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## Top 36 Best Ubuntu Themes That Will Blow Your Mind

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We covered different [icon themes for Ubuntu](#); most of them being icon themes inspired by [material design and flat design](#). It has been a while since our last theme article and I figure today will be a day to present you with a somewhat mega list.

My compilation includes a few themes already featured on **GeeksMint** together with others you probably haven't heard about yet. If you are keen on personalization and UI beauty then I'm sure that my compilation will blow your mind.

### Theme Installation

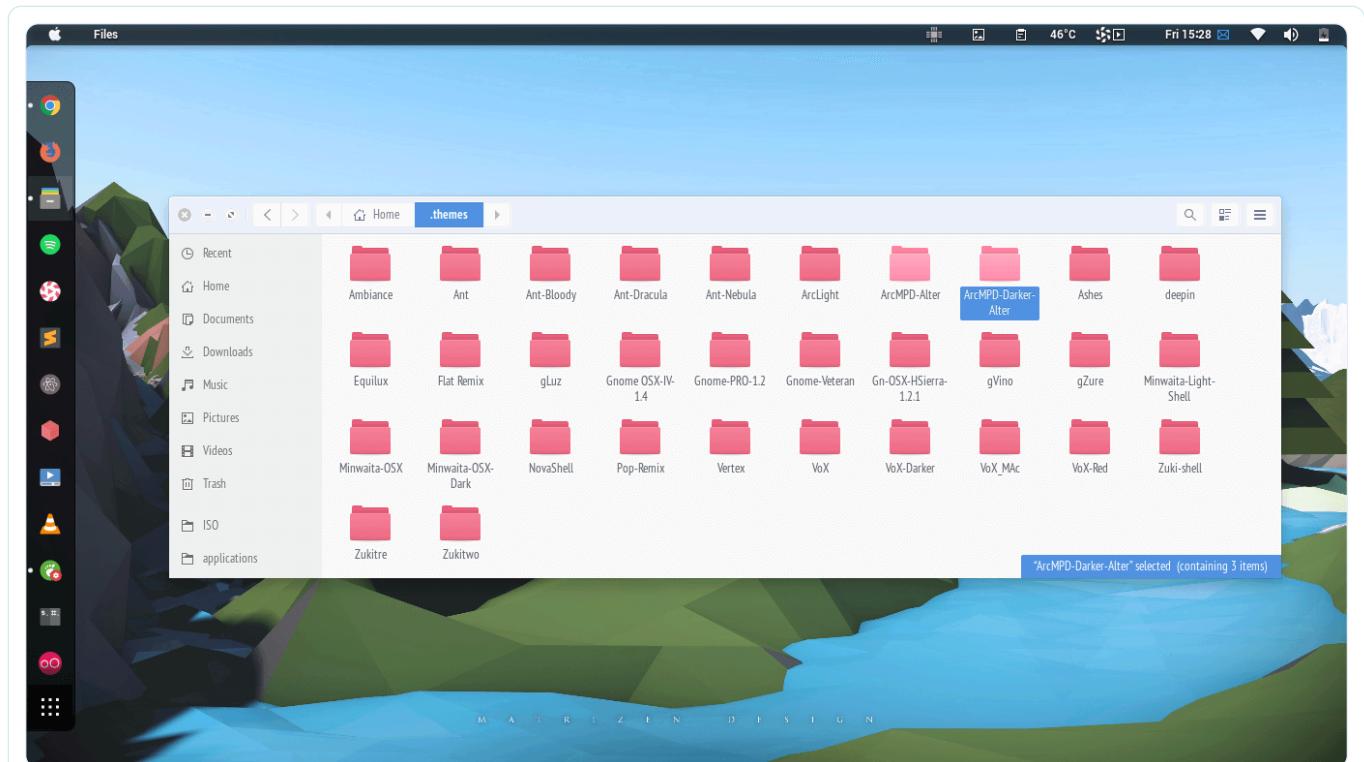
The following installation instructions are similar for every other theme available in a compressed format with the only difference being the specific theme you select.

- Download your preferred variant theme.
- Extract the zip file to `~/.themes/` a directory in your home folder.
- Use the [GNOME Tweaks](#) tool to select the theme.

### 1. ArcMPD Theme

[ArcMPD](#) is, as the name implies, an Arc-based translucent GTK theme with a modern and professional design that brings a fresh aesthetic to various applications.

With its sleek design, balanced color palette, and attention to detail, the ArcMPD Theme offers users a visually pleasing and user-friendly interface.

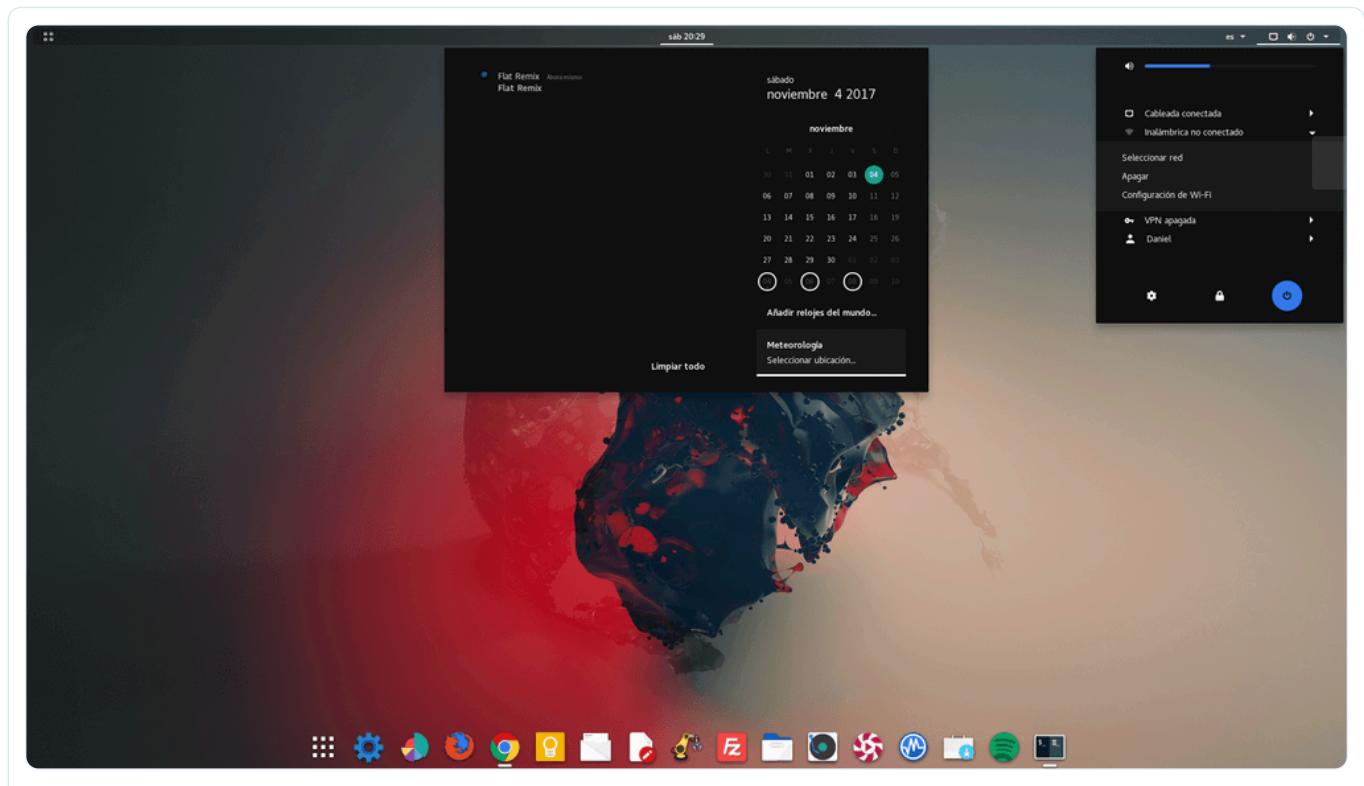


ArcMPD Theme Icons

## 2. Flat Remix Gnome Theme

[Flat Remix Gnome](#) theme is currently my favorite shell theme on this list. It is a modern, beautiful, and simple theme inspired by material design with modern “flat” colors with high contrasts and sharp borders.

It comes with its icon pack! and also available in **Light** and **Dark** versions.



Flat Remix Gnome Theme

Install the **Flat Remix Gnome** theme using the following PPA in Ubuntu and Linux Mint.

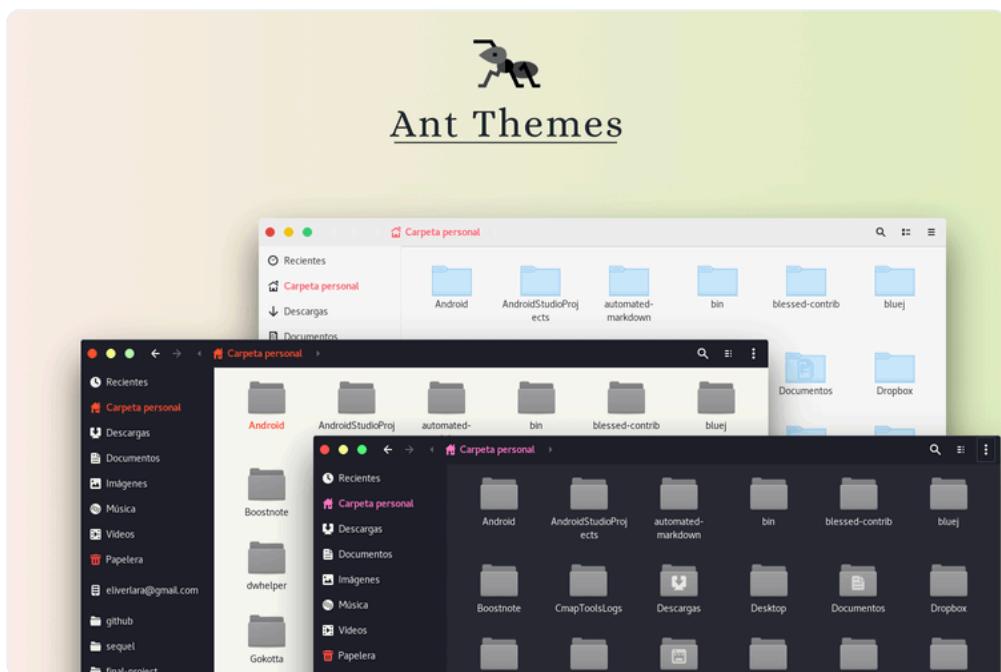
```
$ sudo add-apt-repository ppa:daniruiz/flat-remix  
$ sudo apt update  
$ sudo apt install flat-remix-gnome
```

On Fedora-based distributions.

```
$ sudo dnf copr enable daniruiz/flat-remix  
$ sudo dnf install flat-remix-gnome
```

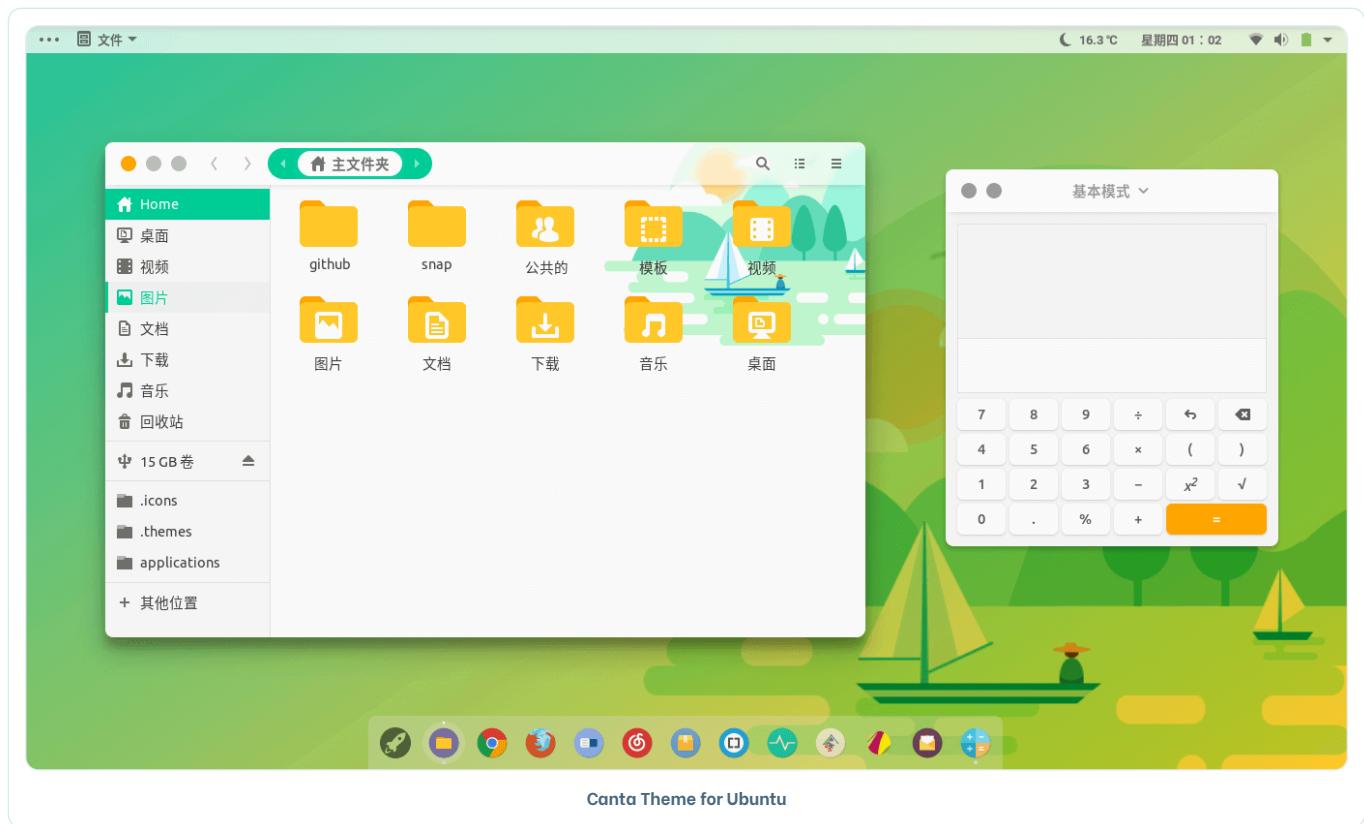
### 3. Ant Theme

[Ant](#) theme is a modern flat GTK theme with an eye candy UI and 3 color variants, Ant, Ant Dracula, and Ant Bloody.



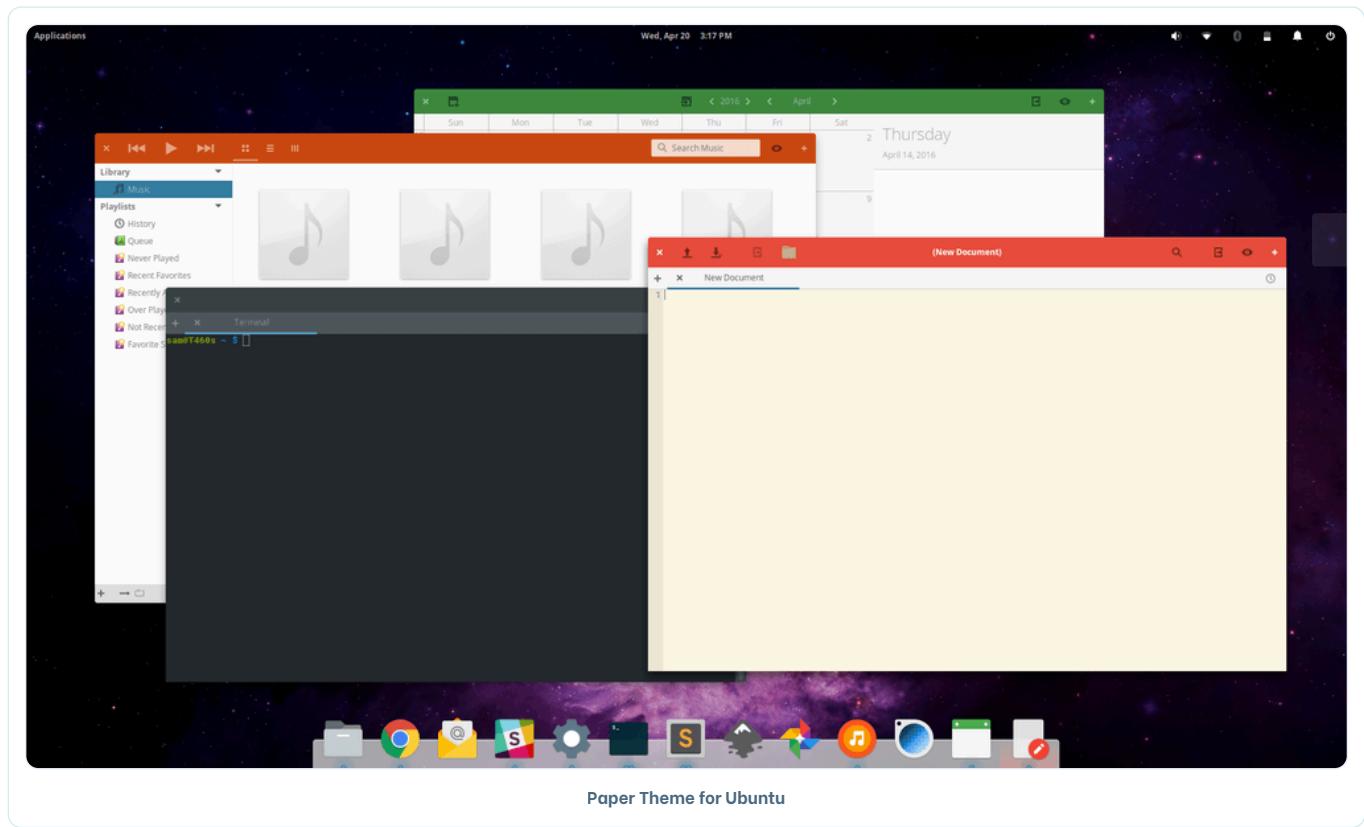
### 4. Canta Theme

[Canta](#) theme is an eye candy flat Material design theme with glossy eye-candy tabs and windows with rounded border-radius.



## 5. Paper Theme

The [Paper](#) theme, being of the Paper project, is one of the best themes available today and you can set it up together with its icon set and custom cursors.



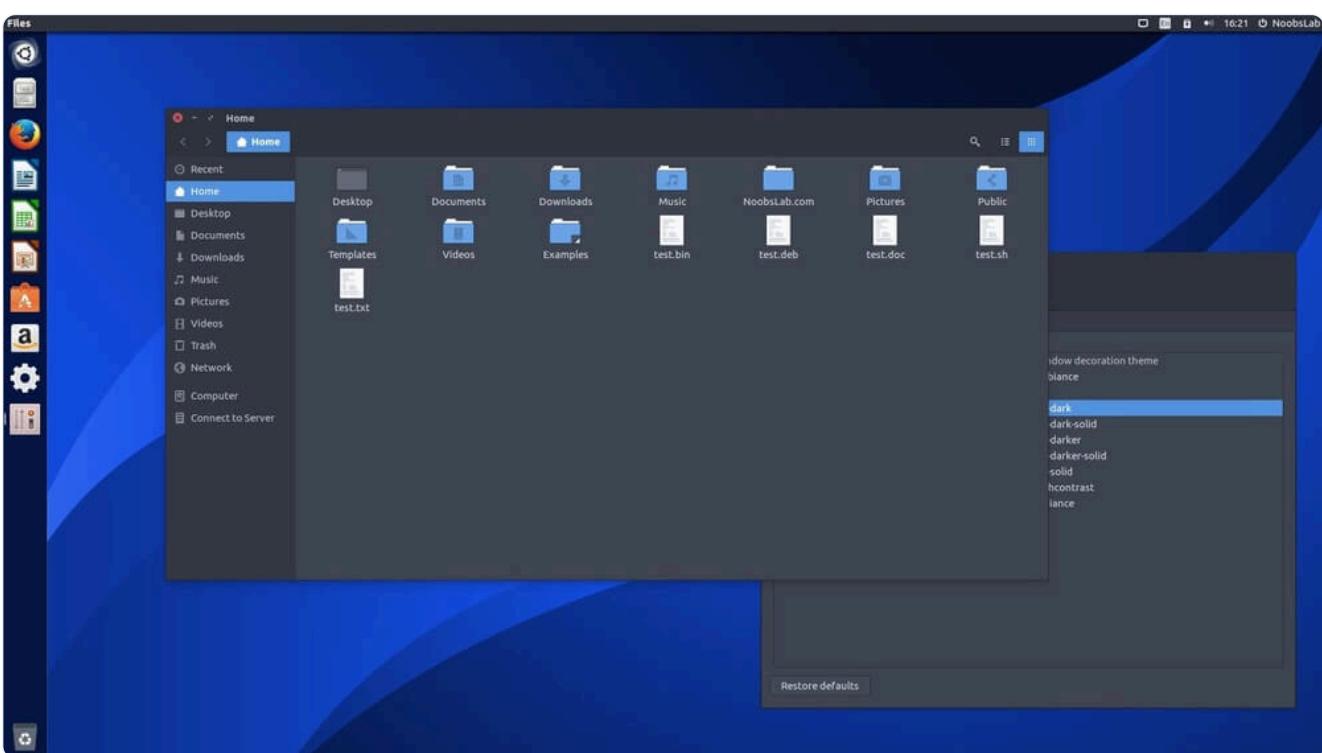
Install the [Paper](#) theme using the following PPA in Ubuntu and Linux Mint.

```
$ sudo add-apt-repository -u ppa:snwh/ppa  
$ sudo apt-get update  
$ sudo apt install paper-icon-theme
```

```
# if you want to install the icons and colors  
$ sudo apt-get install paper-icon-theme  
$ sudo apt-get install paper-cursor-theme
```

## 6. Arc Theme

[Arc](#) theme, is arguably the most popular and modern flat GTK Theme with transparent elements and 3 variants, Arc, Arc-Darker, and Arc-Dark.



Arc Theme for Ubuntu

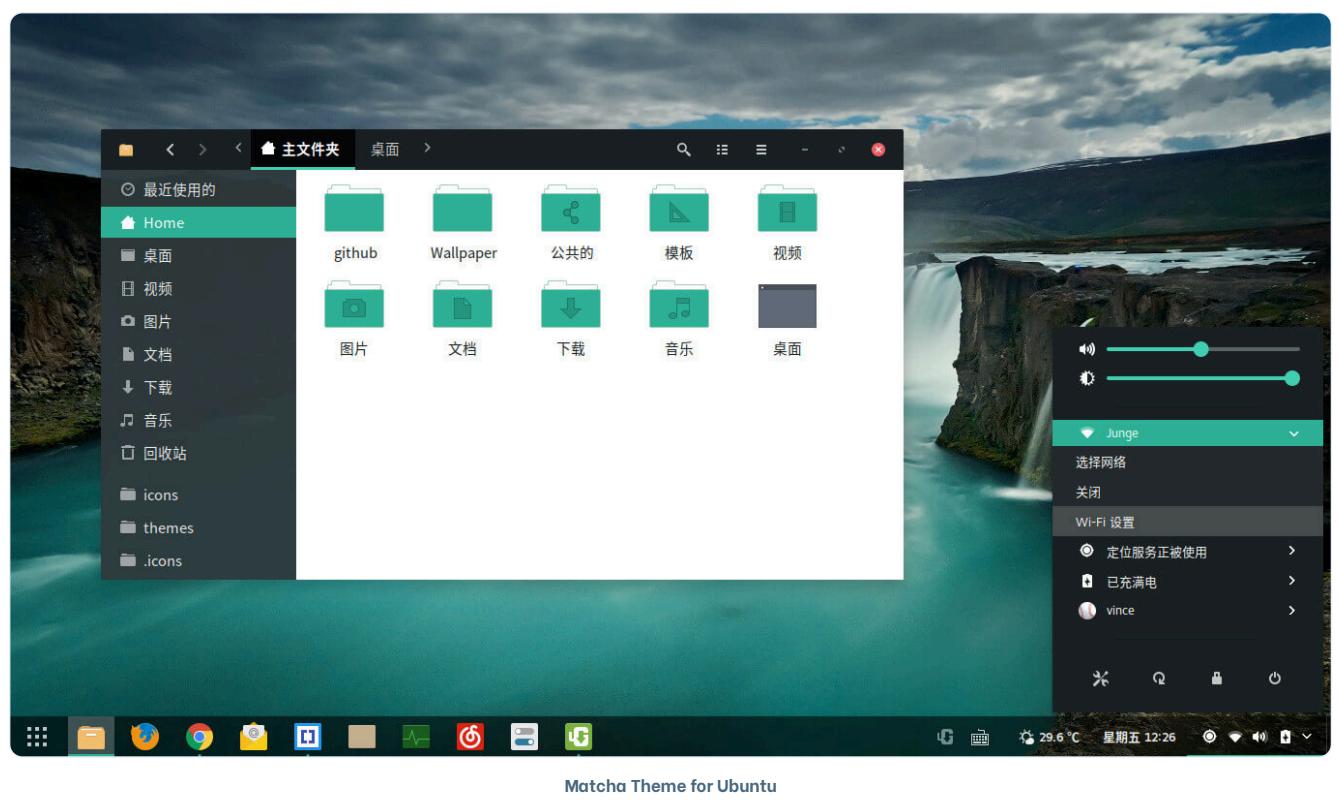
Install the **Arc** theme, clone the repository, and install manually as shown.

```
$ git clone https://github.com/horst3180/arc-theme --depth 1 && cd arc-theme  
$ ./autogen.sh --prefix=/usr  
$ sudo make install
```

After the installation is complete the theme can be activated with the gnome-tweak tool.

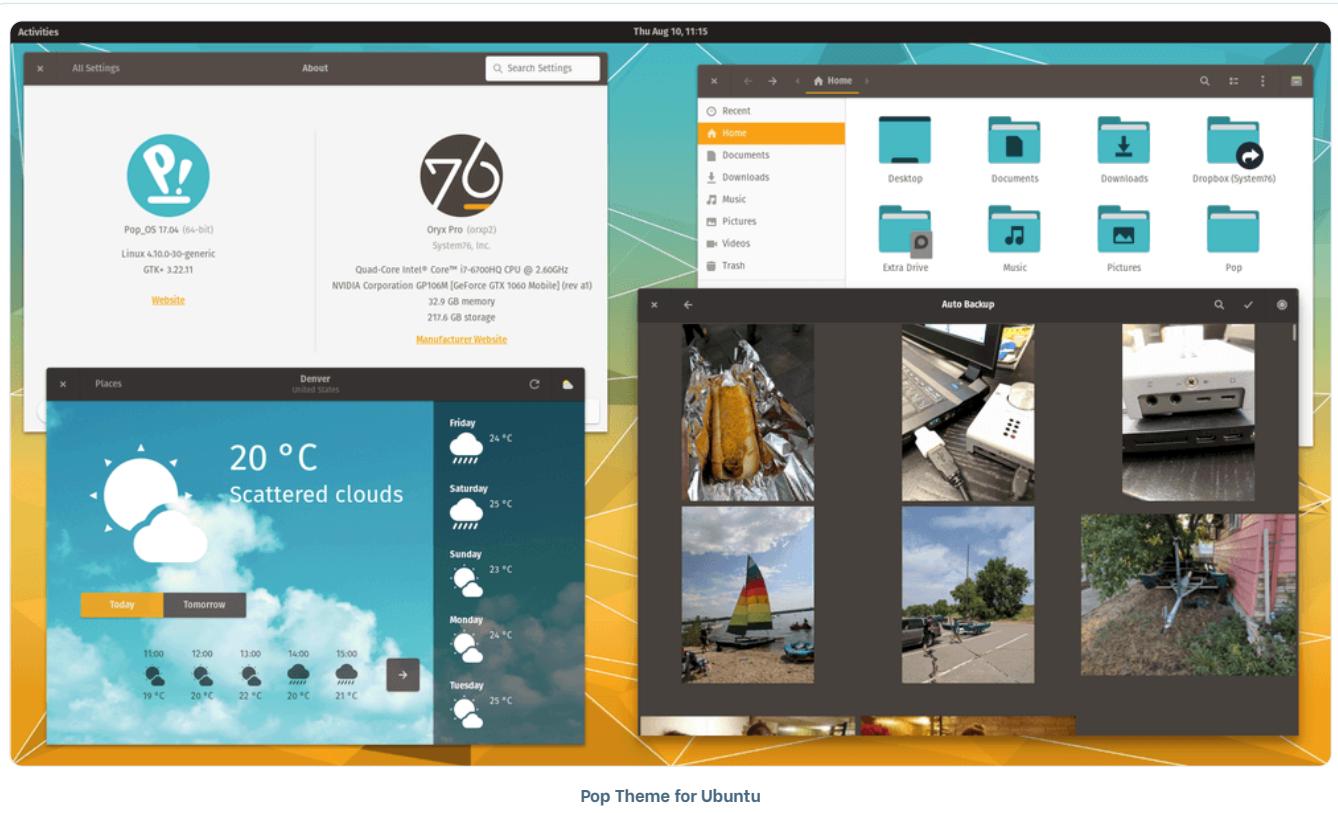
## 7. Matcha Theme

[Matcha](#) theme is a beautiful flat Arc-based theme with transparent elements. It is the perfect dark mode GTK theme with even multiple ARC variants for window control buttons.



## 8. Pop Theme

[Pop](#) is an eye candy Adapta-inspired theme reminiscent of Unity's color scheme with its brown and orange color settings.

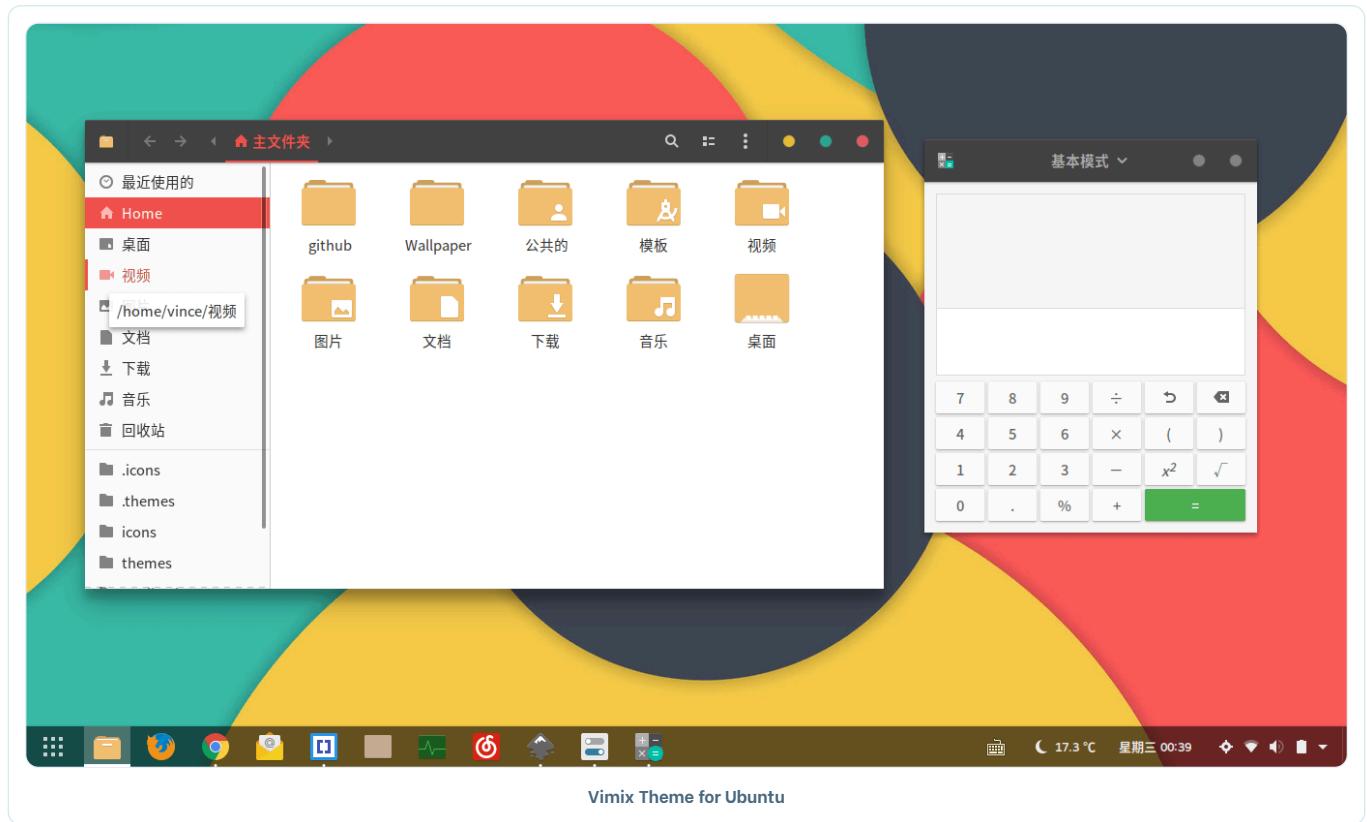


Install **Pop** theme using the following PPA in Ubuntu and Linux Mint.

```
$ sudo add-apt-repository ppa:system76/pop  
$ sudo apt update  
$ sudo apt install pop-theme
```

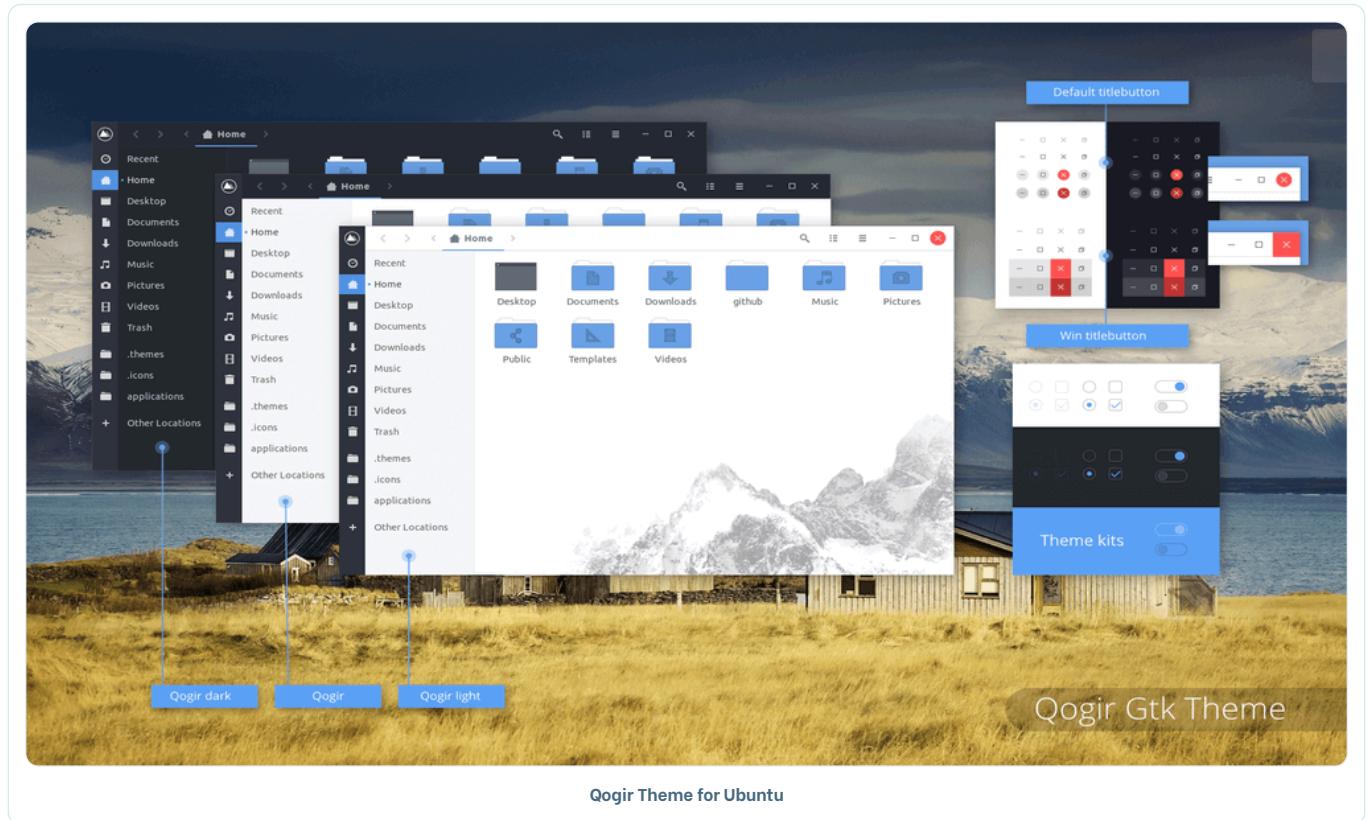
## 9. Vimix Theme

[Vimix](#) is a flat material design theme based on nana-4. Its beautifully crafted icons will give your desktop a glossy look which comes in 3 variants, Grey, Doder, and Ruby.



## 10. Qogir Theme

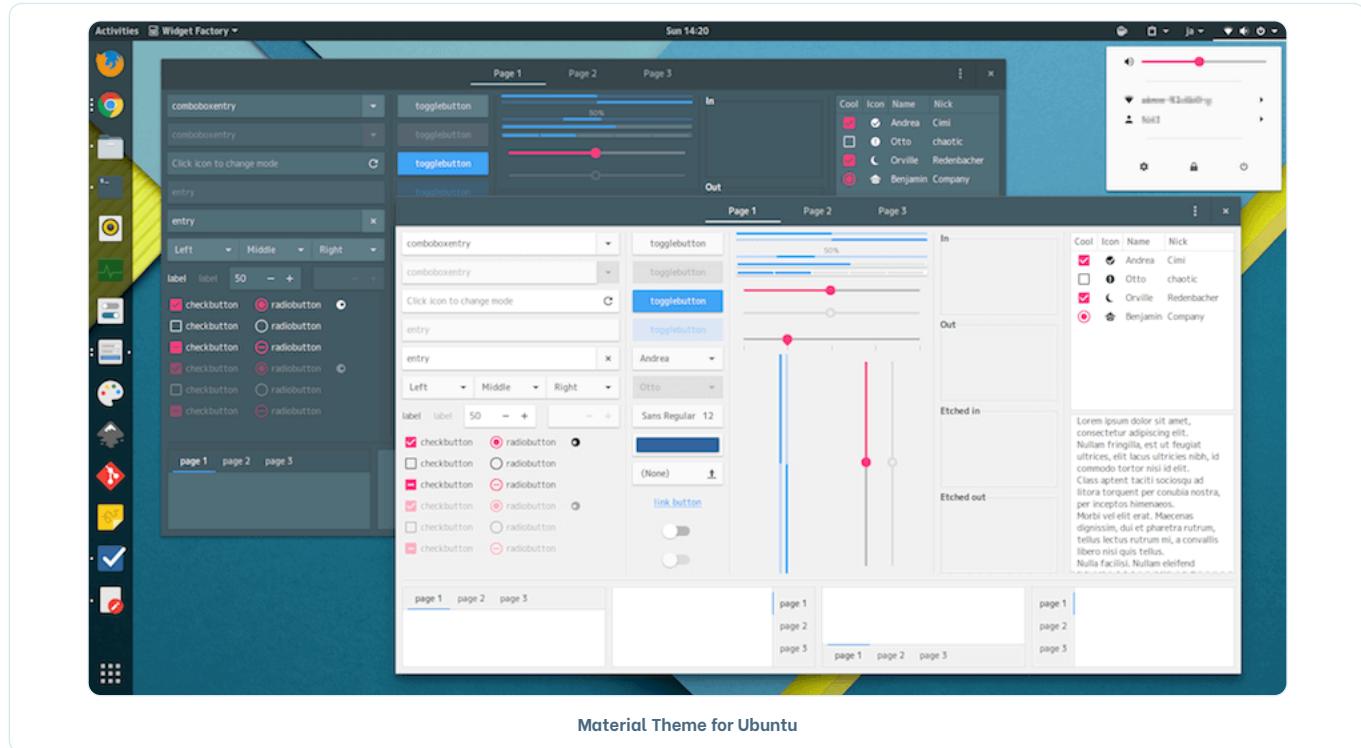
[Qogir](#) is a flat design Arc-based theme with a blue and white overall color scheme and a dark shell theme variant. As far as I'm concerned, Qogir is the cooler sibling of **Blue Face** and is bound to improve your overall desktop experience.



## 11. Materia-Theme

[Materia](#) (formerly **Flat-Plat**) is a beautiful Material Design theme that has built-in compatibility with **Oomox** theme designer.

What makes it even more awesome is its support for Ripple effect animations and it comes with 3 color variants and 2 size variants.



Install the Materia Remix Gnome theme using the following PPA in Ubuntu and Linux Mint.

```
$ sudo apt install materia-gtk-theme
```

On Fedora-based distributions.

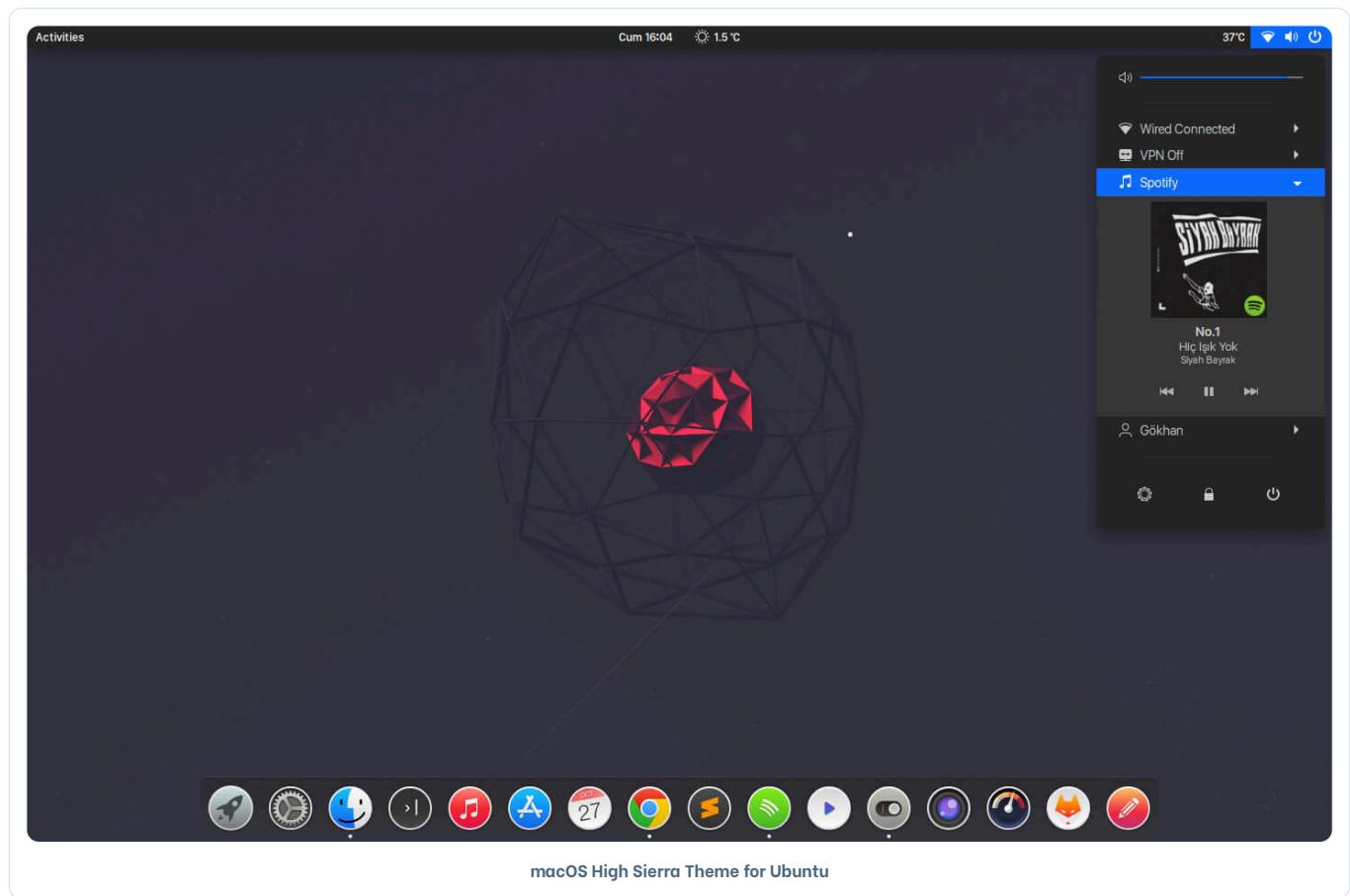
```
$ sudo dnf copr enable tcg/themes  
$ sudo dnf install materia-theme
```

You can also install three variants (Materia, Materia-dark, Materia-light) via **Flathub** using the following commands.

```
$ flatpak remote-add flathub https://flathub.org/repo/flathub.flatpakrepo  
$ flatpak install flathub org.gtk.Gtk3theme.Materia  
$ flatpak install flathub org.gtk.Gtk3theme.Materia-dark  
$ flatpak install flathub org.gtk.Gtk3theme.Materia-light
```

## 12. Sierra Gtk Theme

[Sierra](#) is a perfect shell theme GTK 3, GTK 2, and Gnome-Shell which supports GTK 3 and GTK 2-based desktop environments like Gnome, Pantheon, XFCE, Mate, etc.

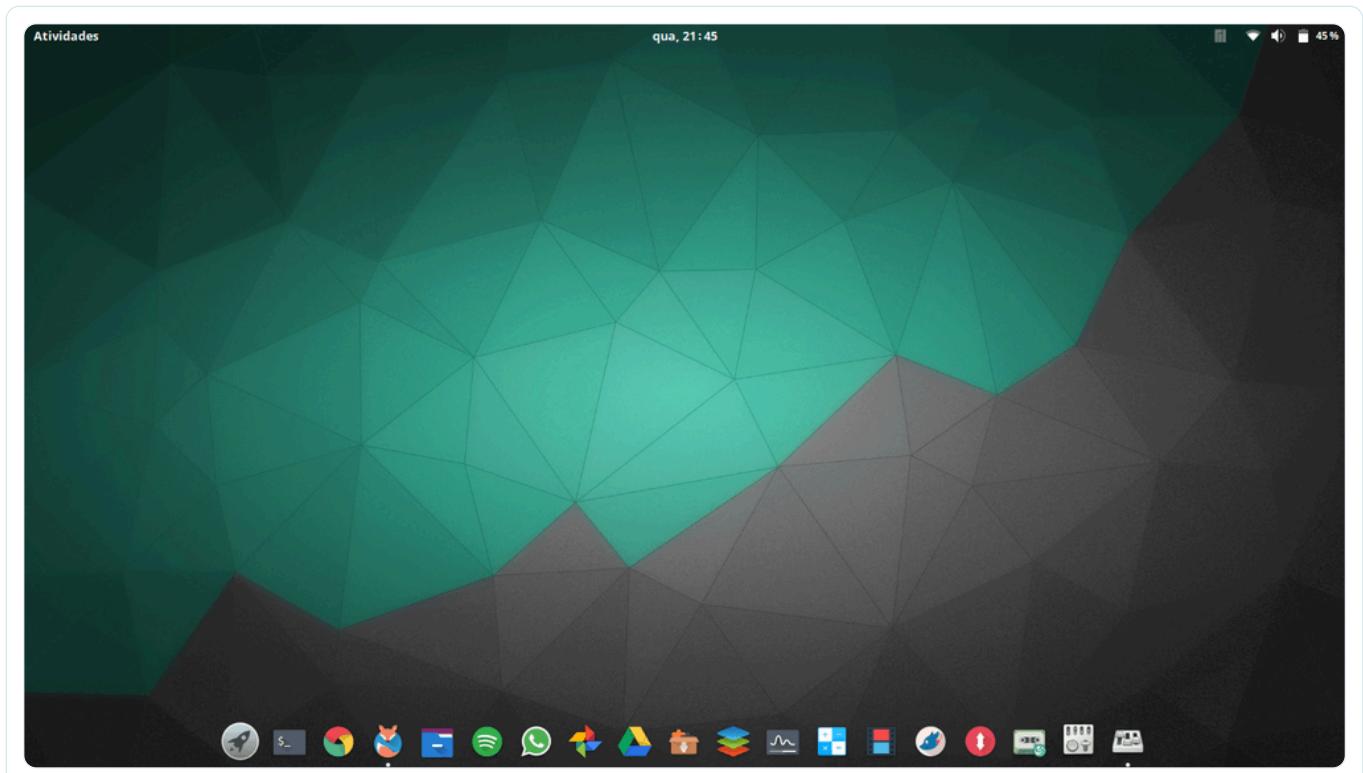


To install the **Sierra** theme, use the following PPA on Ubuntu and its derivatives.

```
$ sudo add-apt-repository ppa:dyatlov-igor/sierra-theme  
$ sudo apt update  
$ sudo apt install sierra-gtk-theme      # point releases  
$ sudo apt install sierra-gtk-theme-git   # git master branch
```

### 13. Minimal Conception Theme

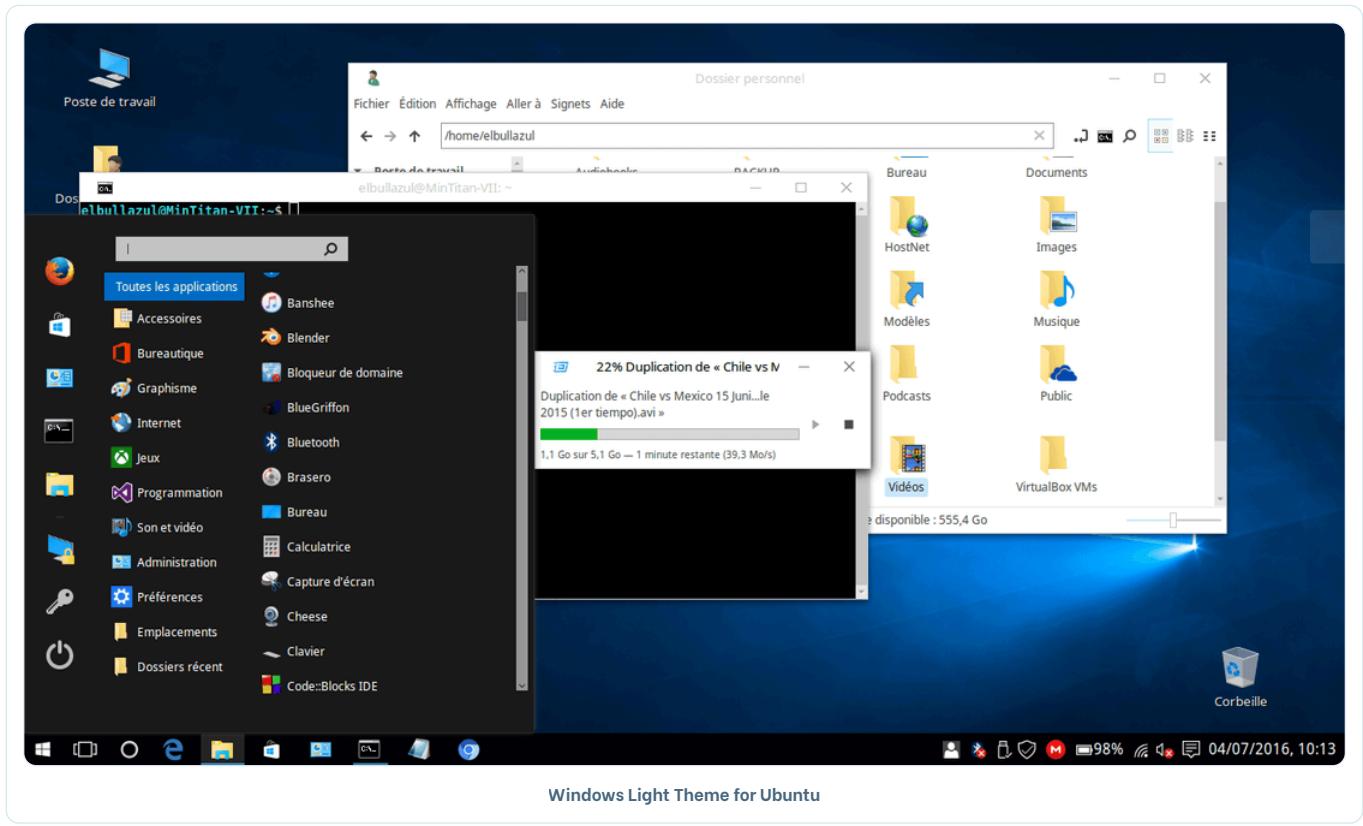
[Minimal Conception's](#) aim is to provide you with a simple interface that will keep clutter away from your workspace and maintain minimalist beauty at the same time.



Minimal Conception Theme for Ubuntu

## 14. Windows 10 Light Theme

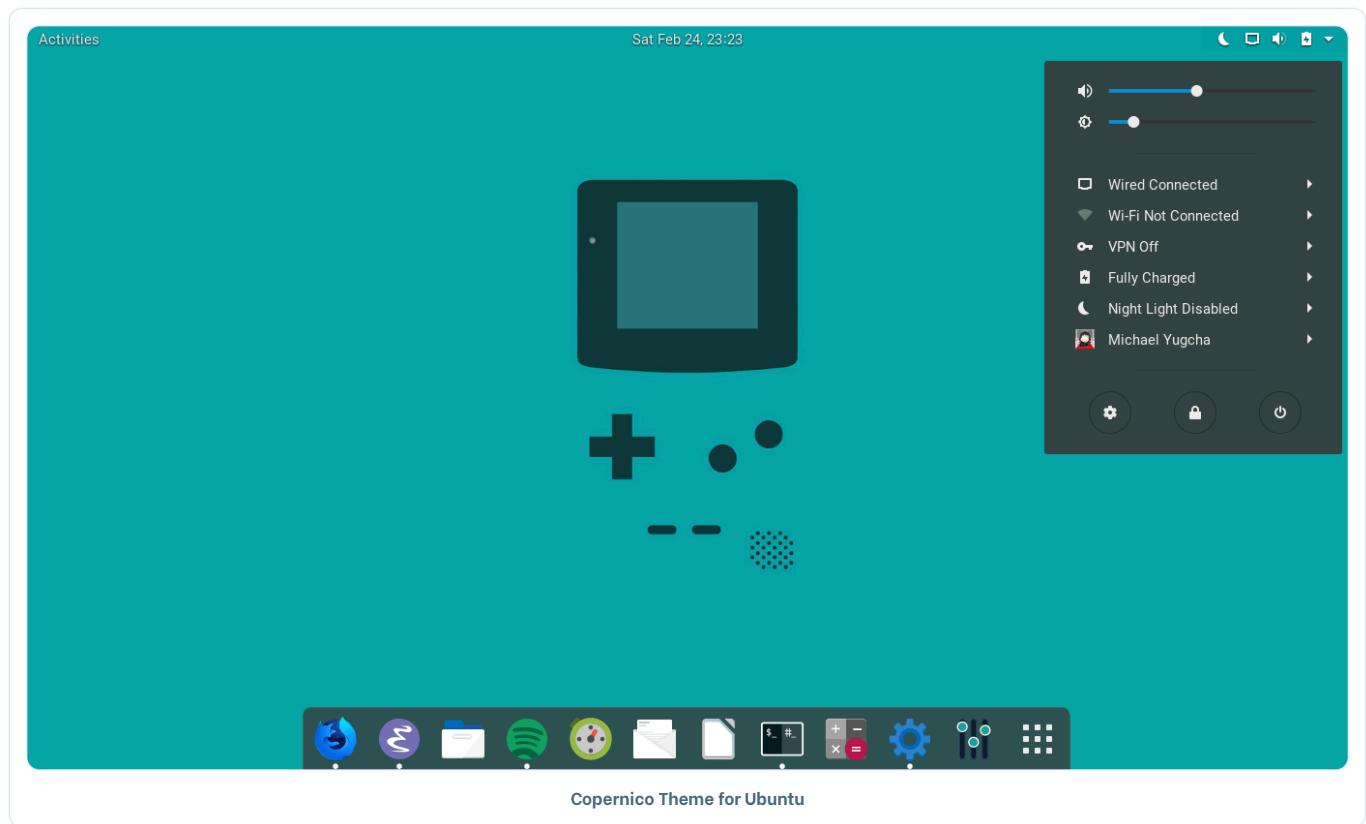
How would you like to experience Windows? with this [Windows 10 Light Theme's](#) latest UI on your GNOME or Unity desktop? Download this one and see if it doesn't win your heart.



Windows Light Theme for Ubuntu

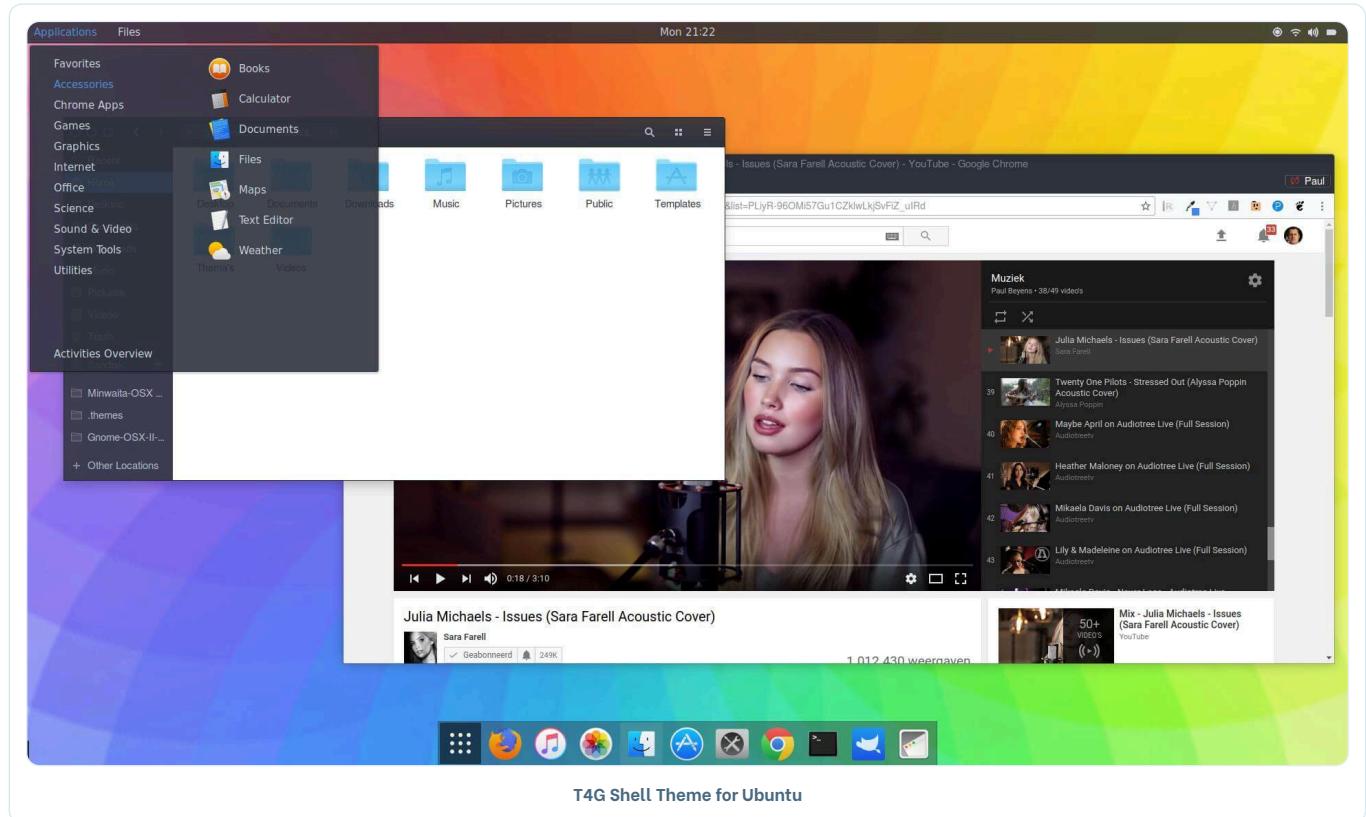
## 15. Copernico Theme

As you might have guessed, [Copernico Theme](#) is inspired by flat design and you can edit and compile its SCSS files for further customization.



## 16. T4G-Shell-theme III

[T4G-Shell-theme III](#) is a transparent dark shell theme variant of the T4G Shell theme, however, you can use it as a stand-alone shell theme. This is a good choice if you're a fan of Windows' translucent UI feature.



## 17. Human Shell Theme Collection

[The Human Shell Theme Collection](#) features a grey semi-transparent color scheme and layout that remains true and yet modern to the typical Gnome look.

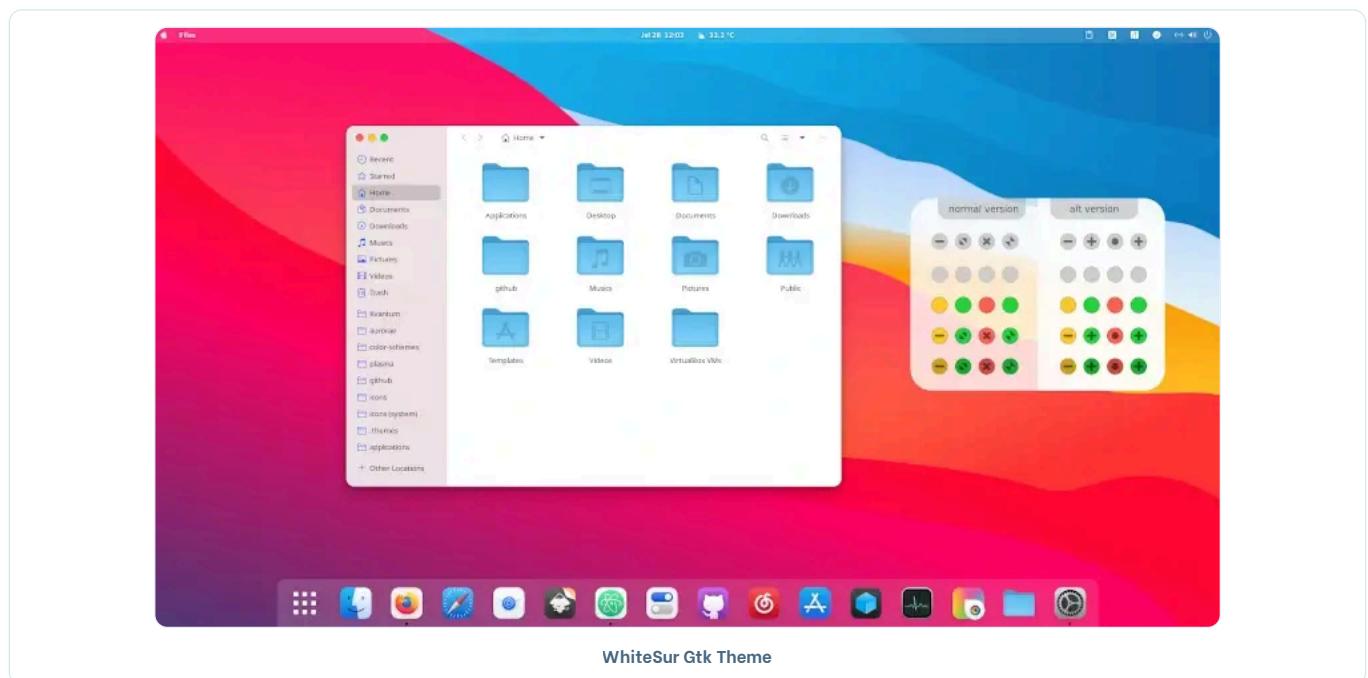
It is available in 3 variants, default, mobile, black, and next; and works best with macOS-like icons and [macOS-like docks](#).



## 18. WhiteSur Gtk Theme

The [WhiteSur Gtk Theme](#) is one of the most polished and elegant Ubuntu themes. As the name infers, it is inspired by the popular macOS Big Sur release.

It gives your Ubuntu system a macOS-like appearance and is recommended for macOS lovers transitioning into Linux. WhiteSur Gtk theme is highly customizable and comes in two themes – Light and dark themes.



To install the theme, clone the Git repository and install it as shown:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/vinceliuice/WhiteSur-gtk-theme.git --depth=1
$ cd WhiteSur-gtk-theme/
$ ./install.sh
$ ./install.sh --help
```

## 19. Mojave Gtk Theme

[Mojave Gtk](#) theme is yet another MacOSX-like theme that supports both GTK2 and GTK3-based desktop environments such as GNOME, KDE, Mate, XFCE, etc.



Mojave GTK Theme

To install the **MCMojave** theme, follow the below instructions.

```
$ wget https://github.com/vinceliuice/Mojave-gtk-theme/archive/refs/heads/master.zip
$ unzip master.zip
$ cd Mojave-gtk-theme-master/
$ sudo ./install.sh
```

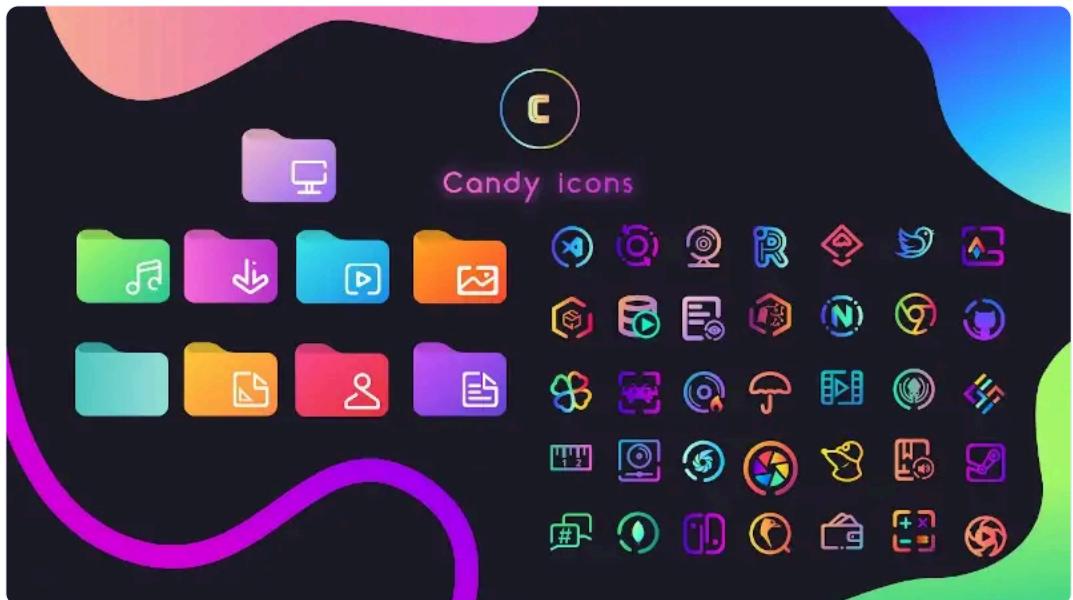
Also, you can install it from **Snap**:

```
$ sudo snap install mojave-themes
```

The MCMojave theme also provides a [McMojave KDE Theme](#) and [McMojave Circle](#) icon theme.

## 20. Candy Icons

[Candy Icons](#) theme is a flat and gradient-style theme that provides an elegant and colorful look for your PC. If you need a modern and immersive theme for your system, give the Candy Icons theme pack a try.



Candy Icons Theme

To install **Candy** icons, download the zip file, and extract the zip file to the **icons** directory residing in your home directory i.e. **~/.icons/** (create if missing) or **/usr/share/icons/**.

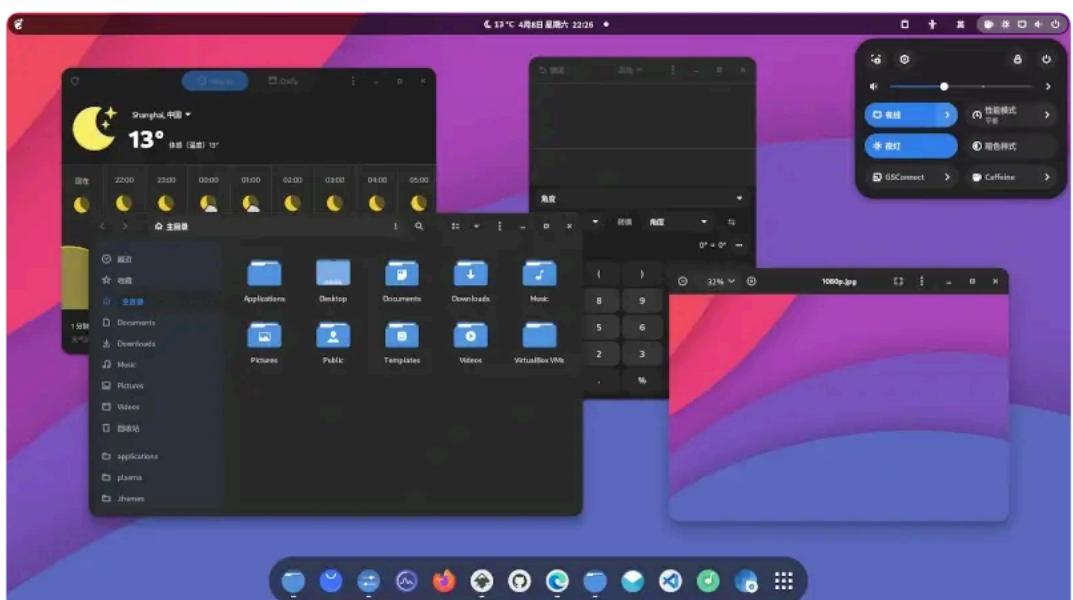
Thereafter, enable the theme using the following command:

```
$ gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.interface icon-theme candy-icons
```

## 21. Orchis GTK Theme

Based on the **Nana4 Material** design theme, [Orchis GTK Theme](#) is a theme for GNOME/GTK-based desktop environments, which is a flat-styled GTK theme for GTK3 and later versions.

It's neat and colorful and provides beautiful icon styles and layouts.



Orchis GTK Theme

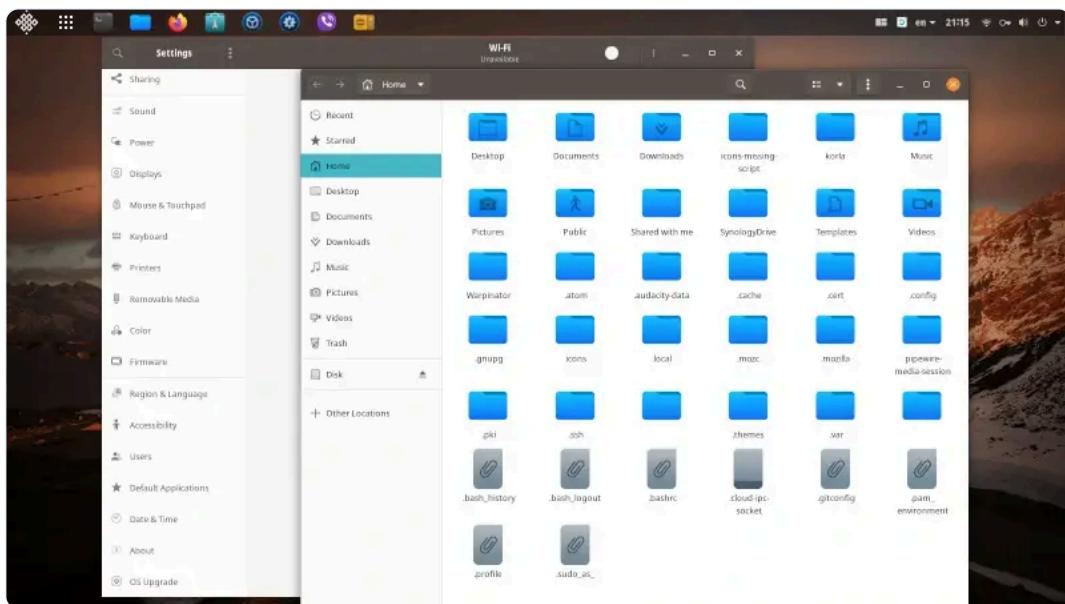
As with other themes, simply download the zip file, extract the compressed file, and navigate into the **theme** folder and install it.

```
$ sudo ./install.sh
```

The theme is highly customizable and supports different accent colors. It provides a wide range of theme variants such as red, yellow, orange, green, teal, and pink. Color variants include dark, light, and standard.

## 22. Kora Theme

[Kora Theme](#) is a colorful SVG-based theme that is a mix of macOS Themes and Papirus with polished and beautiful icons. It comes in three variants: Kora Light, Kora Grey, Kora, and Light Panel.



Kora Theme

To install **Kora**, clone the Git repository:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/bikass/kora.git
```

Next copy the **Kora** folders into either `/usr/share/icons/` or `$HOME/.local/share/icons/` directories.

## 23. Reversal Icon Theme

[Reversal Icon Theme](#) is a beautiful and inspiring rectangle design icon theme for popular desktop environments such as GNOME and KDE. You can also select your favorite folder colors.

## REVERSAL ICON THEME



Reversal Icon Theme

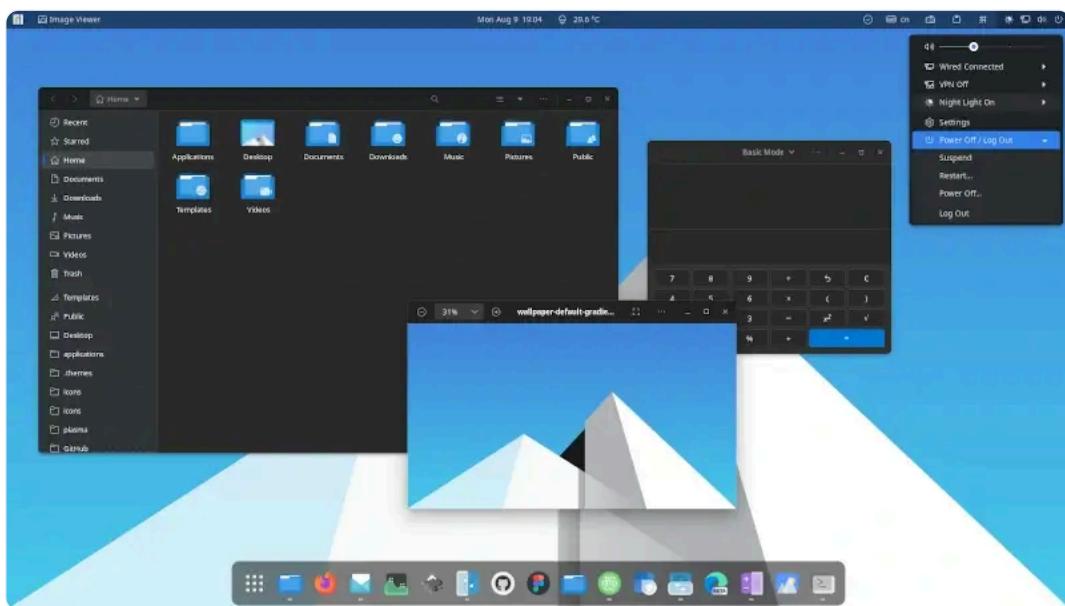
To install the reversal theme, download the zip directory from the GitHub repository, extract the compressed file, and run the installation script.

```
$ sudo ./install.sh
```

## 24. Fluent GTK Theme

[Fluent GTK Theme](#) is a highly customizable and aesthetically appealing theme tailored for GNOME/GTK-based desktop environments. It's designed for GTK 3.20 and greater desktops.

The theme supports a myriad of theme color variants including pink, red, yellow, orange, green, teal, and purple. In addition, you can also install a dashing array of wallpapers to add a splash of color to your system.



Fluent GTK Theme

It also includes several tweaks to customize your Ubuntu desktop to your preference.

To install it, clone the Git repository, navigate into the directory, and run the installation script.

```
$ git clone https://github.com/vinceliuice/Fluent-gtk-theme.git  
$ cd Fluent-gtk-theme/  
$ sudo ./install.sh
```

## 25. Colloid GTK Theme

[Colloid GTK Theme](#) is a modern, beautiful, and neat-looking theme for Linux desktops. Like other themes, it is highly customizable and easy to tweak to match your preference.



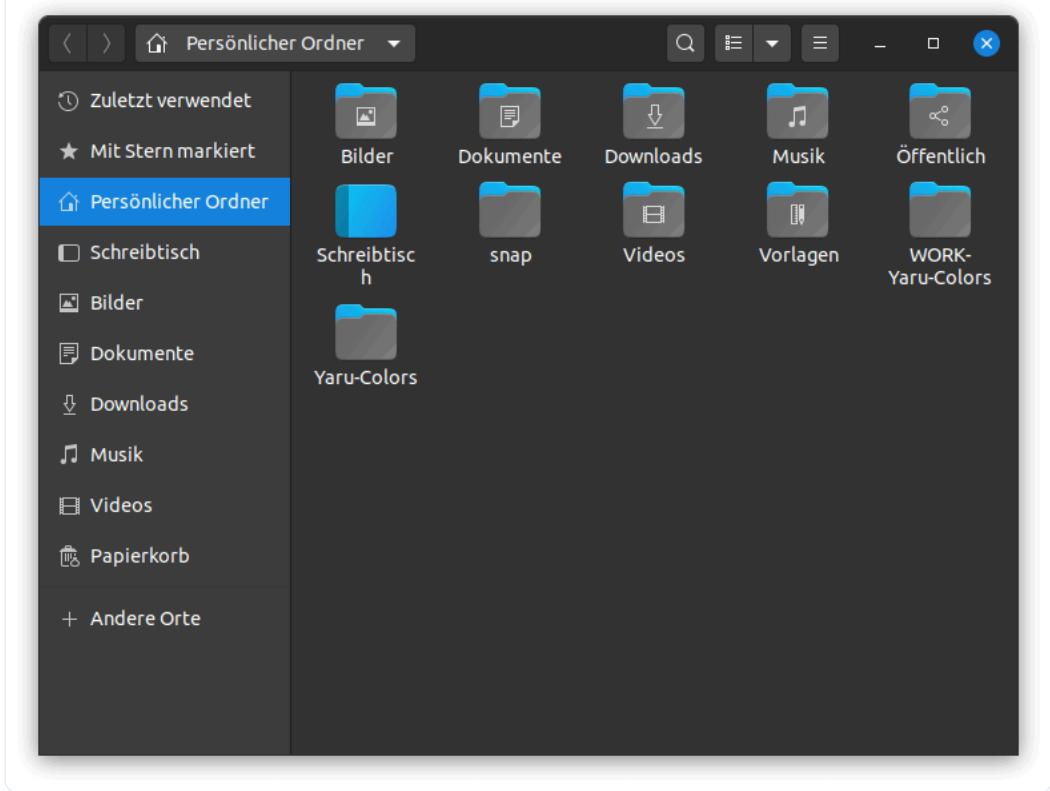
Colloid GTK Theme

To install Colloid, follow similar instructions as the [Fluent GTK](#) theme.

## 26. Yaru Colors Theme

Inspired by the Yaru theme, [Yaru-colors](#) is a project that adds a splash of color to Ubuntu's default Yaru theme.

The theme supports GTK 2 and 3, the GNOME shell theme, and provides recolored icons, cursors, wallpapers, and revamped Ubuntu Dock.



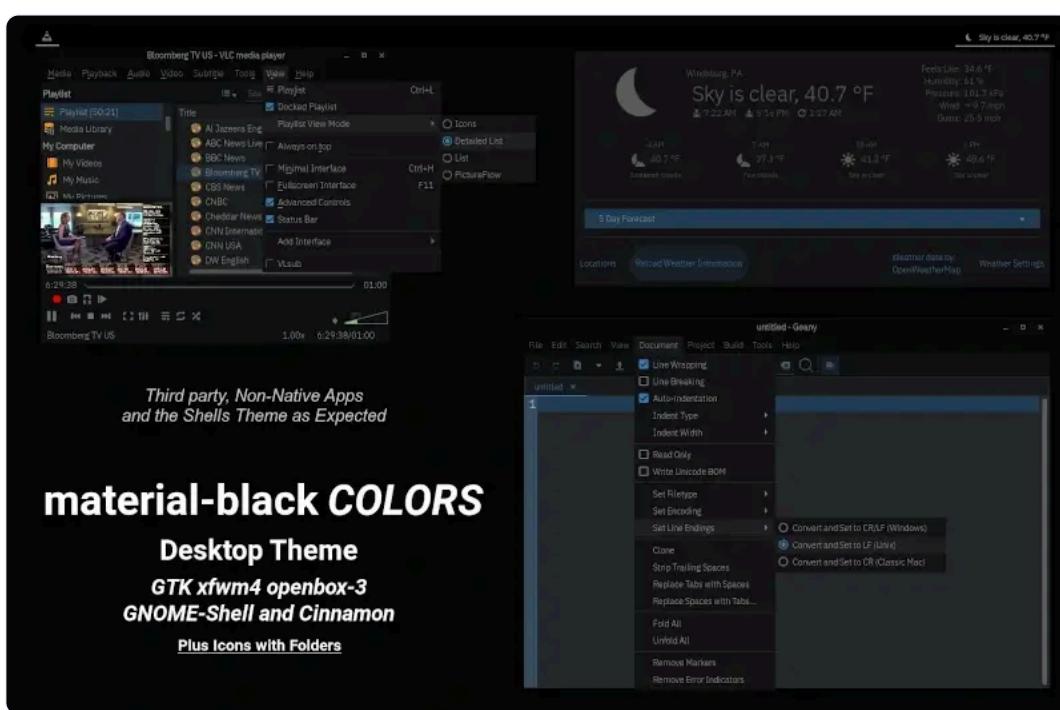
Yaru Colors Theme

To install the **Yaru** colors theme, just follow the same drill as the Fluent GTK theme.

## 27. Material-Black COLORS

Inspired by the **Numix Team**, The [material-black COLORS](#) is a dark theme based on Material Design standards, which supports GTK, Openbox-3, xfwm4, and Cinnamon-dark modes complete with matching folders and icons.

It aims to provide a colorful and impressive desktop experience with a black-on-black theme with any color of your choice.



Material-black COLORS

To install the material-black COLORS theme, follow the manual installation as shown.

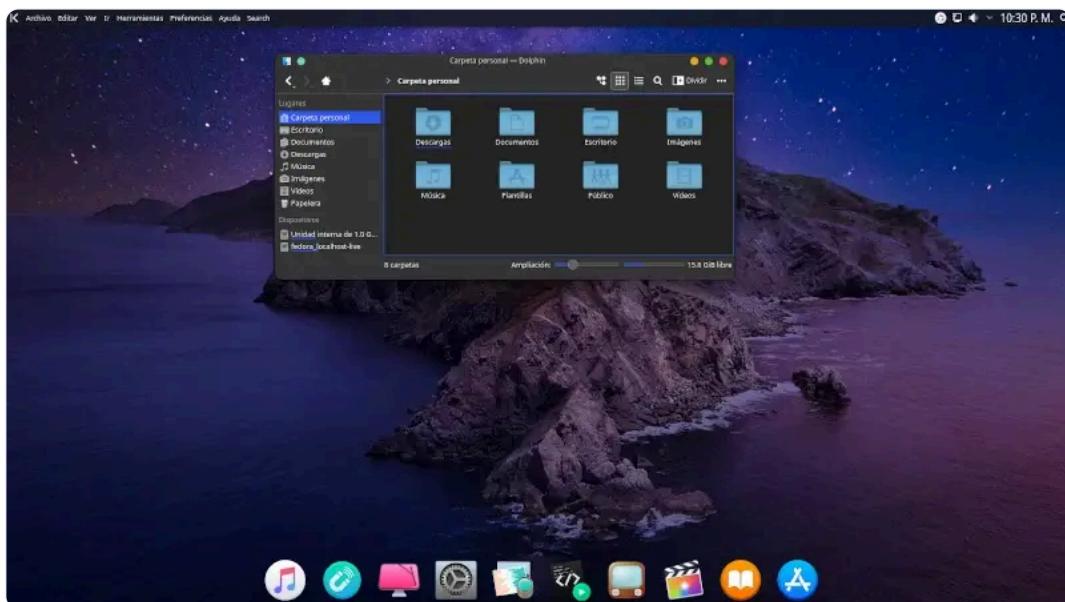
```
$ wget https://github.com/rtlewis1/GTK/archive/refs/heads/Material-Black-Colors-Desktop.zip  
$ unzip Material-Black-Colors-Desktop.zip
```

Then move the directory to the “`/usr/share/themes/`” folder – for the theme to be applied globally.

## 28. OS Catalina GTK

Based on the **McMojave** theme, the [OS Catalina Theme](#) primarily targets users of Xfce4. The icon pack mimics that found in Apple’s OS Catalina.

In addition, the OS Catalina GTK theme includes the following themes: Gnome-shell theme, GTK2/3 themes, Metacity theme, Plank theme, Cinnamon theme, and Xfwm4 theme.

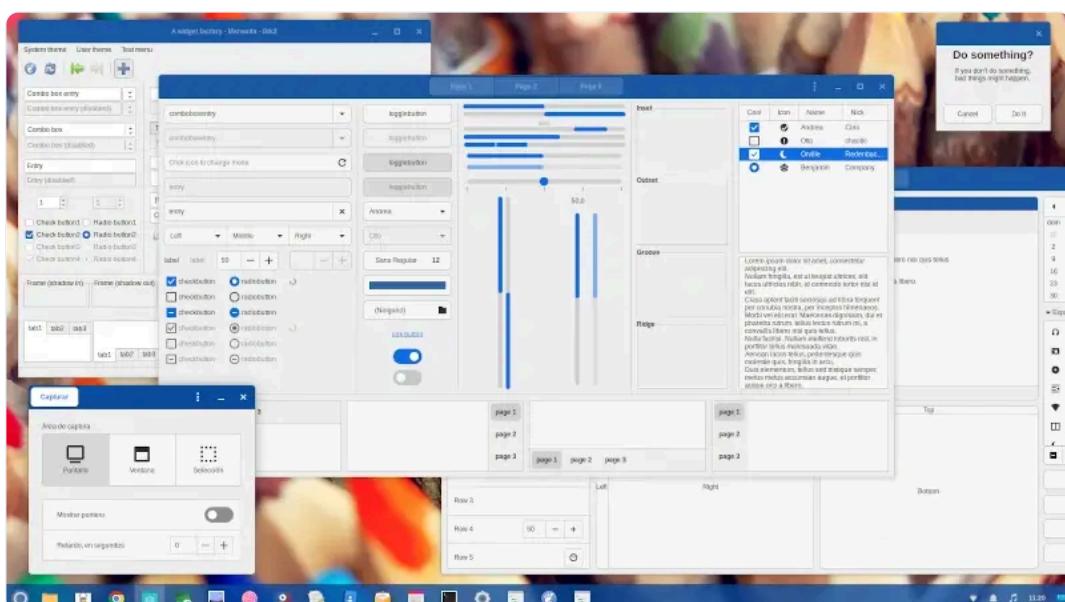


OS Catalina GTK

Installation instructions are the same as those for the ‘Material-black Colors’ theme.

## 29. Marwaiita Theme

If you are running a **Cinnamon** desktop, consider installing the [Marwaiita Theme](#), which supports Mate Desktop, Budgie, the good-old Unity, and GNOME shell. However, its main focus is the Cinnamon desktop.



## 30. Nordic Theme

If you fancy Nordic hues, then the Nordic theme will be a perfect fit for you. [Nordic](#) is a beautiful Gtk3.20+ theme created using the awe-inspiring Nord color palette.



Nordic Theme

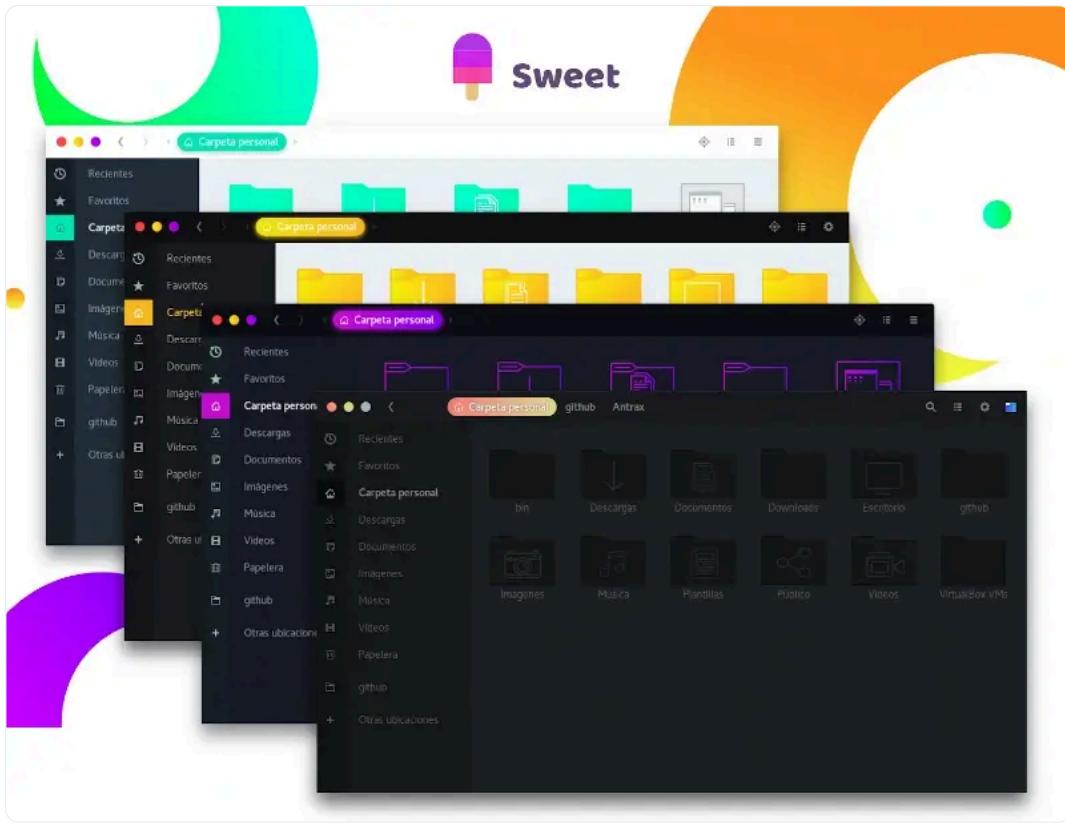
To install it, download the zip file, extract the zip file to the themes directory i.e. `/usr/share/themes/` or `~/.themes/` (create it if missing) and then set the theme using the following commands.

```
$ gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.interface gtk-theme "Nordic"
$ gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.wm.preferences theme "Nordic"
```

If you are a Firefox lover, be sure to try out the [Firefox Nordic theme](#).

## 31. Sweet – New Flavor

[Sweet Theme](#) is an eye-candy and fantastic theme that provides a “**glow in the dark**” appearance which, honestly, is one of its biggest selling points.



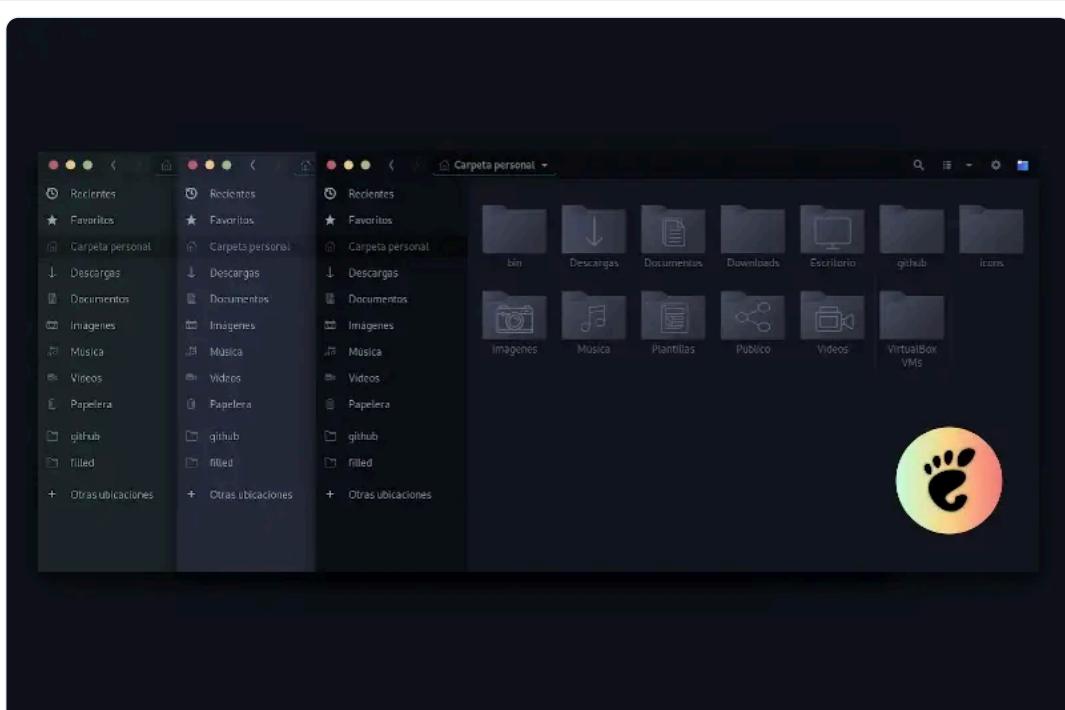
Sweet Theme

To install it, download the zip file, extract the zip file to the themes directory i.e. `/usr/share/themes/` or `~/.themes/` (create it if missing) and then set the theme using the following commands.

```
$ gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.interface gtk-theme "Sweet"
$ gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.wm.preferences theme "Sweet"
```

## 32. Juno Theme

[Juno](#) is a colorful and elegant theme inspired by epic vscode themes. It provides elegant wallpapers, icon designs, and generally an eye-candy look and feel.



To install it, download the zip file, extract the zip file to the themes directory i.e. `/usr/share/themes/` or `~/.themes/` (create it if missing), and then set the theme using the following commands.

```
$ gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.interface gtk-theme "Juno"
$ gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.wm.preferences theme "Juno"
```

### 33. Valyrian Theme

[Valyrian](#) is a dark-mode theme that supports GNOME-shell, Cinnamon, GTK, Xfwm4, and Openbox-3 desktop environments. It contains transparent elements with a dash of elegant blue hues.



Valyrian Theme

**Valyrian** is inspired by **Arc theme** which has been ranked as one of the most widely used and popular Linux desktop themes.

To install the Valyrian theme, download the zip file, and extract the zip file to the themes directory i.e. `/usr/share/themes/` or `~/.themes/` (create it if missing).

### 34. Skeuos Theme

Developed by **Dani Ruiz**, [Skeuos](#) is a modern and stylish GTK theme for GTK 2,3, and 4. It supports a wide variety of desktop environments including Budgie, Cinnamon, Metacity, GNOME Shell (3.36, 40, 41, and 42), and XFWM4.

**Skeuos** comes in light and dark variants and comes in various color variants including red, blue, green, orange, yellow, magenta, black, violet, and white to mention a few.



Skeuos Theme

To install the theme, be sure to download and extract the tarball file from the GitHub page. Then move the folder to the `~/.themes` folder. Finally, run the following command on the terminal.

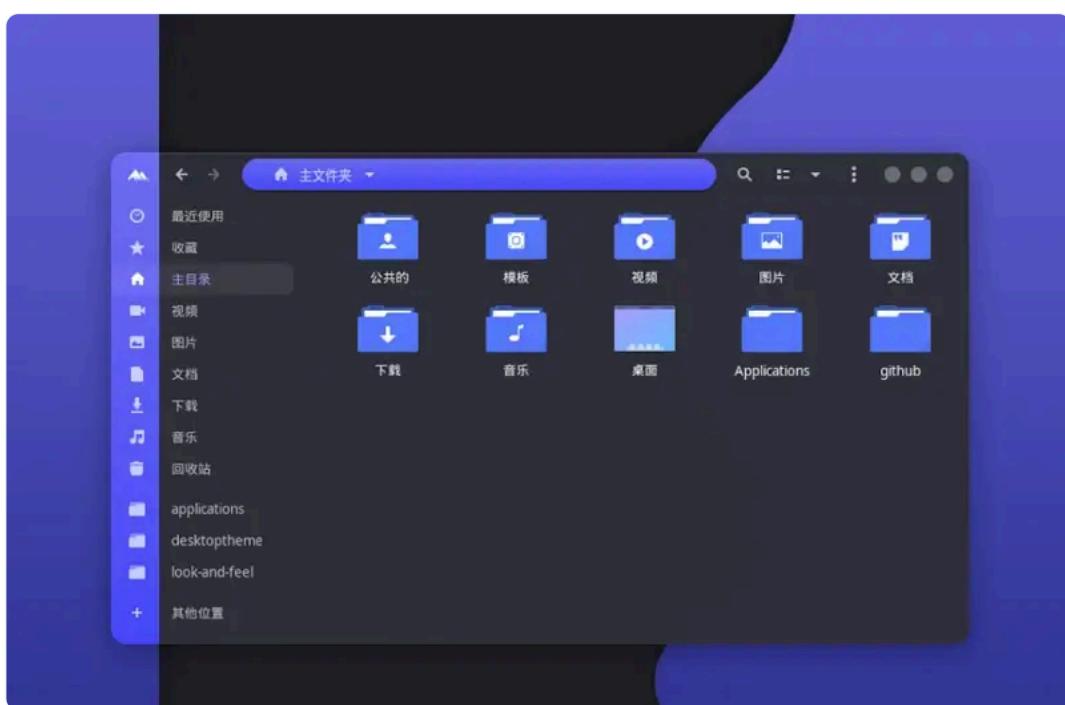
```
$ gsettings set org.gnome.desktop.interface gtk-theme "Skeuos-Blue-Light"
```

Replace “**Skeuos-Blue-Light**” with your preferred theme variant.

## 35. Layan GTK Theme

[Layan GTK](#) is yet another theme that comes in multiple color variants, and beautifully designed icons and windows. It's a modern theme that is visually appealing with rounded corners on icons that make it appear contemporary.

It supports GTK2 and GTK3-based desktop environments including Budgie, Cinnamon, Budgie, etc.



Layan GTK Theme

You can install the theme by running the command:

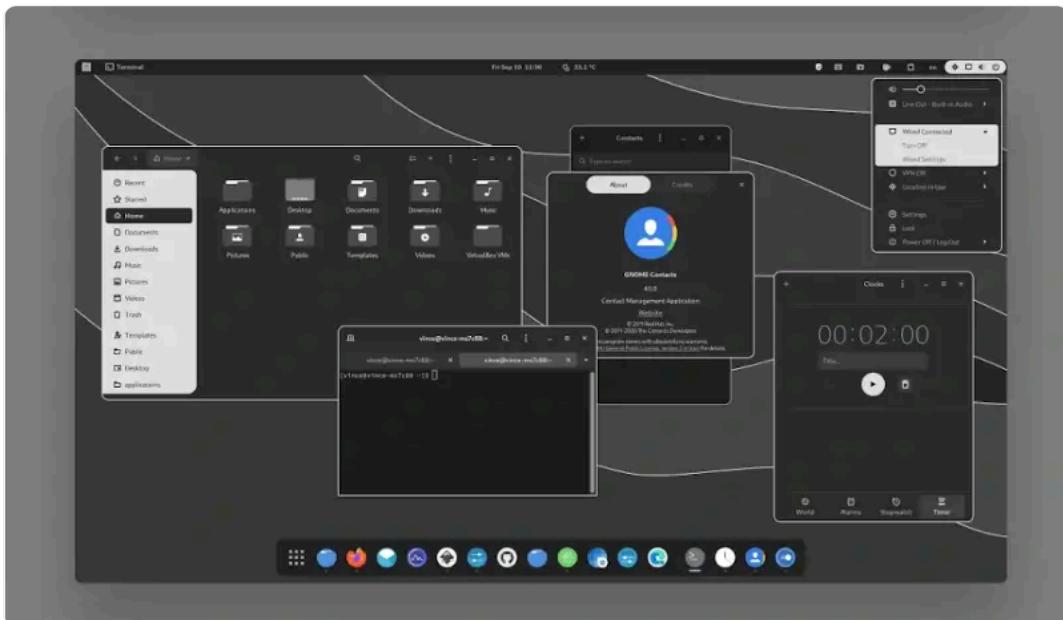
```
$ sudo apt-get install gtk2-engines-murrine gtk2-engines-pixbuf
```

Alternatively, you can clone the Git repository and run the installation script as shown.

```
$ sudo ./install.sh
```

## 36. Graphite Theme

If you are in search of a beautiful theme that focuses on gray or dark gray hues, then try out the [Graphite Theme](#). This is a theme that clearly borrows a lot from the Nordic Theme.



Graphite Theme

It is highly customizable especially when installing using the installation script as shown.

```
./install.sh
```

You can specify the theme as well as the color variants you want to apply on your Linux desktop. Also, the theme provides elegant and polished wallpapers as a part of the installation to provide you with an immersive GNOME appearance.

## Conclusion

That concludes my list! Did I mention your favorite picks? Did I blow your mind? Perhaps I left out awesome shell themes that you've enjoyed using.

Let me know your suggestions in the discussion box below.

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## 7 thoughts on “Top 36 Best Ubuntu Themes That Will Blow Your Mind”



Friar Tux

August 4, 2022 at 9:13 pm

Divine, I realize this article is over four years old. I came across it, just now, and thought I would mention a couple of themes you may want to check out. First, check out the work of “nestort” on pling (dot) com, and also look up “Aravision” on GitHub. Both these guys have great looking themes. (Aravision’s themes are based one the dark grey colours which I don’t like but they make up for it by their styling.)

[Reply](#)



nospyrin 73

September 12, 2019 at 12:01 pm

Can I get the background for the Flat Remix theme?

[Reply](#)



Friar Tux

June 7, 2019 at 3:56 am

Two groups of themes I have learned to despise – those bright, white, 60-watt-bulb type, and those that use variations of grey as their predominate colour. Hate them. I prefer a black, or, if I really need a colour, a very dark teal as a background and then go from there – but never, ever grey! However, since I discovered the “Oomox Theme Builder”, man, theming has become a whole new game. Loving it!!

[Reply](#)



Divine

June 7, 2019 at 9:40 am

Cool.

Have you built any themes to share with the community yet or you own the tool to theme only your system?

[Reply](#)



Martina Neumayer

July 19, 2018 at 12:53 pm

To be honest nothing blows my mind here. That same flat, booooooring as hell material inspired styles. Nope.. nothing for me. Except one.. Vertex.. this can be even okay.

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James

June 13, 2018 at 12:47 pm

Choosing just one could eat up hours oneso life.

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Divine

June 13, 2018 at 2:39 pm

Well, I hope everyone has a field day then 😊

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