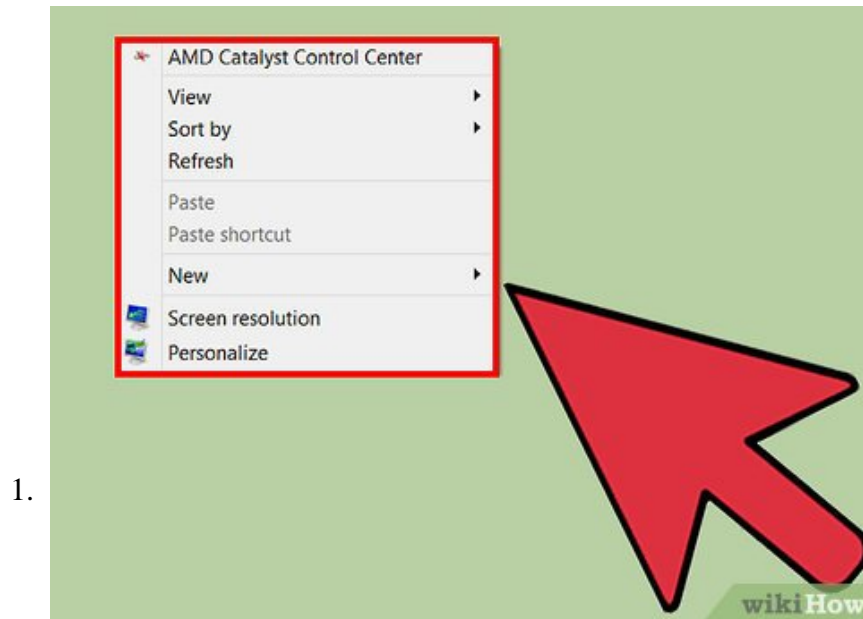


# How to Make Desktop Icons Smaller

For Mac and PC users, changing the size of desktop icons is as simple as right-clicking on the desktop and changing settings in the 'View', 'View Options' or 'Properties' areas. Things get tricky when it comes to iPhones and Android...

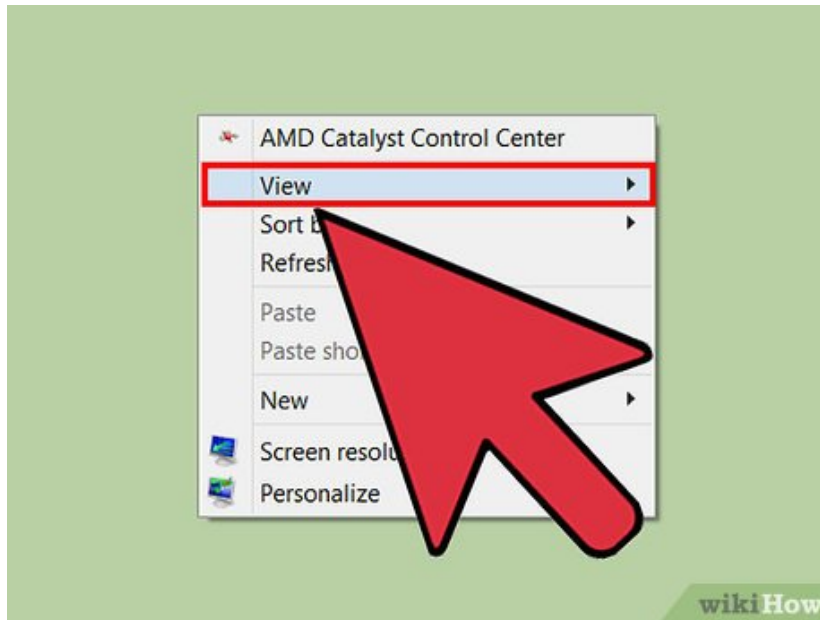
Method 1 of 5:

## Windows 10, 8.1, 7, and Vista



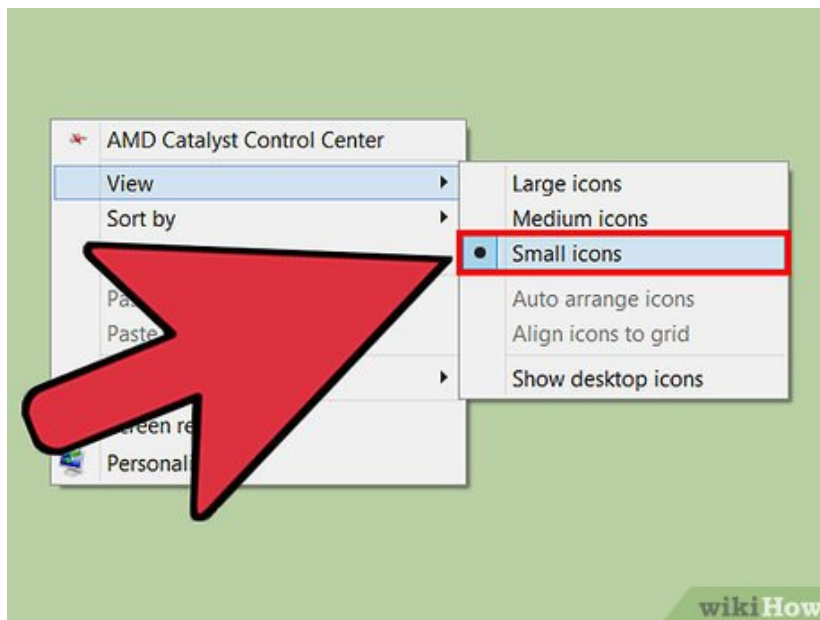
**Right-click an empty area of the desktop.**<sup>[1]</sup> A context menu will appear, displaying several different options.

2.



Select 'View' to expand the next menu. The top three options on this menu show different icon sizes. You will notice a checkmark next to your desktop icons' current size.

3.



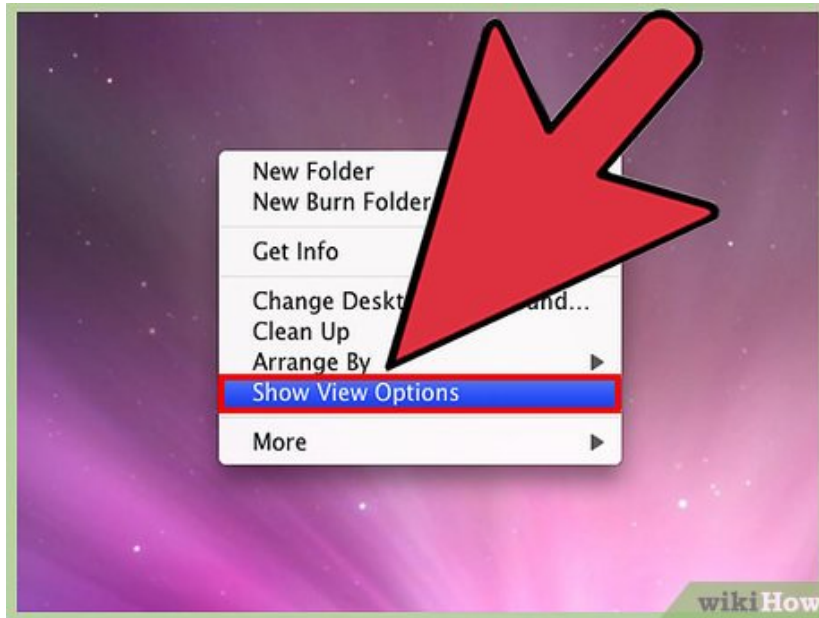
Click either 'Medium' or 'Small' to reduce the size of your icons. If your icon size is currently set to Large, try reducing it to Medium first. If it's presently set to medium, set it to Small.

1. In Windows Vista, 'Small' is called 'Classic'.<sup>[2]</sup>

Method 2 of 5:

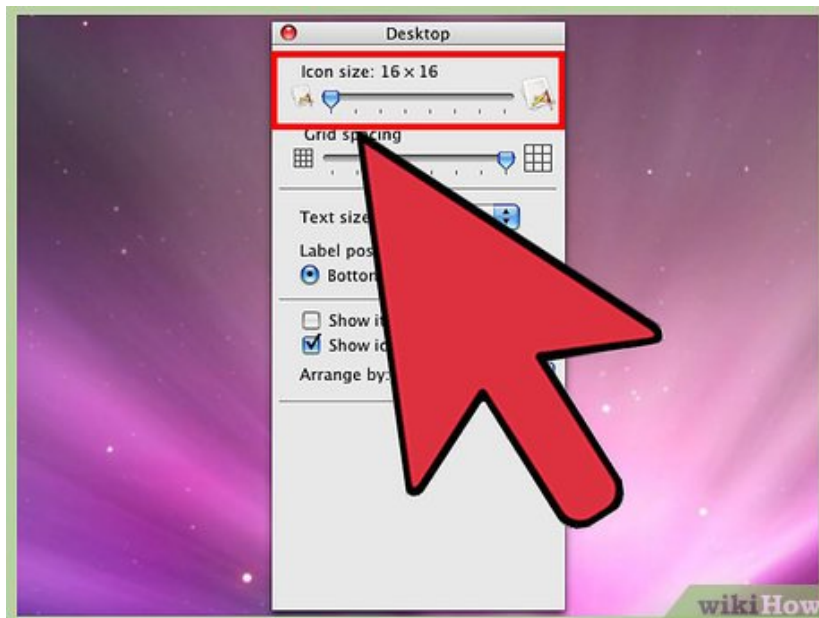
**Mac OS X**

1.



**Right-click an empty area of the desktop, then select 'Show View Options'.** A dialog box will appear containing desktop customization options.

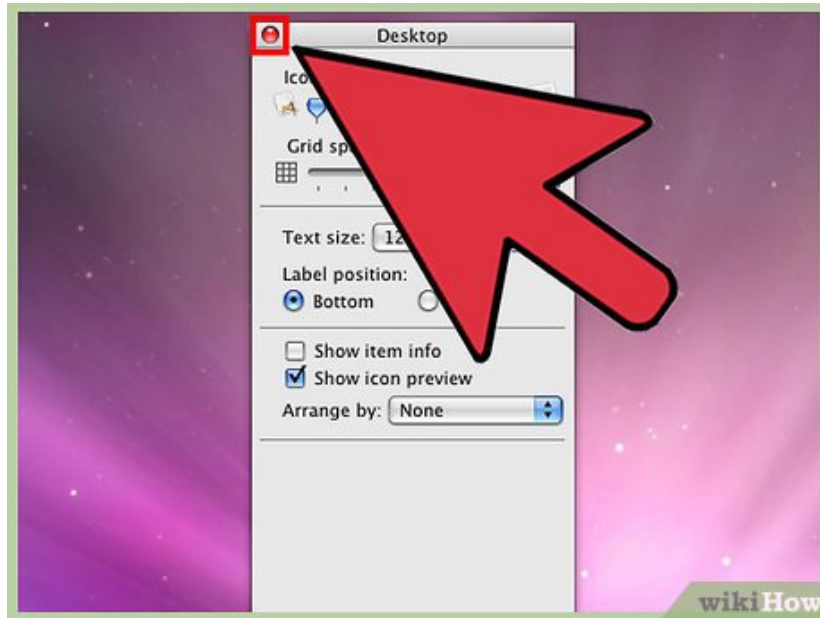
2.



**Move the slider beneath 'Icon Size' to the left.** The current icon size is displayed (in pixels) next to 'Icon Size' at the top of the window (e.g., 48 x 48). As you move the slider to the left, the Icon Size value will decrease.

1. The smaller the number, the smaller the icons.
2. The smallest possible icon size is 16 x 16, and the largest is 128 x 128.

3.

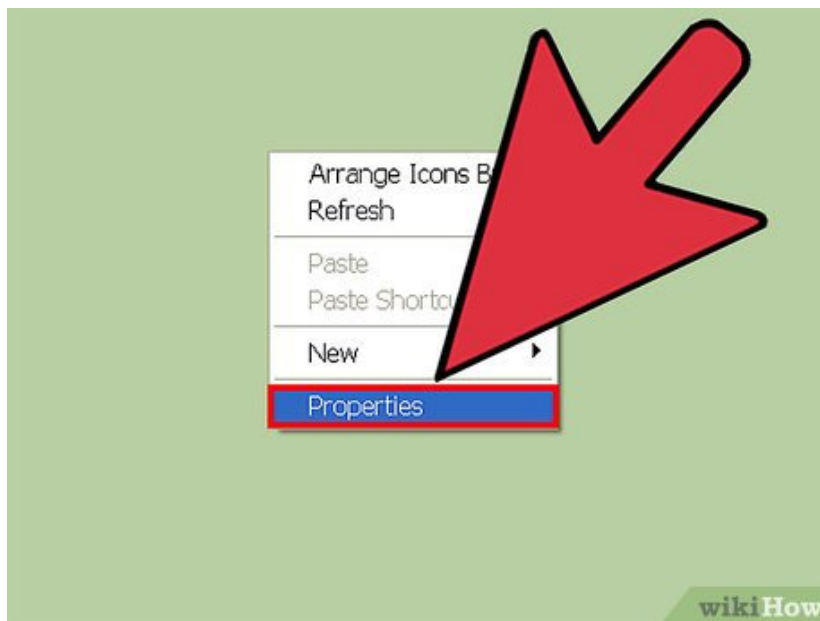


**Click the red 'Close' button at the top corner of the window to commit your changes.** If you are dissatisfied with your changes, return to the View Options and try a different size.

Method 3 of 5:

## Windows XP

1.



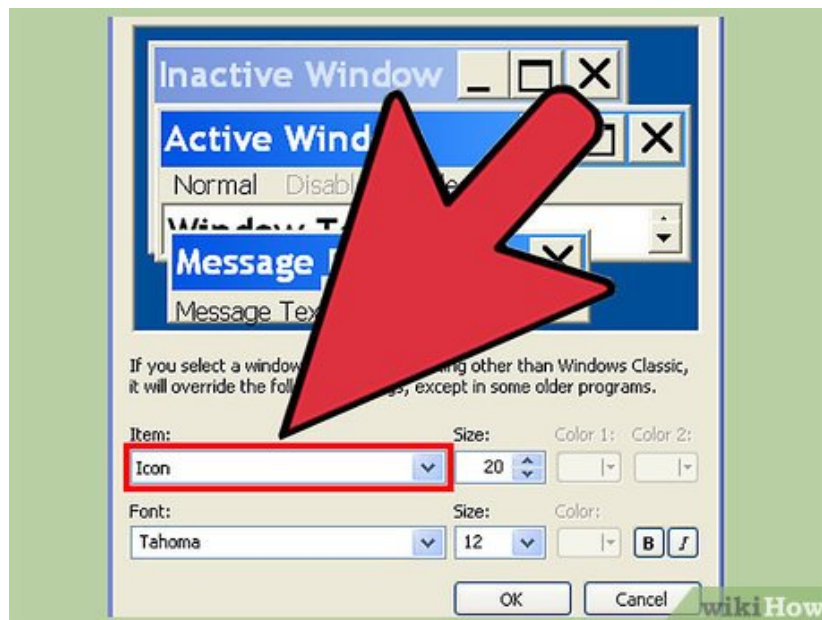
**Right-click an empty area on the desktop, then click 'Properties'.**

2.



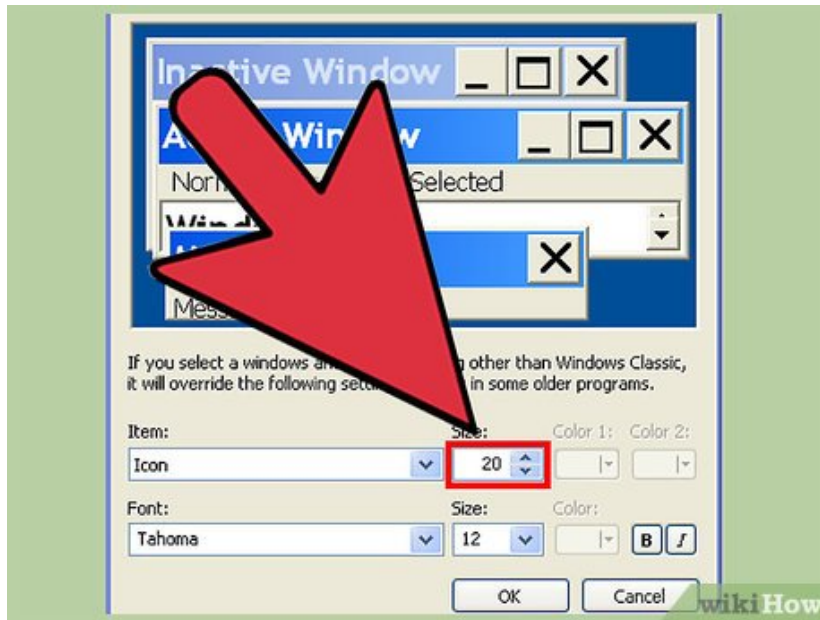
Click **Advanced**.

3.



Select "Icon" from the 'Item' drop-down menu.

4.



**Enter a smaller number into the 'Size' field.** To the right of the Size field (which contains the current icon size in pixels), you will see two arrows—one pointing up, the other down. Click the downward-pointing arrow to decrease the number.

5.



**Click 'OK' to save your changes and return to the desktop.** If you are dissatisfied with the new icon size, return to the Advanced screen and adjust the size.

Method 4 of 5:

## Disabling Zoom Mode in iOS

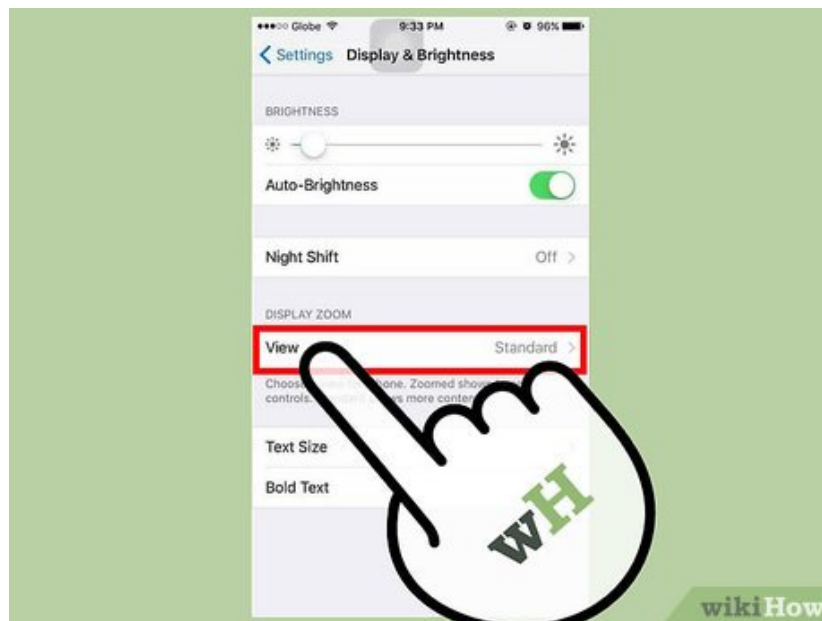
1.



**Open the Settings app, then select 'Display and Brightness'.**<sup>[3]</sup> While there's no way to customize the size of your icons on your iPhone or iPad, there is a way to fix the issue of your device having abnormally large icons. If your device wound up in Zoom Mode, it's easy to turn it off.

1. If the icons are too large to navigate to the Settings app, double-tap the screen with three fingers to zoom out, then try again.

2.



**Look at the entry for 'View' beneath 'Display Mode'.**<sup>[4]</sup> There are two possible options here:

1. Standard: If the view is set to 'Standard', your phone is not in Zoom Mode, and you won't be able to make the icons smaller.
2. Zoomed: If it is set to 'Zoomed', changing it to 'Standard' will reduce the icon size.

3.



Tap **'Zoomed'** (if present). Now you will see a new screen that says 'Display Zoom' at its top.

4.



Tap **'Standard'**, then tap **'Set'**. This will reduce the home screen (and the icons) to its normal, smaller size.

Method 5 of 5:

**Android**

1.



**Tap and hold your finger on a blank area of the desktop.**<sup>[5]</sup> Some manufacturers include the ability to customize icon size in their versions of Android.<sup>[6]</sup> On some Sony phones (and possibly others), this action will open a toolbar at the bottom of the screen.

2.



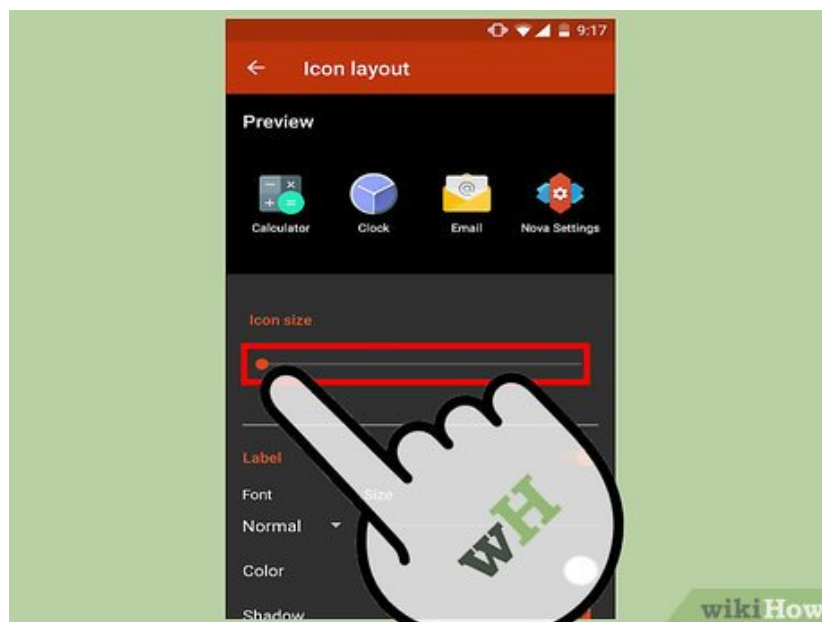
**Select 'Home Settings' or 'Desktop Settings'.**

3.



**Tap 'Icon Size' to view size options.** Some phones will have two options—small and large—while others may allow you to be more specific in your customization.

4.



**Select 'Small', then navigate back to the desktop to view your changes.**

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