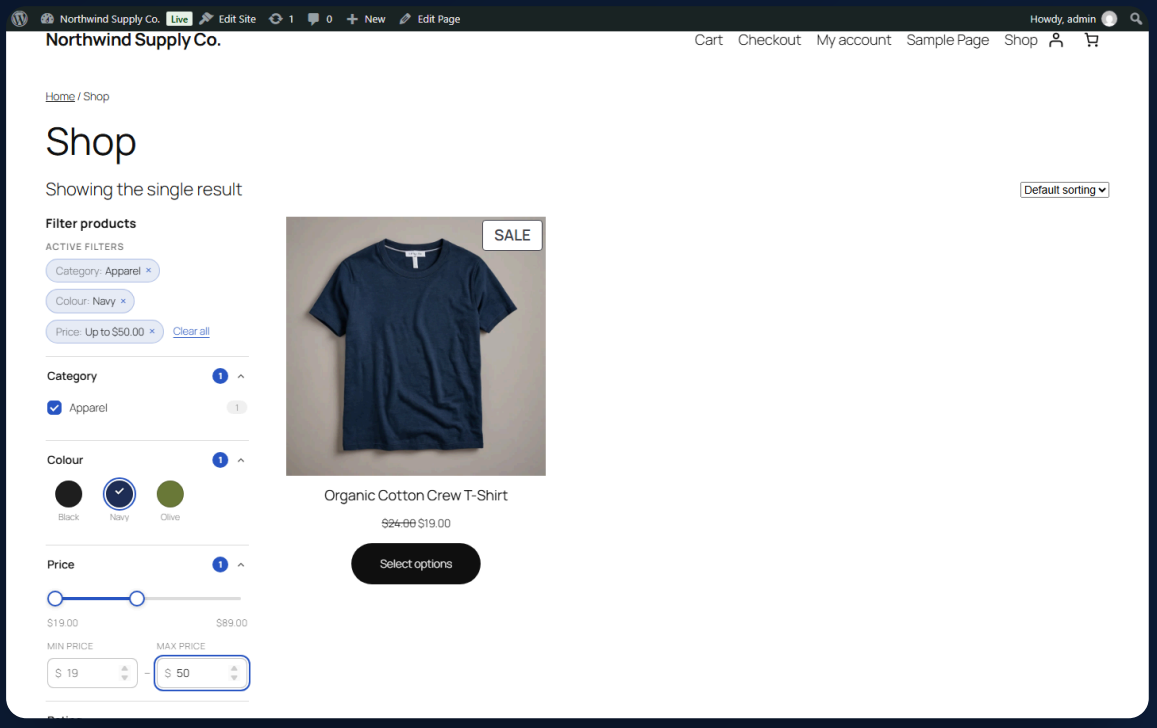
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Version 1.0.0 · Installation, licence activation, every setting explained, FAQ and troubleshooting.



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FilterNest adds fast product filters to your WooCommerce shop. Shoppers narrow the catalogue by category, tag, attribute (colour, size…), price and rating, and the product grid updates instantly, without a page reload. Pro adds swatches, a price slider, live counts, SEO-friendly URLs, more filter types, load more / infinite scroll and analytics.

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1. Requirements

- WordPress 6.4 or newer, PHP 7.4 or newer.
- WooCommerce 8.0 or newer (tested up to 11.2).
- Any theme. Tested with the block theme Twenty Twenty-Five (Product Collection block) and the classic theme Storefront.

2. Installation

1. In WordPress go to **Plugins** → **Add New** → **Upload Plugin** and upload `woo-product-filter-free.zip` (Free) or `woo-product-filter.zip` (Pro).
2. Click **Activate**.
3. Open your shop page. A default filter set (Category, your first attributes such as Colour and Size, Price and Rating) is already shown next to the products.

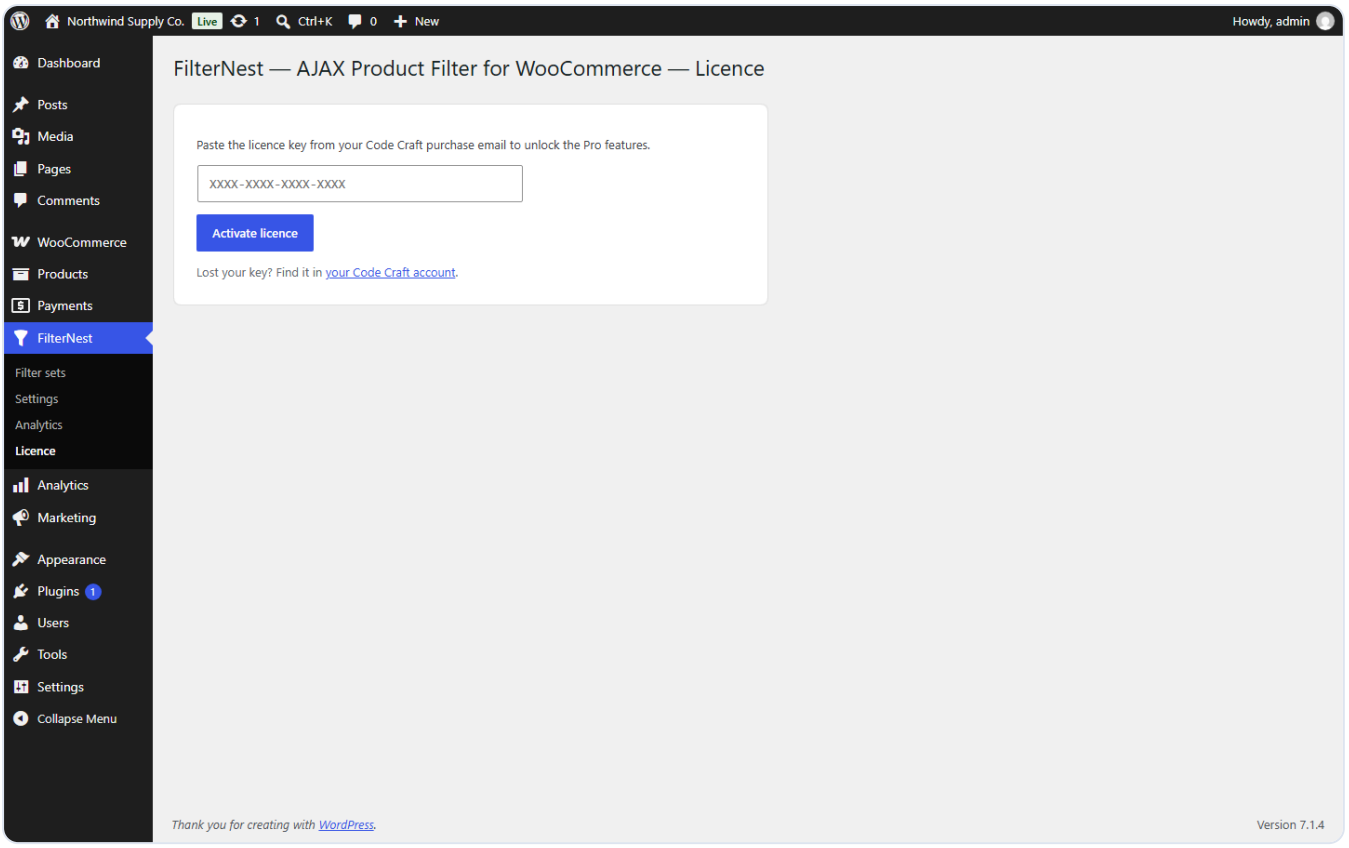
Upgrading from Free to Pro

Upload the Pro zip over the Free version (WordPress asks to replace the plugin: confirm). Your filter sets and settings are kept. Do **not** tick "Delete all plugin data…" before deleting the Free plugin if you choose to delete it first.

3. Activating your licence (Pro)

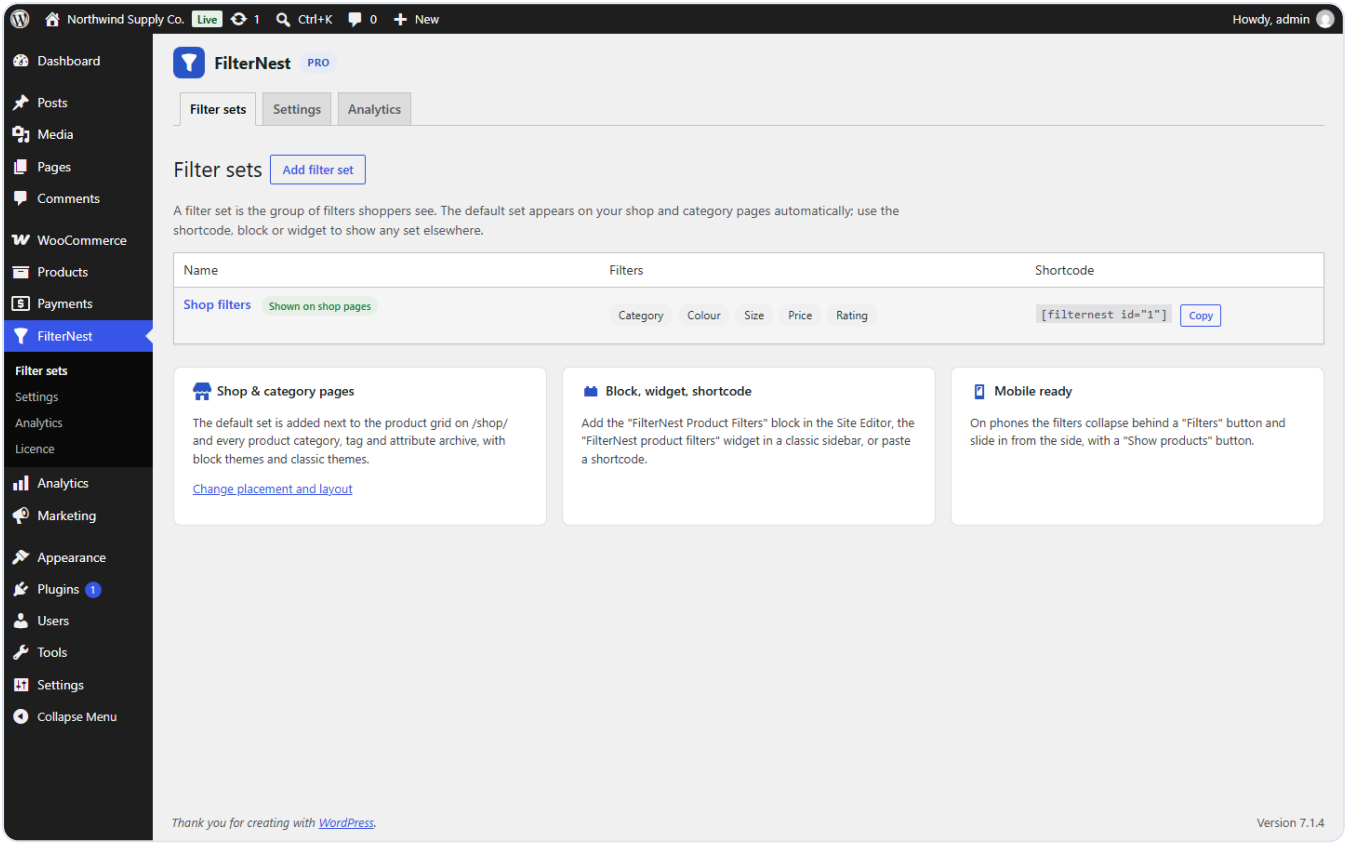
1. Go to **FilterNest** → **Licence**.
2. Paste the key from your Code Craft purchase email and click **Activate licence**.
3. The Pro options unlock immediately. To move the licence to another site, click **Deactivate on this site** first.

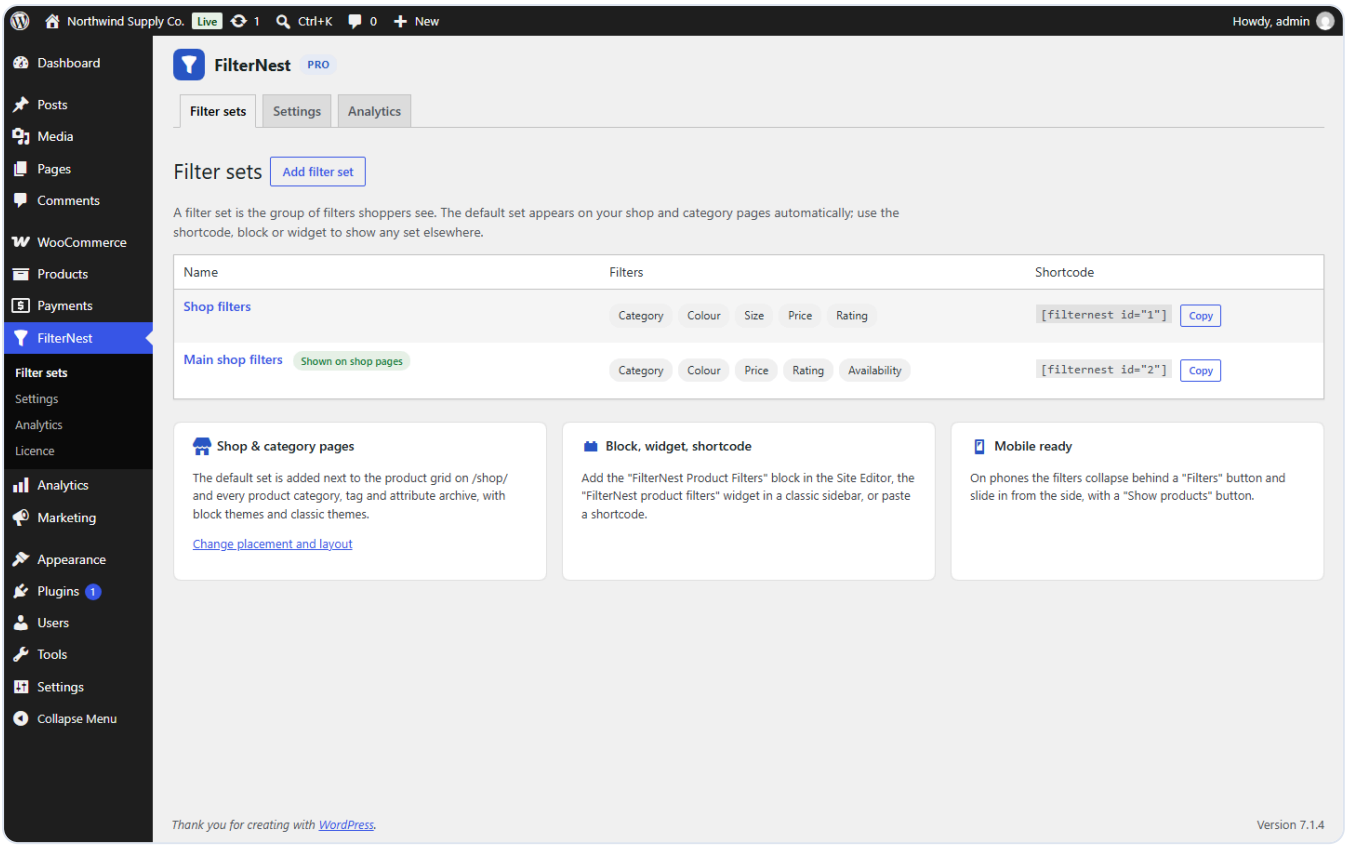
Screenshot: .



4. Filter sets

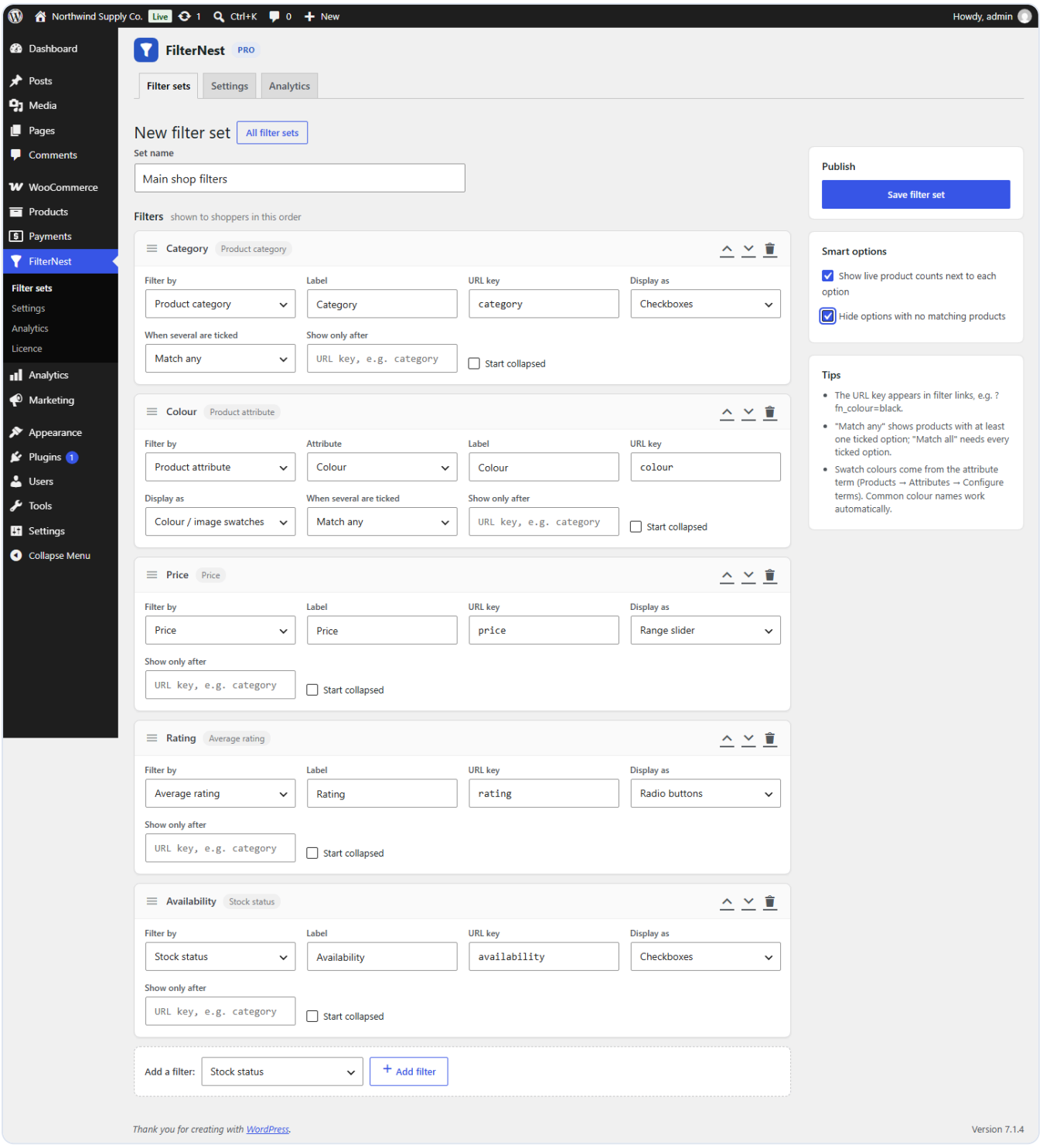
FilterNest → Filter sets lists your sets (screenshot , or the list shown after saving:). A filter set is the group of filters shoppers see. The set marked "Shown on shop pages" is placed automatically on the shop and product archives. Each row shows its filters and a shortcode with a **Copy** button.





Creating or editing a set

Click **Add filter set** (or a set name). Screenshot: .



- **Set name** — for you only.
- **Filters** — one card per filter, shown to shoppers in this order. Use the arrow buttons to reorder and the bin to remove.
- **Add a filter** — pick a type and click **Add filter**.

Each filter has these settings:

Setting	What it does
Filter by	Category, Tag, Attribute, Price, Average rating. Pro: Stock status, Custom taxonomy (e.g. Brands), Product meta field.

Setting	What it does
Attribute / Taxonomy / Meta key	Which attribute, taxonomy or meta field to filter by (shown when relevant).
Label	Heading shoppers see.
URL key	Used in filter links, e.g. key `colour` gives `?fn_colour=black`. Letters, numbers and dashes.
Display as	Checkboxes, Radio buttons, Dropdown; Price: Min/max boxes. Pro: Colour/image swatches (attributes), Range slider (price).
When several are ticked	**Match any** (products with at least one ticked option) or **Match all** (products with every ticked option).
Show only after (Pro)	URL key of another filter. This filter appears only once that filter is used (dependent filters), e.g. show Size only after a Category is picked.
Start collapsed	The group starts closed in the sidebar layout.

Smart options (Pro):

- **Show live product counts** — the number of matching products appears next to each option and updates as shoppers filter.
- **Hide options with no matching products** — options that would give zero results disappear.

Click **Save filter set**.

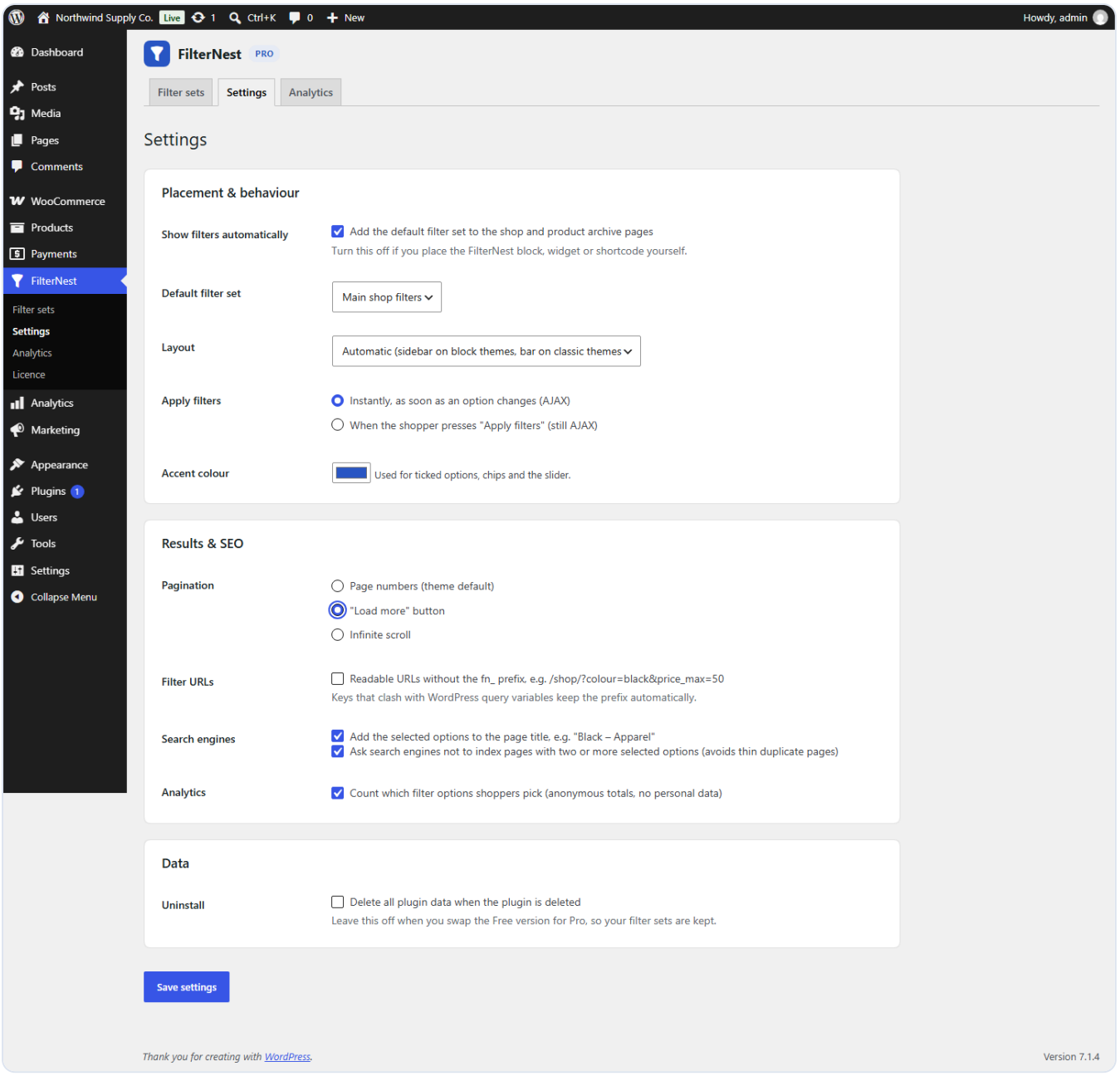
Category filters on category pages

On a product category archive, the Category filter lists only the sub-categories of that category (and hides itself if there are none).

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5. Settings

FilterNest → **Settings** (screenshot).



Placement & behaviour

- **Show filters automatically** — adds the default set to the shop and every product category, tag and attribute archive. Turn it off if you place the block, widget or shortcode yourself.
- **Default filter set** — which set is shown automatically.
- **Layout** — Automatic (sidebar left of the products on block themes, horizontal bar above the products on classic themes), Sidebar, or Horizontal bar.
- **Apply filters** — Instantly (as soon as an option changes) or when the shopper presses **Apply filters**. Both update the products without a page reload.
- **Accent colour** — colour of ticked options, chips, badges and the slider.

Results & SEO (Pro)

- **Pagination** — page numbers (theme default), a **Load more** button, or infinite scroll.

- **Filter URLs** — readable URLs without the `fn_` prefix, e.g. `/shop/?colour=black&price_max=50`. Keys that clash with WordPress query variables (for example `category` or `tag`) keep the prefix automatically. Note: changing this changes your filter links.
- **Search engines** — add the selected options to the page title ("Black – Apparel – Your Store"), and ask search engines not to index pages with two or more selected options.
- **Analytics** — count which options shoppers pick.

Data

- **Delete all plugin data when the plugin is deleted** — off by default. When on, deleting the plugin removes filter sets, settings, caches, swatch settings and analytics.

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6. Placing filters yourself

- **Block** — in the Site Editor (Appearance → Editor → Templates → Product Catalog), add the block **FilterNest Product Filters**, choose the set and the layout in the block sidebar.
- **Widget** — classic themes: Appearance → Widgets → **FilterNest product filters** in the shop sidebar.
- **Shortcode** — `[filternest id="1"]`. Optional: `title="Refine"` and `layout="top"`.

Filters always apply to the shop and product archives. A panel placed on any other page sends shoppers to the shop with their filters applied.

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7. What shoppers see

- **Shop page** (`pro-10-shop-filters.png`): filter groups next to the product grid. Each group can be opened and closed.
- **Filtering** (`pro-11-shop-filtered.png`): ticking an option, choosing a swatch or changing the price updates the products, the result count and the URL instantly. The browser Back button returns to the previous filters, and filtered URLs can be bookmarked and shared.
- **Active filter chips**: each selected option appears as a chip; click a chip to remove it, or **Clear all**.
- **Phones** (`pro-12-mobile-drawer.png`): a **Filters** button (with the number of active filters) opens a panel that slides in from the side. **Show N products** closes it; Escape or the × button also close it.
- **Accessibility**: real checkboxes, radios and selects with labels, full keyboard support, visible focus, focus kept on the control you used after results update, and the new result count is announced to screen readers.
- **Without JavaScript**: the filters work as a normal form (**Apply filters** button) and chips are normal links.

8. Swatches (Pro)

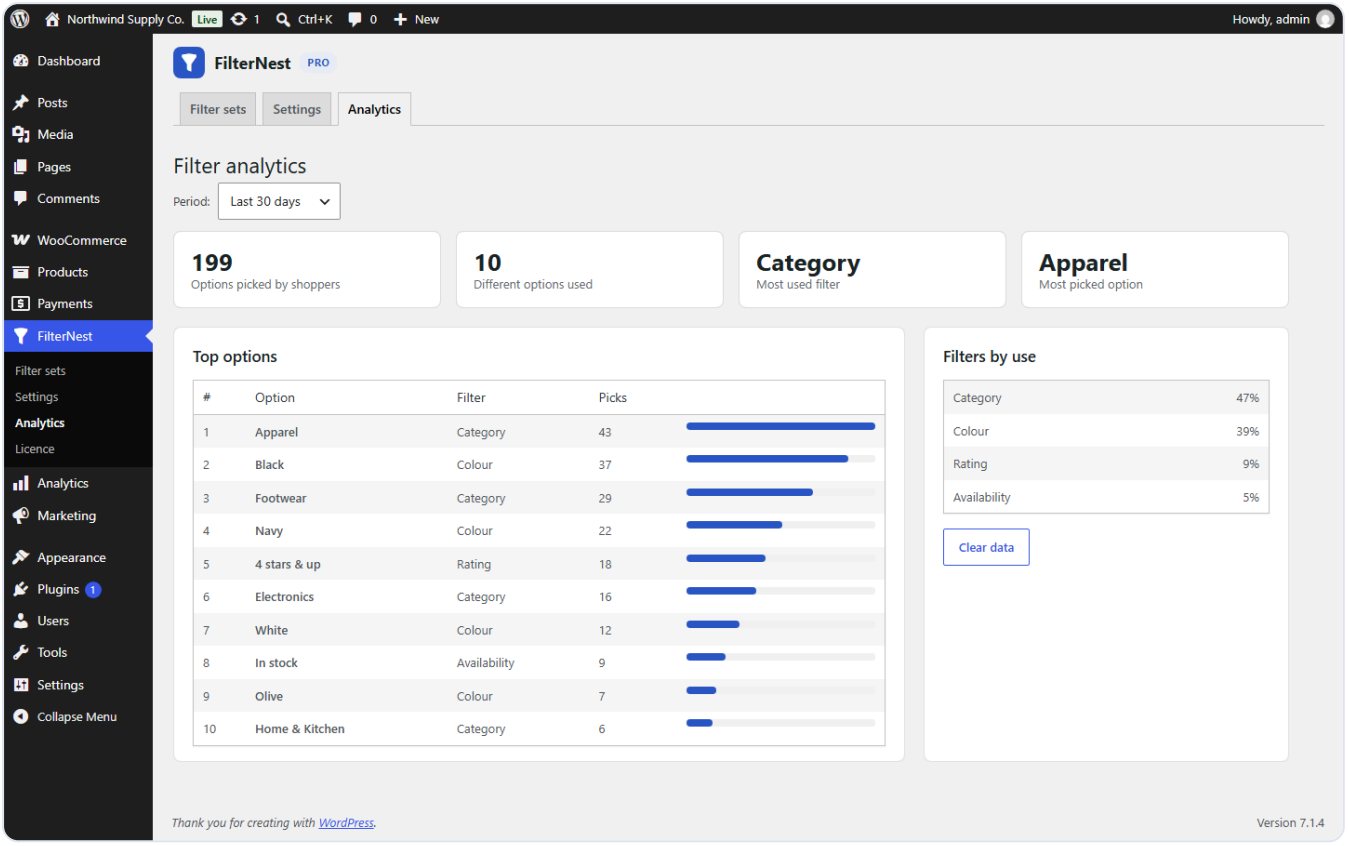
Choose **Display as** → **Colour / image swatches** on an attribute filter. Colours come from the attribute terms:

1. Go to **Products** → **Attributes**, click **Configure terms** next to the attribute (e.g. Colour).
2. Edit a term. Set **Swatch colour** (untick "Pick automatically from the name") and/or choose a **Swatch image** (a fabric or pattern photo).
3. Save. The term list shows a Swatch column.

Common names (Black, White, Navy, Olive, Tan, Red, Blue, Green, Grey, Beige…) get a matching colour automatically.

9. Analytics (Pro)

FilterNest → **Analytics** (screenshot) ranks the options shoppers pick most and shows which filters are used most, for the last 7, 30, 90 days or 12 months. Use it to decide what to stock, promote or put first in your filters. Only anonymous daily totals are stored (no personal data, no IP addresses); a pick is counted when a shopper selects an option with FilterNest's AJAX filtering. **Clear data** empties the report. Rows older than a year are removed automatically.



10. FAQ

The filters appear twice. You placed the block, widget or shortcode and "Show filters automatically" is on. Turn it off in Settings.

My attribute doesn't appear in the "Attribute" list. Only global attributes (Products → Attributes) can be filtered. Custom per-product attributes can't.

Counts look out of date. Counts are cached and cleared automatically when products, stock, prices or terms change. If you changed products directly in the database, re-save any product or the filter set to refresh.

A filter shows "Needs Pro, hidden on the shop". The filter uses a Pro type and your licence isn't active (or you are on Free). Activate the licence or change the filter type.

Does it work with WooCommerce Brands? Yes (Pro): add a "Custom taxonomy" filter and choose Brands.

Is the price filter tax-aware? It filters by the stored product prices (WooCommerce's price lookup table), the same as WooCommerce's own price filter.

11. Troubleshooting

- **Filters don't update without reloading** — check the browser console for errors from other plugins; FilterNest falls back to a normal page load if it can't update the page in place.
- **Layout looks cramped on a classic theme with a sidebar** — choose **Layout** → **Horizontal bar** in Settings.
- **Products don't change on a custom page** — filters apply to the shop and product archives only. Place your filtered grid on the shop page or a category page.
- **Add to cart on filtered results (block themes)** — supported: FilterNest handles the button for products swapped in after filtering.

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