My Maps Help

Create custom icons

You can add your own icons for map placemarks if you'd like to use an image that's not already available. For example, add an icon that represents your store to mark locations on the map.

Add a custom icon

1. Make sure you're signed in.
2. Then open an existing map in My Maps .
3. In the legend on the left, click the layer where you want to add an icon. Make sure there's at least one placemark on the layer.
4. In the left panel, hover over the placemark and click the color icon 🥄.
5. Click **More icons.**
6. In the "Choose an icon" window, click **Custom icon**.
7. Click **Image URL**
8. Enter the web address for your icon. Make sure the image you're using is public.
9. Click **Select**.
10. In the "Choose an icon" window, click **Ok.**

Icon links, size, and color

Your custom icon must be a live link on the web. You can upload a .jpg, .png, .bmp, or .gif file of any size to an image hosting website, like imgur.com. My Maps will scale the icon to the right size, which is 32x32 pixels.

If you want to use an icon with a transparent background, create your custom icon in RGB color mode. Icons with a transparent background created in Indexed color mode won't work.

Note: Custom icons are available only for the map you add them to. They aren't stored in the list of available icons for later use.

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