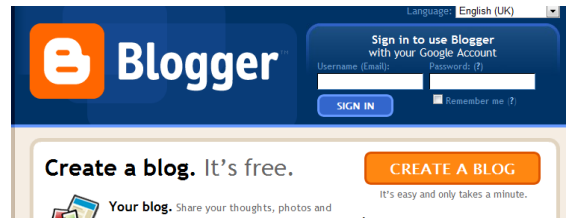


How to start a Blogger Blog

If you are setting up your first blog, you will need to register. Go to www.blogger.com and click on “Create a Blog”.



Fill in the form to create your Google account. Use a real email address.

I suggest you don't use your private email address. Go to Yahoo, Hotmail or another online email provider to set up an email address to use online. You can then use this email address for your online marketing or blogging activities without compromising the security of your private email address.

When you've completed the form, click on “Continue”.


A screenshot of the 'Create a Google Account' form. It has several fields: 'Email address (must already exist)' with 'carol@friendlycomputertraining.com', 'Retype email address' with the same email, 'Enter a password' with a masked password and a 'Password strength: Strong' indicator, 'Type password again' with a masked password, 'Display name' with 'rosetrees', 'Email notifications' with a checked box for 'Send me feature announcements, advice and other information to help me get the most out of my blog.', and 'Word Verification' with a picture of 'swavicarh' and the text 'swavicarh'. At the bottom, there's an 'Acceptance of Terms' section with a checked box for 'I accept the Terms of Service' and a 'CONTINUE' button.

Next, you will be asked to choose a name and address for your new blog. Don't spend too long trying to think of something – this is your first attempt. You can set up more blogs in this account later if you change your mind, or want to run more than one blog. You can also delete existing blogs, so don't worry if your first attempt at a subject/title isn't really what you want.

A screenshot of the 'Name your blog' form. It has two main fields: 'Blog title' with 'Pie the Pony's Blog' and a note 'Your blog's title will appear on your published blog, on your dashboard and in your profile.', and 'Blog address (URL)' with 'http://piethepony.blogspot.com' and a 'Check Availability' button. Below the URL field, it says 'The blog address is available.' and 'The URL you select will be used by visitors to access your blog. Learn more'. At the bottom, there's a 'Skip this and create a blog later' link and a 'CONTINUE' button.

I'm going to set up a blog for my little Shetland pony. The “Blog Title” is the name that will appear across the top of your blog. It doesn't need to be the same as the blog address. I want my blog address to be “piethepony.blogspot.com”.

Enter your chosen address and then click on “Check Availability” to check that the address isn't already in use. If it is, you will see a red warning message. Enter another choice in the “Blog address” box and click on “Check Availability” again.

 **Sorry, this blog address is not available**
Please consider one of the following:

Once you find an address that is available, click on “Continue”.

Now you need to choose a template for your website.

Notice the scrollbar – scroll down to see the selection available.

I'm going to use Rounders 3.

Click on the template you like and then click on "Continue".

You are now the proud owner of a new blog – click on Start Blogging.

In the next tutorial, I will show you how to post your first entry on your new blog.

2 Choose a **template**

TicTac
Created by: Dan Cederholm
[preview template](#)

Thisaway Rose
Created by: Dan Rubin
[preview template](#)

Snapshot
Created by: Dave Shea

Rounders 3
Created by: Douglas Bowman

CONTINUE

✓ Your **blog** has been created!

We have just created a blog for you. You can now add your posts to it, create your personal profile, or customise how your blog looks.

▶ Advanced Setup Options

START BLOGGING