

Your Website, Ready for You to Publish

STEP-BY-STEP SELF-PUBLISHING GUIDE | NETLIFY + GODADDY

This guide accompanies your completed website ZIP. You own your domain and hosting accounts, and you handle the setup. Save the original ZIP before making any changes.

1 Unzip your site

Download the ZIP delivered by Danielle Website Designs. On a Mac, double-click it. On Windows, choose Extract All. Find the site folder containing **index.html**, its other pages and its assets folder. Keep all files together.

2 Sign in to Netlify

Open <https://app.netlify.com> and sign in to an account you own. Choose Add new project / Deploy manually, or open <https://app.netlify.com/drop>.

3 Upload the extracted folder

Drag the actual website folder containing **index.html** to Netlify. Do not upload only the index file or just this guide. When deployed, test the new temporary **.netlify.app** URL first.

4 Add your existing domain

In Netlify, go to Domain management, choose to add an existing domain, and enter the domain you registered. Follow the on-screen verification process.

5 Connect GoDaddy DNS

In GoDaddy, open your domain DNS settings. Apply the DNS records or nameserver instructions from Netlify for your specific domain. Do not use random record values. If you already use your domain for email, protect the existing mail records when changing DNS.

6 Verify HTTPS

Once DNS changes take effect, check that your domain opens securely via HTTPS. Changes and certificate provisioning may take time.

7 Test your live website

On phone and computer, test navigation, buttons, page URLs, images, email links, and forms. Contact forms and email signup services may need separate activation, credentials, and testing. A website ZIP does not automatically activate them.

8 Keep your ZIP and records

Keep a backup of the ZIP and this guide. To publish future changes, upload the updated folder using Netlify Deploys. Maintain domain renewals and any required provider subscriptions.

Before calling it finished: Home and all pages load; buttons and forms work; images appear; your domain resolves; HTTPS is secure; mobile pages look right.

What is not included: Self-Publish does not include Danielle publishing the site, changing DNS, activating external services, fixing provider-specific errors, or ongoing maintenance. Such work needs a separate written quote.

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