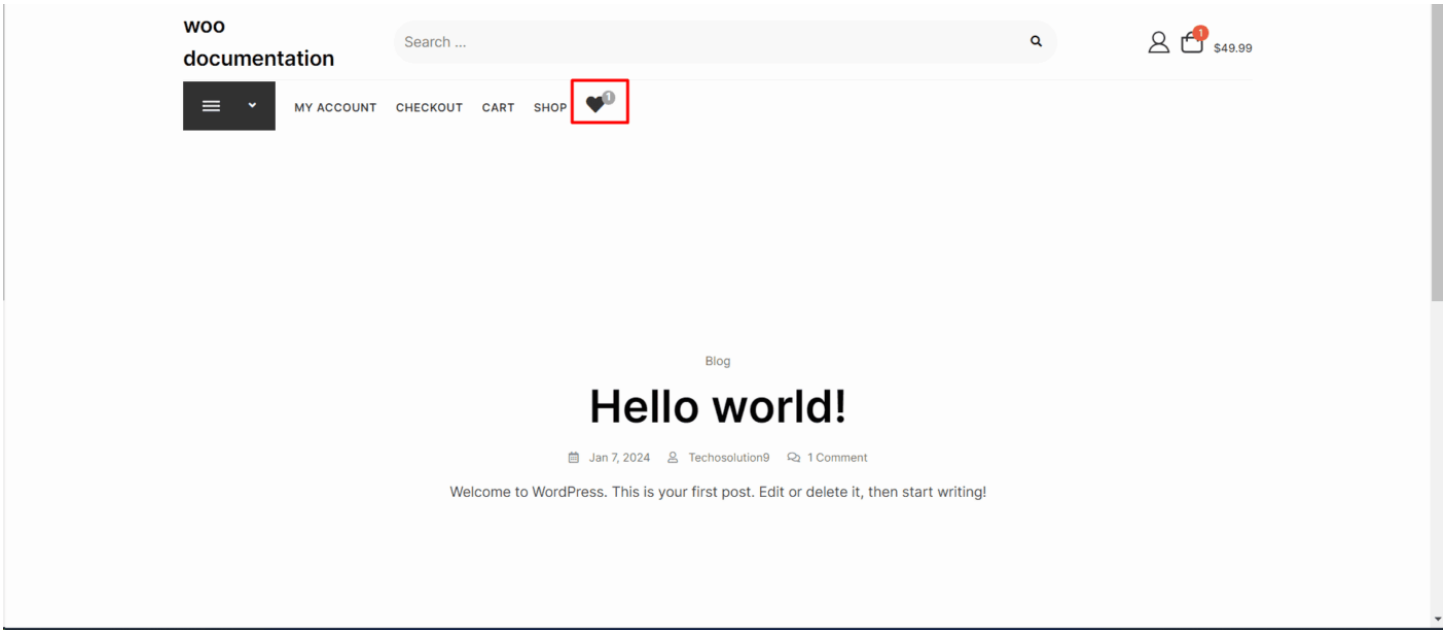
How to Add a Wishlist Icon to the WooCommerce Navigation Menu

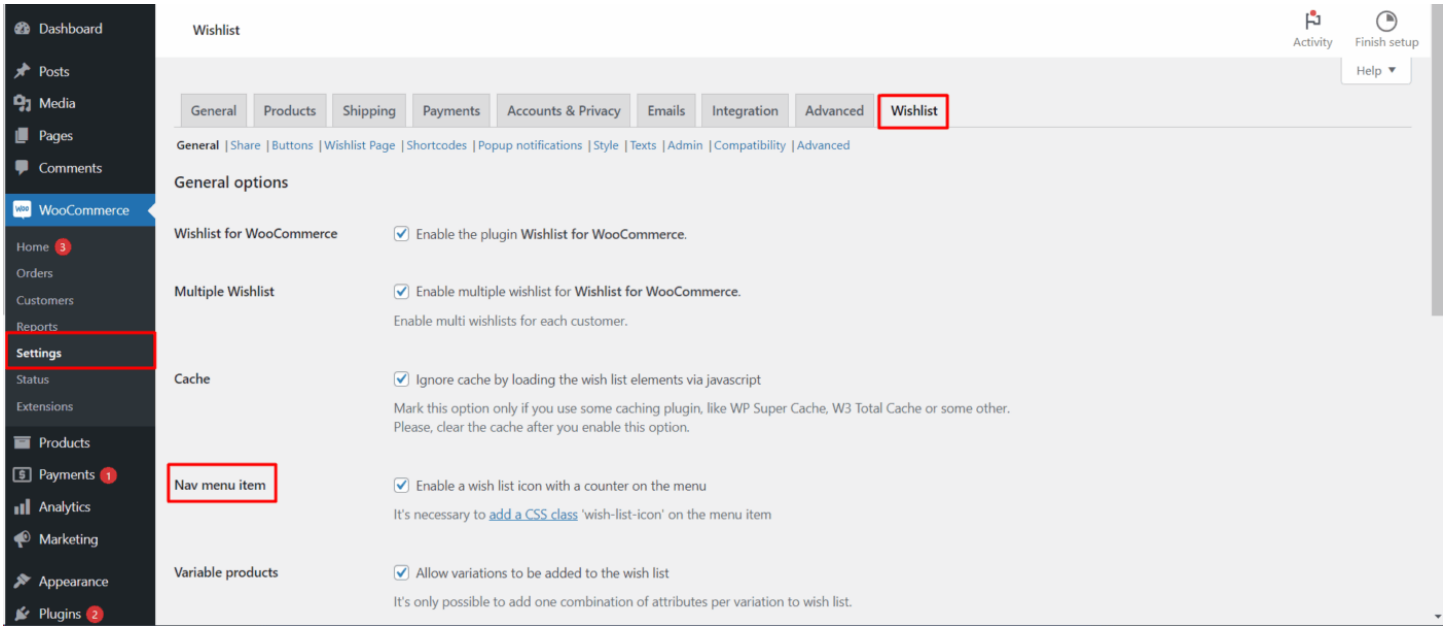
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To add a wishlist icon to your WooCommerce navigation menu, go to **WPFactory > Wishlist > General** in Wishlist for WooCommerce and tick **Nav menu item**, then give a menu item the CSS class `wish-list-icon` under **Appearance > Menus**. That item then shows a heart icon with a live counter of saved products. The feature is free.



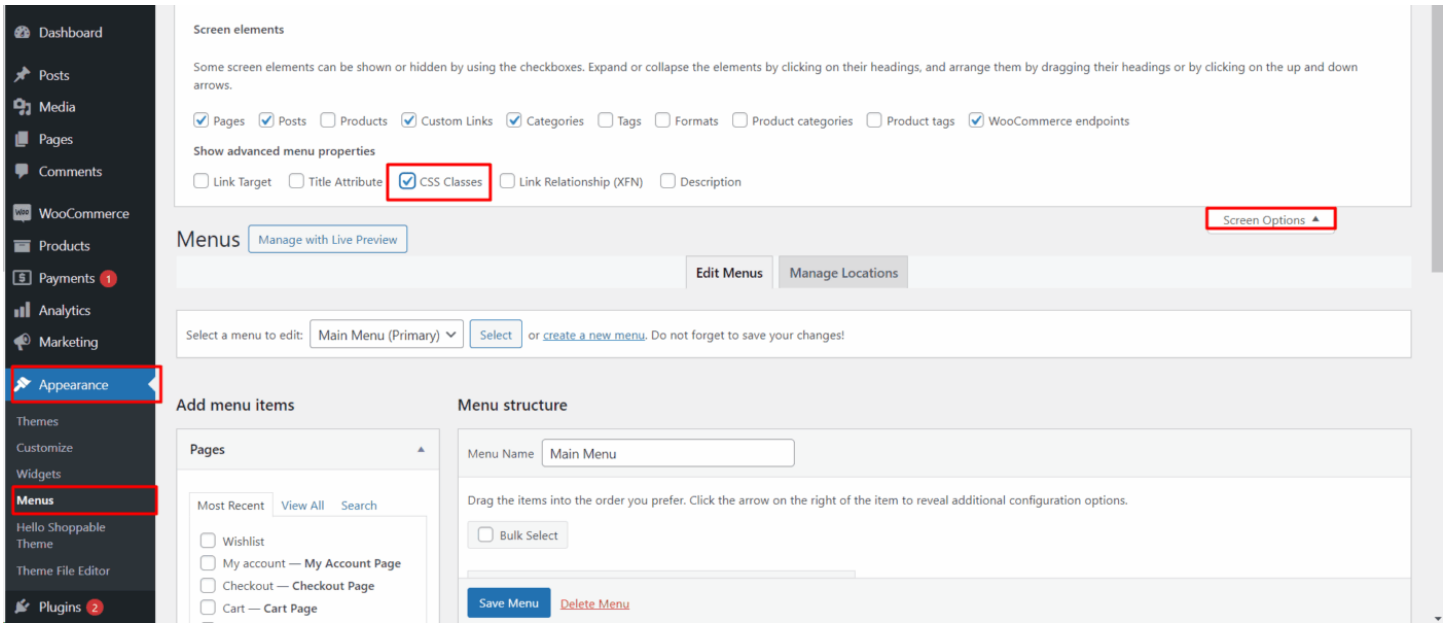
Step 1: Enable the nav menu icon

1. Go to **WPFactory > Wishlist** (also reachable at **WooCommerce > Settings > Wishlist**).
2. Open the **General** tab and find **Nav menu item** (`alg_wc_wl_nav_menu_item` , default **No**).
3. Check **Enable a wish list icon with a counter on the menu**.
4. Save changes.



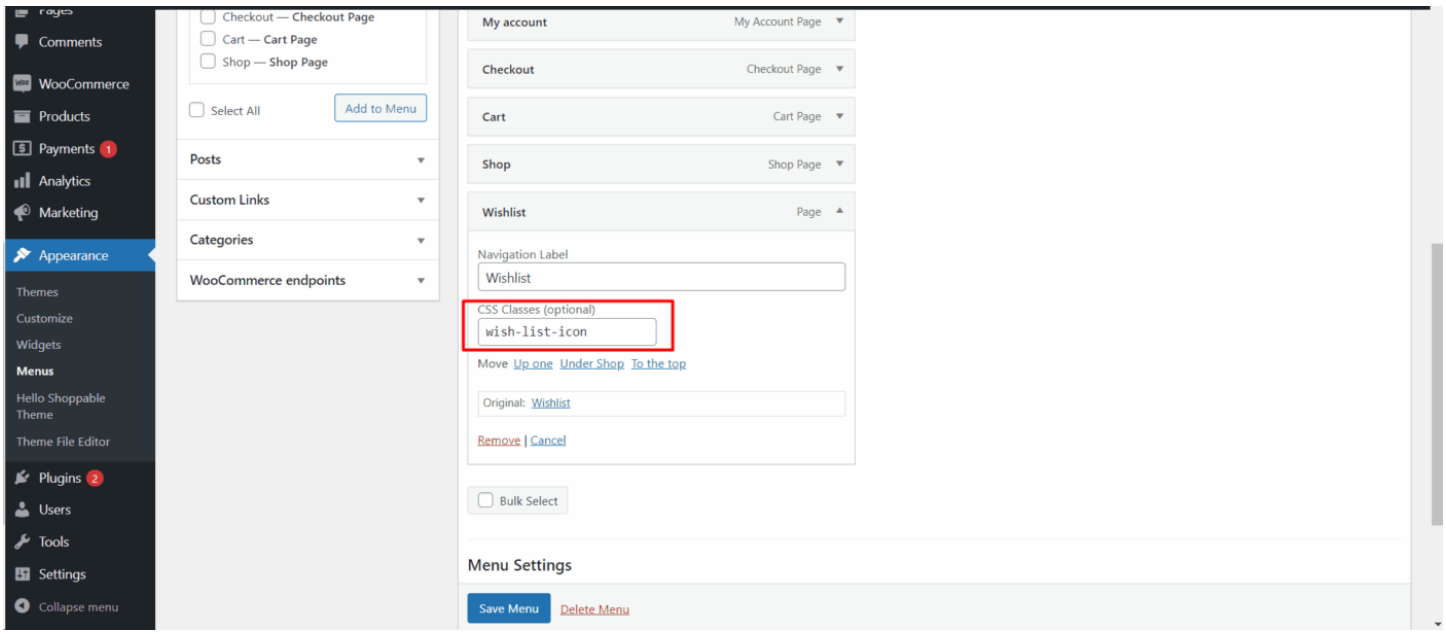
Step 2: Add the CSS class to a menu item

1. Go to **Appearance > Menus**.
2. Add a menu item that links to your wishlist page (the plugin creates a page called **Wishlist** on activation), or pick an existing item.
3. Click **Screen Options** at the top right and enable **CSS Classes**.
4. Expand the menu item that should carry the icon.
5. In the **CSS Classes (optional)** field, enter `wish-list-icon`.
6. Click **Save Menu**.



Confirm it works

Visit your store's front end. The wishlist icon should appear on that menu item, with a counter showing how many products are saved.



How the menu icon behaves

- **It replaces the item label.** The icon and counter take the place of the menu item's text, and the item keeps its own link. That is why the item should point to your wishlist page.

- **The counter updates live.** It changes as soon as a customer adds or removes a product, without a page reload. With multiple wishlists enabled, it counts each product once across all lists.
- **The icon is a heart by default.** To change it, go to **Style**, tick **Custom style**, and set **Thumb button > Icon - Added**. The icon then also uses the thumb button's **Icon color - Added** and **Icon color - Hover**.

Adding the wishlist button to products

The menu icon only links customers back to their list. The button that saves products is set on the **Buttons** tab: the thumb button over the product image is on by default for product pages and shop pages, and the text button is off by default. See how to add the wishlist button to shop and archive pages and how to change the button placement on the product page.

If it does not work

- **No icon at all:** check the class is exactly `wish-list-icon` and that **Nav menu item** was saved.
- **A block theme:** menus built with the Navigation block do not use **Appearance > Menus**, so the class method does not apply. Use the Pro `[alg_wc_wl_icon]` shortcode in a Shortcode block instead.
- **An empty square instead of a heart:** Font Awesome is not loading. Make sure **General > Font Awesome > Load FontAwesome** is ticked (the default).
- **Shortcode text shows in the menu:** the `[alg_wc_wl_icon]` toggle on the **Shortcodes** tab is off. The menu icon uses that shortcode behind the scenes; the toggle is on by default.
- **The counter is wrong for some visitors:** a page cache is serving an old copy. Enable **General > Cache**; see wishlist and cache plugins.

FAQ

Is the menu icon free?

Yes. The **Nav menu item** option is free. The `[alg_wc_wl_icon]` shortcode, which places the same icon anywhere, is Pro.

Can I hide the counter?

Not with the menu option: it always shows the counter. The Pro `[alg_wc_wl_icon]` shortcode accepts `counter="false"`.

Where does the icon link to?

To whatever URL the menu item has. Point it to the page selected under **Wishlist Page > Wishlist page**.

Can I show it in more than one menu?

Yes. Add the `wish-list-icon` class to an item in each menu.

Related guides

- Add the wishlist button to shop and archive pages
- Manage Font Awesome icons
- Wishlist shortcodes reference



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