How to Add a Font Awesome Icon to the Back Button

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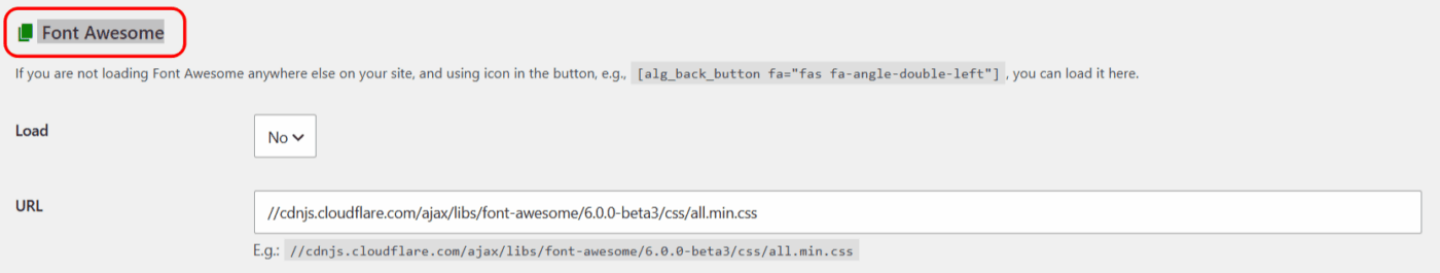
To show a Font Awesome icon on your back button, use the `fa` shortcode attribute in Back Button Anywhere Widget for WordPress. This is a free feature, and the plugin can even load the Font Awesome library for you if your theme does not already.



Add an icon with the shortcode

Pass a Font Awesome class in the `fa` attribute:

```
[alg_back_button fa="fas fa-angle-double-left"]
```

To show the icon next to text, use `fa_template` with the `%icon%` placeholder:

```
[alg_back_button fa="fas fa-chevron-left" fa_template="%icon% Back"]
```

Setting `fa` renders the button as a simple text link containing the icon, so you can style it with the `class` and `style` attributes as usual.

Load Font Awesome (only if needed)

If your theme or another plugin already loads Font Awesome, skip this step to avoid loading it twice. Otherwise, let the plugin load it:

1. Go to **WPFactory > Back Button** and open the **Font Awesome** section.

2. Set **Load** to **Yes**.
3. Leave the **URL** at its default, or paste the URL of the Font Awesome version you want.
4. Save changes.

Options reference

Label	Option ID	Default	Free/Pro
Load	`fontawesome_enabled`	No	Free
URL	`fontawesome_url`	A Font Awesome 6 CDN stylesheet	Free

Use an icon in a widget

The widget's Button label field runs shortcodes, so you can place a full button shortcode with an icon inside another button, or simpler still, use the shortcode directly wherever you need the button. For icon-first buttons, the shortcode is the most reliable route.

Troubleshooting

- **Icon shows as a square:** Font Awesome is not loaded. Set Load to Yes, or confirm your theme loads it. See Font Awesome icon not showing.
- **Wrong icon:** match the icon class to the loaded version. Class names and prefixes (`fas`, `far`, `fa-solid`) differ between Font Awesome versions.
- **Icon and translation together:** a single shortcode cannot combine the `fa` attribute with the `lang` / `not_lang_text` label swap. Use separate shortcodes if you need both.



BACK BUTTON ANYWHERE WIDGET FOR WORDPRESS

Font Awesome icons are free. Back Button Anywhere Widget for WordPress Pro adds menu placement, a floating button, and hide/show rules.

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