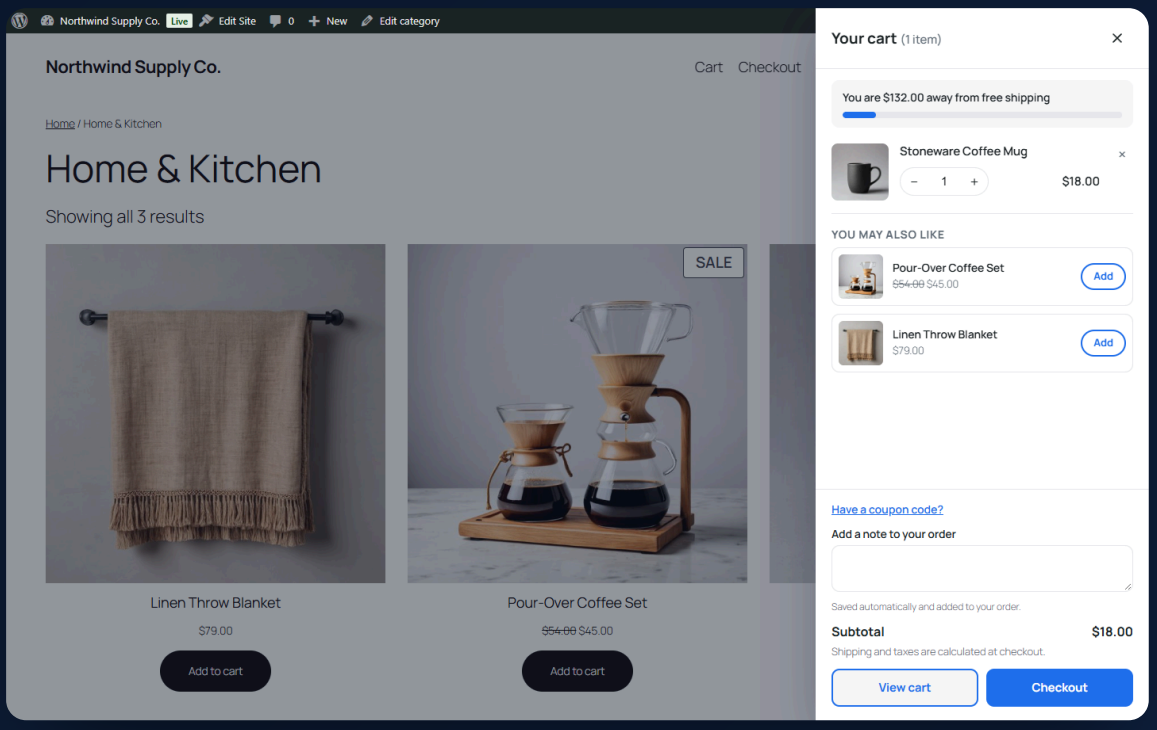
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CartGlide — Side Cart & Floating Cart for WooCommerce: User Guide

CartGlide adds a WooCommerce side cart to your store. When a shopper adds a product, a cart drawer slides in over the page: they can change quantities, remove items (with undo) and go to checkout without the page reloading, then close it and carry on shopping. A floating cart icon with a live item count keeps the cart one tap away. Pro adds a coupon field, a free-shipping progress bar, suggested products, cart notes, design presets, a sticky add-to-cart bar for phones and page visibility rules.

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1. Requirements

- WordPress 6.4 or newer, PHP 7.4 or newer.
- WooCommerce 8.0 or newer (tested with WooCommerce 11.2 on WordPress 7.1, PHP 8.3).
- Any theme. Tested with the block theme Twenty Twenty-Five and the classic theme Twenty Twenty-One.

2. Installation

1. In WordPress go to **Plugins** → **Add New** → **Upload Plugin** and upload `woo-side-cart-free.zip` (Free) or `woo-side-cart.zip` (Pro). Both install into the folder `cartglide`.
2. Click **Activate**.
3. That's it: the floating cart icon appears on your store and the side cart opens the next time a product is added. Settings are under **WooCommerce** → **CartGlide**.

Upgrading from Free to Pro

Upload the Pro zip over the Free version and confirm "Replace current with uploaded". All settings are kept. If you delete the Free plugin first, make sure **Delete all plugin data when the plugin is deleted** is *not* ticked.

3. Activating your licence (Pro)

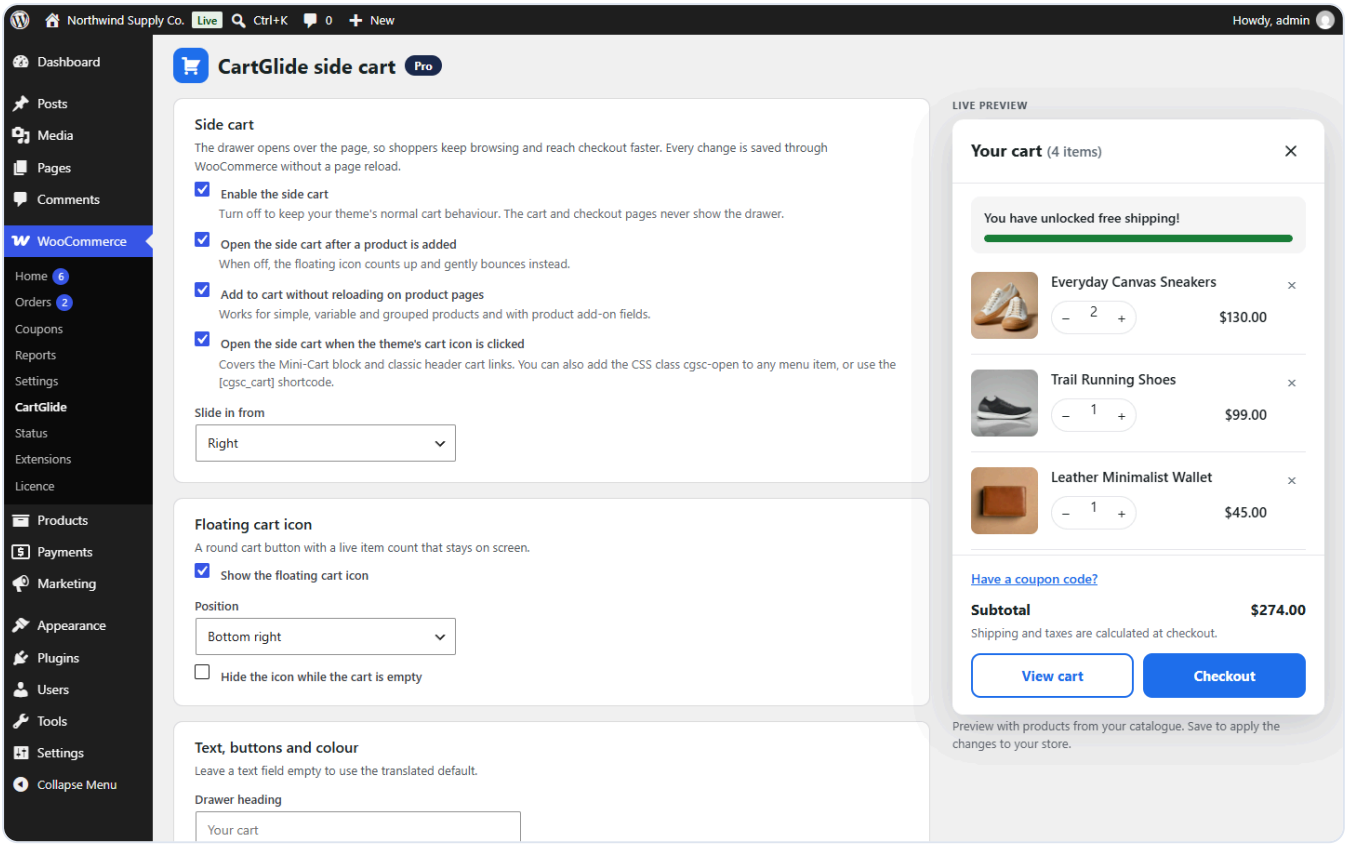
1. Go to **WooCommerce** → **Licence** (the CartGlide licence screen, `admin.php?page=woo-side-cart-license`). Screenshot: `pro-02-licence.png`.
2. Paste the key from your Code Craft purchase email and click **Activate licence**.
3. The Pro settings unlock immediately.

Monthly and yearly licences switch Pro off when they end (lifetime licences never end). The side cart then keeps working with the Free features; your Pro settings stay saved and come back as soon as you

renew. A notice links to the renewal page, and **I have paid — check again** on the licence screen re-checks at once.

4. Settings screen

WooCommerce → CartGlide (screenshot). The settings are on the left, and on the right a **live preview** shows the drawer with products from your own catalogue. The preview updates as you change the colour, side, labels or (Pro) the design preset. Click **Save changes** to apply them to your store.



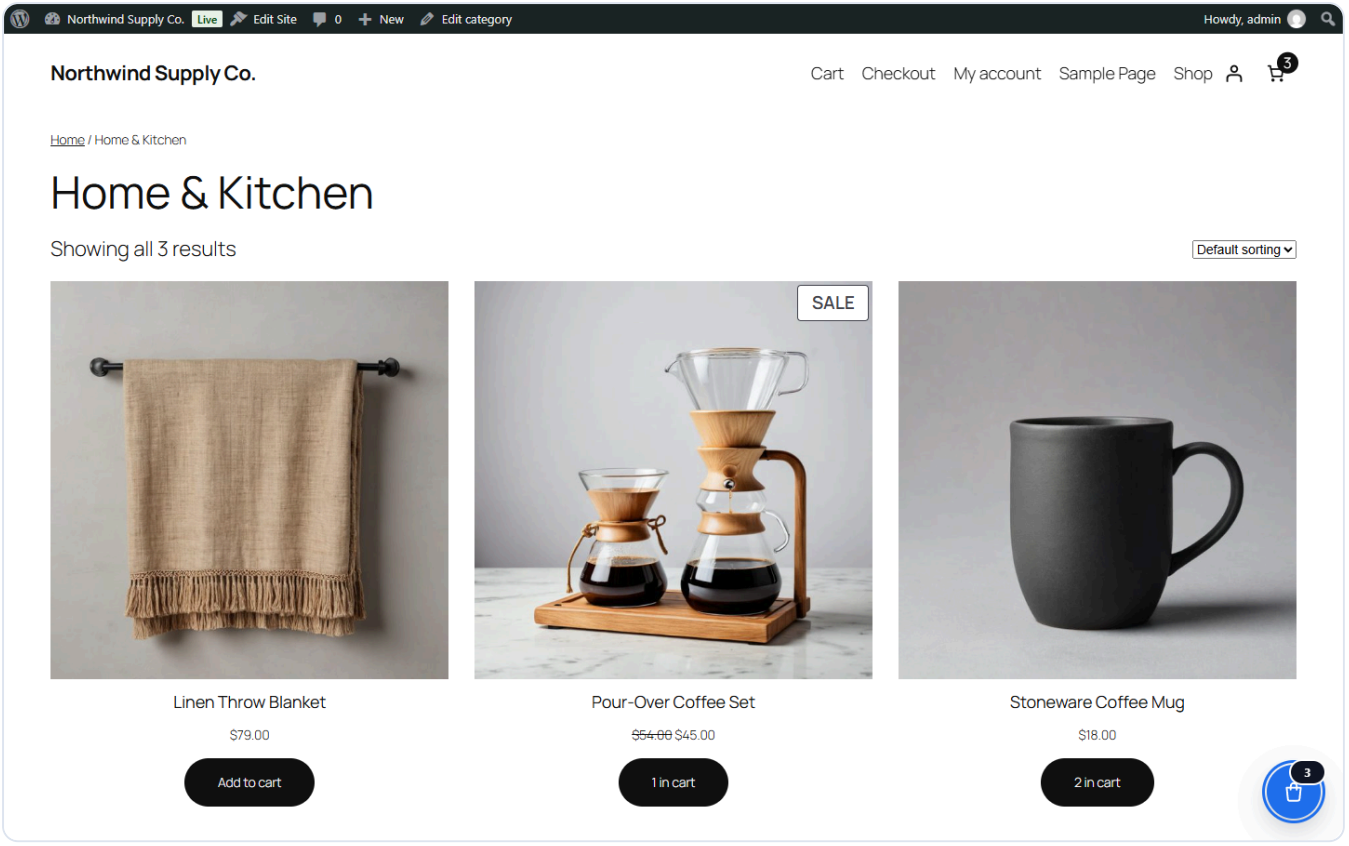
Side cart

Setting	What it does
Enable the side cart	Turns the drawer and icon on or off. The cart and checkout pages never show the drawer.
Open the side cart after a product is added	When off, the floating icon counts up and bounces instead.
Add to cart without reloading on product pages	Sends the product page form in the background. Works for simple, variable and grouped products and keeps the fields of add-on plugins.
Open the side cart when the theme's cart icon is clicked	Clicking the Mini-Cart block or a classic header cart link opens CartGlide instead.
Slide in from	Right or left.

Other ways to open the drawer: give any menu item the CSS class `cgsc-open` (Appearance → Menus → Screen Options → CSS Classes), or place the shortcode `[cgsc_cart]` (optional `label="Bag"`) in a header, widget or page.

Floating cart icon

Show or hide the round cart button, choose one of four corners, and optionally hide it while the cart is empty. Screenshot: .

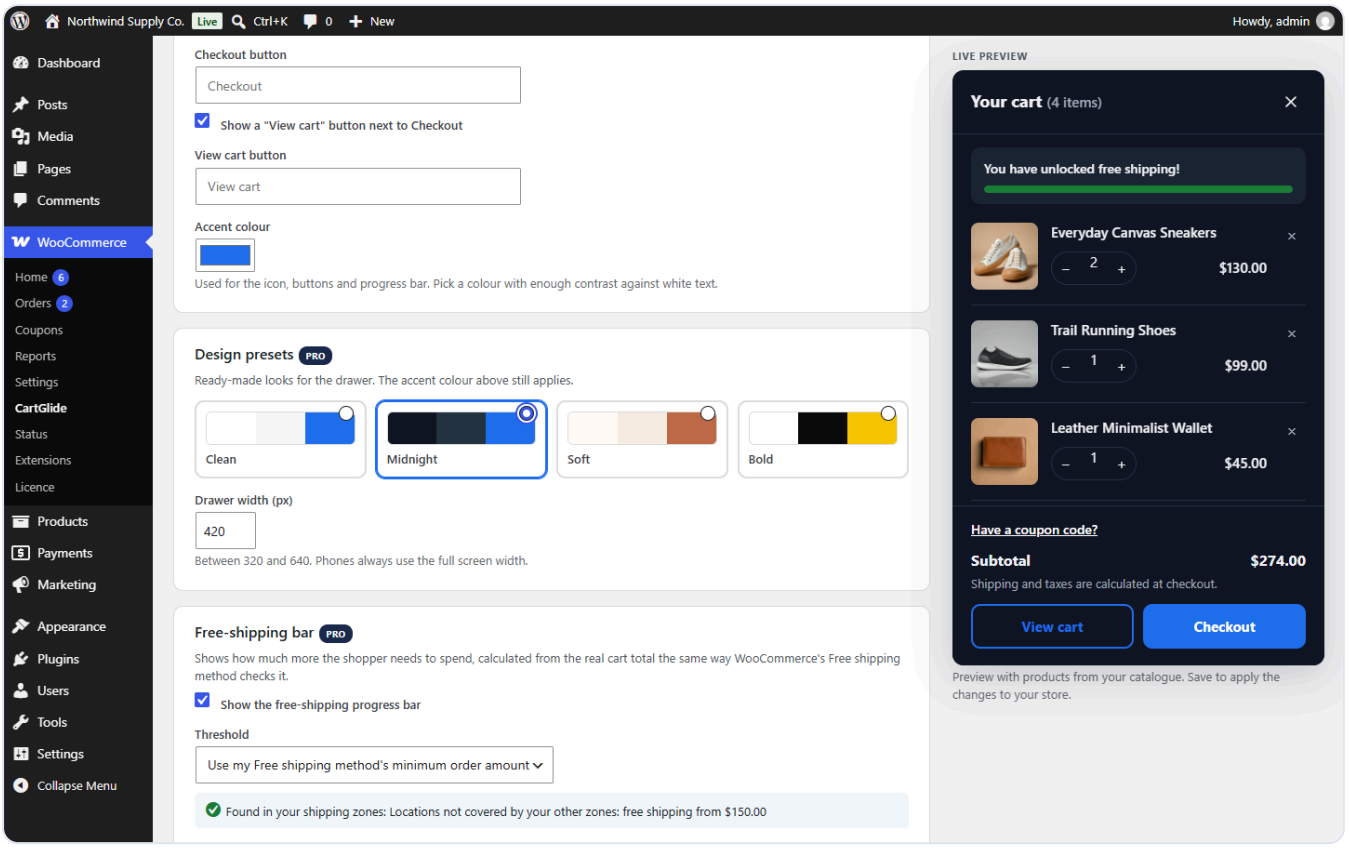


Text, buttons and colour

Drawer heading, Checkout button label, "View cart" button (can be hidden) and its label, and the accent colour used for the icon, buttons and progress bar. Empty text fields use the translated default.

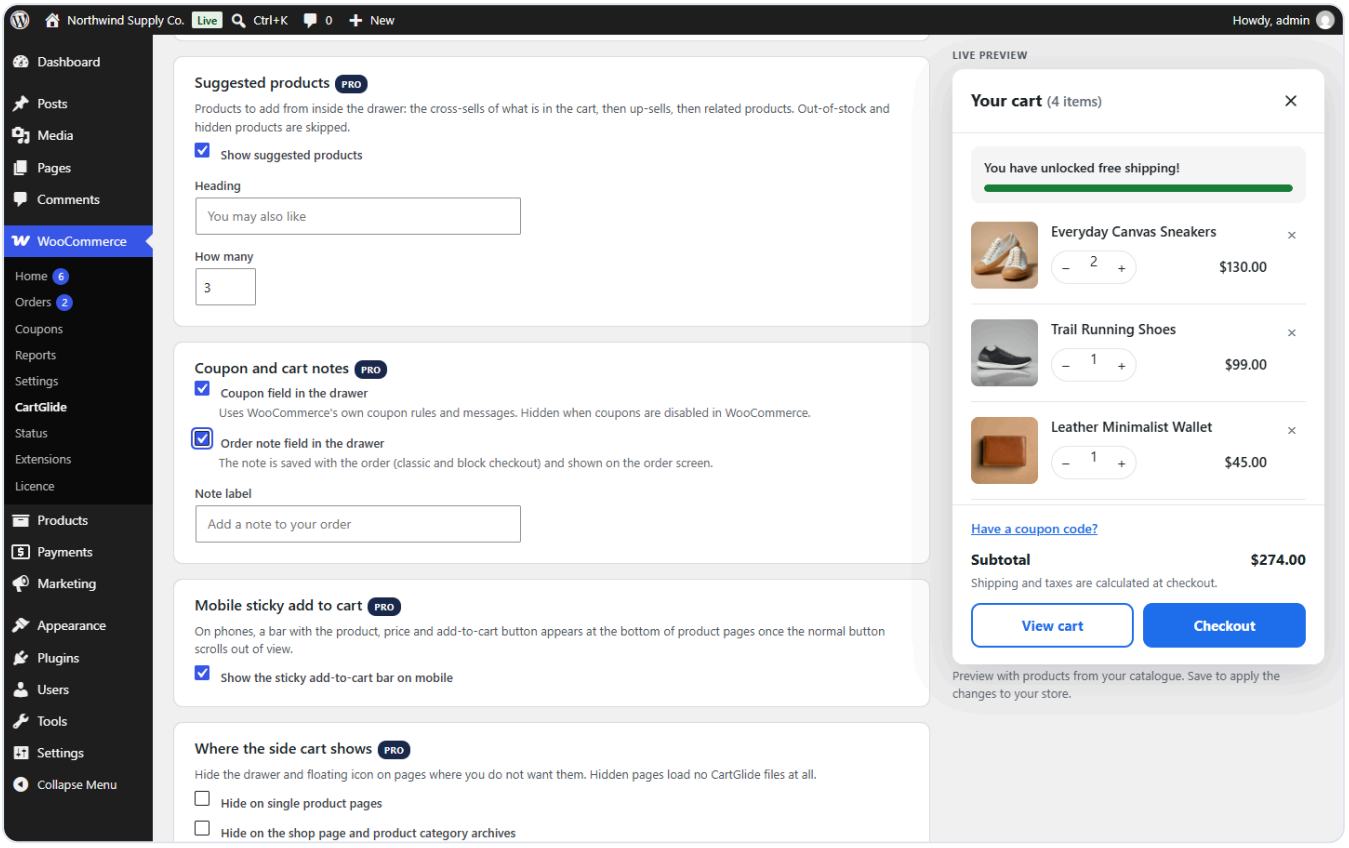
Design presets (Pro)

Clean, Midnight (dark), Soft (rounded, warm) and Bold (high-contrast, square), plus the drawer width (320–640 px; phones always use the full width). Screenshot: .



Free-shipping bar (Pro)

Shows "You are $X away from free shipping" and a progress bar at the top of the drawer, then "You have unlocked free shipping!" once reached. Screenshot: .



- **Use my Free shipping method's minimum order amount** (default): CartGlide finds the Free shipping method in the shipping zone that matches the shopper's address and uses its minimum amount, with the same subtotal rules WooCommerce uses (including whether coupons count). The settings screen lists the rules it found.
- **Use a fixed amount**: type an amount when you do not use a Free shipping method with a minimum.
- **Message** (`{amount}` is replaced) and **Message when reached**.

The bar is a message only: it never changes your shipping prices.

Suggested products (Pro)

Products shown under the cart items with an **Add** button (simple products) or an **Options** link (variable products). They come from the cross-sells of the products in the cart, then their up-sells, then related products from the same categories. Products already in the cart, hidden products and out-of-stock products are skipped. Set the heading and how many to show (1–6). Set cross-sells in **Products → Edit product → Linked Products**.

Coupon and cart notes (Pro)

- **Coupon field in the drawer**: a "Have a coupon code?" link opens the field. Coupons are checked by WooCommerce, so all your coupon rules and error messages apply. Applied coupons show as chips with a remove button. Hidden automatically when coupons are disabled in WooCommerce.
- **Order note field in the drawer**: the note is saved automatically while the shopper types, and added to the order's customer note (classic and block checkout). It is also shown on the order screen as "Side cart note". Screenshot: `pro-13-admin-order-note.png`.

Mobile sticky add to cart (Pro)

On screens 768 px wide or less, a bar with the product image, name, price and add-to-cart button appears at the bottom of product pages once the normal button scrolls out of view. For simple products it adds straight to the cart; for variable products it scrolls back to the options until a variation is chosen. Screenshot: .

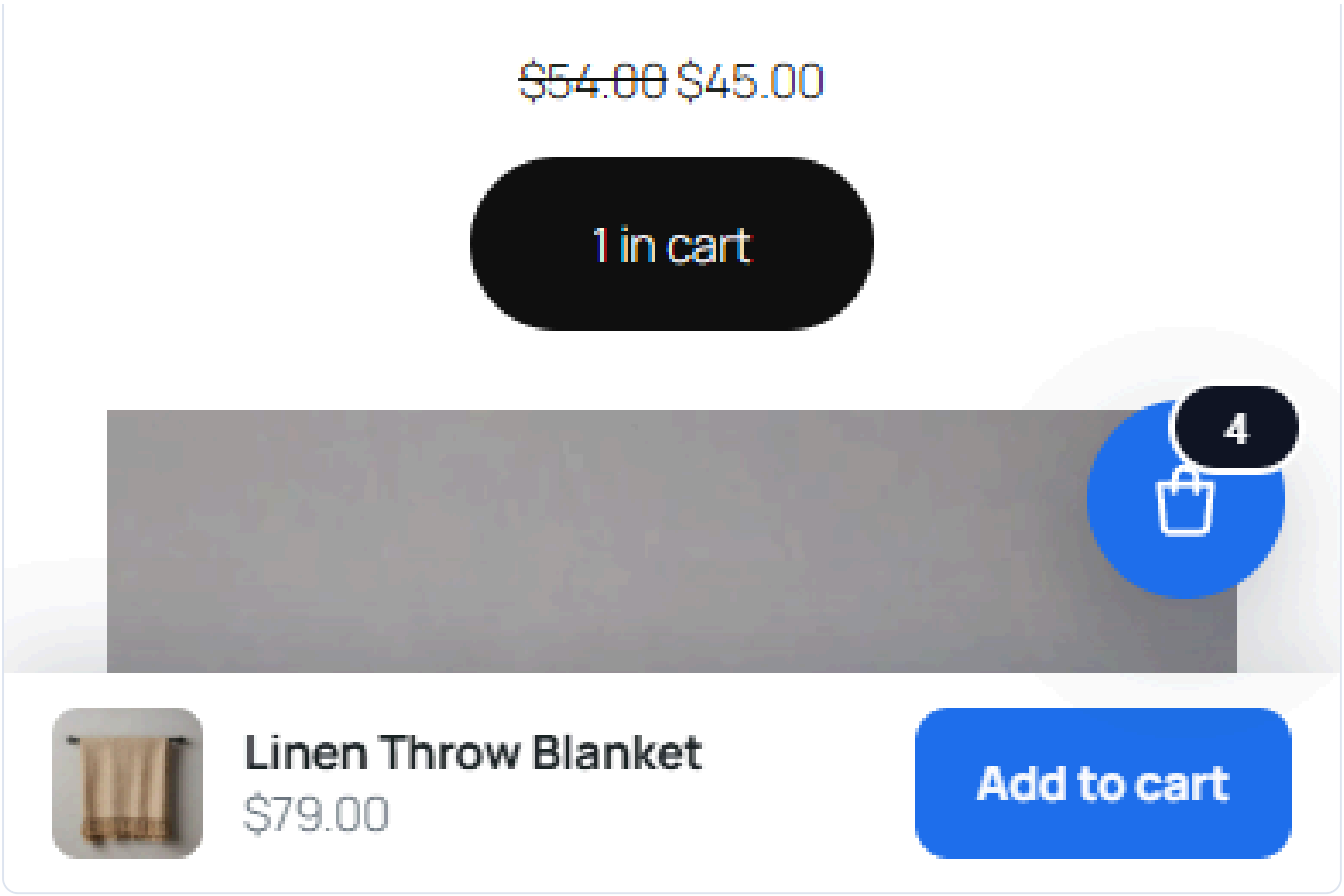
Description

Our linen throw blanket is designed in-house and made from carefully sourced materials. Backed by a 30-day return policy.

Related products



Pour-Over Coffee Set



Where the side cart shows (Pro)

Hide the drawer and icon on single product pages, on the shop page and category archives, or on any pages you tick. On hidden pages CartGlide loads no files at all.

Advanced

Delete all plugin data when the plugin is deleted — off by default. When ticked, deleting the plugin removes its settings and the side-cart note copies stored on orders (the order's own customer note stays).

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5. What shoppers see

- After adding a product (shop button, product page or the sticky bar) the drawer opens with the product image, name, variation (e.g. "Colour: Navy · Size: M"), quantity controls and line price. Screenshot: `pro-06-front-drawer-added.png`.
- **− / +** buttons or typing a number change the quantity; going below the minimum removes the item. Stock limits and "sold individually" products are respected.
- **×** removes an item; **Undo** in the message puts it back.
- The footer shows the subtotal (and discount when a coupon is applied), "Shipping and taxes are calculated at checkout", and the View cart / Checkout buttons.
- Pro: free-shipping bar, suggested products, coupon field and note field. Screenshots: `pro-07-front-drawer-suggestions.png`, `pro-08-front-drawer-coupon.png`, `pro-10-front-product-variation-note.png`.

Keyboard and screen readers

The drawer is a modal dialog with a heading. When it opens, focus moves to the close button; Tab and Shift+Tab stay inside the drawer; Esc or the overlay closes it and focus goes back to the button that opened it. Every button has a label (e.g. "Increase quantity of Stoneware Coffee Mug"), changes are announced ("Cart updated.", "... was removed from your cart."), and "reduce motion" turns off the animations.

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6. Performance and compatibility

- One stylesheet and one dependency-free script (plus one small Pro script), loaded only on front-end pages where the drawer shows — never in wp-admin (except the settings screen), on the cart or on the checkout.
- On page load nothing is fetched unless WooCommerce's cart cookie says the cart has items, so cached pages stay fast and the count still corrects itself.
- All cart changes go through the WooCommerce Store API with its nonce; prices and totals are always WooCommerce's own.
- Compatible with High-Performance Order Storage and the block cart and checkout.
- Developers: filters `cgsc_show_on_request`, `cgsc_script_data`, `cgsc_root_classes`, `cgsc_css_vars`, `cgsc_suggested_ids`; actions `cgsc_enqueue_assets`, `cgsc_after_render`; JavaScript `window.CartGlide` (`open()`, `close()`, `refresh()`, `on('render', fn)`).

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7. FAQ

The drawer does not open when I add from the shop page. Check that **Enable** and **Open the side cart after a product is added** are ticked and that the page is not hidden in the Pro visibility settings. Some themes use their own add-to-cart scripts; the drawer still opens when the theme fires WooCommerce's `added_to_cart` event or uses the Store API.

My theme's mini cart still opens. Tick **Open the side cart when the theme's cart icon is clicked**. If your theme uses a different cart link, add the CSS class `cgsc-open` to it.

The free-shipping bar does not show. It needs a Free shipping method with a minimum order amount in the matching shipping zone, or a fixed amount in the settings, and Pro must be active.

A coupon says it does not exist. The message comes from WooCommerce; check the coupon under Marketing → Coupons.

Can it show the full checkout inside the drawer? Not yet. CartGlide links to your normal checkout page.

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8. Troubleshooting

- After changing settings, clear any page cache so visitors get the new markup.

- If an add-to-cart from a product page fails, WooCommerce's own error message is shown in the drawer; if the request itself fails, the form is submitted normally as a fallback.
- Enable `WP_DEBUG_LOG` and check `wp-content/debug.log` for messages from other plugins if the cart does not update.