EMD
DIGITAL TEMPLATES

DIY ANIMATED WEDDING WEBSITE TEMPLATE

The Secret Garden

Start Here

Read this first. It takes about 5 minutes.

Your Customizer link

OPEN THIS LINK ON A COMPUTER OR TABLET

https://emd-secret-garden-customizer.pages.dev/

Bookmark it. Use the same browser on the same device every time, because that's where your work is saved.

What you receive

Item	What it is
Online Customizer	A web page where you type your details, upload photos and music, choose colours and fonts, and see a live preview. No software to install.
Your wedding website (ZIP)	When you're happy, the Customizer gives you a ZIP file with your finished website, ready to publish.
4 PDF guides	Start Here (this guide), Customization, RSVP & Guestbook, and Publishing.
License & Terms	What you may and may not do with the template.

What the website does

- Opens with an animated envelope and wax seal that guests tap to open.
- Shows your names, date, countdown, love story with photos, schedule, venue and map link, traditions, dress code and contact details.
- Plays your background music after a guest taps (browsers don't allow sound before a tap).
- Has a built-in **RSVP form** and a private **guestbook**. Replies go to your own Netlify account.
- Works on phones, tablets and computers.



The opening envelope (sample couple Kylie & Rey)

What you need

You need	Cost	Notes
A computer or tablet with an up-to-date browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari or Firefox)	—	A phone works for checking the result, but customizing is easier on a bigger screen.
A **Netlify** account (netlify.com) to publish your website	Free plan available	You create and own this account. We never have access to it. The free plan has a monthly usage allowance (see the Publishing Guide).
An email address	—	For your Netlify account and RSVP notifications.
Your photos (JPG, PNG or WebP) and, if you like, a song (MP3)	—	Only use photos and music you have the right to use.
A custom domain such as `annaandben.com`	Optional, paid to a domain seller	Not needed. Your site works on a free `yourname.netlify.app` address.

You do **not** need GitHub, coding skills or any software.

The 4 steps

1. **Customize.** Open your Customizer link and fill in your details. The preview updates as you type. *(Customization Guide)*
2. **Download.** Click **Download my website**. Save the ZIP file and unzip it (right-click › Extract All on Windows; double-click on Mac).
3. **Publish.** Drag the unzipped folder onto Netlify. Your website is live in about a minute. *(Publishing Guide)*
4. **Turn on RSVPs.** Switch on form detection and email notifications in Netlify. *(RSVP & Guestbook Guide)*

Important: where your work is saved

Your work is saved automatically **in this browser, on this device only**. Nothing is uploaded to us.

- It is **not** protected by an account or password. Anyone who uses the same browser on the same device can open it, so use your own device.
- Clearing your browser data, or using private/incognito mode, can erase it.
- Click **More › Download a backup of my edits** after each session. A backup file lets you continue on another device or browser (**More › Restore a backup**).

Changing your website later

Open the Customizer again in the same browser (or restore your backup), make your changes, download a new ZIP and drag the new folder onto your Netlify project's **Deploys** page. Your web address stays the same.

Getting help

- Read the matching guide first. Most questions are answered in the *Troubleshooting* section of the Publishing Guide.
- Still stuck? Send us a message through Etsy with a screenshot of what you see.
- **Never send us passwords, login codes or access to your accounts.** We will never ask for them.