# Customize the skin of an archive

Elementor

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**When it comes to displaying posts archives with Elementor, we are quickly disillusioned. Elementor may be a great page builder, but it doesn't have the ability to display custom fields. Fortunately there is a solution to all the problems, it is called Ele Custom Skin**

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## Introduction

When it comes to displaying custom fields in an archive page using the Elementor**"Posts Archive"** widget, it quickly becomes clear that this is not possible. This is because Elementor only offers three types of layouts,  **classic, map and full**. Strange thing, none of them includes custom fields. It took a little research and perseverance to find the fifth plugin on this site, **Ele Custom Skin**.

*The Ele Custom Skin plugin*

# The loop

Ele Custom Skin simply adds a new tab to the Elementor templates that has the explicit name of **loop**. It works in the same way as another Elementor template. Here are a few lines on how it works :

- Create a loop in the same way as an Elementor template.
- Name it "Post Loop" or any other name you think is appropriate.
- Create a section, add your desires.
- Save your work. When asked for the display condition, **leave it empty**.

## Display custom fields

To display custom fields, simply set the widget to the appropriate field type.

As an example, for the title :

- Add the **"Post title"** widget.

Another example, the country :

- Add the **"Title"** widget.
- Click on the small symbol representing a hard disk **(dynamic tags)**.
- Select **"ACF Fields"** at the bottom of the list.
- Click on the bolt key on the left.
- In the key dropdown list, select the **"Country"** field.
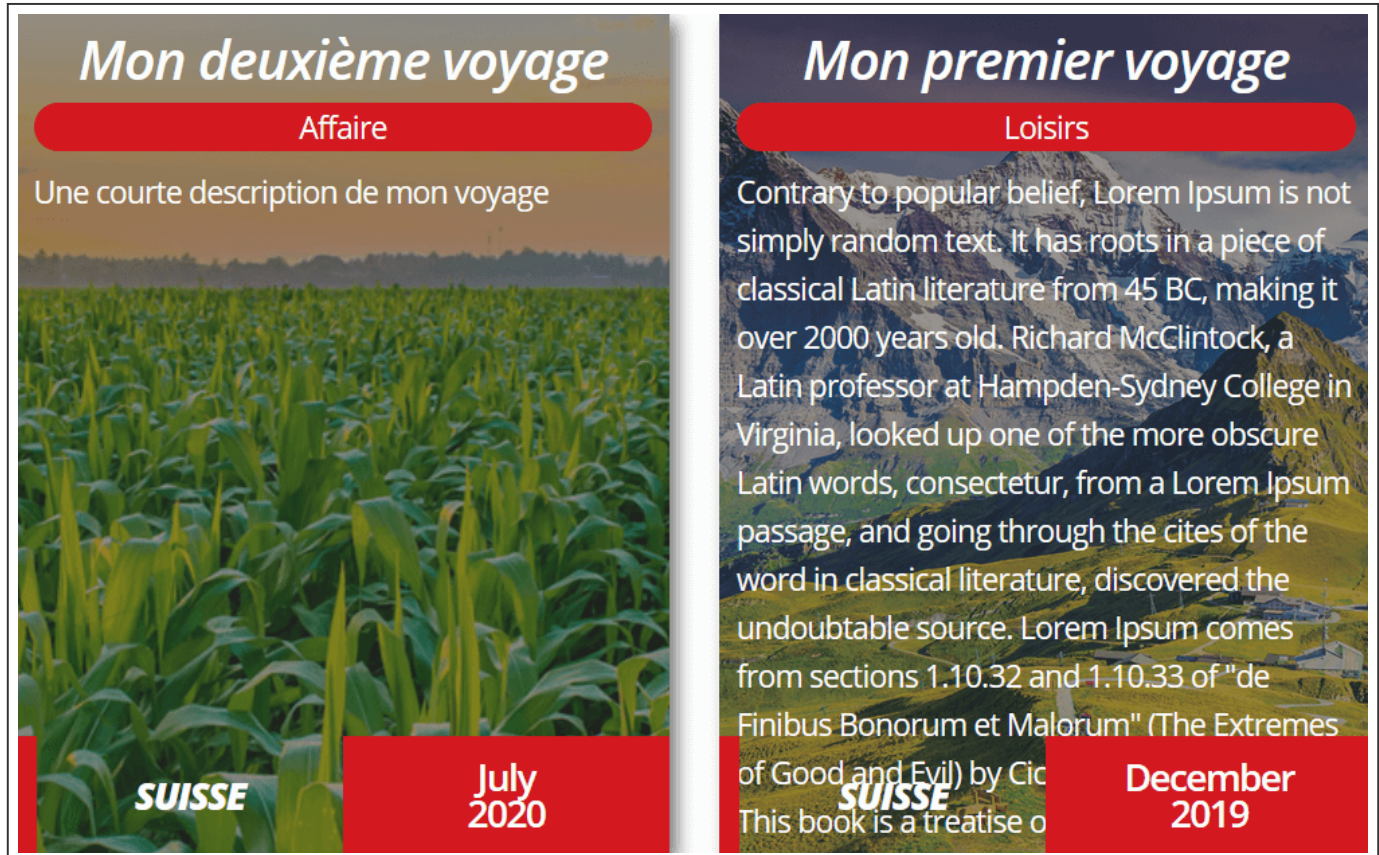- Save your work.

Last example, the background image :

- Click on the section.
- Click on Style.
- In the background type, select the ACF field **"Image"**.

You can of course materialize your loop as you wish. Let your imagination run wild. Below, the first attempt without formatting (in french).



*A first loop attempt without formatting*

This is starting to look like my wireframe and I like it. Now, the next thought brings me the following question. What will happen if the description text is too long? Well, the answer is not pretty.

*My archive block with a description that goes beyond the margins*

In a case like this, not many other solutions than using Javascript to count the maximum lines and truncate the text. To be continued in my next post, **Running Javascript in WordPress**.