

AnimeToonSekai

WordPress Theme — Complete User Guide

A dark, modern anime-streaming theme that pulls artwork & metadata live from AniList, and lets you add your own episodes and embed links per anime — no coding required.

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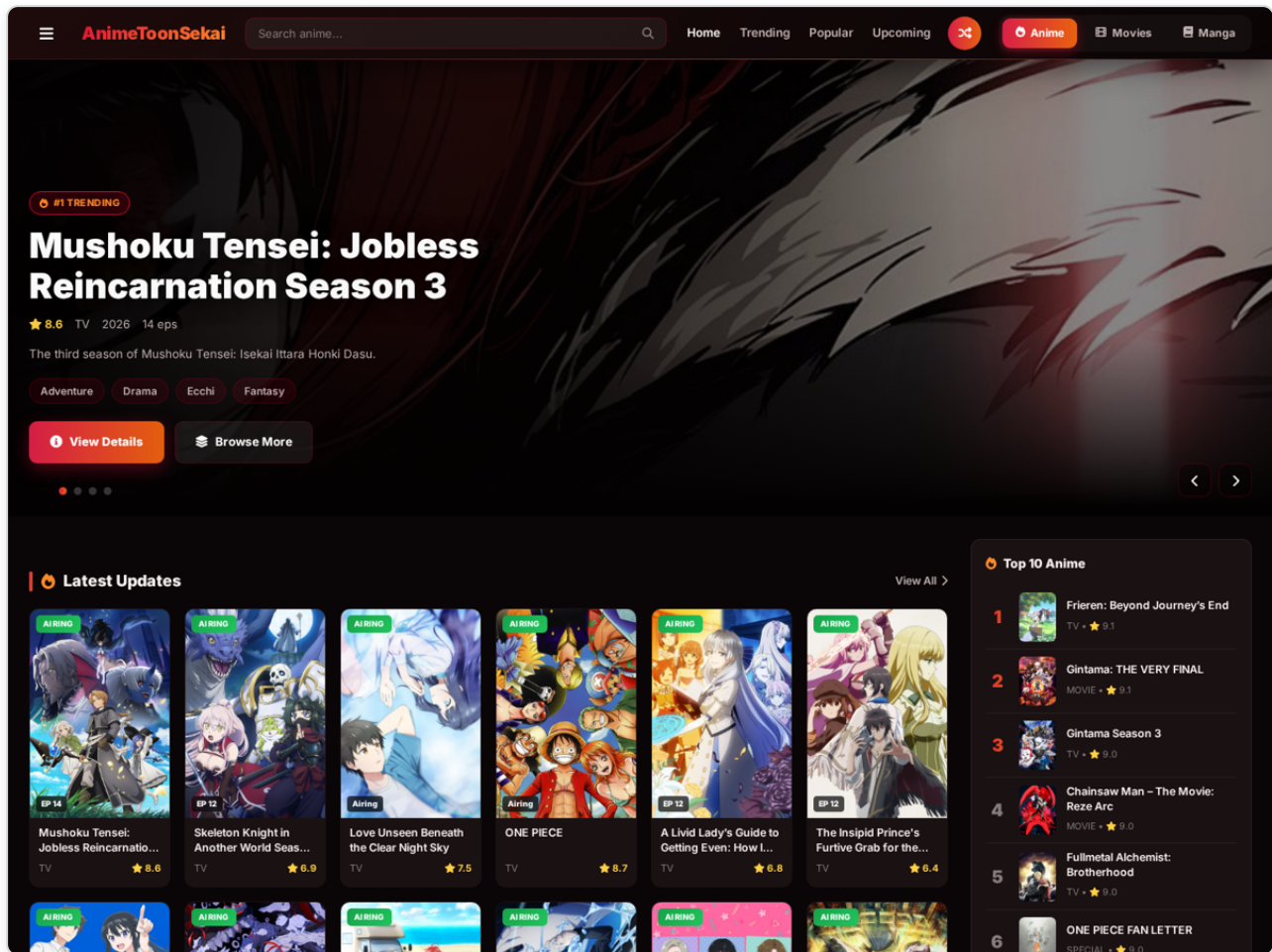


Figure 1 — The AnimeToonSekai homepage: trending hero slider, “Latest Updates” grid and a Top 10 sidebar, all styled in the signature dark red/orange look.

1. How the theme works

AnimeToonSekai is built around **two data sources working together**:

Source	What it provides
AniList (public GraphQL API — <code>graphql.anilist.co</code> , no key/login)	All the metadata & artwork : posters, banners, synopses, genres, scores, episode counts, studios, season/year, status. The theme fetches this live — you never copy-paste it.
Your “Anime” posts (a native WordPress custom post type)	The parts AniList can't give you: your own episode list and, most importantly, the video embed links (SUB / DUB) that actually play in the player.

In plain terms: **you supply the video links, AniList supplies everything else**. When a visitor opens an anime, the browser asks AniList for the artwork and details, and your theme supplies the episode player.

The building blocks

- **Home / Trending / Popular / Upcoming** pages — auto-generated catalogs powered entirely by AniList.
- **“Anime” custom post type** — one post per anime. This is where you add episodes and embed links.
- **Info page & Watch page** — two views of the same anime post (explained in section 3).
- **AniList ID** — the single number that links your post to the correct anime on AniList.

Key idea: every anime post just needs an **AniList ID** and your **embed links**. The theme does the rest — and the new **Fetch anime** button (v1.6.0) can even fill in the ID, title, synopsis and episode list for you automatically.

How the AniList connection works

- Metadata is fetched **client-side** (in the visitor's browser) for catalog pages — fast and cache-friendly.
- Episode lists are also fetched **server-side on save**, so a block is created for every episode automatically.
- Responses are cached briefly so repeated visits/saves don't hammer the API.
- Visitors need internet access, because their browser talks to AniList directly for artwork/details.

2. Installing & activating

1. In WordPress admin go to **Appearance** → **Themes** → **Add New** → **Upload Theme**.
2. Choose `animetoonsekai-wp.zip` and click **Install Now**.
3. Click **Activate**.
4. A new “**Anime**” menu appears in the left admin sidebar — that’s where you manage your titles.

If an anime page shows “404 / Nothing Found” right after install, go to **Settings** → **Permalinks** and click **Save Changes** once. This refreshes WordPress’s URL rules so `/anime/<slug>/` works. (The theme tries to do this automatically on activation.)

Requirements

- WordPress 5.5+ and PHP 7.4+
- Internet access for visitors (browser fetches metadata from AniList)

3. The two anime pages

Every anime you publish has **two views built from the same post**:

View	URL	What visitors see
Info page (the default)	<code>/anime/<slug>/</code>	The poster hero with the faded AniList landscape banner behind it, a meta row (score/type/year/episodes), Watch buttons, the synopsis, an info sidebar, and the full episode grid.
Watch page (the player)	<code>/anime/<slug>/?play=1&type=sub</code>	The video player, a SUB / DUB toggle, episode range tabs (EP 1–100, 101–200...), a numbered episode grid, and the same info card on the side.

Opening an anime always lands on the **Info page** first. The **Watch page** only loads when a visitor clicks a **Watch** button or an episode number (which adds `?play=N` to the URL).

Consistent for every title (v1.5.0+): the full layout — hero, meta row, Watch buttons and a complete episode grid built from AniList — now appears for **every** anime that has an AniList ID, even before you’ve pasted a single embed link. Episodes without a link simply show “*This episode isn’t available yet*” in the player until you add one.

4. Adding an anime (step by step)

Go to **Anime** → **Add New**. You'll see the post title, editor, and a box named **"Anime Player — Episodes & Embed Links"**. The fastest way to fill everything in is the new **Fetch anime** button.

The easy way — "Fetch anime from AniList" NEW in 1.6.0

1. In the green "🔍 **Fetch anime from AniList**" box, type the anime name (e.g. **Chainsaw Man**) — or paste its AniList ID (e.g. **21**) — and click **Fetch anime**.
2. A short list of matches appears. Click the correct one.

Anime Player — Episodes & Embed Links

 **Fetch anime from AniList**

Search an anime by name (or paste its AniList ID) and click **Fetch anime**. This fills the **title**, **AniList ID**, **synopsis** and pulls the full **episode list** for you — then you just paste the embed links.

Fetch anime

Pick the correct anime:



Chainsaw Man
TV • 2022 • 12 eps • ID 127230



Chainsaw Man: Shikaku-hen
• ID 204429



Chainsaw Man – The Movie: Reze Arc
MOVIE • 2025 • 1 eps • ID 171627

AniList ID (optional — auto-fills poster, synopsis, genres, score on the watch page)

Find the ID in the AniList URL: anilist.co/anime/21/One-Piece → ID is **21**. Leave blank to use the post title / featured image instead.

Episodes

Add episodes, then add one or more servers to each. Paste the **embed URL** (the `src` of the iframe your host gives you — just the URL, not the

Figure 2 — Searching "Chainsaw Man". Each result shows the cover, title, format, year, episode count and AniList ID so you can pick the right entry.

3. A **preview card** opens with the cover, title and details. Tick what you want it to fill in:
 - **Set post title** — uses the official English/Romaji title
 - **Set synopsis (post content)** — drops the AniList description into the editor
 - **Fetch episode list** — creates a numbered block for every episode
4. Click **Apply to this post**. The title, AniList ID, synopsis and episode list are filled in instantly.

Anime Player — Episodes & Embed Links

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Fetch anime



Chainsaw Man

TV • 12 eps • ★ 8.3 • 2022 — AniList ID 127230

☒ Set post title ☒ Set synopsis (post content) ☒ Fetch episode list

Apply to this post

Poster/synopsis/score also auto-fill live on the front-end from the AniList ID. The featured image isn't changed automatically — set it in the sidebar if you want a custom poster.

AniList ID (optional — auto-fills poster, synopsis, genres, score on the watch page)

Find the ID in the AniList URL: anilist.co/anime/21/One-Piece → ID is **21**. Leave blank to use the post title / featured image instead.

Episodes
Add episodes, then add one or more servers to each. Paste the **embed URL** (the `src` of the iframe your host gives you — just the URL, not the whole `<iframe>` tag). Mark each server SUB or DUB.

Figure 3 — The preview card. Choose which fields to import, then click **Apply to this post**. One click fills the title, AniList ID, synopsis and full episode list.

The **featured image is not changed automatically** — the poster shown on the front-end is pulled live from AniList. If you want a custom poster, set a **Featured image** in the sidebar as usual.

The manual way

1. **Title** — type the anime name (this becomes the page slug, e.g. `/anime/one-piece/`).
2. **AniList ID** — enter the number from the AniList URL (`anilist.co/anime/21/One-Piece/` → ID is **21**). This auto-fills poster, synopsis, genres and score on the front-end.
3. **Featured image** (optional) — set a custom poster, or leave blank to use AniList's.
4. Add episodes (next section), then **Publish**.

5. Adding episodes & embed links

Inside the same box is the **Episodes** section. There are three ways to build your episode list — pick whichever suits you:

Method	How
A. Fetch anime (easiest)	Tick Fetch episode list in the preview card (section 4) — every episode block is created for you.
B. Auto on save	Just enter an AniList ID and click Publish/Update . The theme pulls every episode server-side and creates a block for each. Episodes/links you already added are always kept.
C. Manual	Click + Add Episode and type the number and (optional) title yourself.

However the blocks get created, **all you have to do is paste an embed link** into each one:

The screenshot shows the episode editor interface. At the top, there's a checkbox labeled "Keep episodes I already added (merge instead of replace)" and a button "Fetch episodes now (preview)". Below this, there are two episode blocks. Each block has an "Ep #" field, a "Title" field, a "Delete episode" button, a "Server" field, an "Embed URL" field, a "SUB" dropdown menu, a "Remove" button, and a "+ Add server" button. The first block has "Ep # 1", "Title Romance Dawn", "Server 1", "https://your-host.com/embed/abc123", and "SUB". The second block has "Ep #", "Title (optional)", "Server label (e.g. Server 1)", "Embed URL (https://host/embed/xxxx)", and "SUB".

Figure 4 — The episode editor. Each episode has an **Ep #**, an optional **Title**, and one or more **servers**. For each server: a **label**, the **embed URL**, and a **SUB/DUB** type.

Adding a server (the video source)

1. Under an episode, click **+ Add server**.
2. **Label** — what shows on the button (e.g. **Server 1**, **Vidstream**).
3. **Embed URL** — paste the **iframe embed link** your host gives you (e.g. **https://your-host.com/embed/abc123**). Use the **embed URL**, not the page URL, and paste **only the URL** — not the whole **<iframe>** tag.
4. **Type** — choose **SUB** or **DUB** (controls the badge and the SUB/DUB toggle on the Watch page).
5. Add multiple servers per episode if you have mirrors — visitors can switch between them.

If the player says “configuration error”: that host blocks embedding on your domain, or you pasted the *page* URL instead of the *embed* URL. Always use the host's iframe embed link.

Publish & watch

Click **Publish** (or **Update**). Open the anime — you land on the **Info page**. Click **Watch EP 1 (Sub)** / **Watch Dub**, or any episode number, and the **Watch page** opens with the player. The first server of the chosen type auto-plays.

6. Data & storage

Item	Where it's stored
Episode list & embed links	Post meta <code>_ats_episodes</code> (a JSON string) on each Anime post
AniList ID	Post meta <code>_ats_anilist_id</code>
Poster / synopsis / genres / score / banner	Not stored — fetched live from AniList by the visitor's browser
Fetched episode counts/titles	Cached in a WordPress transient for ~6 hours to reduce API calls

Because artwork and details live on AniList, your database stays tiny — each anime is essentially just an ID plus a list of embed links.

7. Troubleshooting & FAQ

An old anime looks “bare” compared to newer ones

Fixed in v1.5.0 — every anime with an AniList ID now renders the full layout (hero, Watch buttons, episode grid) even before any embed links are added. You don't need to re-save old posts; the theme also purges page caches automatically when it's updated.

It jumps straight to the player instead of the info page

Fixed in v1.3.0 — opening an anime always shows the Info page first. The player only loads when a **Watch** button or episode is clicked (adding `?play=N` to the URL).

The page redirects to the Trending list, or shows 404

Go to **Settings** → **Permalinks** → **Save Changes** once. This refreshes WordPress's URL rules.

“Fetch anime” found nothing / wrong title

Try the Romaji name, a shorter keyword, or paste the exact **AniList ID** instead. Search matches come straight from AniList, sorted by best match.

Do I need an API key for AniList?

No. AniList's public GraphQL API needs no key or login.

Quick recap: Add New → **Fetch anime** → pick the title → **Apply to this post** → paste your embed links into each episode → **Publish**. That's a complete, fully-styled anime page.