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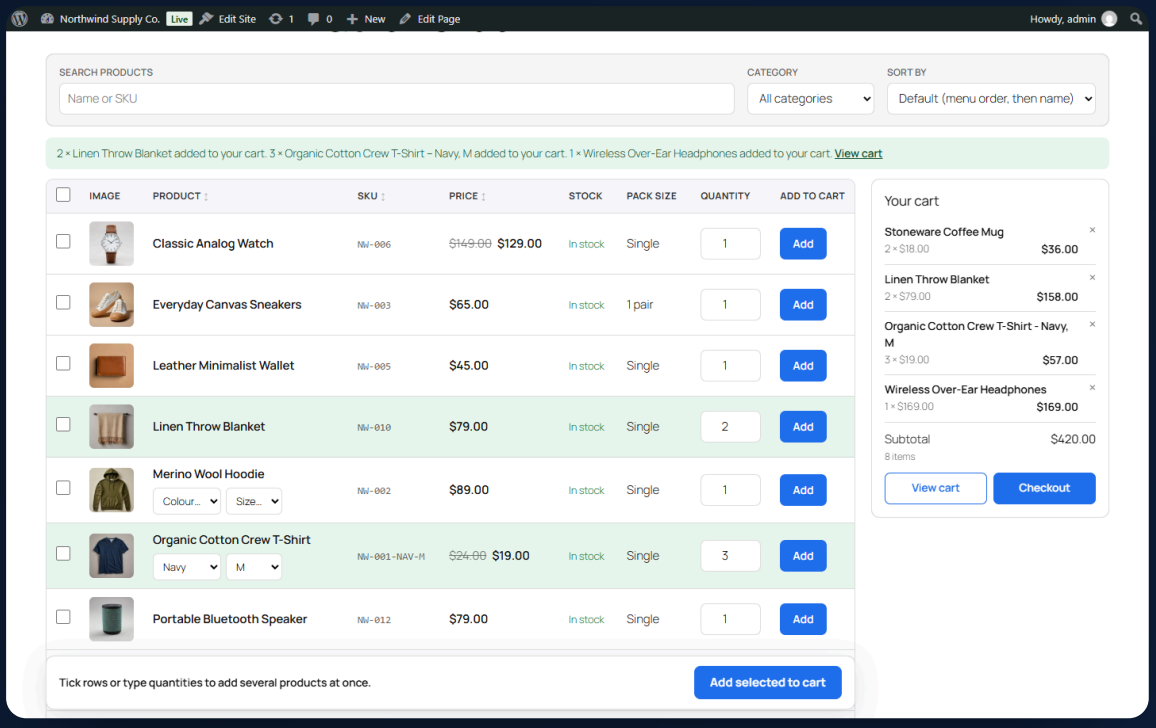
Rowsmith — Product Table & Quick Order Form for WooCommerce

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



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Rowsmith — user guide

Rowsmith puts your WooCommerce products in a table: shoppers search, filter and sort, type a quantity and add products to the cart from the row, without leaving the page. It is made for buyers who already know what they want — trade and wholesale customers, restaurants and cafés re-ordering supplies, spare-parts and hardware shops — and for any long catalogue that is quicker to scan as a list.

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1. Installation

1. In WordPress go to **Plugins** → **Add New** → **Upload Plugin**, choose the Rowsmith .zip, click **Install Now** and then **Activate**. WooCommerce 8.0 or newer must be active.
2. Rowsmith adds **WooCommerce** → **Rowsmith** (your tables) and **WooCommerce** → **Licence** (Pro) or **Upgrade to Pro** (Free).
3. On activation a table called **Quick order form** is created with the columns Image, Product, SKU, Stock, Price, Quantity and Add to cart.

Activating Pro

1. Install the Pro .zip the same way. It replaces the free plugin in place and keeps every table (as long as "Delete all plugin data" is off).
2. Open **WooCommerce** → **Licence**, paste the key from your purchase email and click **Activate licence**.
3. Monthly and yearly keys switch Pro off when they end; renew, then click **I have paid — check again** on the Licence screen. Lifetime keys do not end.

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2. Your tables (WooCommerce → Rowsmith)

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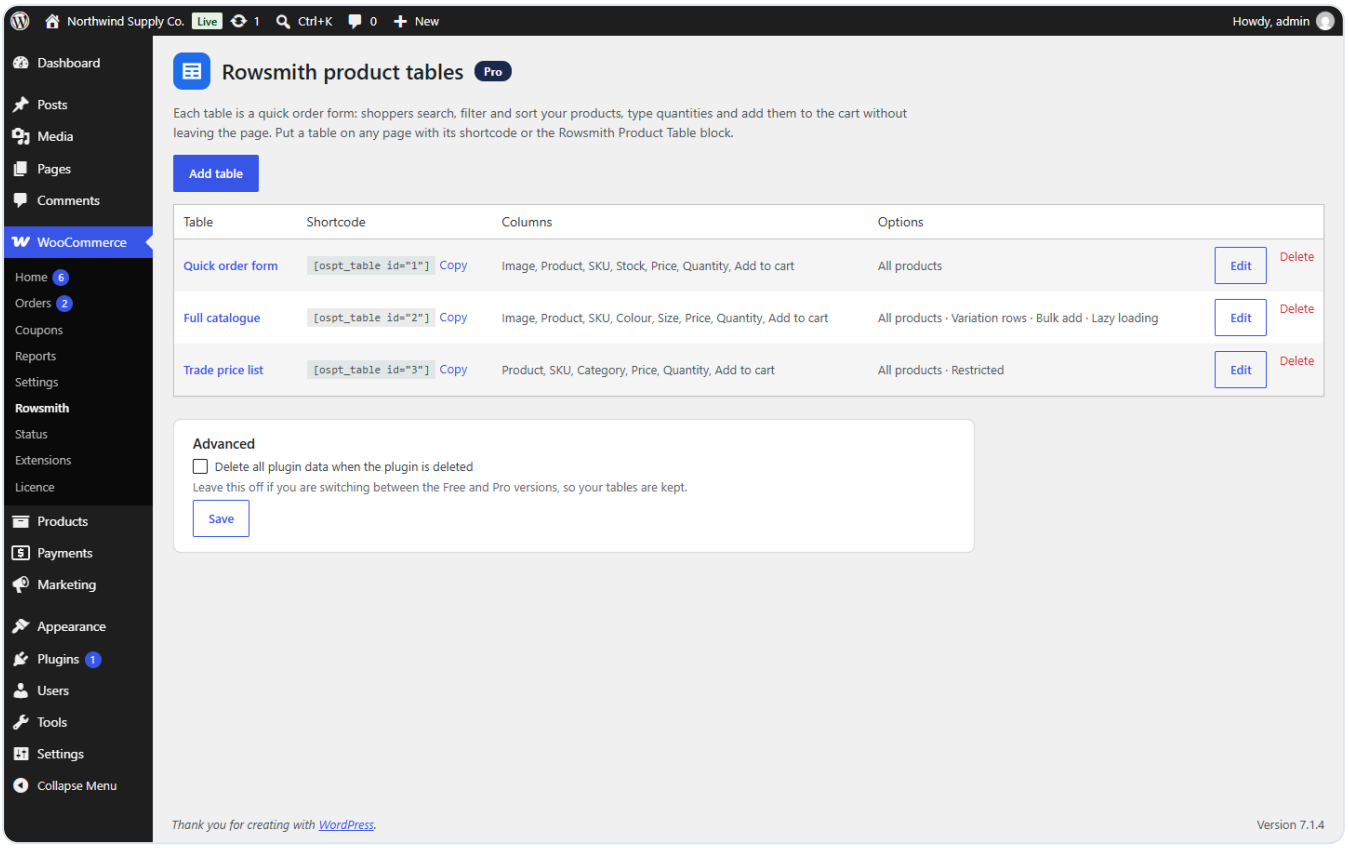

The list shows every table with its shortcode, its columns and its options (categories, variation mode, bulk add, mini-cart, lazy loading, role limits). **Copy** copies the shortcode. **Edit** opens the editor; **Delete** removes the table (pages that show it then show nothing — administrators see a note).

Advanced → Delete all plugin data when the plugin is deleted: off by default, so deleting the Free plugin to install Pro keeps your tables.

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3. The table editor

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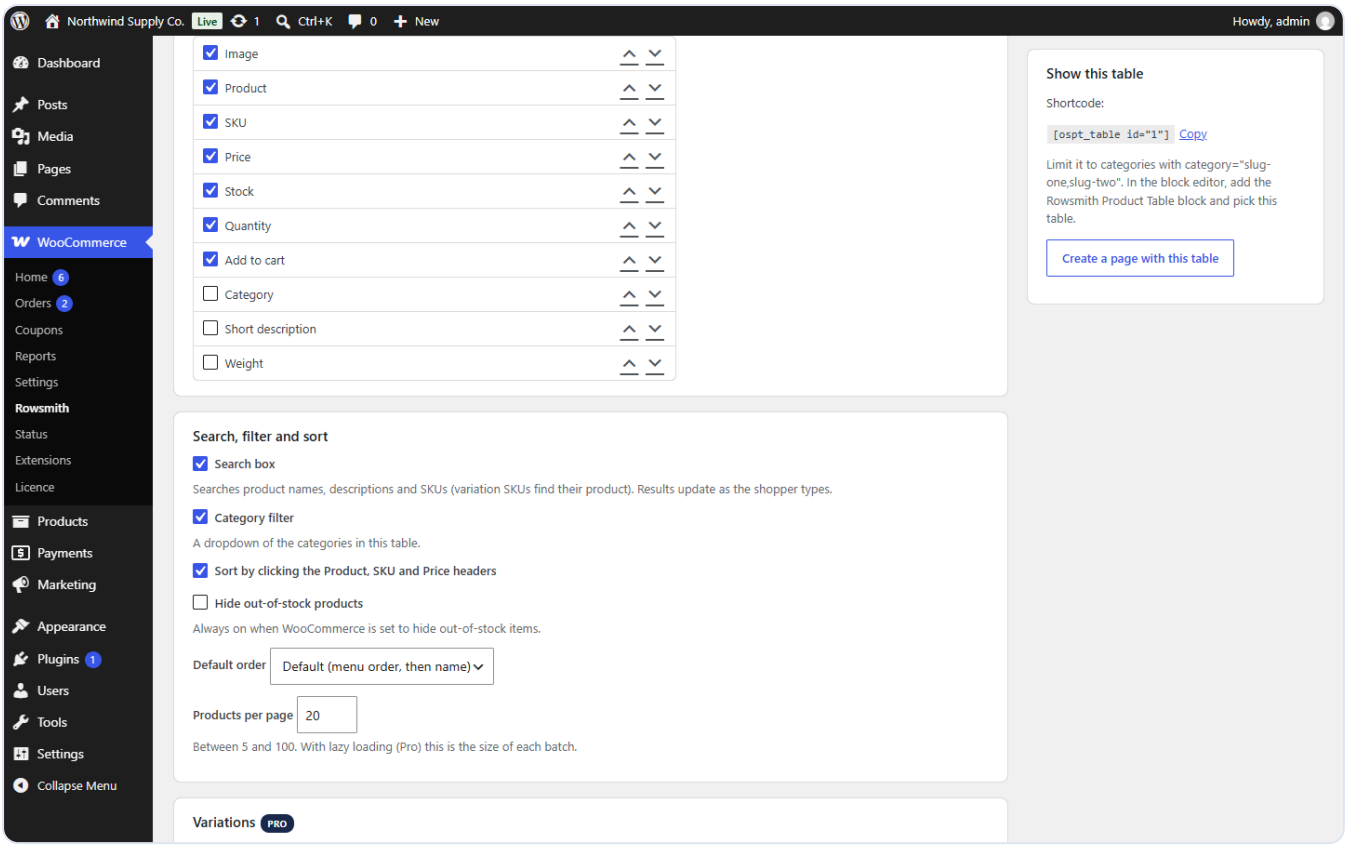

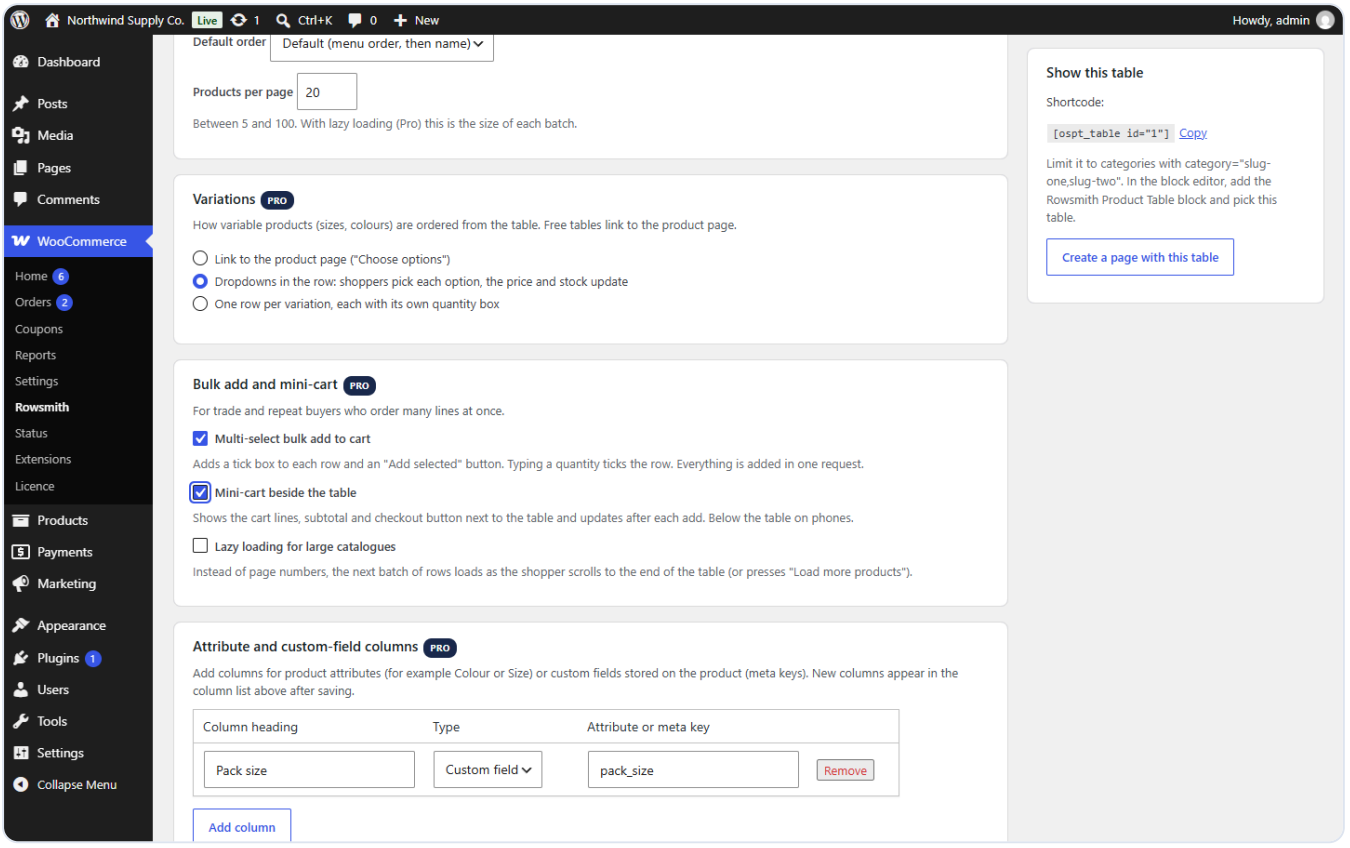

Table

- **Table name** — the table caption for screen readers and the title of a page made with "Create a page with this table".

- **Products from these categories** — tick categories to list only their products (sub-categories included). Leave all unticked to list the whole catalogue. Hidden products ("Catalog visibility: hidden") are never listed.

Columns

Tick the columns to show and move them with the arrow buttons. Built-in columns: Image, Product, SKU, Category, Short description, Stock, Weight, Price, Quantity, Add to cart. On phones each row becomes a card with the same fields and their labels.

- **Quantity** uses the product's minimum, maximum and step (and any plugin that changes them through WooCommerce's quantity filter).
- **Add to cart** shows an **Add** button for products that can be added from the table. Variable products show **Choose options** (a link to the product page) unless Pro variations are on; grouped products show **View product**; external products link to their external URL; out-of-stock products show **Unavailable**.

Search, filter and sort

- **Search box** — searches product names, descriptions and SKUs; a variation's SKU finds its product. Rows update as the shopper types.
- **Category filter** — a dropdown of the categories in the table.
- **Sort by clicking the Product, SKU and Price headers** — click once for ascending, again for descending.
- **Hide out-of-stock products** — always on if WooCommerce hides out-of-stock items.
- **Default order** — default (menu order, then name), name, price, SKU, newest or best selling.
- **Products per page** — 5 to 100. Page numbers and a "Showing 1–20 of 134 products" count appear under the table.

The current search, category, sort and page are kept in the address bar, so a shopper can bookmark or share them.

Show this table

The panel on the right shows the shortcode, for example `[ospt_table id="1"]`. Add `category="slug-one,slug-two"` to limit a table to some categories on one page. In the block editor add the **Rowsmith Product Table** block and pick the table (and optional categories) in the block settings. **Create a page with this table** publishes a new page with the block.

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4. Pro features

Variations (Pro)

- **Link to the product page** — the Free behaviour.

- **Dropdowns in the row** — each variable product gets one dropdown per option (Colour, Size…). When every option is picked, the row switches to that variation: the price and SKU change, and the quantity box and Add button add exactly that variation. Combinations that do not exist show "This combination is not available."
- **One row per variation** — every variation of a variable product gets its own row (name, SKU, price, stock and quantity box). Variations with "Any …" attributes cannot be added from a row and show "Choose options".

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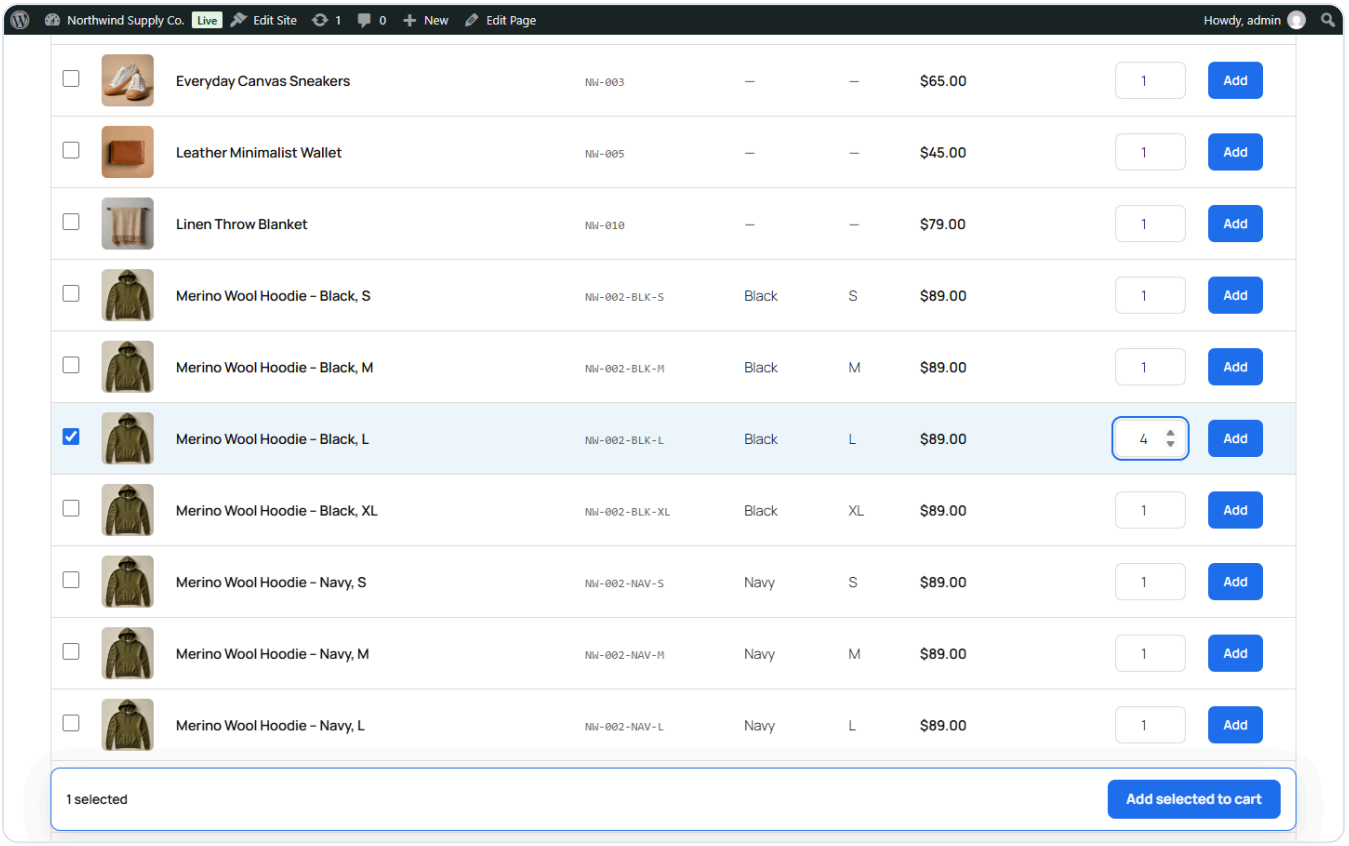

Multi-select bulk add to cart (Pro)

Adds a tick box to every row that can be added, a **Select all** box in the header and a bar under the table with **Add selected to cart**. Typing a quantity ticks the row; setting it to 0 unticks it. All ticked rows are sent in one request; WooCommerce checks each line (stock, limits, other plugins' rules) and the message lists what was added and any line that could not be. Added rows are unticked.

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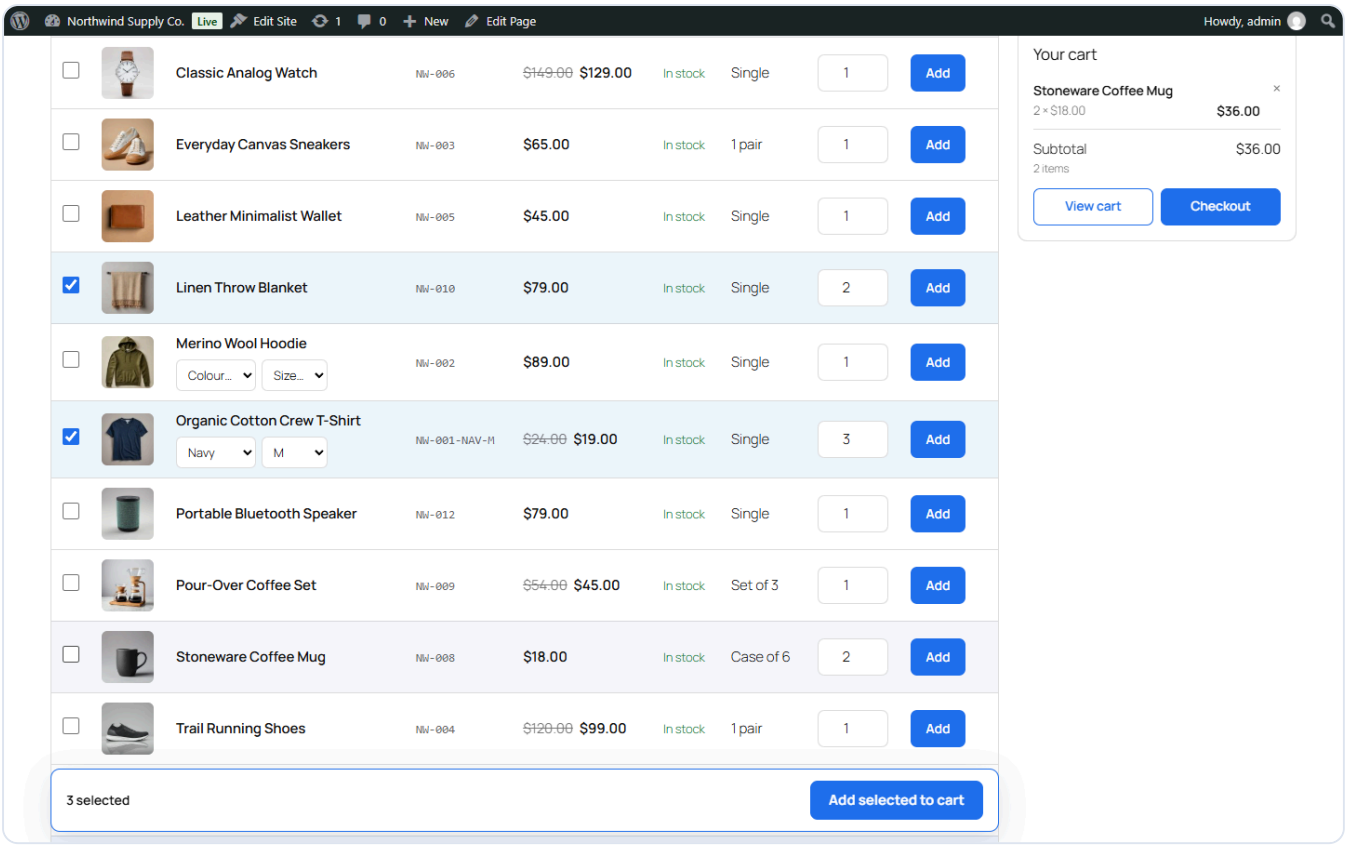

Mini-cart beside the table (Pro)

Shows the cart lines (with variation details), quantities, line totals, the subtotal, item count and **View cart** / **Checkout** buttons next to the table. It updates after every add, and also when products are added elsewhere on the page through WooCommerce. The × removes a line (the page reloads). On screens narrower than 960px it moves under the table.

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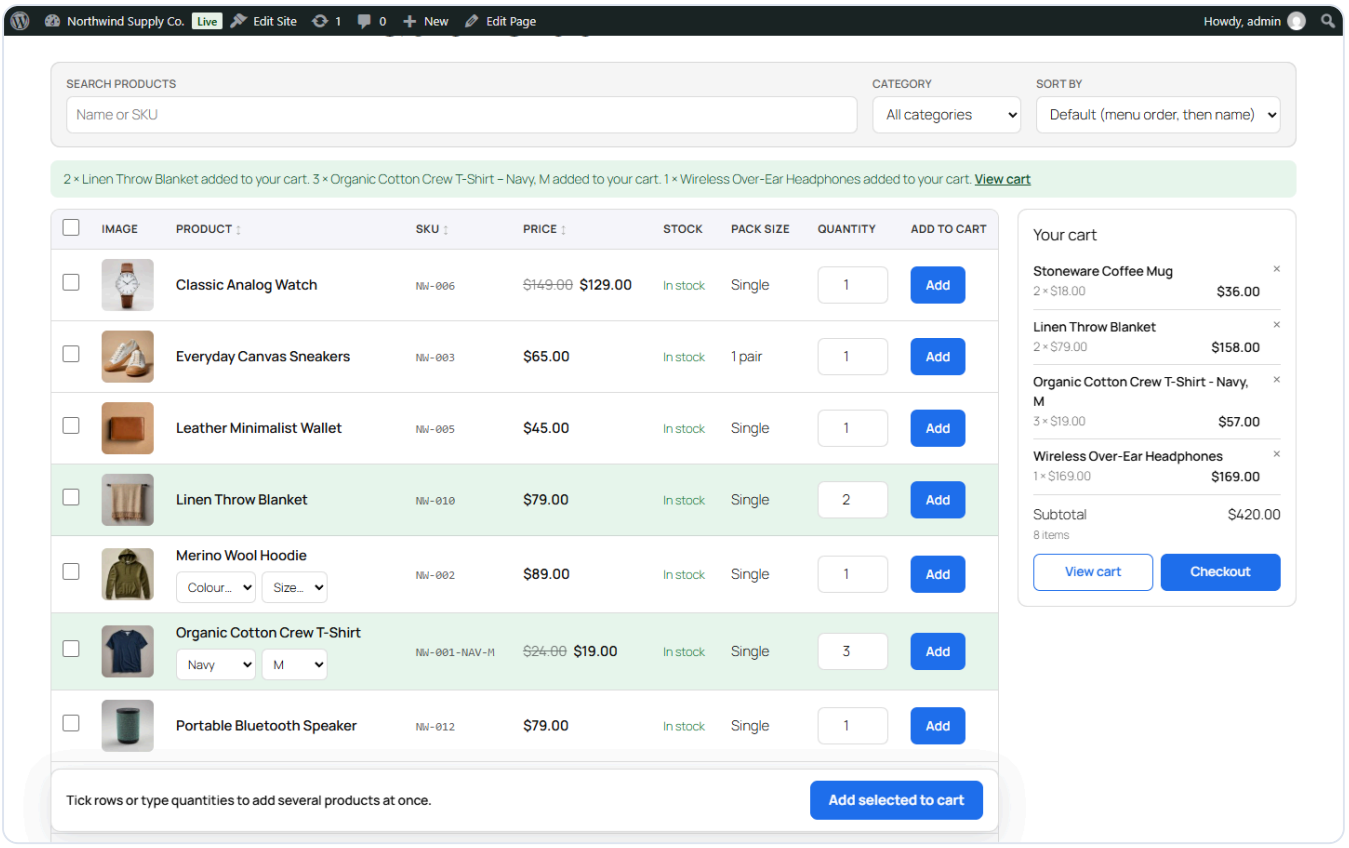

Lazy loading (Pro)

Instead of page numbers, the next batch of rows (the "Products per page" number) loads when the shopper scrolls to the end of the table, or presses **Load more products**. Each batch asks the database for one page of products only, so a large catalogue is never rendered at once.

Attribute and custom-field columns (Pro)

Click **Add column**, type a heading, pick **Attribute** or **Custom field** and the key:

- Attribute: the attribute slug such as `pa_colour` (suggestions appear) or the name of a custom product attribute. Variation rows show the variation's value.
- Custom field: the product meta key, for example `pack_size`. Variation rows fall back to the parent's value. Only text and numbers are shown.

New columns appear in the column list (before Quantity) after saving; move or untick them like any other column.

Who can see this table (Pro)

Tick roles (and/or **Guests**) to show the table only to them; shop managers and administrators always see it. Everyone else sees your message (guests also get a **Log in** button), and the rows endpoint refuses them too. If a licence ends, saved role limits stay in force so a private table never becomes public.

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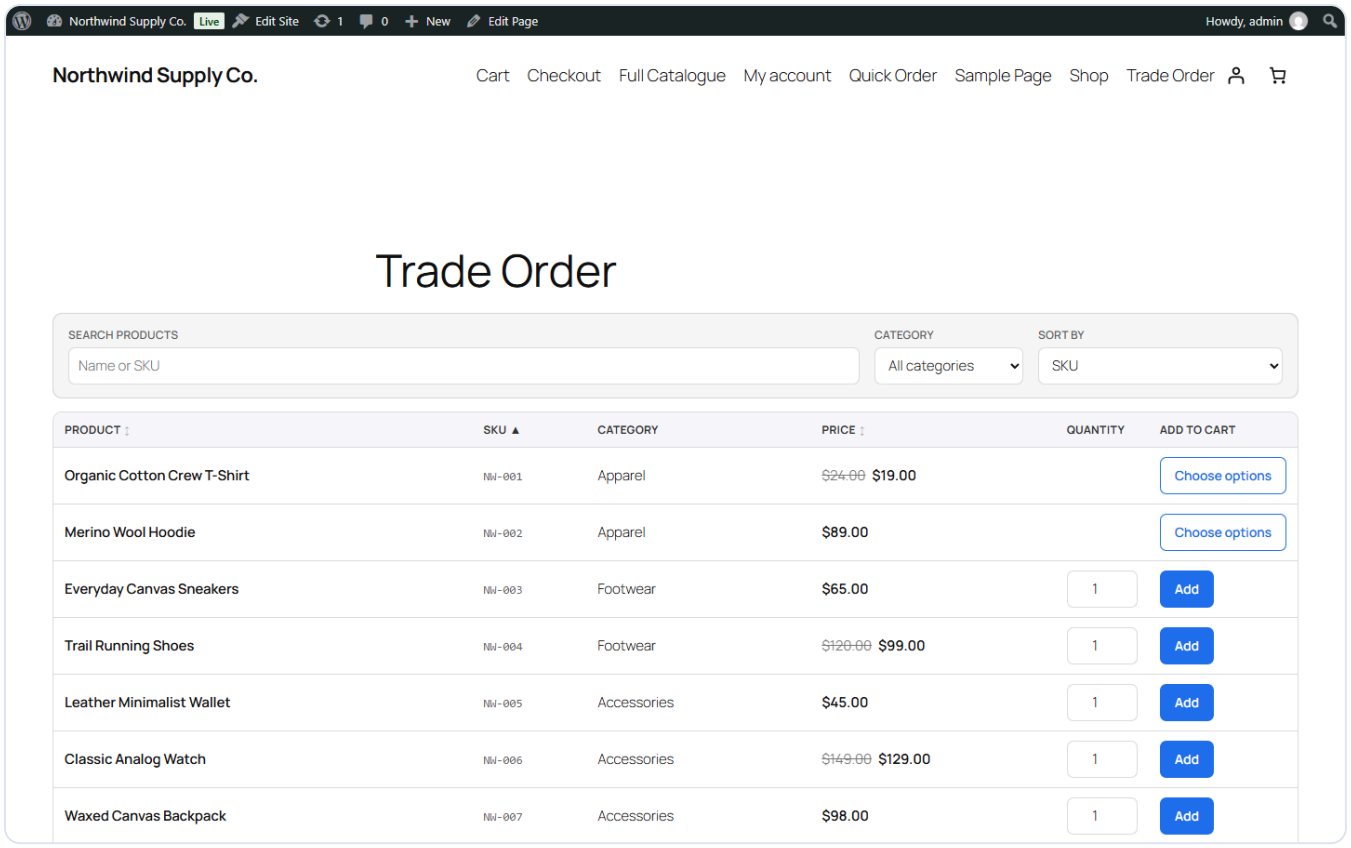

5. How adding to the cart works

The browser sends only product IDs, variation IDs, options and quantities. On the server Rowsmith checks the product is published and visible, resolves variations against the product's own options, runs WooCommerce's add-to-cart validation and adds the line with WooCommerce's own cart, so prices, stock, "sold individually" and other plugins' rules apply exactly as on the product page. Theme mini-carts update afterwards (classic cart fragments and the Mini-Cart block). The cart and checkout are WooCommerce's own — Rowsmith does not change them.

6. When a Pro licence ends

Pro switches off cleanly: tables keep working as Free tables (one Add button per row, page numbers instead of lazy loading, variable products link to their page, Pro columns and the mini-cart are hidden). Saved Pro settings are kept and come back when you renew. Role limits stay in force.

7. FAQ

Does it need JavaScript? Adding to the cart does. Search, filter, sort and page links also work without JavaScript (the page reloads).

Does it work with block and classic themes? Yes — tested on Twenty Twenty-Five and Twenty Twenty-One with the block cart and checkout.

HPOS? Rowsmith never reads or writes orders, and declares HPOS compatibility.

Can a table show products from a single category on one page? Yes: `[ospt_table id="1" category="footwear"]`.

Can product add-on fields be filled in the table? Not yet. Fields from add-on or extra-options plugins are not shown in the rows; order those products from their product page.

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8. Troubleshooting

- **The table shows "No products match your search."** — check the table's categories and that products are published and visible in the catalogue.
- **A variable product shows "Choose options"** — turn on Pro variations, or the variation uses "Any ..." attributes in row mode.
- **"Only one product can be added at a time."** — bulk add is a Pro feature that must be ticked in the table editor.
- **The theme's cart count does not change** — the theme must use WooCommerce cart fragments or the Mini-Cart block; reload the page to confirm the cart itself was updated.