

# Data Visualization with waffle: : CHEAT SHEET



## Basics

Waffle works for creating square pie charts to visualize the percentage view of a categorical variable. To install it, use **install.packages("waffle",repos="http://cinc.rud.is")** to get the latest version.

Waffle package mainly contains two parts:

- geom\_waffle**: use squares to construct simple Waffle charts
- geom\_pictogram**: use Font Awesome 5 to make isotype pictogram

## Install Font for R

Since the version of **Font Awesome 5** is always changing, to maintain consistency, Waffle package has embedded its installation document, use **install\_fa\_fonts** to see its location.

Install **Font Awesome 5** to your computer, then apply **extrafont::font\_import()** to install it to R. For macOS, we might need **remotes::install\_version("Rttf2pt1",version="1.3.8")** first to run the import function.

## Search glyph

To preview the glyph in Font Awesome 5, Waffle also provide function **fa\_list()** which will present a htmlwidget to preview all symbols.

	name	type	glyph
1	500px	brands	
2	accessible-icon	brands	
3	accusoft	brands	

To search for a certain glyph according to its name, also use **fa\_grep()**. E.g., **fa\_grep("apple")**

	name	type	glyph
45	apple	brands	
46	apple-alt	solid	

To get several name at the time, use **"|"**. E.g., **fa\_grep("apple|rocket")**

## Basic Waffle Chart

### waffle()

```
parts<-data.frame(names = LETTERS[1:4],vals = c(10,5,3,2))
waffle(parts,rows=2)
```



### use\_glyph() to change pictogram

```
waffle(parts,rows=2,use_glyph = 'rocket')
+expand_limits(y=c(0,3))
```



### iron() for combining graphs

```
iron(waffle(parts,rows=2),waffle(parts,rows=2))
```

### geom\_waffle()

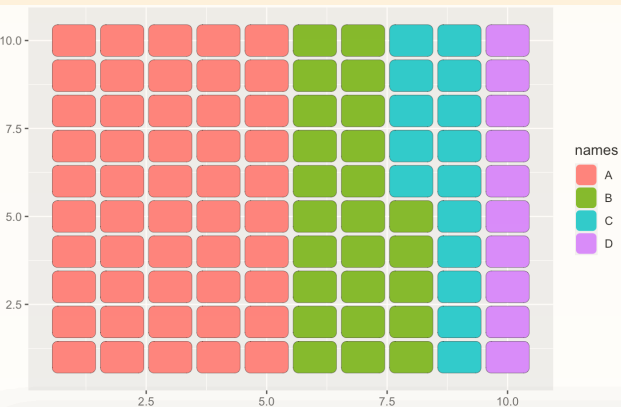
Main function for drawing waffle chart using ggplot2. It has several parameters:

**make\_proportional**: If TRUE, no matter the value of data, it turns the data into 10\*10 grids.

**radius**: use round squares for representing proportion

**height, width**: change the size of grids hence change the gaps

```
ggplot(parts, aes(fill=names, values=vals))
+geom_waffle(make_proportional = TRUE, radius=unit(4, "pt"), height=0.9, width=0.9)
```



### scale\_color\_manual()

If we have already set color in **geom\_waffle()**, **scale\_color\_manual()** will set color for the boundaries;

If we haven't, **scale\_color\_manual()** will set color for main area.

It's a good way for highlighting certain category.

### theme\_enhance\_waffle()

This function will remove panel grid, axis text, axis ticks and axis titles, **but it should be written at the last 1 or 2 lines.**

### theme\_ipsum()

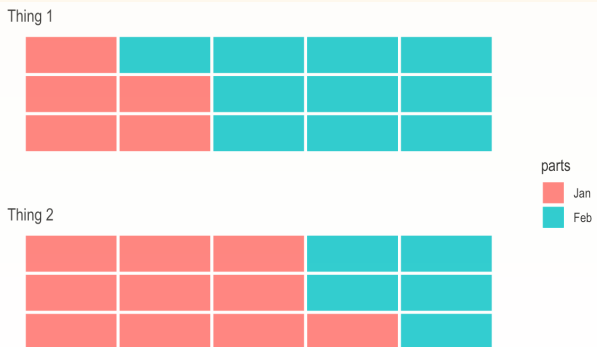
This function is in **package(hrbrthemes)**. It's a typography-centric package and provide themes such as Robots Condensed. We use the basic one with Arial Narrow.

```
ggplot(parts, aes(fill=names, values=vals))
+theme_ipsum(grid='')
+geom_waffle(aes(colour=names),make_proportion
al = TRUE,height=0.9,width=0.9,size=0.4)+scale_colo
ur_manual(values = c("black","white","white","white"))
+theme_enhance_waffle()
```

### facet\_wrap()

```
tibble(
  parts = factor(rep(month.abb[1:2], 2),
    levels=month.abb[1:3]),
  values = c(5, 10, 10, 5),
  fct = c(rep("Thing 1", 2), rep("Thing 2", 2))
) -> xdf
```

```
ggplot(xdf, aes(fill=parts, values=values))
+geom_waffle(color = "white", size=1, n_rows
=3)+facet_wrap(~fct,ncol=1)+theme_ipsum(grid='
')+theme_enhance_waffle()
```

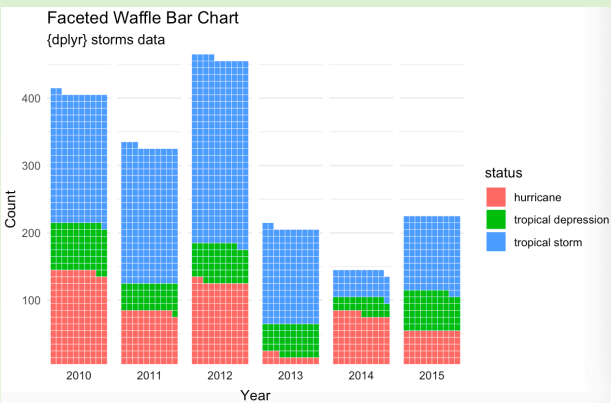


## Waffle Bar Chart

To create waffle bar chart, we mainly use **flip** parameter in **geom\_waffle** and **facet\_wrap** to make bar chart vertical. Use **scale\_x\_discrete** for different facet/bar.

```
storms %>% filter(year >= 2010) %>%
count(year, status) -> storms_df
```

```
ggplot(storms_df, aes(fill = status, values = n))+geom_waffle(color = "white", n_rows = 10,
flip = TRUE)+facet_wrap(~year, nrow = 1,
strip.position = "bottom")+theme_minimal()
+scale_x_discrete()+scale_y_continuous(labels = function(x) x * 10,expand=c(0,0))+labs(
  title = "Faceted Waffle Bar Chart",
  subtitle = "{dplyr} storms data",
  x = "Year",y = "Count")
```



## Pictograms

### geom\_pictogram()

**geom\_pictogram()** and **scale\_label\_pictogram()** are combined use. **theme\_void()** and **theme\_minimal()** are recommended which make the graph clearer and brighter.

```
tibble(food_group = factor(c("Fruit",
  "Sandwiches", "Pizza")),levels=c("Fruit",
  "Sandwiches", "Pizza")),consumption = c(5, 20,
  52)) -> xdf
```

```
ggplot(xdf, aes(label = food_group, values = consumption, color = food_group)) +
  geom_pictogram(n_rows = 10,
    make_proportional = TRUE) +
  scale_color_manual(
    name = NULL,
    values = c(
      Fruit = "#a40000",
      Sandwiches = "#c68958",
      Pizza = "#ae6056")) +
  scale_label_pictogram(
    name = NULL,
    values = c(
      Fruit = "apple-alt",
      Sandwiches = "bread-slice",
      Pizza = "pizza-slice")) +
  theme_void() +
  theme_enhance_waffle() +
  theme(legend.key.height = unit(2.25, "line")) +
  theme(legend.text = element_text(size = 10, hjust = 0, vjust = 0.75))
```

