



Mac Low Vision

Making the Desktop Easier to See

Did you know you can make a simple change to your computer's desktop so the icons for documents and folders are easier to see?

Busy backgrounds can make it harder to see items on your desktop. But you can customize the way your desktop looks so it's easier to find what you really want. **Try it out!**

Wallpaper Settings

1. Select the **Apple icon** on the left side of the **Apple** menu bar at the top of the screen.
2. Select **System Settings** from the drop-down menu.
3. Select **Wallpaper** in the left pane of the **System Settings** window to open the **Wallpaper** window.

Tip: On some Macs, **System Settings** might be called **System Preferences**, in which case, wallpaper settings are found by selecting the **Desktop and Screensaver** option on the left.

Changing the Desktop Background Color

4. Find the **Colors** option at the bottom of the **Wallpaper** window. Then select the **Show all** link on the right.

Tip: On some Macs, this link may be called **Custom Color**.

5. Select a color that creates good contrast for the apps and icons on your desktop.
6. Use the keyboard shortcut **Fn + F11** to go to your desktop to see if you like the color you selected.
7. Press **Command + Tab** to go back to the **Wallpaper** window.

Tip: The **Command + Tab** shortcut always takes you back to your most recent active window.

8. Try different colors to see which works best for contrast that helps you see the important items on your desktop.