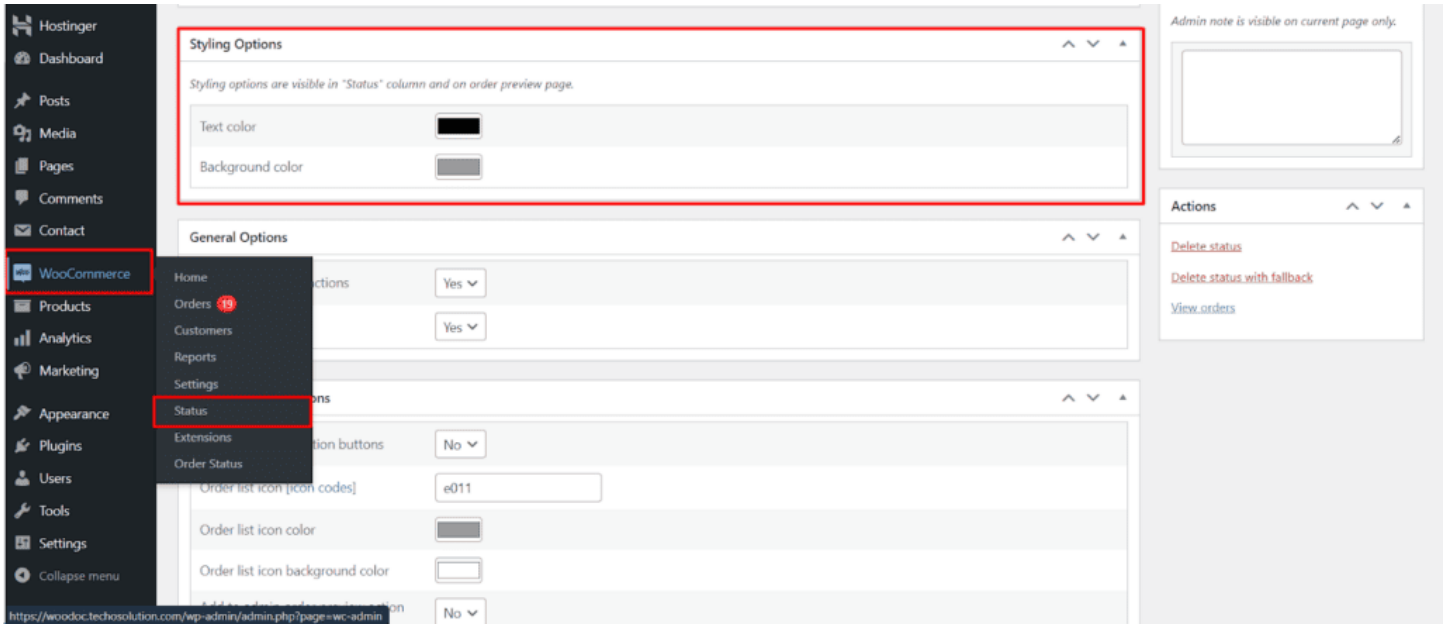
Styling Custom Order Statuses in WooCommerce

How to · https://wpfactory.com/docs/style-options-woocommerce/

To give a custom WooCommerce order status its own colors, open it at **WooCommerce > Order Status** in Additional Custom Order Status for WooCommerce and set **Text color** and **Background color** in the **Styling Options** box. The colors appear in the orders list "Status" column and on the order preview. Styling is free.



Where to set the colors

Statuses are created and edited at **WooCommerce > Order Status**, not in the plugin settings at **WPFactory > Order Status**. Each status has its own **Styling Options** box. The box description notes that these colors are used in the "Status" column and on the order preview page.

Step-by-step

1. Go to **WooCommerce > Order Status**.

2. Click a status to edit it, or click **Add New** to create one.
3. In the **Styling Options** box, pick a **Text color** and a **Background color** with the color pickers.
4. Click **Update** (or **Publish** for a new status).
5. Open **WooCommerce > Orders** and check the colored label in the Status column.

Styling options

Label	Option ID	Type	Default
Text color	`text_color`	Color	`#000000`
Background color	`bg_color`	Color	`#999999`

If you leave the defaults, the status shows black text on a grey label. Custom Order Status applies your colors to the status label wherever WooCommerce shows it in the admin orders list and order preview.

Styling the action button too

If you add the status as an order list action button, its icon has separate colors in the **Action Buttons Options** box of the same screen: **Order list icon color** (default `#999999`) and **Order list icon background color** (default `#ffffff`). See Add Custom Order Status Action Buttons in WooCommerce .

Choosing effective colors

- **Use color meaning**: red reads as urgent, green as complete, amber as waiting.
- **Keep it readable**: make sure the text color contrasts well with the background color.
- **Stay on brand**: reuse your store's palette so the admin feels consistent.

Why visual statuses help

- Faster scanning of the orders list, since each stage has a distinct color.
- Quicker identification of orders that need attention, for example a red "Awaiting payment".

- A clearer overview of where every order sits in your workflow.

If the colors do not show

- **The status is a draft:** only published statuses are loaded, so publish it.
- **You are looking at the storefront:** the colors are added to admin pages only. Customers do not see them on the My Account page.
- **Old colors remain:** reload the orders page after clicking **Update**, and clear any admin page cache.

FAQ

Is order status styling free?

Yes. Colors, like every per-status option except emails, are in the free version. Sending emails on status change is the only Pro feature.

Can I change the colors of built-in statuses like Processing?

Yes, by creating a status that overrides the default one. See How to Restyle a Default WooCommerce Order Status.

Can I target a status with my own CSS?

Yes. The label uses the CSS selector `mark.order-status.status-` followed by the status slug shown in the **Status Slug** box, for example `mark.order-status.status-awaiting-shipment`. The plugin's colors use `!important`, so your rule needs it too.

Related guides

- Creating Custom Order Statuses in WooCommerce
- How to Restyle a Default WooCommerce Order Status
- Add Custom Order Status Action Buttons in WooCommerce



CUSTOM ORDER STATUS

Styling is free for every status you create. Additional Custom Order Status for WooCommerce Pro adds automated emails on status change.

See what Pro unlocks →

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Related articles

- Troubleshooting Custom Order Statuses
- General and Order Options for Custom Statuses
- How to Sort Order Statuses in WooCommerce
- Deleting a Custom Order Status Safely
- Send WooCommerce Emails on Custom Order Status Change