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# How To Use Tailwind CSS with Next.js

In this guide, we'll walk through how to install [Tailwind CSS](#) in a [Next.js](#) project. This guide assumes you are using Next.js 9.2 or above — check out the [pre 9.2 guide](#) for earlier versions.

## 1 Create a new project

If you are starting fresh, run the following command to create a new Next.js project. Otherwise, you can proceed with these steps to add Tailwind to an existing Next.js app.

```
npm create next-app next-js-tailwind
cd next-js-tailwind
```



## 2 Install dependencies

Run the following to install Tailwind and a few other packages:

```
npm install tailwindcss autoprefixer @fullhuman/postcss-purgecss --save-dev
```



### 3 Configure the build pipeline

Create a `postcss.config.js` file with the following contents:

```
module.exports = {
  plugins: {
    tailwindcss: {},
    autoprefixer: {},
    ...(process.env.NODE_ENV === 'production'
      ? {
          '@fullhuman/postcss-purgecss': {
            content: [
              './components/**/*.js',
              './pages/**/*.js'
            ],
            defaultExtractor: content => content.match(/[\w-/:]+(?
```



Here we are [running PurgeCSS in production](#) to keep the CSS size to a minimum.

### 4 Add Tailwind to your CSS

Create a `styles.css` file in the root of your project with the Tailwind directives:

```
/* purgecss start ignore */
@tailwind base;
```



```
@tailwind components;
/* purgecss end ignore */

@tailwind utilities;
```

The `purgecss` comments tell PurgeCSS to never purge important base styles.

## 5 Import your CSS

If you don't already have a custom `pages/_app.js` file, create one like this:

```
import './styles.css';

function App({ Component, pageProps }) {
  return <Component {...pageProps} />;
}

export default App;
```

If you already have a custom app file, just add the `import` for your stylesheet. That's it! You can now start using Tailwind CSS utilities in your `className` attributes!

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