CHANGE THE BACKGROUND OF FINDER WINDOWS

Are you tired of seeing the boring white background of the Finder windows? Change it! You can spice up your Desktop by setting a folder's background to a picture or a solid color. Note that this only works when the layout of the folder's window is set to the icon view. You won't see the background if you view the items in the list, column, or cover flow views.

Setting a Solid Color Background

Here's how to change the background of a Finder window:

1. Switch to the Finder. Open the folder you'd like to change.

2. From the **View** menu, select **as Icons**.

3. From the **View** menu, select **Show View Options**, as shown below.

4. The window shown below appears. From the *Background* section, select **Color** and then use the color selection tool to set a color for the background.

Applications

☑ Always open in icon view
  ☑ Browse in icon view

Arrange By: [None   ⬍]

Sort By: [None   ⬍]

Icon size: 64 × 64

Grid spacing:

Text size: [12   ⬍]
Label position:
  ⦿ Bottom   ◯ Right

☐ Show item info
☑ Show icon preview

Background:
  ◯ White
  ⦿ Color   ▮
  ◯ Picture

[Use as Defaults]

5. Close the *View Options* window. Now your folder's window background will be set to the background color you selected, as shown below.

That's it! Continue reading if you'd like to know how to set an image as the background of a Finder window.

Using an Image as the Background

You can also set an image as the background of a Finder window. Here's how:

1. Switch to the Finder. Open the folder you'd like to change.

2. From the **View** menu, select **as Icons**.

3. From the **View** menu, select **Show View Options**.

4. The window shown below appears. From the *Background* section, select **Picture** and then drag a photo or image to the box.

5. Close the *View Options* window. Now your folder's window background will be set to the image you selected, as shown below.

That's it! Continue reading if you'd like to know how to specify the background of all Finder windows.

Set a Default Background for All Finder Windows

You can set different backgrounds for different folders, of course, but you can also set a default background for all Finder windows. Here's how:

1. Switch to the Finder. Open the folder you'd like to change.

2. From the **View** menu, select **as Icons**.

3. From the **View** menu, select **Show View Options**.

4. Set the background of the folder using the instructions above.

5. Click **Use as Defaults**.

6. Close the *View Options* window.

Now your background will be set as the default background in all Finder windows.

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