

There are 2 special things you will need in setting up your HostGator hosting plan.

1. My affiliate link: <http://secure.hostgator.com/~affiliat/cgi-bin/affiliates/clickthru.cgi?id=laurendubinsky>
2. Your 25% off code: LAUREN25PERCENTOFF

I recommend purchasing a year at a time. Your total will come to approximately \$60 up front for the entire year, with the 25% off coupon. You can choose to pay monthly, but the 25% coupon will only affect the first month of payment – so you will end up paying approximately \$10 a month.

To set up your HostGator hosting plan, follow the step-by-step instructions below:

Step One:

Cut and paste this link into your browser window:

<http://secure.hostgator.com/~affiliat/cgi-bin/affiliates/clickthru.cgi?id=laurendubinsky>

It will direct you to HostGator.com. Click “View Web Hosting Plans.”

The image is a screenshot of the HostGator website homepage. At the top left is the HostGator logo, a blue cartoon alligator with a yellow belly, and the text "HostGator we eat up the competition". To the right of the logo are the phone numbers "Toll Free: 1.866.96.GATOR" and "Local: 1.713.574.5287", along with the text "Now hosting over 7,000,000 domains!". Further right is a "LIVE CHAT" button with a photo of a woman. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: HOME, WEB HOSTING, RESELLER HOSTING, VPS HOSTING, DEDICATED SERVERS, SUPPORT, and AFFILIATES. The main content area features a large banner for "Unlimited Web Hosting" with the tagline "Web Hosting made EASY and AFFORDABLE!". The banner includes a list of features: UNLIMITED Disk Space, UNLIMITED Bandwidth, FREE SiteBuilder (Try Demo), EASY Control Panel (Try Demo), 1-CLICK Script Installs, 4,500 Free Email Accounts, 99.9% Uptime, 45 Day Money Back Guarantee, 24/7/365 Technical Support, and \$100 Google AdWords Credit. A "click here" box points to the "EASY Control Panel" feature. A "VIEW WEB HOSTING PLANS" button is circled in red. A "Now 20% OFF!" badge is in the top right of the banner, and a wooden sign says "STARTING AT \$3.96*/mo". A "POWERED BY 100% WIND ENERGY" logo is in the bottom left of the banner.

Step Two:

Choose how much of your plan you want to purchase today.

I recommend one year for most bloggers, which will total at \$62 with your 25% off coupon. If you would like to purchase 2 years up front, it will total at \$107 with your 25% coupon. 3 years will total at \$133. You can also pay monthly, but your 25% off coupon will only work for your first month. If you pay monthly, your first month will be \$6.72 and your future monthly bill will be \$8.95.

The screenshot shows the HostGator website's web hosting section. At the top, it says "HostGator » Web Hosting" and "Get Started with HostGator Web Hosting Today!". There are three main plan cards: Hatchling Plan, Baby Plan, and Business Plan. Each card has a "NOW 20% OFF!" banner. The Hatchling Plan lists features: Single Domain, UNLIMITED Disk Space, UNLIMITED Bandwidth, and Shared SSL Certificate. It shows pricing options: Starting at \$3.96/mo*, 3 Years - \$3.96/mo*, 2 Years - \$4.76/mo*, 1 Year - \$5.56/mo* (circled in red), 6 Months - \$7.16/mo*, and Monthly - \$7.16/mo*. The Baby Plan lists features: UNLIMITED Domains, UNLIMITED Disk Space, UNLIMITED Bandwidth, and Shared SSL Certificate. It shows pricing: Starting at \$6.36/mo*. The Business Plan lists features: UNLIMITED Domains, UNLIMITED Disk Space, UNLIMITED Bandwidth, FREE Private SSL & IP, and FREE Toll Free Number. It shows pricing: Starting at \$10.36/mo*. Below each plan card is a "Compare All Hosting Plans" link and an "ORDER NOW" button. A red callout box points to the 1-year price of the Hatchling Plan, containing the text: "So long as you are only working with 1 domain, the Hatchling plan is everything you need! You can upgrade at any time." At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a "HostGator Control Panel" link and a "Get Invoice" link.

The Hatchling plan will provide everything you need for one domain.

If you are needing to host 2+ domains, you can choose Baby Plan. If you aren't sure you'll need a 2nd domain yet, go ahead and purchase Hatchling. HostGator has great LiveChat support that you can access anytime and you can upgrade your account easily at any time.

Both Hatchling and Baby will support all the traffic (bandwidth) and disk space that you need.

Step Three:

Step 1: Choose a Domain

Step 1 » Step 2

Register a New Domain

Help me **register** a new domain name.

Enter Domain Name:

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CONTINUE TO STEP 2 ▶

or


I Currently Have a Domain Name

Use an existing domain name.

Enter Domain Name:

CONTINUE TO STEP 2 ▶

Enter a Coupon Code

Coupon Code:  You have chosen out

1. Enter your domain name here. If you don't have a domain yet, do that FIRST. I recommend GoDaddy.

2. Type in "LAUREN25PERCENTOFF" to get 25% off. It's okay to delete any code already here.

Step Four:







Step 2: Billing Information

Step 1 » Step 2

Please confirm your hosting package information:

Package Type <input type="text" value="Hatchling"/>	Billing Cycle <input type="text" value="12 Month @ 5.21/mo 25.00 Percent OF"/>
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Please choose your account information:

Username <input type="text"/>  May not contain capital letters  Must start with a letter  Must be 2-8 characters long  May not contain special characters	Security Pin <input type="text"/>  Must be 4-8 characters long  May only contain numbers
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Please enter your billing information:

<input type="text" value="Billing Information"/>	<input type="text" value="Payment Information"/>
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Make sure you have the correct plan + billing cycle selected. Create a Username + PIN, and complete your purchase.

Step Five:

And you're done! You will receive 2 emails from Host Gator.

Please forward me the email titled, "HostGator.com : : Your Account Info."

This email includes your unique login URL for your server, as well as your login and the nameservers for your new plan so that I can connect your domain name to your new site!

Make sure you save this email for future reference. It's a good idea to bookmark your login URL.