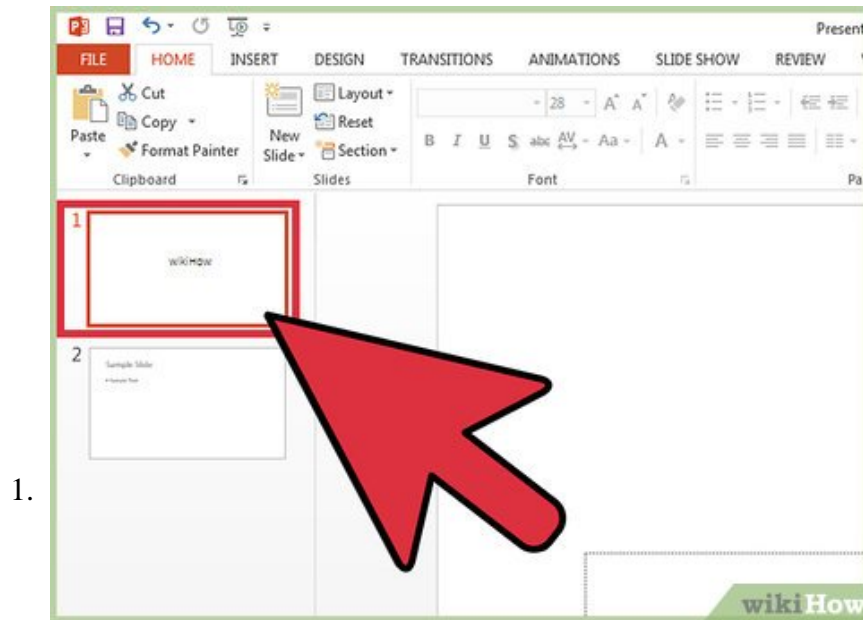


How to Change the Background on PowerPoint Slides

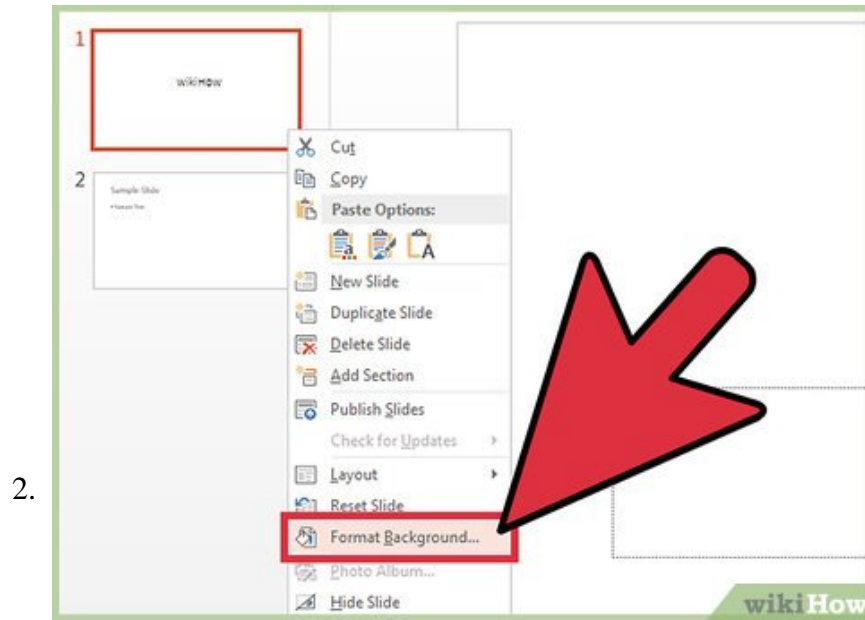
By customizing the slides in your PowerPoint presentation, you can add a unique look that reflects your personal style. Microsoft PowerPoint contains built-in tools which allow you to customize the backgrounds of your slides with vibrant...

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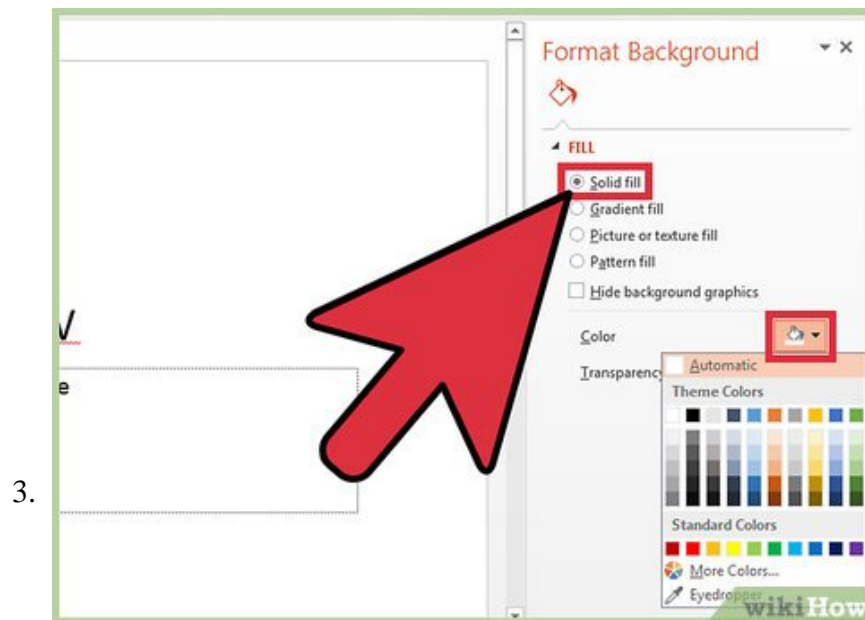
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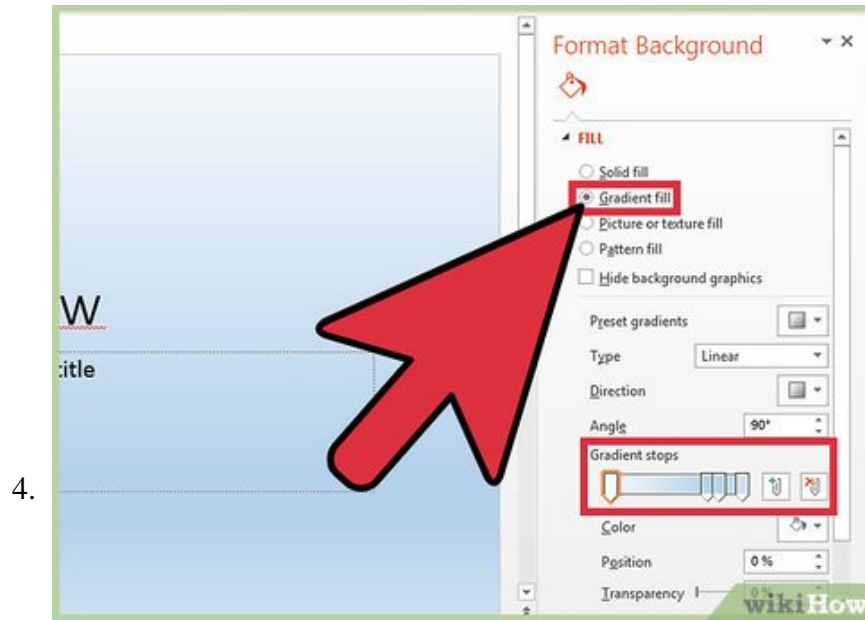
Display the slide you want to customize.^[1] Select a slide to modify by clicking on its thumbnail on the left side of the screen. If you want to change the background for all of the slides in the presentation, you'll be able to do that shortly.



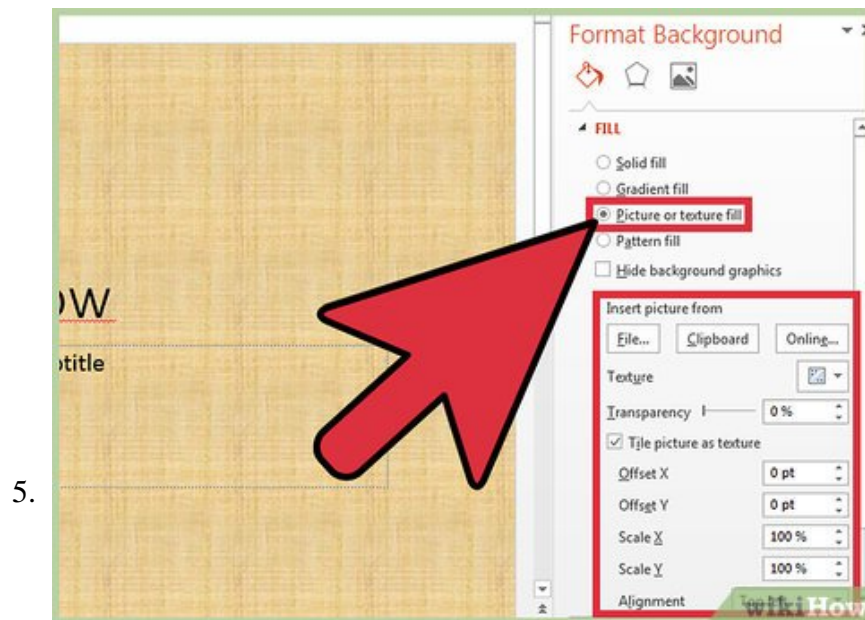
View background fill options.^[2] Right-click on the current slide background (**Ctrl** +click on a Mac) and select 'Format Background.' Select 'Fill' from the left panel to view your options.



Create a solid background. To make the background a single color, choose **Solid fill**. Click the 'Color' button to select a color from the palette.

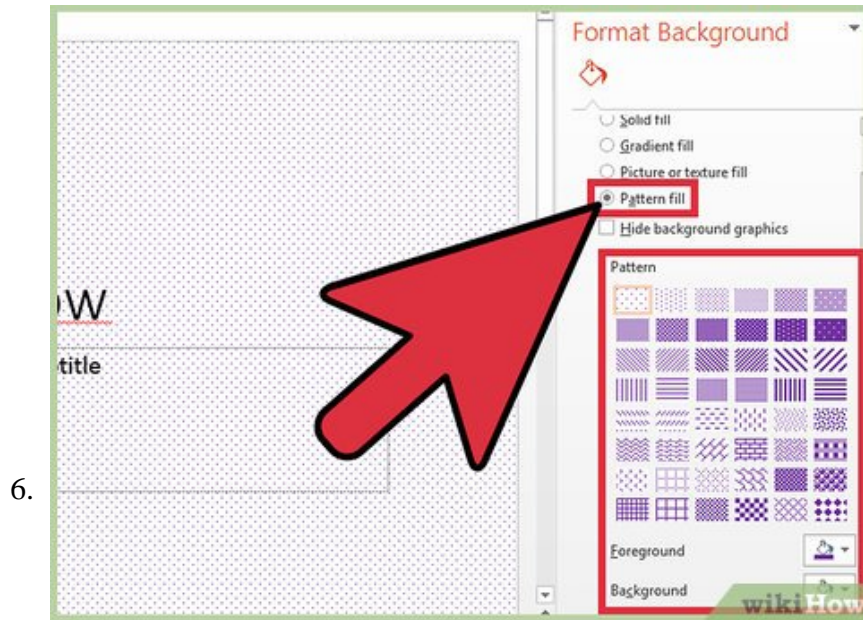


Fill your background with a colored gradient. Select **Gradient fill** to effectively make one (or more) color(s) fade into another. Select one of the preset gradients from the menu or design your own. Use the Direction menu to view different gradient pattern options, and the 'Gradient stops' slider to adjust where each color begins and ends.

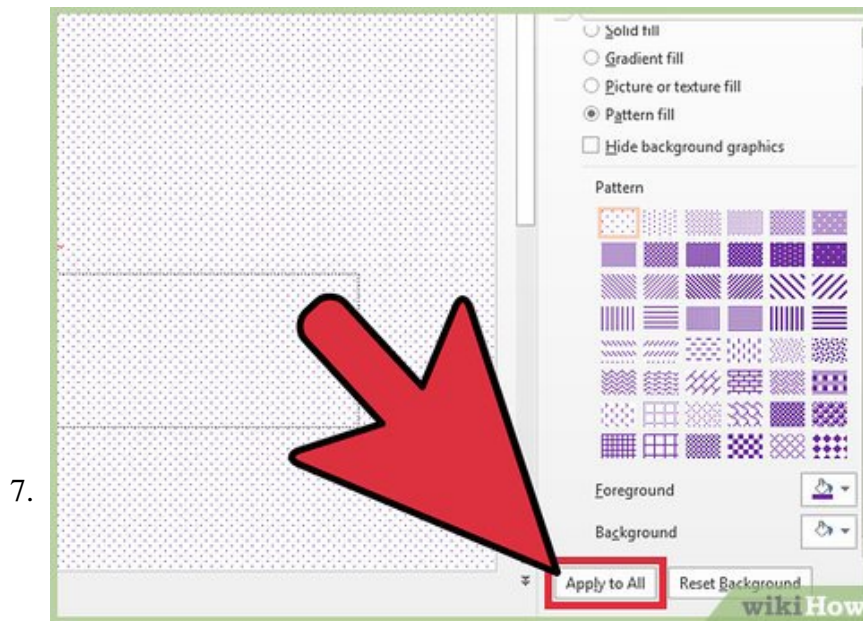


Make the background an image or texture. Select **Picture or texture fill** to use any personal photo as your slide background.

1. Click 'File' to select the location of your custom image. Or, if you prefer, choose one of the preset textures from the list.
2. You can move the Transparency slider to adjust how opaque the image or texture will appear. If you choose a 'busy' image or pattern, you may want to raise the transparency so the text on your slide remains easy to read.



Fill the background with a preset pattern. If you have PowerPoint 2013 or later, you can select the **Pattern fill** option to choose from a list of simple preset patterns. Modify the colors in these patterns with the 'Foreground' and 'Background' menus beneath the pattern palette.

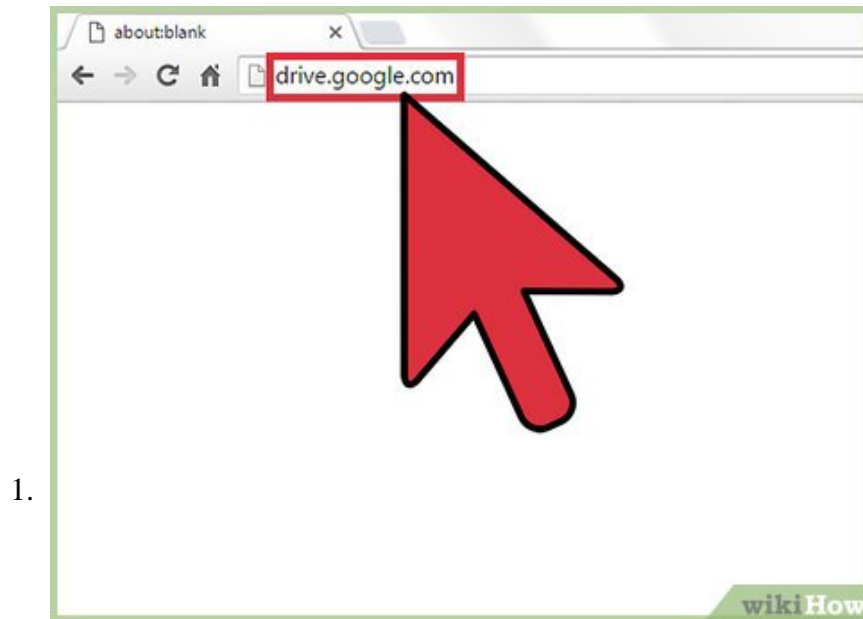


Apply the changes. If you decide you don't like any of the background options, click the 'Reset Background' button to return to the previous background. Otherwise:

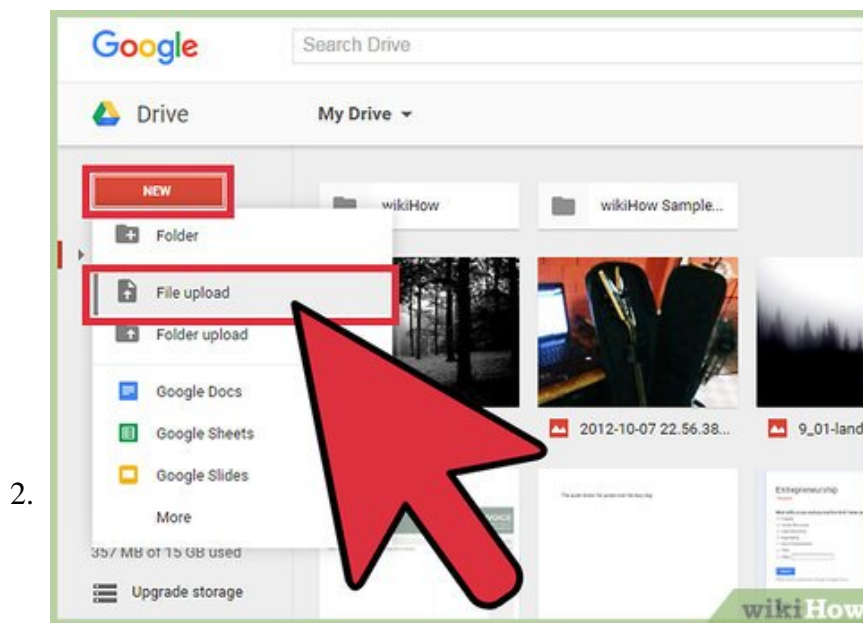
1. If you only want the new background to appear on the current slide, click 'Close' to save the changes.
2. If you would like every slide in your presentation to have the new background, click 'Apply to All.'

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Using Google Slides



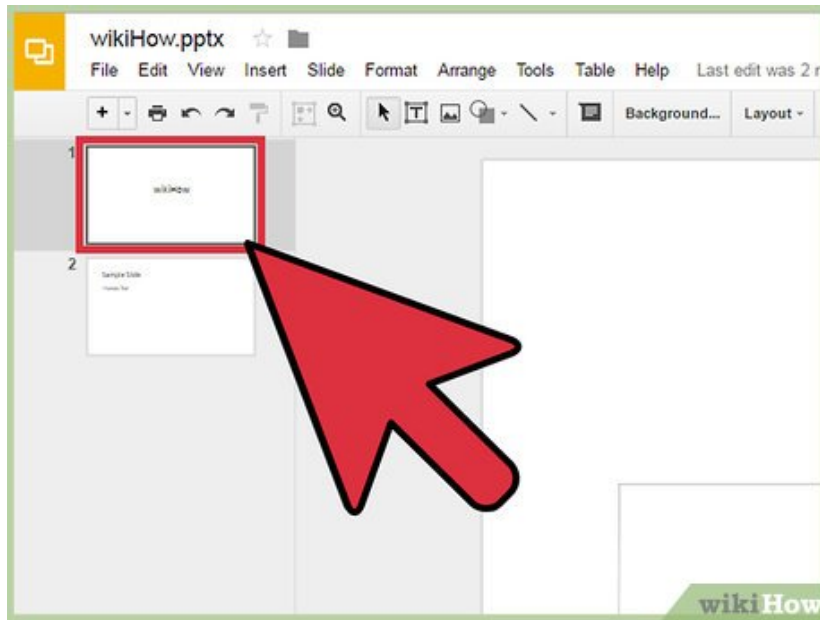
Open Google Drive. You'll need to have a Gmail/Google account to use this option. Point your web browser to drive.google.com and click 'Go to Google Drive.' Enter your Gmail username and password when prompted. Once your account has been authenticated, your Google Drive account will appear.



Upload your PowerPoint presentation.^[3] Click the 'New' button on the top left corner of the screen, then select 'File Upload.' Navigate to your PowerPoint presentation and click 'Open.'

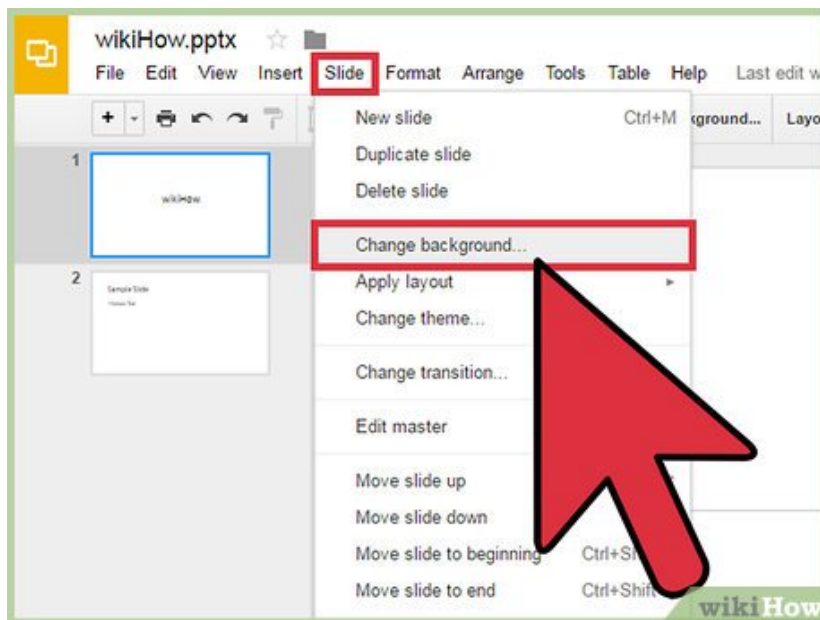
1. Once the upload completes, a confirmation will appear at the bottom of the screen. Double-click the name of your PowerPoint file in that box to launch it in the viewer.
2. When the preview of your presentation appears, click 'Open with' and select 'Google Slides.' It may take a few moments for all of the slide data to appear.

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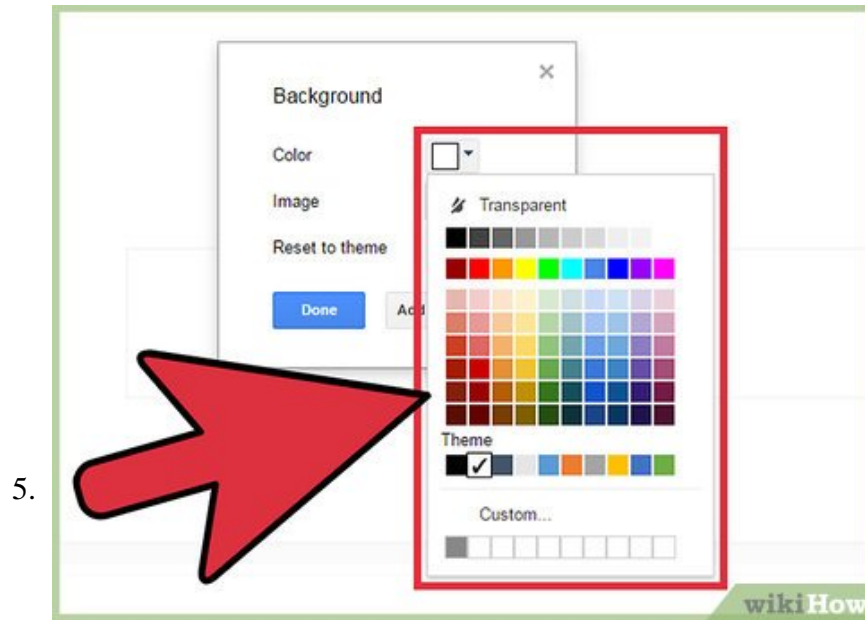


Select a slide to modify. Click a slide on the left side of the screen to change its background. If you want to change the background for all slides, you'll be able to in a few moments.

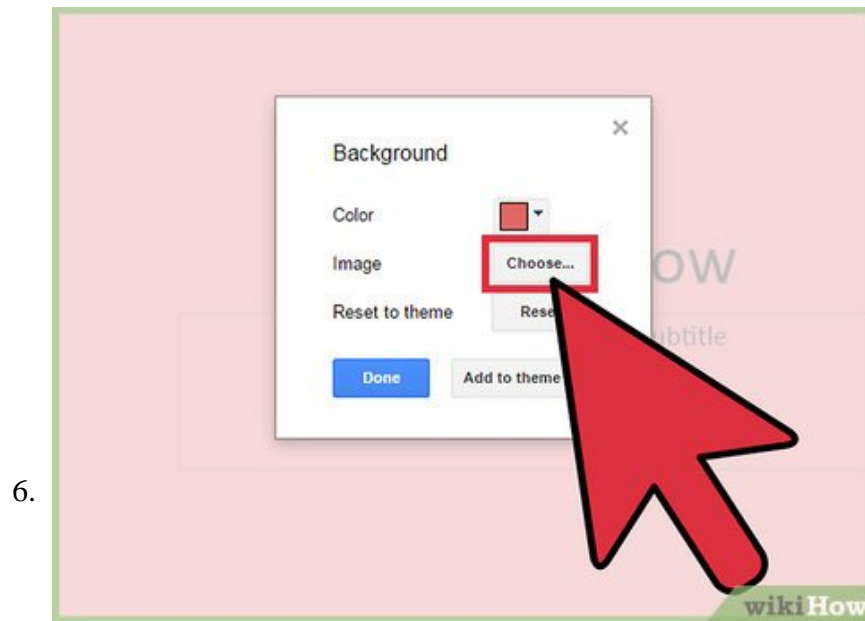
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View slide background options. Open the 'Slide' menu at the top of the screen and select 'Change background.' You'll see a previews of your selections as you browse through options.



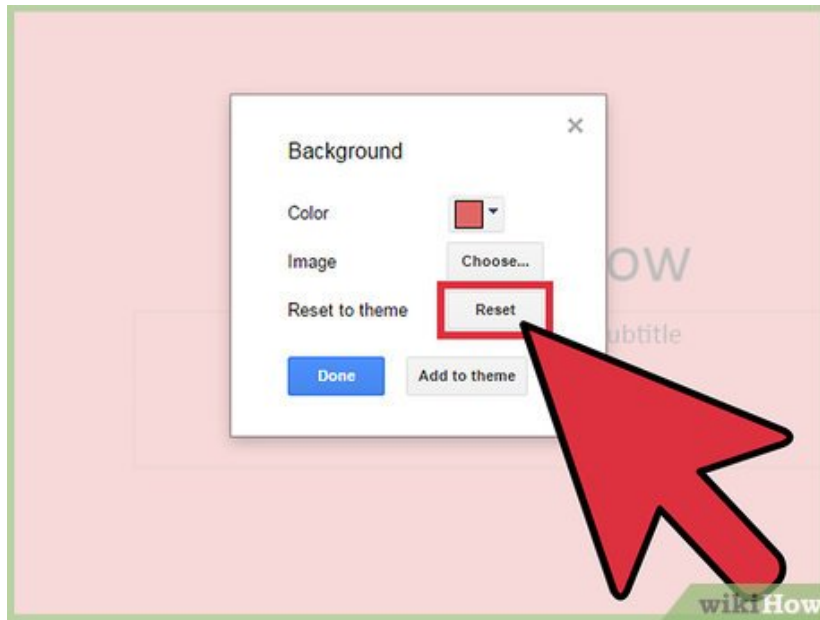
Choose a single color as the background. If you want the background of your slide to be a single solid color, click the box next to 'Color' and select one from the palette. If you want the background to be transparent, click 'Transparent' above the color palette.



Use an image as the background. To make your background an image, click 'Image.'

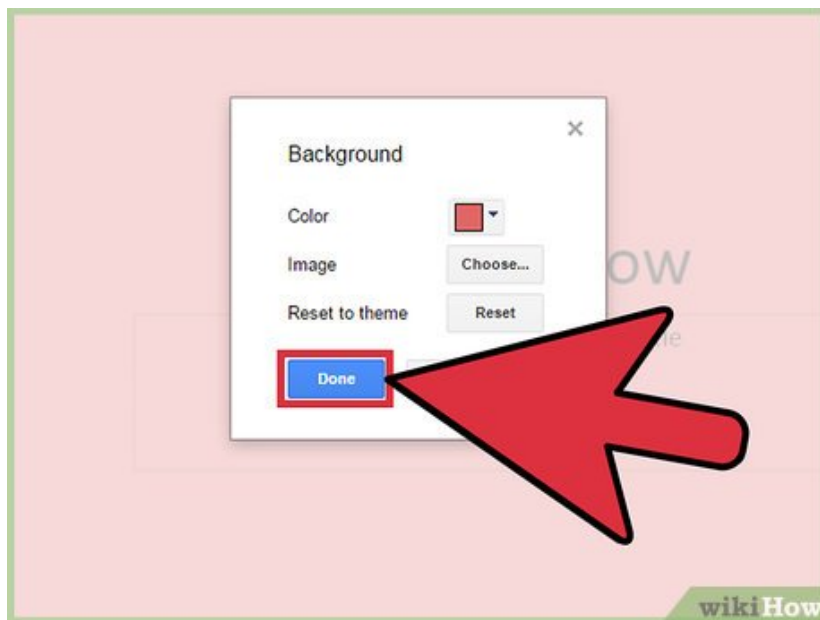
1. If your desired background image is on your computer, click 'Upload,' then click 'Choose an image to upload.' Navigate to the image location and click 'Open,' then 'Select.'
2. To use an image from your Google account, click 'Google Drive' and navigate to the location of your desired background image. You can search for the image name in the search box if you're not sure where it's located. Once you find it, double-click it to save the selection.

7.



Click 'Reset Theme' to undo your changes. If you decide you don't like your background selection, click 'Reset Theme.'

8.



Save your background. To apply your new background choice to the slide you've selected, click 'Done.' If you want to apply this background to every slide in your presentation, first click 'Add to theme,' then 'Done.'

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