

Loop! There it is!

The Query Loop Cheat Sheet starring GenerateBlocks

Build Dynamic Layouts with Custom Post Types and the Query Loop Block

Anatomy of the GenerateBlocks Query Block



Query

Define which content to display.



Looper

Wrap the layout in columns.



Loop Item

Define the layout for each post's "card"

Query Loop Parameters

Parameter	What It Does
Post Type	Choose which type of content to show—Posts, Pages, or any Custom Post Type
Include Posts	Show only specific posts by ID
Exclude Posts	Hide specific posts by ID
Taxonomies	Filter posts by Category, Tag, or any custom taxonomy

Author	Show posts by a specific author
Order By	Choose how to sort your posts—by date, title, menu order, etc.
Order	ASC (ascending) or DESC (descending)
Offset	Skip a number of posts before starting the loop
Posts Per Page	Set how many posts you want to show in the loop
Sticky Posts	Show only sticky posts, hide them, or ignore their status
Post Status	Choose to show published, draft, scheduled, or private posts
Inherit Global Query	Pull the same query used on the page (like for category archives)
Ignore Sticky Posts	Don't prioritize sticky posts even if they're marked

Examples you can use right now!

Blog Posts with a Featured Post + Remaining Posts



This displays your most recent post in a large, eye-catching layout.

Loop 1: Featured Post

- **Post Type:** `post`
- **Posts Per Page:** `1`
- **Order By:** `date`
- **Order:** `DESC`

Loop 2: Featured Post

- **Post Type:** `post`
- **Posts Per Page:** `6` (or however many you want)
- **Offset:** `1`
- **Order By:** `date`
- **Order:** `DESC`

Bonus Tips:

- **Use different layouts** for each loop (e.g., big featured post + smaller cards for the rest)
- You can do this all on one page using two GenerateBlocks Query Loop blocks

Services Grouped by Category (Online and In-Person)



This layout displays services divided into groups based on a **taxonomy filter** (like Service Type).

Loop 1: Online Services

This loop pulls and displays only services categorized as “Online.”

- **Post Type:** **services**
- **Taxonomy:** **service-type = online**
- **Posts Per Page:** **6 (or however many fit visually)**
- **Order By:** **menu_order (or title or date)**
- **Order:** **ASC**

Loop 2: In-Person Services

This loop displays only services categorized as “In-Person.”

- **Post Type:** **services**
- **Taxonomy:** **service-type = in-person**
- **Posts Per Page:** **6 (or however many fit visually)**
- **Order By:** **menu_order (or title or date)**
- **Order:** **ASC**

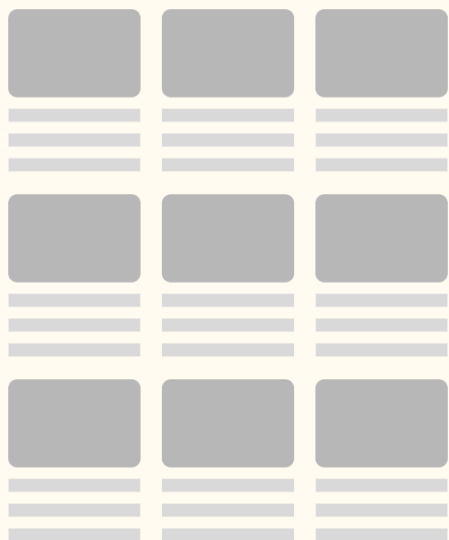
In your CPT structure, you'll need:

- A **taxonomy** called something like **service-type**
- Terms inside it: **online**, **in-person**

Bonus Tips:

- Create a **separate heading block** above each loop ("Online Services" / "In-Person Services") for clarity.
- Style each group differently if you want:
→ Example: blue background for Online, soft gray for In-Person.
- You can use **Query Loop Patterns** to quickly insert clean layouts for each group.

Recipes: Loop Through Different Cuisines That Share the Same Ingredient



Show recipes from different cuisines (e.g., Italian, Thai, Mexican) — but only those that also include a specific ingredient (e.g., Chicken).

Example: Recipes with Ingredient = Chicken

You'd use a **combined filter**:

- **Post Type:** **recipes**
- **Taxonomy 1:** **ingredients = chicken**
- **Taxonomy 2:** **cuisine = (italian, thai, mexican)**
(optional: filter by multiple cuisines, or loop separately by each)

Possible Loop Structures

Option 1: One Big Loop (all cuisines, filtered by chicken)

Pulls all chicken recipes, regardless of cuisine.

- **Post Type:** **recipes**
- **Taxonomy:** **ingredients = chicken**
- **Posts Per Page:** **12**
- **Order By:** **date**
- **Order:** **DESC**

Option 2: Grouped Loops by Cuisine (still filtered by chicken)

Each loop shows recipes from one cuisine, but always includes chicken.

Loop 1: Italian Chicken Recipes

- **Post Type:** **recipes**
- **Taxonomy:** **ingredients = chicken**
- **Taxonomy 2:** **cuisine = italian**

Loop 2: Italian Chicken Recipes

- **Post Type:** **recipes**
- **Taxonomy:** **ingredients = chicken**
- **Taxonomy 2:** **cuisine = thai**

Loop 3: Italian Chicken Recipes

- **Post Type:** recipes
- **Taxonomy:** ingredients = chicken
- **Taxonomy 2:** cuisine = mexican

Important Setup:

- You need recipes tagged with **BOTH**:
 - The correct ingredient (e.g., chicken)
 - The correct cuisine (e.g., italian)
- Make sure your Recipe CPT is assigned both taxonomies.

Bonus Tips:

- **Plan your taxonomy structure first**
Before adding lots of recipes, decide on your ingredients and cuisine taxonomies. It saves time later when filtering and building loops.

Dive Deeper

Learn More the GenerateBlocks Query Block

- [GenerateBlocks Query Block Documentation](#)

Learn More the WordPress Loop

- [4+ Ways to Loop with WordPress](#)
- [WordPress Loop complete guide: everything you need to know](#)

Learn More About Custom Post Types

If you're feeling inspired to create even more dynamic, organized WordPress sites, Custom Post Types (CPTs) open up a world of possibilities.

You don't have to become a developer to start using CPTs thoughtfully—you just need a clear guide and a little curiosity.

Here are a few beginner-friendly resources to help you go deeper:

- [WordPress Custom Post Types: The All-In-One Guide to Create and Use Them](#)
- [How to Create Custom Post Types in WordPress](#)
- [Creating Custom Post Types Made Easy: A No-Code Guide - Gutenberg Hub](#)