

Navigation

This is a hardes part of whole review

There is tree part of navigations. Important links, selecting themes type to navigate and filter functions to listing of selected themes.



Important links

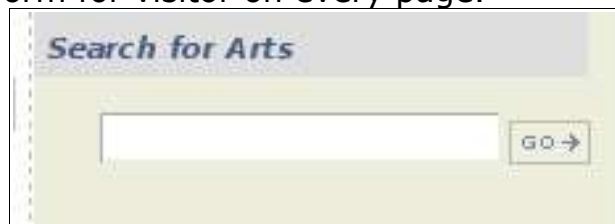
You dont need "Updates" link if you show recent themes on start page.

Search can be placed elsewhere and give user search form without to have do one more click.

So you have 5 links to place. This are important to website, but visitor dont use it much for navigation thow whole site. Maybe it should be located elsewhere (not on rightsite panel) but i dont know how it would be better at this moment.

Search

Give simple search form for visitor on every page.



Search for Arts

It should search for themes names. If its dont find nothing just do automatically ask user (select) what fild he is looking for (author, authornotice, all fields, something else). This would make search more quickier.

Place search as separate navigation part. It can be placed anywhere, in navigation sidebar, in header part of site, or somewhere on top of the page.

Selecting themes type

This would be most used part of navigation. Imho it should be easy as it can. For me there is no different between "Gnome Backgrounds" and "Other Backgrounds". So there should be "Backgrounds" at first level.

I dont understand differents between "Desktop Themes" and "Other Themes", just put this together with Backgrounds in one level.

So what theme types we realy have?

- Backgrounds
- Gtk+
- Metacity (or windowborders)
- Splashes
- Login Manager
- Icons

I dont see any other theme types for normal user needs here. "applications" are "gtk+". And "gtk engines" are "gtk+".

This is first level what visitor should choose if he comes on webpage.

But there should be second level of navigation. Background can have different sizes. Gtk+ can be theme or engine.

There are two way to do this. Build second level navigation, or just transform this functionality to next station – filter functions.

Filter Functions

Everybody who browse throw theme lists shold can easy get sorting, like show latest first, most rated first, or sort by names. Where is not such much.

Nobody realy need more than this 3.

Next visitor will change – filter out only special kind of themes, like 1024px Backgrounds.

And, at the end, filter on rating. Show only themes with >50% rate value.

Now a part of this is done by dropdown box. But maybe "just links" are better to user to see what filter he can use without to click on dropdown box.

Imho, selection count of showed themes on one page is not needed. The same for art how to show list "icons only" or as "list".

I am not sure about sorting order. 99% you just need latest, or best, or name sorted.