



USER GUIDE

Layered Navigation



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1. Introduction to Layered Navigation

Layered navigation has been proved to be a fast and convenient way for navigating through product catalogs in an internet store. The **Layered Navigation** extension makes one more step further and introduces additional features that make the search and filtering process even more convenient, intuitive and faster overall.

Key features:

- Add layered navigation to category and search pages;
- 3 supplemental blocks that can display various product attributes and allow filtering;
- Ajax-based filtering does not cause page reload;
- Visualize applied filtering for every block;
- Visualize product attributes with icons;
- Convenient price slider to set the price frame as a filtering condition.

Overall information

The Advanced Layered Navigation installs 3 additional blocks on category and search pages. These blocks display various product attributes that allow selection and serve as filtering conditions. Customers can multi-select attributes and the ajax-based filter will quickly show the products that match the criteria without page reload. All selected attributes are listed at the top of the page in a separate block, so that customers can quickly revise them and remove the unnecessary attributes from the filter. To improve the page look-and-feel the module lets you visualize the attributes with attractive icons.

2. How to Install

Step 1. Check Permissions.

Make sure the "app", "skin", "media" and "js" directories of your Magento and all directories inside them have full written permissions or set permissions on each directory equal to 777 or 0777.

Important! Change all permissions back after installation.

Read more about permissions [here](#). Step

Step 2. Disable Cache.

Log into Magento Admin Panel and go to System → Cache Management and disable cache.

Read more about Cache Management [here](#).

Step 3. Disable Compilation.

Log into Magento Admin Panel and go to System → Tools → Compilation and disable the compilation.

Step 4. Upload files

Upload all files and folders from folder to the installation directory of your Magento software using an FTP client. Step

Step 5. Re-login.

Log out and back into Magento Admin Panel.

Step 6. Enable extension.

- Go to System → Configuration. In the left column you will see the new tab – Belvg Extensions.
- Enable extension for the whole website or selected store.

Now extension is installed and enabled.

After this step you can change all permissions, cache and compilation settings back.

How to Deactivate

Step 1. Disable Extension.

Log into Magento Admin Panel and go to System → Configuration → BelVG module → Settings

Select "Disable" to deactivate the extension. Click "Save Config" button. The extension is now deactivated.

Step 2. Clear cache.

Go to System → Cache Management. Clear the store cache.

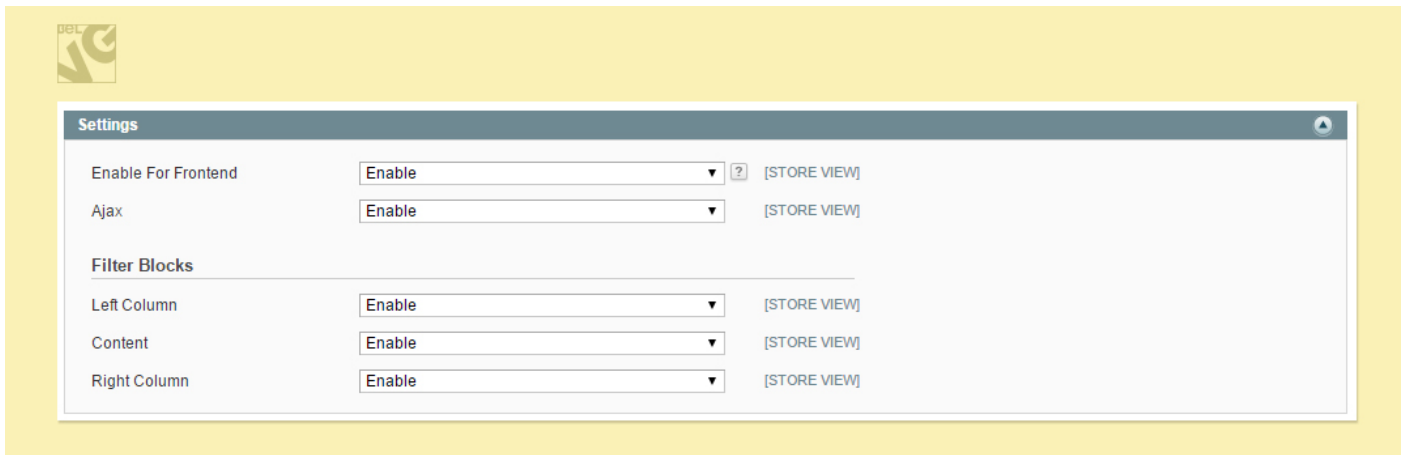
3. How to Configure

To configure the module settings log into the admin panel and go to **System - Configuration - BELVG Extensions - Advanced Layered Navigation**.

The module offers the following options to configure:

General Settings

- **Enable for frontend** - select *Enable* to switch on the **Advanced Layered Navigation** module;
- **Ajax** - this feature enables ajax-based filtering, that does not cause page reload;
- **Left Column** - enable the block with attributes to be displayed on the left side of the page;
- **Content** - enable the block to be displayed in the middle of the page;
- **Right column** - the block is displayed at the right side of the page;



Left Column Block

- **Show State for left column** - this options displays the currently applied filtering condition for the left column;
- **Attributes** - choose the attributes that should be displayed inside the left block as filtering conditions;



Left Column Block

Show State [STORE VIEW]

Attributes [STORE VIEW]

	No	?
	Category	
	Color	
	Contrast Ratio	
	Brand	
	Megapixels	
	Price	
	shape	
	Shoe Type	
	Size	

Content Block

- **Show State for content block** - display the filtering condition that is applied for the middle block;
- **Attributes** - choose the attributes that should be displayed inside the middle block as filtering conditions;



Content Block

Show State [STORE VIEW]

Attributes [STORE VIEW]

	Yes	?
	Category	
	Color	
	Contrast Ratio	
	Brand	
	Megapixels	
	Price	
	shape	
	Shoe Type	
	Size	

Right Column Block

- **Show State for right column** - this options displays the currently applied filtering condition for the right column;
- **Attributes** - select the attributes that should be displayed inside the right block as filtering conditions;



Right Column Block
▲

Show State	<input type="text" value="No"/>	?	[STORE VIEW]
Attributes	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="background-color: #f0f0f0;">Category Color Contrast Ratio <li style="background-color: #f0f0f0;">Brand Megapixels Price shape Shoe Type <li style="background-color: #f0f0f0;">Size </div>		[STORE VIEW]

Category Filter

- **Show As Select** - if you select *No* - the **Category** box will display categories for multi-select, otherwise a dropdown list will be provided;
- **Show All Categories** - select *Yes* if you wish to display all available categories in the **Category** box.
- **Min. Category Level** - set the minimal number of categories to display;
- **Max. Category Depth** - set the maximum number of subcategories to display for each category.




Filters
▲

Category Filter

Show As Select	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	▼	[STORE VIEW]
Show All Categories	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	▼	[STORE VIEW]
Min Category Level	<input type="text" value="2"/>	🔒	[STORE VIEW]
Max Category Depth	<input type="text" value="1"/>		[STORE VIEW]

Attribute Filter


- **Multiselect** - allow multiselection for all attributes on the page;
- **Icons** - visualize attributes with icons;
- **Show only Icons** - if this option is enabled only icons are displayed as attribute descriptors, no text is provided.



Attribute Filter		
Multiselect	Enable	[STORE VIEW]
Icons	Enable	[STORE VIEW]
Show Only Icons	Disable	[STORE VIEW]

Price Slider


- **Slider** - enable price slider as a filtering condition for products;
- **Show After Apply** - choose where the applied filtering condition should be displayed: either only in State or in Filters on in both.



Price Filter		
Slider	Enable	[STORE VIEW]
Show After Apply	In State	[STORE VIEW]

Ajax Cache

- **Lifetime** - Ajax cache lifetime.



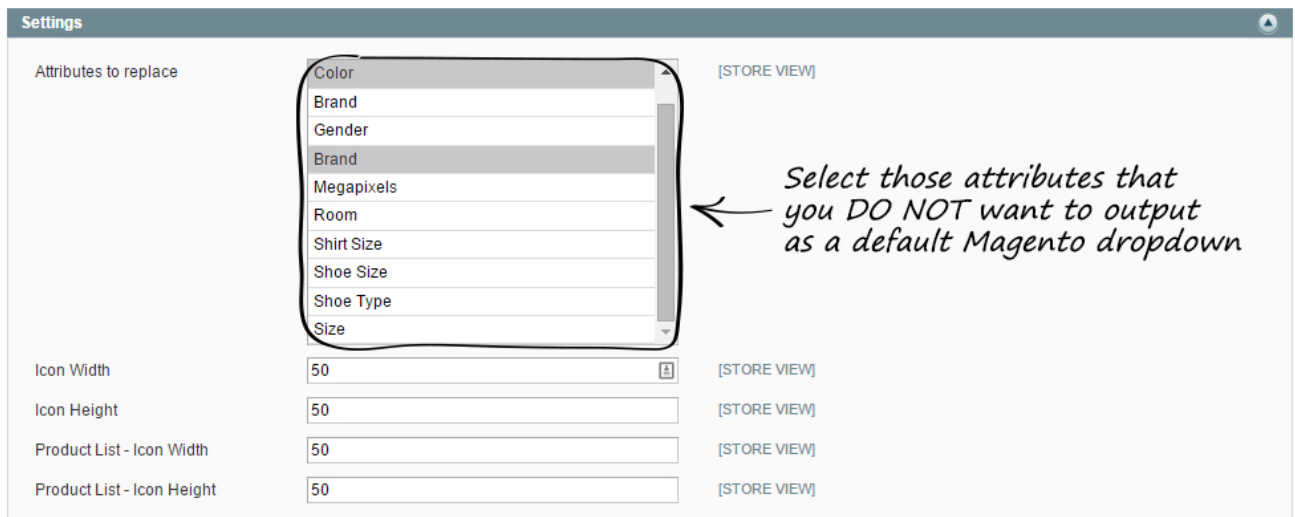
Ajax Cache		
Lifetime	12600	[STORE VIEW]

These are the basic module configurations. Once you set up all the preferences click the **Save Config** button and the module will start working on your frontend.

Attribute Icons Configurations

Please note that the extension uses a standard (uncut) version of our subextension called "Attribute Icons" to allow you to add icons and colors to display instead of standard Magento dropdown list. Please use the "attribute icons" features only relevant to Advanced Layered Navigation as depicted in the user guide.

- **Attributes to replace** – select the attributes which you want to be displayed either as an icon or text or color.



Settings [STORE VIEW]

Attributes to replace

- Color
- Brand
- Gender
- Brand
- Megapixels
- Room
- Shirt Size
- Shoe Size
- Shoe Type
- Size

Select those attributes that you DO NOT want to output as a default Magento dropdown

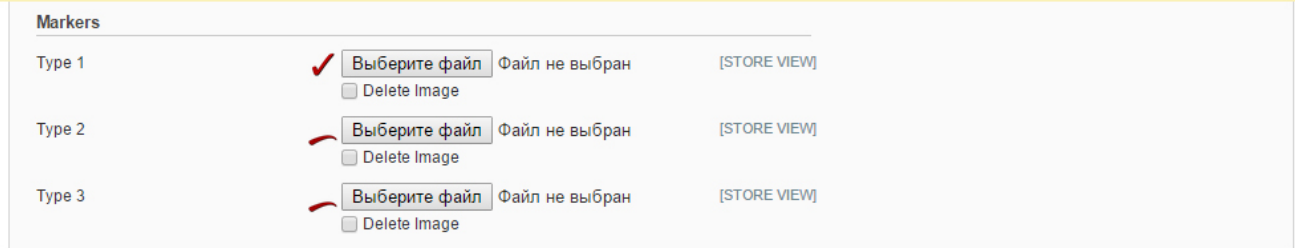
Icon Width: 50 [STORE VIEW]

Icon Height: 50 [STORE VIEW]

Product List - Icon Width: 50 [STORE VIEW]

Product List - Icon Height: 50 [STORE VIEW]

- **Markers** – upload different markers types to marked selected attributes.



Markers

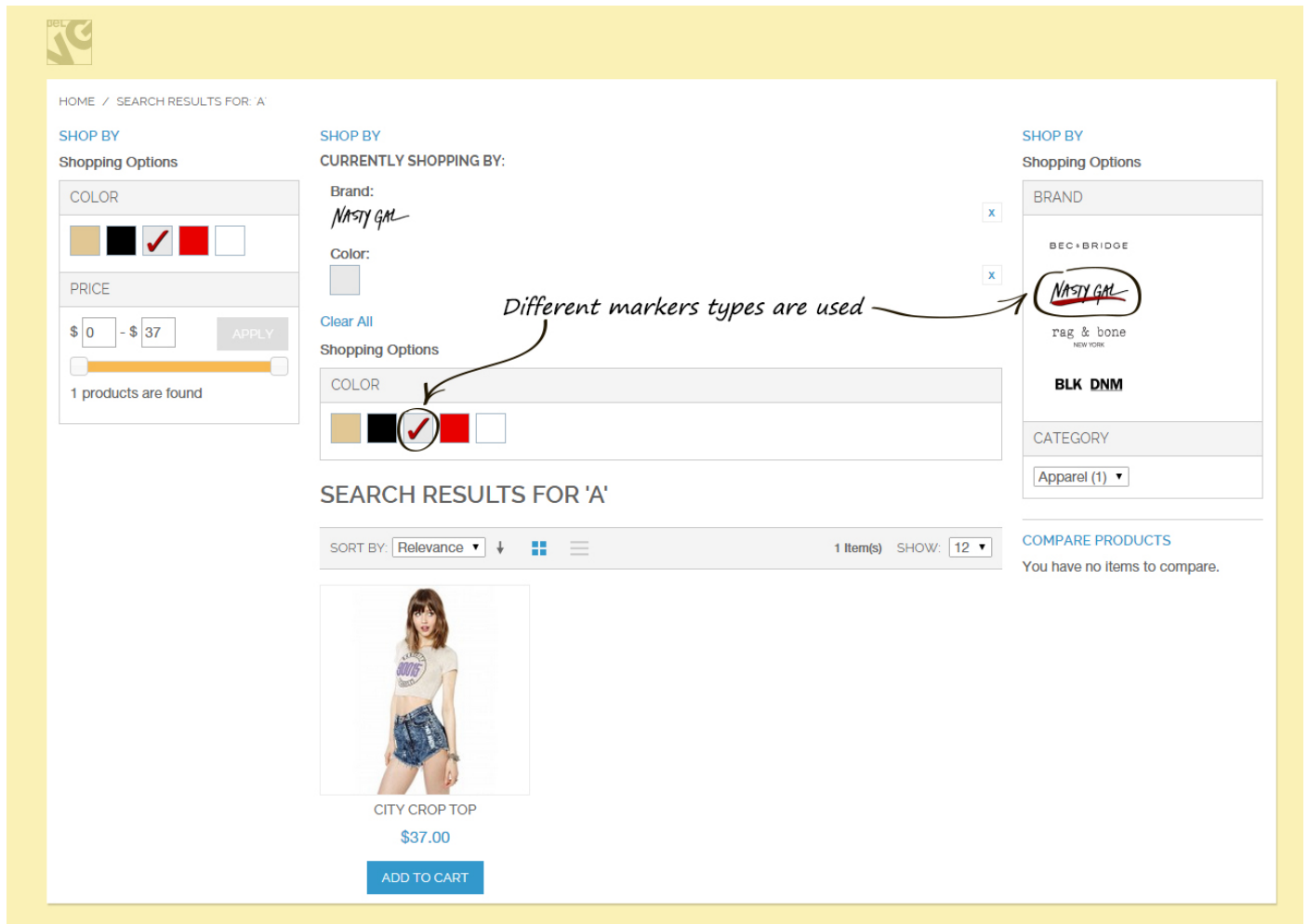
Type 1 [STORE VIEW]
 Delete Image

Type 2 [STORE VIEW]
 Delete Image

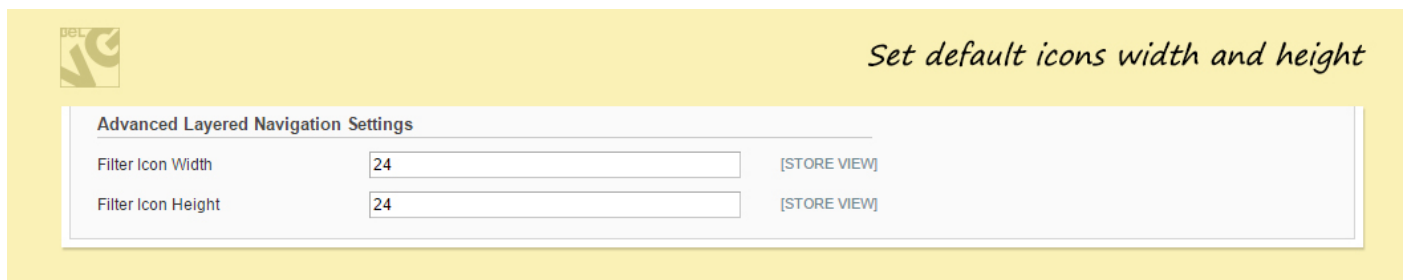
Type 3 [STORE VIEW]
 Delete Image

Upload different markers type

Markers will indicate chosen attributes. You can choose different markers types for different attributes.



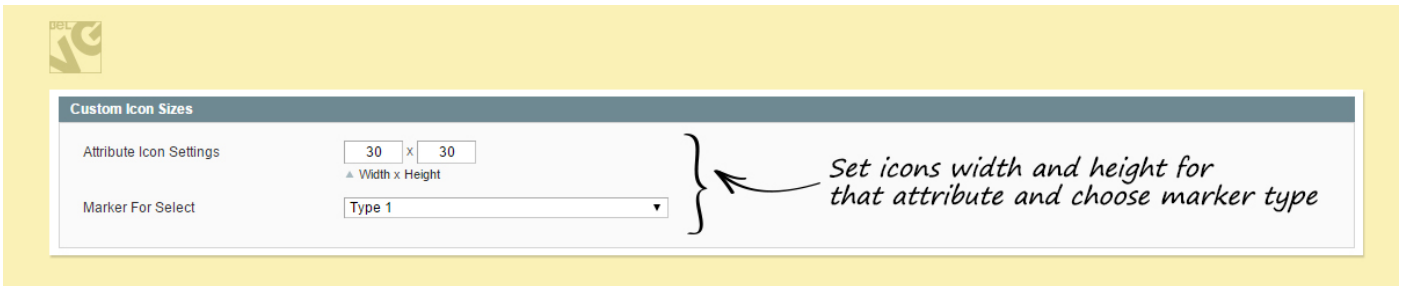
- Filter icons width – specify default icons width.
- Filter icons height – specify default icons height.



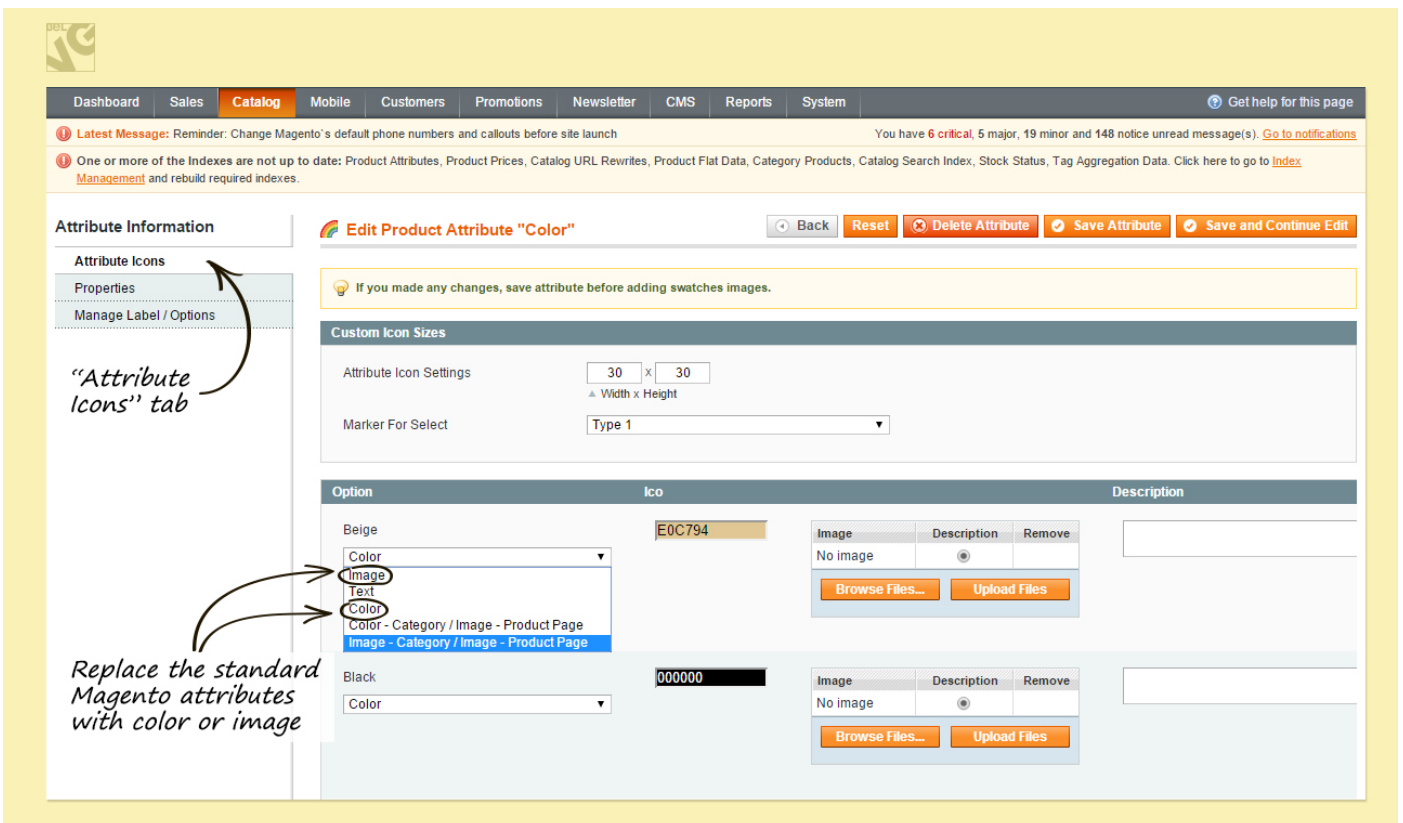
Now let's have a look how to assign specific icons for an attribute. If you need to assign specific icons for an attribute (such as color, icon or text) that you are going to use for various products associated with that attribute, you need to go to **Catalog – Attributes – Manage Attributes – click the necessary attribute – go to the Attribute Icons tab.**

Here you will see the list of options which this specific attribute has. Assigning more options for an attribute will allow you later to use this very attribute for different type of products and items.

- **Attribute icon settings** – specify width and height for this attribute.
- **Marker for select** – choose the marker (from those that you uploaded in the attribute icon tab) you want to use with his attribute.



Next you can view the list of all attributes, you can replace the standard Magento attributes either with image or color.





To display **attribute as an image** you need to choose image type in the dropdown on the left side and upload your custom image for this attribute. You can upload several images and one you want to display with the help of radio button.

Display attribute as an image

Beige
Image

Upload and Choose Image

Image	Ico	Description	Remove
No image	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
	<input checked="" type="radio"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Browse Files... Upload Files


Upload image(s) and choose which one you want to use as an attribute

To display **attribute as a color** you need to choose color type in the dropdown on the left side and choose the color or enter the color code in the appropriate field.

Display attribute as color

Black
Color

000000

Image	Description	Remove
		

Browse Files... Upload Files

Choose the color which one you want to use as an attribute

HOME / SEARCH RESULTS FOR: 'A'

SHOP BY Shopping Options

COLOR

PRICE \$0 - \$758 APPLY

11 products are found


SHOP BY Shopping Options

COLOR

SEARCH RESULTS FOR 'A'

SORT BY: Relevance


11 Item(s) SHOW: 12



ANASTACIA LACE DRESS
\$59.00

ADD TO CART


Add to Wishlist
Add to Compare



CLASSIC SLUB LONG SLEEVE TEE
\$58.00

ADD TO CART

Add to Wishlist
Add to Compare



JOSEI SKIRT
\$79.00

ADD TO CART

Add to Wishlist
Add to Compare

SHOP BY Shopping Options

BRAND

BECCABRIDGE

NASTYGAL

tag & bone NEW YORK

BLK DNM

SIZE

XS (2)

S (2)

M (1)

L (3)

CATEGORY

Apparel (11)

COMPARE PRODUCTS

You have no items to compare.

Standard attributes are replaced by image

Standard attributes are replaced by color

4. How to Use

Now let's see how the module looks on the frontend.

The module adds 3 filtering blocks on every category or search page: left and right columns and a block in the middle of the page.

Three blocks are added to the category and search pages. The blocks contain attributes as filtering conditions for faster and convenient navigation.

YOUR LANGUAGE: Responsive | YOUR CURRENCY: US Dollar - USD | DEFAULT WELCOME MSG!

ACCOUNT | CART

APPAREL

HOME / SEARCH RESULTS FOR: 'A'

SHOP BY Shopping Options

COLOR

PRICE

\$ 0 - \$ 758 APPLY

11 products are found

SHOP BY Shopping Options

COLOR

SEARCH RESULTS FOR 'A'

SORT BY: Relevance | VIEW AS: [Grid] [List] | 11 Item(s) SHOW: 12

ANASTACIA LACE DRESS \$59.00

CLASSIC SLUB LONG SLEEVE TEE \$58.00

JOSEI SKIRT \$79.00

ADD TO CART

Add to Wishlist

Add to Compare

SHOP BY Shopping Options

BRAND

BEC + BRIDGE

NASTY GAL

rag & bone NEW YORK

BLK DNM

SIZE

XS (2)

S (2)

M (1)

L (3)

CATEGORY

Apparel (11)

COMPARE PRODUCTS

You have no items to compare.

Every block displays a set of product attributes. By multi-selecting attributes customers can quickly narrow down the search results to the desired size, color, brand, price and other characteristics.

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APPAREL

HOME / SEARCH RESULTS FOR: 'A'

SHOP BY
Shopping Options

COLOR
 Black

PRICE
\$ 0 - \$ 64 APPLY
3 products are found

SHOP BY
CURRENTLY SHOPPING BY:

Size:
L

Color:

Clear All

Shopping Options

COLOR
 Black

SHOP BY
Shopping Options

BRAND
NASTY GIRL

SIZE
 XS (2)
 S (2)
 M (1)
 L (3)

CATEGORY
Apparel (3)

SEARCH RESULTS FOR 'A'

SORT BY: Relevance VIEW AS: 3 Item(s) SHOW: 12

ANASTACIA LACE DRESS \$59.00 ADD TO CART

SEE NO EVIL ROMPER \$54.00 ADD TO CART

LONG SLEEVE SLUB CREW TEE \$68.00 \$64.00 VIEW DETAILS

COMPARE PRODUCTS
You have no items to compare.

By multi-selecting attributes in the filter blocks customers can quickly narrow down the choice

All applied filters are displayed in a separate section, so customers can easily revise and remove the unnecessary filters.

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ACCOUNT | CART

APPAREL

HOME / SEARCH RESULTS FOR: 'A'

All applied filters are listed in a separate block, so customer could easily remove the no longer wanted conditions

SHOP BY

Shopping Options

COLOR

PRICE

\$ 0 - \$ 64 | APPLY

3 products are found

SHOP BY

CURRENTLY SHOPPING BY:

Size: L

Color:

Clear All

SHOP BY

Shopping Options

BRAND

NASTY GAL

SIZE

XS (2)

S (2)

M (1)

L (3)

CATEGORY

Apparel (3)

COMPARE PRODUCTS

You have no items to compare.

SEARCH RESULTS FOR 'A'

SORT BY: Relevance | VIEW AS: | 3 Item(s) | SHOW: 12

ANASTACIA LACE DRESS \$59.00 | ADD TO CART

SEE NO EVIL ROMPER \$54.00 | ADD TO CART

LONG SLEEVE SLUB CREW TEE \$68.00 \$64.00 | VIEW DETAILS

For better look-and-feel you can visualize product attributes with icons. The module offers various combinations, so that attributes can be displayed either as icons or as text only or both.

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APPAREL

HOME / SEARCH RESULTS FOR: 'A'

SHOP BY Shopping Options

SHOP BY Shopping Options

SHOP BY Shopping Options

COLOR

- Beige (1)
- Black (4)
- Light Grey (1)
- Red (1)
- White (5)

PRICE

\$ 0 - \$ 758 APPLY

11 products are found

SEARCH RESULTS FOR 'A'

SORT BY: Relevance | VIEW AS: [Grid] [List] | 11 Item(s) SHOW: 12

ANASTACIA LACE DRESS \$59.00

CLASSIC SLUB LONG SLEEVE TEE \$58.00

JOSEI SKIRT \$79.00

BRAND

- BEC + BRIDGE
- Bec & Bridge (1)
- NASTY GAL
- Nasty Gal (6)
- rag & bone
- Rag&Bone (1)
- BLK DNM
- BLK DNM (1)

SIZE

- XS (2)
- S (2)
- M (1)
- L (3)

CATEGORY

Apparel (11)

COMPARE PRODUCTS









You have no items to compare.

That is all. If you have any more questions - feel free to [contact us](#) and we will help you in a moment.



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