

Reapertips Theme v1.2 Quick Guide


 Hai, **Alejandro here!**


In this guide I will show you how to install the theme (very easy) and some tips and recommendations I have.

If this is your first time switching theme, no worries, there's zero risk here. It will only change the appearance, none of your configurations change. You can always go back to default theme easily.

If you donated to get this theme, **I super super appreciate it!** Your support helps so much keeping Reapertips going and release more cool resources like this.

If you want to donate, you can [buy me a coffee](#).

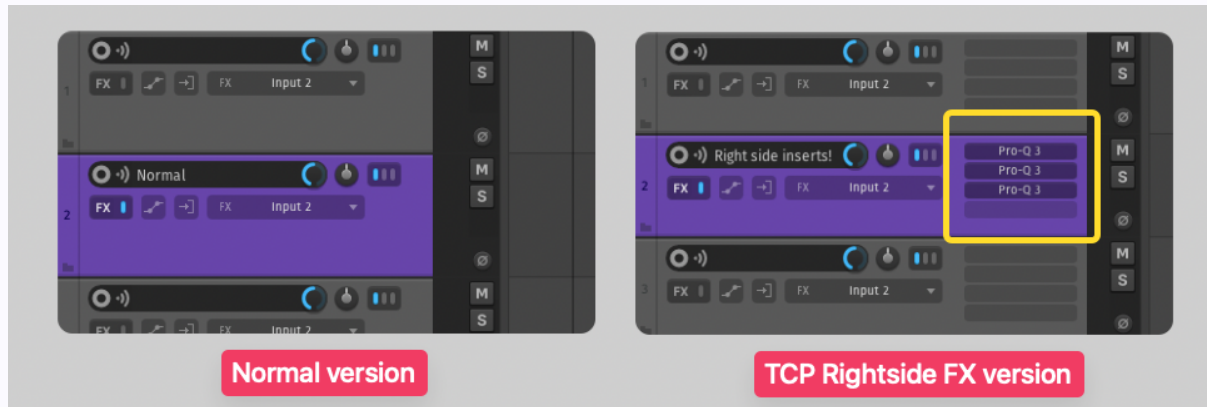
 Or if you want something super cool in return, check out the **Modern Metal Songwriting Template** – I obsessed over this template as much as I did with this theme, very proud of it!

 I also made a video walkthrough of this PDF if you prefer that! → **How to customize any REAPER theme**

Installation

Go to the **"02_Theme"** folder and choose your system. (If you are on Mac, please install the fonts included first.)

Inside you will find two versions of the theme...



The **"TCP Rightside"** version has the FX inserts on the right side of the TCP.

If you choose **"TCP Rightside"**, make sure to right click in an empty field of the TCP and enable **"Show FX inserts in TCP"**

If you don't want this, you can use the normal version of the theme which doesn't have this mod.

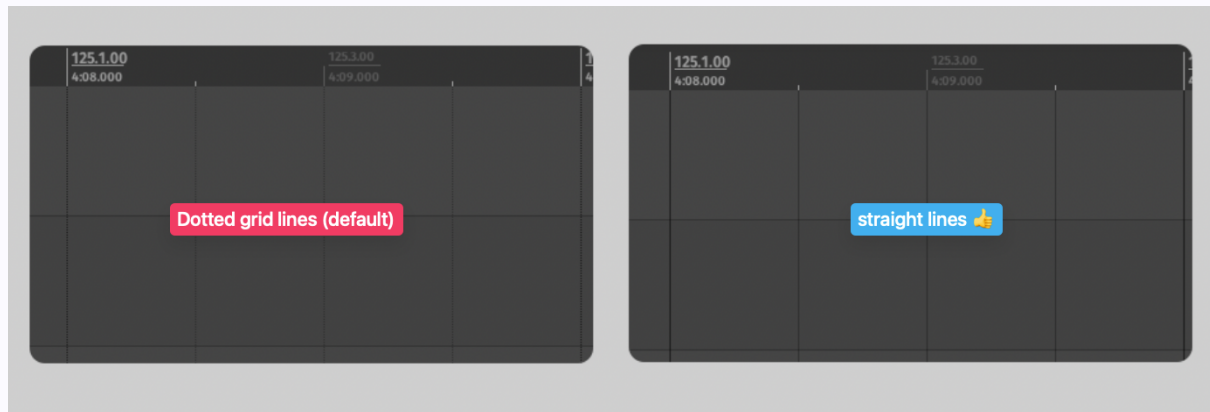
That's it! I hope you enjoy!! 

The rest of this document is just some suggestions/recommendations about the theme. Feel free to keep reading~

👍 Recommendations

1. Straight grid lines instead of dotted

By default, REAPER uses dotted grid lines. I'm not a fan because the visibility isn't the best.



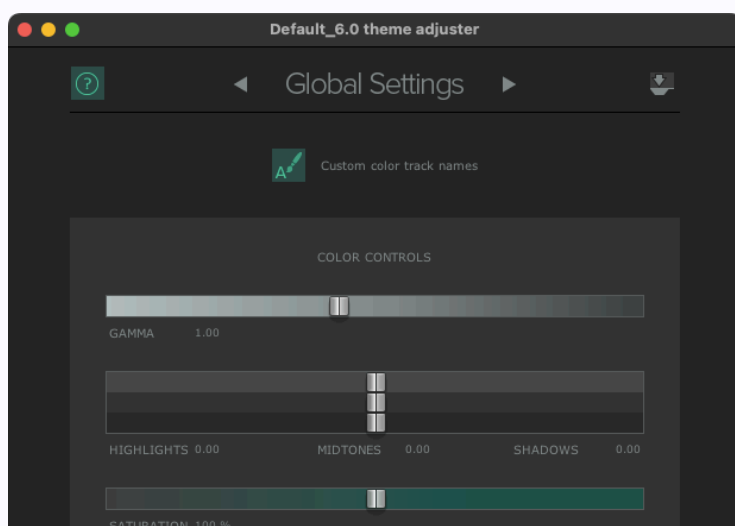
To change this, go to **Preferences > Appearance** and disable "**show dotted grid lines**".

2. Use "Theme Adjuster" to change appearance

Since the theme is fully functional with REAPER 6 features, you can take full advantage of the Theme Adjuster.

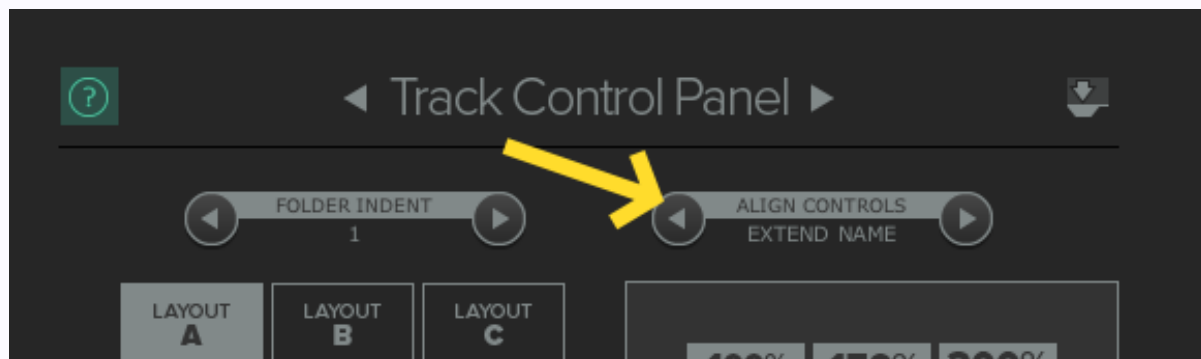
In here you can **show/hide buttons**, **change layouts**, **sizes** and even adjust the overall **contrast/brightness**.

To find this, go to the **Actions** menu (Shortcut "?"), and search for "**Options: Show theme adjuster**".



3. Align TCP icons by extending name

In the same Theme Adjuster window from before, I highly recommend setting the **Align Controls** in the Track Control Panel to “**Extend Name**”



This way when you have folders, the name will extend and all the TCP buttons will always align, instead of getting all misaligned with every folder you make.

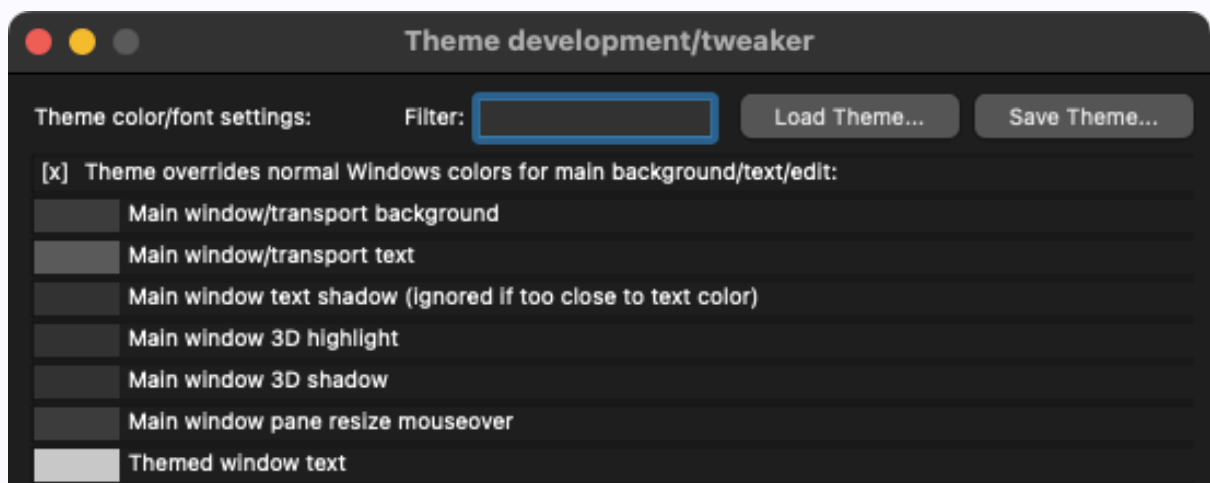


3. Use "Theme Tweak" to adjust colors and fonts

The theme tweaker lets you adjust many colors and fonts of the theme. You can use this to maybe have darker grid lines. Or change waveform colors. Many other things!

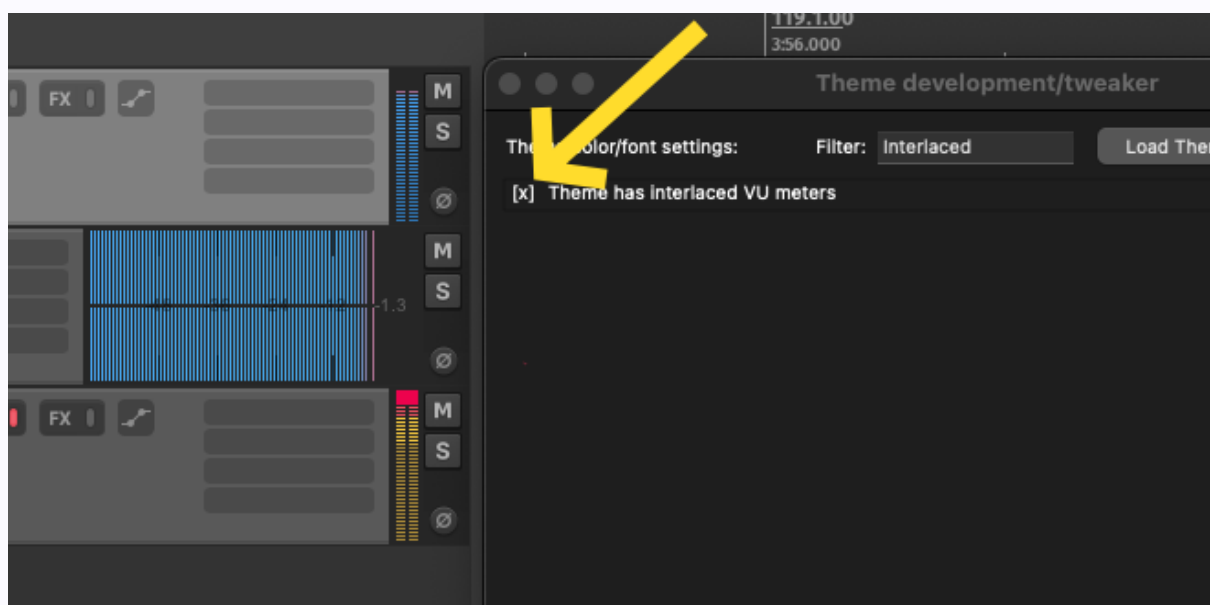
To find this, go to the **Actions** menu (Shortcut "?"), and search for **"Theme development: Show theme tweak/configuration window"**.

⚠ If you make any changes here, make sure to click on **"Save Theme..."** to keep your changes!



4. Interlaced meters

In the same Theme Tweaker window from before, you can search for **"interlaced VU meters"** to get this kind of look in your meters:



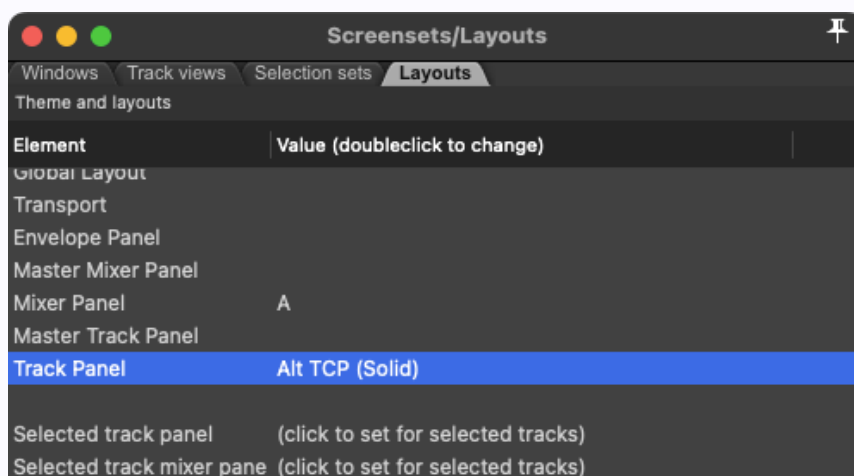
5. Not into the transparent buttons in TCP?

I included an alternative TCP layout with solid buttons. Works pretty well with colors.



To use this, you can right click a track and select **Track Layout** → **Track Panel** → **TCP Alt (Solid)**.

If you want this as your default layout, go to top menu **View** → **Screensets**. In the **Screensets** window, go to the "**Layouts**" tab and choose "**TCP Alt (Solid)**" as your track panel layout.



6. Recommended Color Palette

I made a color palette that works pretty well with the theme:



I included the colors of this palette in the **"03_Extras"** folder.

You can load this file into [Rodilab's Color Palette](#) script. I love this script so much. The shortcuts make it such a breeze to color your tracks, I highly recommend it.

The script is available via [ReaPack](#) – if you don't have ReaPack installed, I made a little guide you can follow in here → [How to install ReaPack](#).

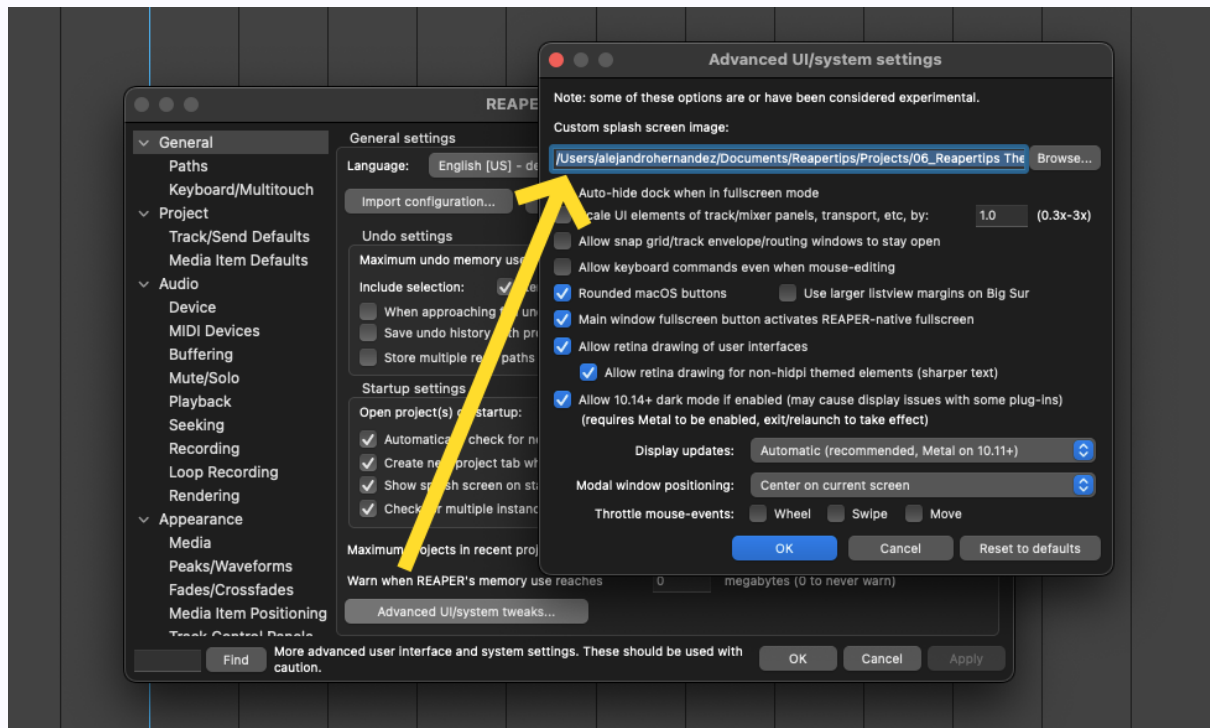
7. How to install splash screen

I included some splash images that can show up when you first start REAPER. It's pretty easy to setup.



Go to **Preferences > General > Advanced UI/system tweaks** and set the path to the splash screen included in the **03_Extras** folder.

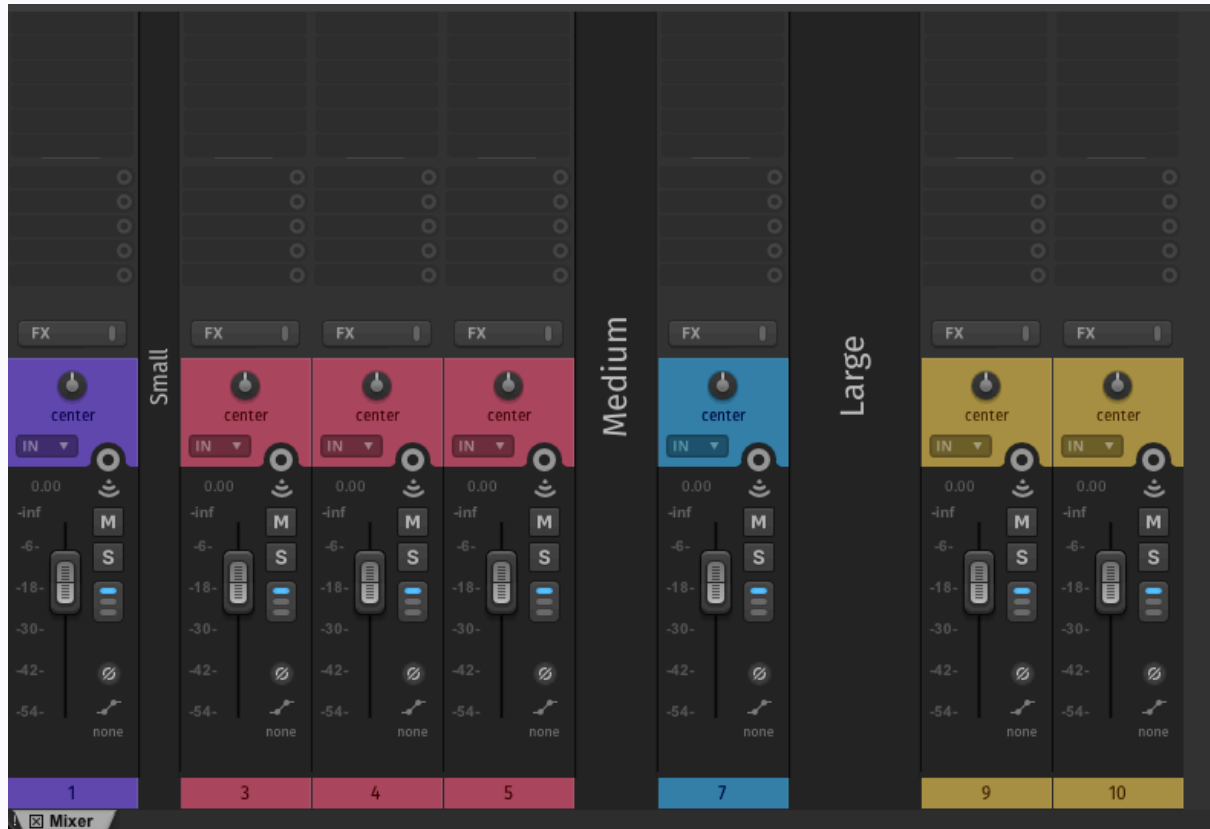
Windows users can use the transparent one. Unfortunately **mac users** transparent images don't work for some reason? So you would have to use the square version. (Windows... you win this one!)



7. How to use TCP/MCP Separators

I included separators in different sizes for the MCP and TCP.

They look like this:



To use these separators, just make a new track, right click on it and select **Track Layout** → **Mixer(or track) Panel** → **Separator {size}**

The MCP separators can be labeled! Just double left click to rename them. *(Still figuring out how to label TCP separators)*

🍒 **TIP:** If you want to flip the orientation of the text so it looks like the screenshot, go to **Preferences** > **Appearance** > Enable **"Draw vertical text bottom-up"**

8. How to use colored MCP faders

I included colored faders that look like this:

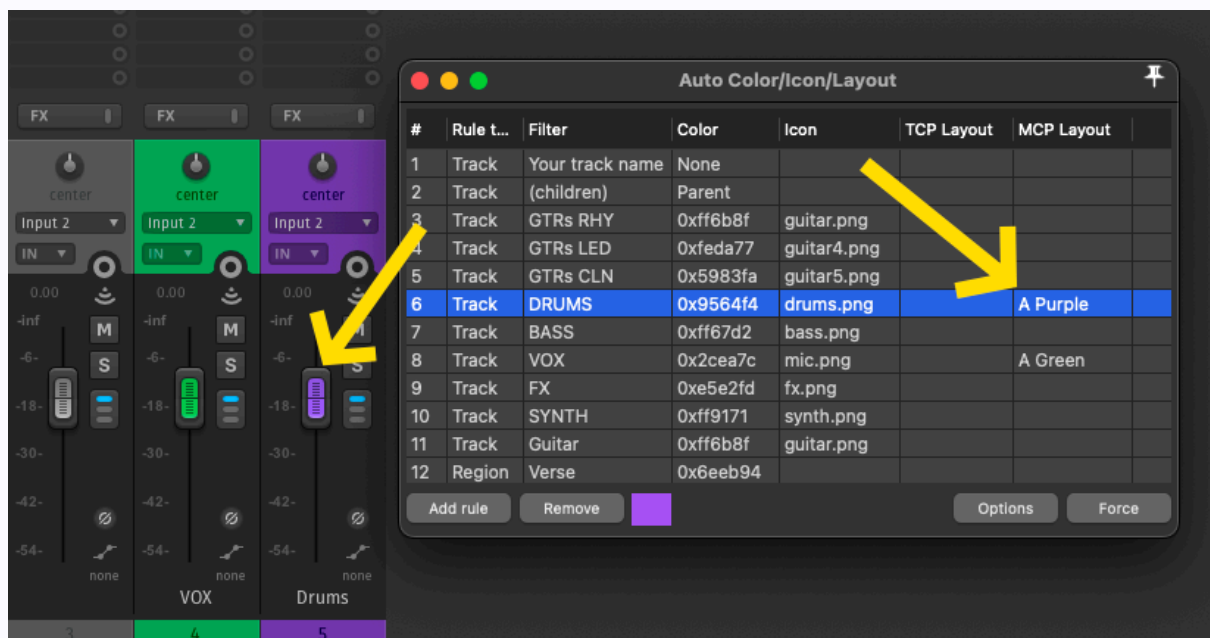


To use these separators, just right click on a track and select **Track Layout** → **Mixer Panel** → **A {color}**

🍒 **TIP:** You can automatically color your faders using the **SWS auto-color extension!**

Watch this video to learn how the auto-color feature works → [**YOUTUBE LINK**](#)

You just need to set in the MCP layout column the layout you want to use like this:



Alternative Images

In the "**03_Extras**" folder, I included some alternatives images that you can use to swap things in the theme.

This process is a little bit more advanced but no worries, I made a step-by-step guide on how to do this in here → **[How to tweak ANY REAPER theme](#)**

Once you have the theme uncompressed, you can swap any of the images with the ones I included. Make sure to match the resolution you use. If an image is inside the "200" folder, you should place it in the "200" folder of the theme.

⚠ Remember to always back up the original images before swapping!



Next section is more info about the alternative images I included!



1. Undimmed track and item backgrounds

In this theme, the background of track and items will always be 30% darker than the color you pick. This is because a lot of the colors and contrasts are designed to work best within this range.

So If you want brighter colors for track and item backgrounds like in REAPER 6, you can use these images. I recommend if you do, switch to the TCP Alt (Solid) layout for best contrast.



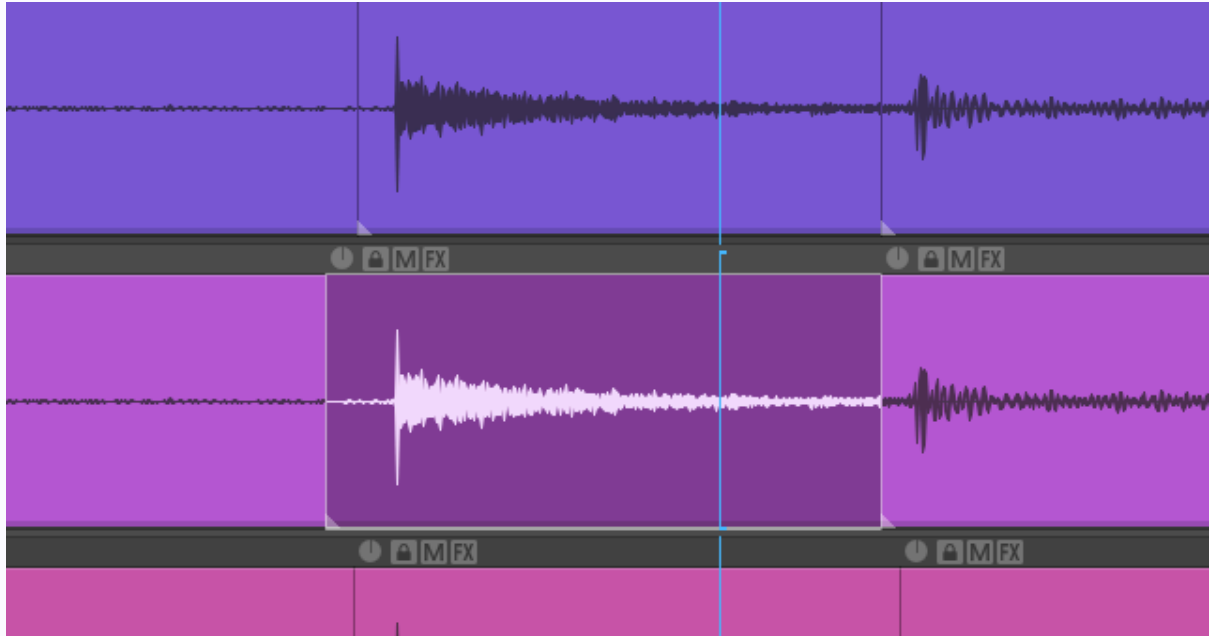
2. TCP volume gradient knob

In an earlier version of the theme I had these gradient volume knobs. They look cool! But it was a little distracting for some people.



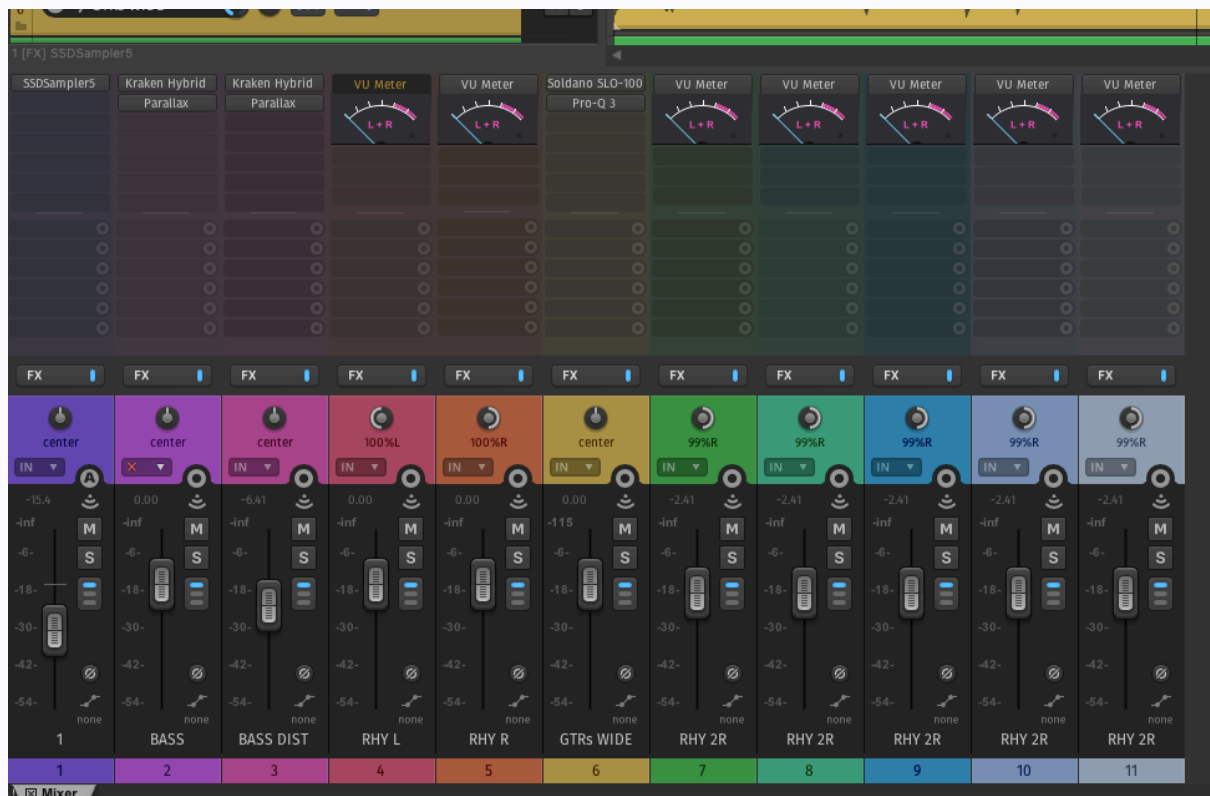
3. Selected item dark background

Some people prefer items to go darker when selected instead of brighter. You can use this if that's you. Remember to change the waveform to white via the Theme Tweaker.



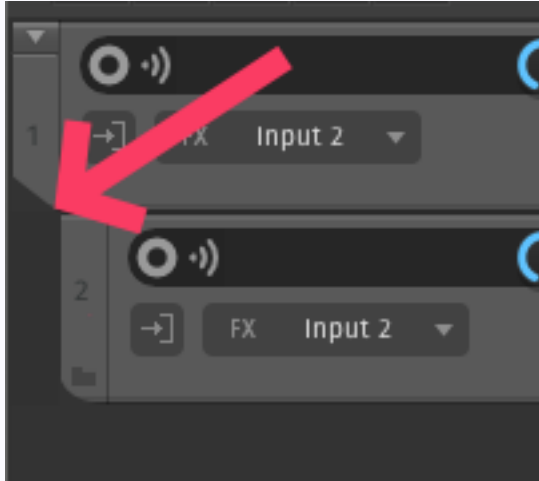
4. Fully colored MCP background

These will fully color the MCP background like this:



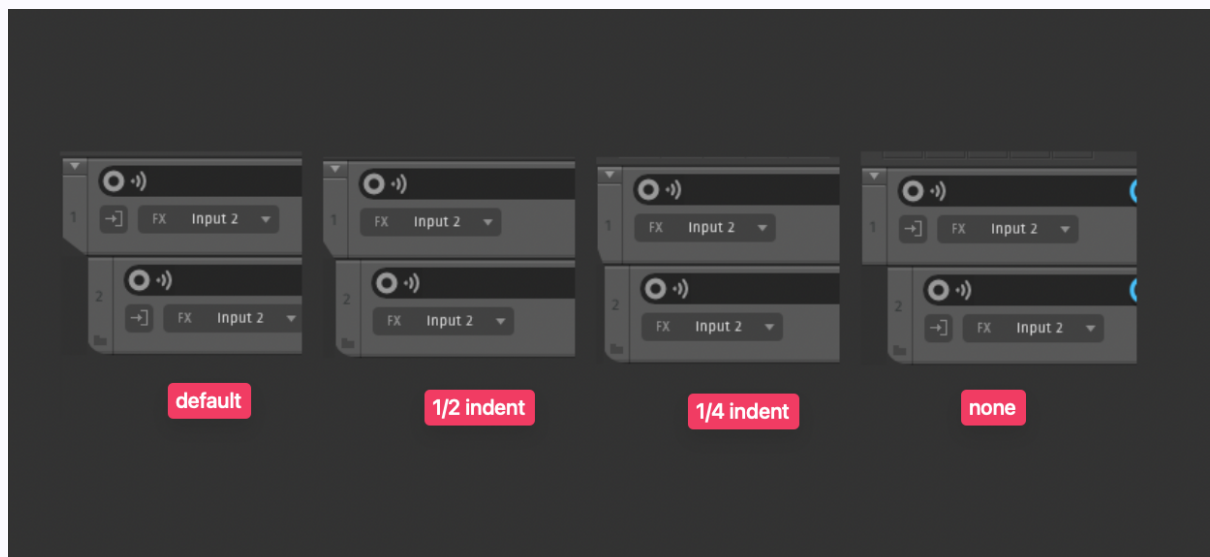
5. Track indent levels

You may notice that track folders in the TCP have this angled thing that helps differentiate between parent and children tracks. (I tried to replicate what the Default 5 theme does)



With the Theme Adjuster, you can adjust the level of indent of TCP and MCP folders. If you set it to another level other than 1, it won't align so well.

So I included images for each of the indentation levels in case you use other levels.



That's it!

If you need any help. I am easily reachable via [instagram](#), [discord](#) and [email](#). *Happy to assist!*

I am committed to maintain this theme, so please let me know if you encounter a bug. I am open to suggestions as well!

To keep up with updates, report bugs or add suggestions, please check the forum thread → <https://forum.cockos.com/showthread.php?t=281644>