's functionality.

The benefits of using the StyleSwitchr stacks on your site pages:

- **You can change the look of your site instantly adding 2, 3, 4 or 6 different style options!**
- The css style changes you use can be as simple as just changing the background color on your site page to as involved as you want them to be. That's completely up to you.
- Ideal for sites like photography sites, as an example, where different background colors may enhance the viewing of images versus using the theme's stock background color. This is just one example. You are only limited by your imagination.

2. What's included in your StyleSwitchr stacks bundle download.

Inside your Blueball_StyleSwitchr_v2.0 folder you will find 2 folders labelled StyleSwitchr_v2_Stacks1.4.4, and StyleSwitchr_v2_Stacks2.

In the StyleSwitchr_v2_Stacks2 folder you will find 4 new StyleSwitchr stacks to use with Stacks 2 and Rapidweaver 5.

In the StyleSwitchr_v2_Stacks1.4.4 folder you will find a new version of the StyleSwitchr v1.0 stack. This is an updated version of the original StyleSwitchr stack and works with Stacks v1.4.4. It includes an updated javascript file with a fix for Safari 5.1's alternative css stylesheet display bug, and a new icon image for the stack.

****Note that you cannot install both versions into the Stacks folder located in Rapidweaver's Application Support folder. You can only install one or the other.**

3. How to install the StyleSwitchr stacks in Rapidweaver.

There are 2 ways to install your StyleSwitchr stacks into Rapidweaver. Both are easy to do.

If you are using the current versions of Rapidweaver 5+ and the Stacks 2 page plugin, all you need to do is double click on the 4 individual StyleSwitchr stacks in the StyleSwitchr_v2_Stacks2 folder. The StyleSwitchr stacks will be placed into Rapidweaver's Application Support folder into the Stacks folder automatically for you. Then restart Rapidweaver 5+, open up your site file, add a Stacks page (or go to an existing Stacks page), and add a StyleSwitchr stack to the page.

You can also install the StyleSwitchr stacks manually by going to Rapidweaver's Application Support folder and dragging the StyleSwitchr stacks into the Stacks folders within it. This folder can be found here: Library folder > Application Support folder > Rapidweaver folder > Stacks folder.

After installing your StyleSwitchr stacks and restarting Rapidweaver 5+, you'll see the StyleSwitchr stacks grouped together in the Blueball Design group in the Stacks 2 Elements library window, making it much faster to locate and select the StyleSwitchr stacks for your site page.

4. The StyleSwitchr stacks require the following Rapidweaver and Stacks plugin versions:

The StyleSwitchr stacks located in the StyleSwitchr_v2_Stacks2 folder will only work with the Stacks v2.0+ page plugin.

- Stacks v2.0 requires Rapidweaver 5+.

The StyleSwitchr stack located in the StyleSwitchr_v2_Stacks1.4.4 folder will only work with the Stacks v1.4.4+ page plugin.

- Requires Rapidweaver 4.4.2+.

Browsers supported by the StyleSwitchr stacks.



- Firefox 3.6+
- Safari 4 and 5
- Chrome
- Opera 10.6+
- Internet Explorer 7
- Internet Explorer 8
- Internet Explorer 9

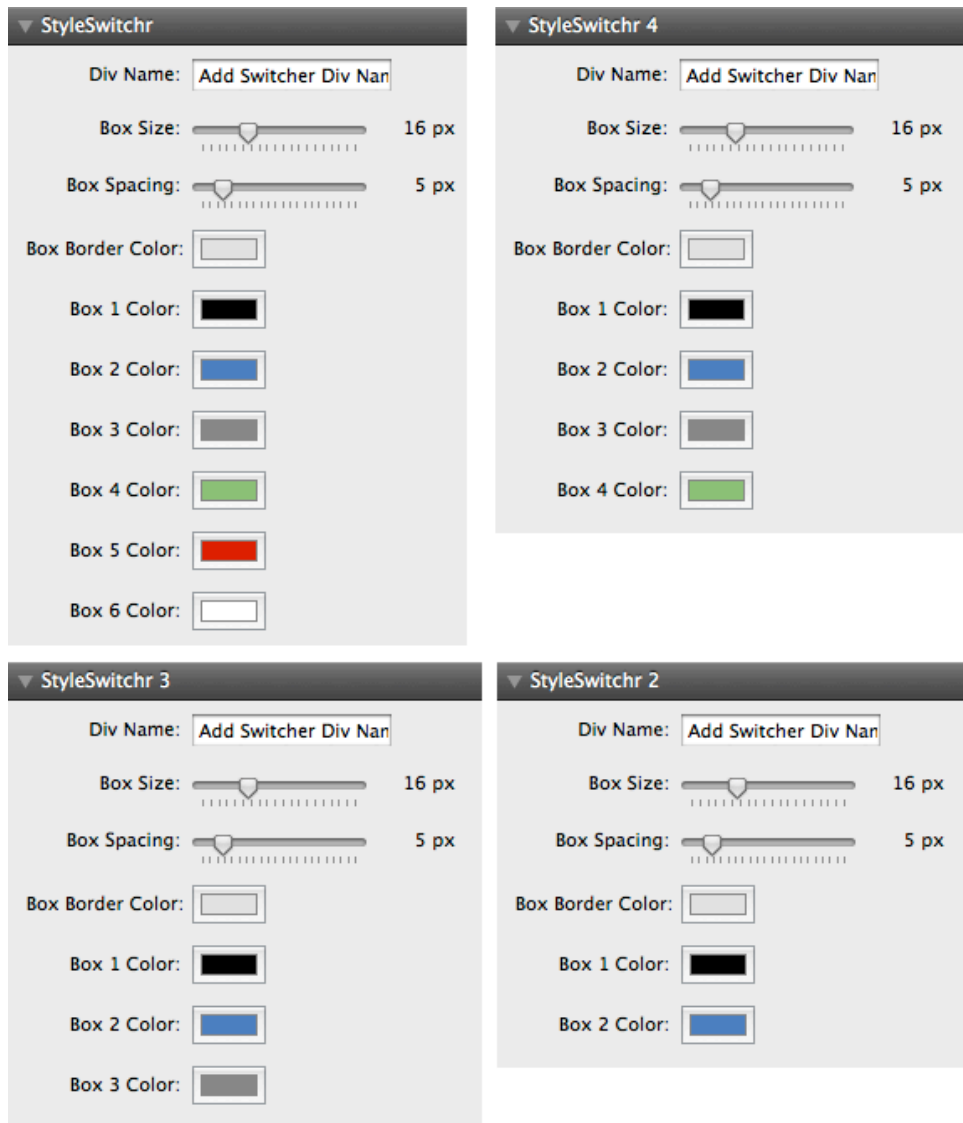
5. How to use your StyleSwitchr stacks with Stacks 2.

With your Rapidweaver 5 site open, go to the Stacks 2 page you want to add a StyleSwitchr stack to. Then do the following steps:

- 1)** Open up the Stacks 2 Elements Library window by clicking on the small cube icon at the top left of the Stacks 2 page work area.
- 2)** Scroll down to the “Blueball Design” group and select the StyleSwitchr stack you want to use and drag it into position on your Stacks page.
- 3)** Open up the default CSS files in the text editor of your choice, and make the css style changes you want to modify in the theme that you are using. The CSS divs and classes to edit and add to the stylesheets will vary from theme to theme.

We recommend opening up the theme’s styles.css file (and other variation css files) that you are using to see what css you need to adjust to achieve the new style formatting you want to include with each StyleSwitchr stack option. The CSS you add to the default style sheets can be as simple or complex as you want to make it.

- 4)** Drag and drop the 6 edited StyleSwitchr CSS files (or less depending on which StyleSwitchr stack you select to use. StyleSwitchr3 stack for example only uses style1.css, style2.css, and style3.css files.) that came in the StyleSwitchr_v2_Stacks2 folder into the Resources area in Rapidweaver 5. **DO NOT change their file names after editing and resaving them.**
- 5)** Set up your StyleSwitchr stack’s HUD controls (see more details in the section below).
- 6)** You’re done! Preview your page in Rapidweaver and click on each of the StyleSwitchr color squares to view your different alternative styling options to see how your site page looks.



6. Using the StyleSwitchr stack's built-in HUD controls.

Each of the 4 StyleSwitchr stacks hud controls area shown in the image above are very simple to use and setup.

Div Name: This is the name that will be created for the div in your StyleSwitchr stack.

This must be a unique div name, one that is not used by your theme or another other stack in any of your site's pages! This div name cannot have spaces or special characters used in it. Use underscores instead of spaces if you need too.

For example you could use something as simple as `pagestyle01` or `homepg01`, `colorstyle_01`, etc. for the div name. We leave the naming up to you.

Box Size: This slider control sets the overall size of all the StyleSwitchr square style boxes that the viewer will click on to reset/change your page style. The default size is 16px. You can adjust the box size from 10px to a maximum size of 30px.

Box Spacing: This slider control adjusts the margin spacing between the StyleSwitchr style boxes. The default margin spacing between the boxes is set at 5px. You can adjust the margin spacing from 5px to a maximum amount of 24px.

Box Border Color: By default, there is a 1px wide border around each StyleSwitchr color style box. The default color is a light grey color DEDEDE. You can adjust the border color to whatever you want it to be by clicking on the color picker beside it and selecting a new color to use.

****Production Tip:** If you don't want the border to display, set the box border color to match your page's background color.*

Box Color: Depending on the StyleSwitchr stack you choose to use, you will have between 2 to 6 box color picker options in the hud area.

You can adjust each box's color to whatever you want it to be by clicking on the color picker beside it and selecting a new color to use.

****Production Tip:** Box 1 is the color style box that is linked to style1.css file. So when a viewer clicks on this box on the site page, the style1.css file is loaded and its styling is displayed. Box 2 is linked to the style2.css file, Box 3 is linked to the style3.css file, and so on.*

7. Customizing the StyleSwitchr stacks - Some helpful FAQs on working with StyleSwitchr.

How do I find my theme's Contents folder and the css files in it?

With your Rapidweaver 5 site file open, open up the themes preview area by clicking on the Themes icon in the Rapidweaver toolbar at the top of the Rapidweaver work window. Then Control + click (or right click) on your theme's preview image and in the window that appears select "Reveal Contents in Finder...".

The window that opens up after that is the theme's Contents folder. The styles.css file is the main css file for your theme, and other css files like the variations css files are usually located in the folder named "css".

Open up these css files using the text editor program of your choice and located the css code for the theme divs and classes used in your theme's layout that you want to have alternative styling options for and add them to the respective StyleSwitchr css files. Once you finish editing the default StyleSwitchr css files, save them keeping the same exact default names used, and then with your site file open, drag them all into the Resources area in Rapidweaver. They will now be available for your StyleSwitchr stack when you drag and drop it onto your site's Stacks 2 pages.

We DO NOT offer any support for editing and adding css styling to the default StyleSwitchr css files. If you need help, consult your theme developer or post a question in our Blueball Rapidweaver Google Group here:

<http://groups.google.com/group/blueball-rapidweaver-themes-and-stacks>

What color should I set my StyleSwitchr stack boxes colors to be?

We recommend setting the box 1 color to match a dominant color you have setup and used in the style1.css file you added into the Resources area, and so on for the other boxes and css style sheets. This will allow the viewer to have a feel for what color the alternative style will display when that box is clicked on.

How to place the StyleSwitchr stack into your sidebar or extraContent area?

You can easily place your StyleSwitchr stack into your sidebar or extraContent area by using Pluskit from www.loghound.com.

First create a stacks page with just your StyleSwitchr stack on it and give it a unique short name with the "Show in menu" check box unchecked. Then use Pluskit and place the @import(()) page import command into your sidebar or extraContent area. When you preview your page next you'll see your StyleSwitchr stack appear in place there.

***Production Tip:** *If you use the Blueball FreeStack theme, you can simply drag and drop your StyleSwitchr stack anywhere you want on your site page(s). You will not need to use the Pluskit plugin.*

Any know conflicts between the StyleSwitchr stacks and other third party stacks?

At this time there are no known conflicts with any third party stacks.

That said though, due to the large volume of third party stacks and themes out now it's impossible to test the the StyleSwitchr stacks out with all of them to be sure there are no conflicts, so like any stack use it with caution and do not overload your Rapidweaver site's Stacks 2 page with too many stacks.