

How to Rotate Images Using the Trackpad on a Mac

To rotate an image on a Mac using the Trackpad, open an image in Preview or another compatible app ? Place two fingers on the track pad ? Rotate one finger around the other, moving clockwise or counterclockwise. Note: The...

Method 1 of 2:

Rotating an Image Using the Trackpad

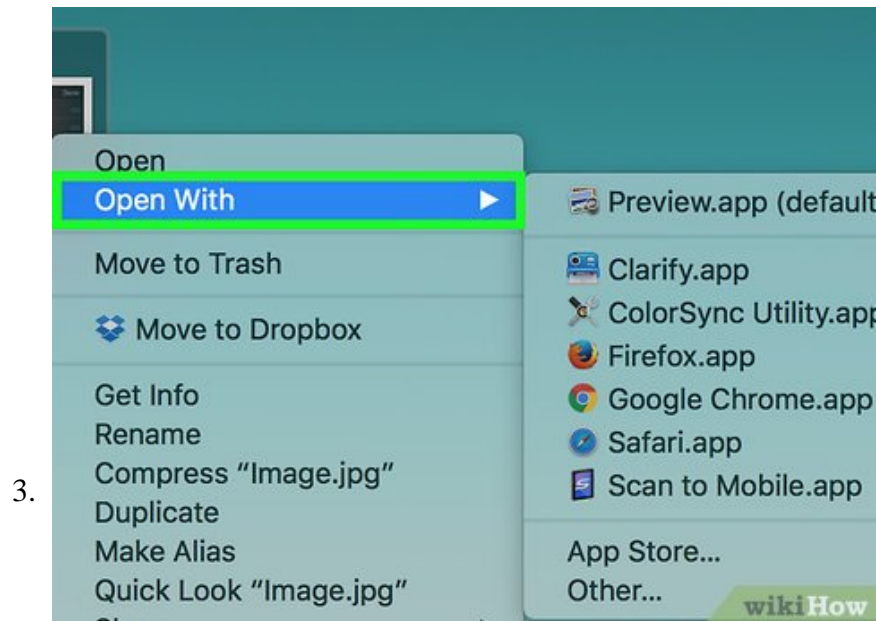


Find the image you want to open. You can locate an image using the Finder.

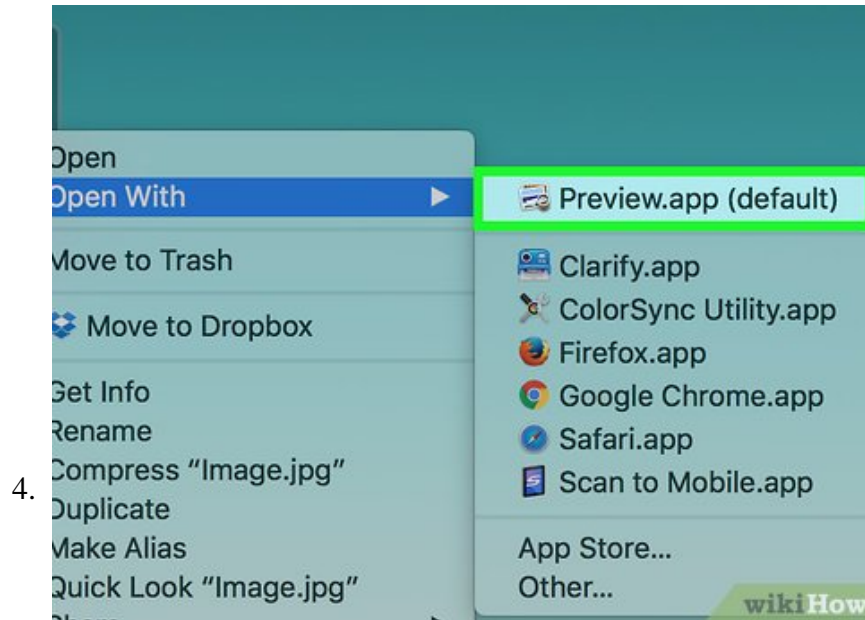


Press **Control** + click the mouse button to right click on the image.

1. If you have two-finger or corner secondary click enabled, you can use those methods to call up the right click menu as well.



Click **Open with** .

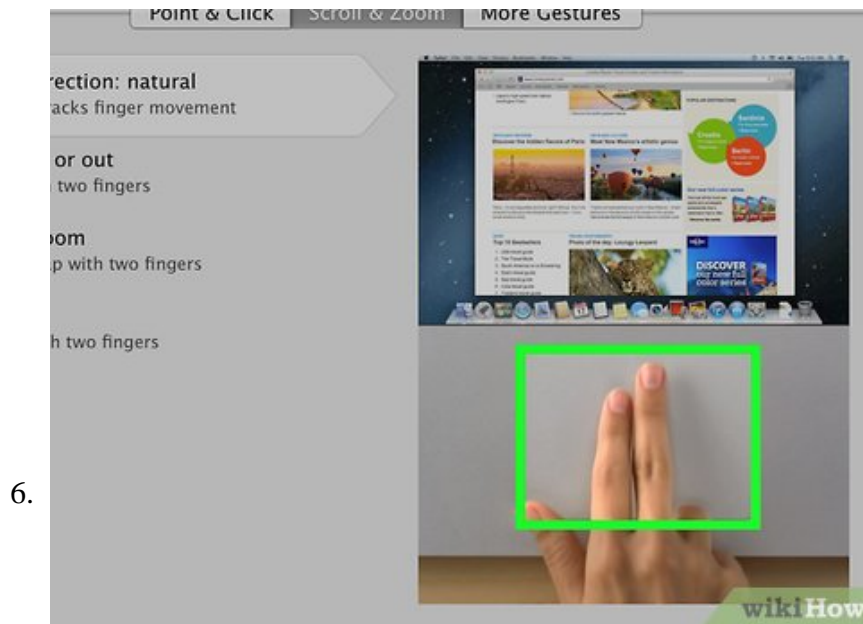


Click **Preview** from the drop down list.

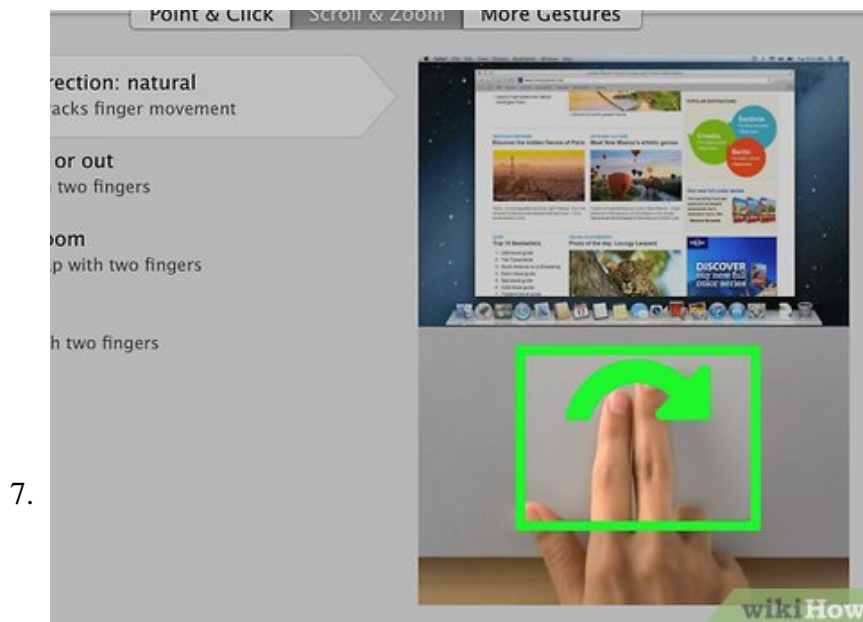
1. Note that not every app supports the rotation trackpad gesture. For the best results, open your photo using the Preview or Adobe Photoshop apps.
2. You cannot use the rotation gesture in the Photos app.^[1]



Hover your cursor over the image.

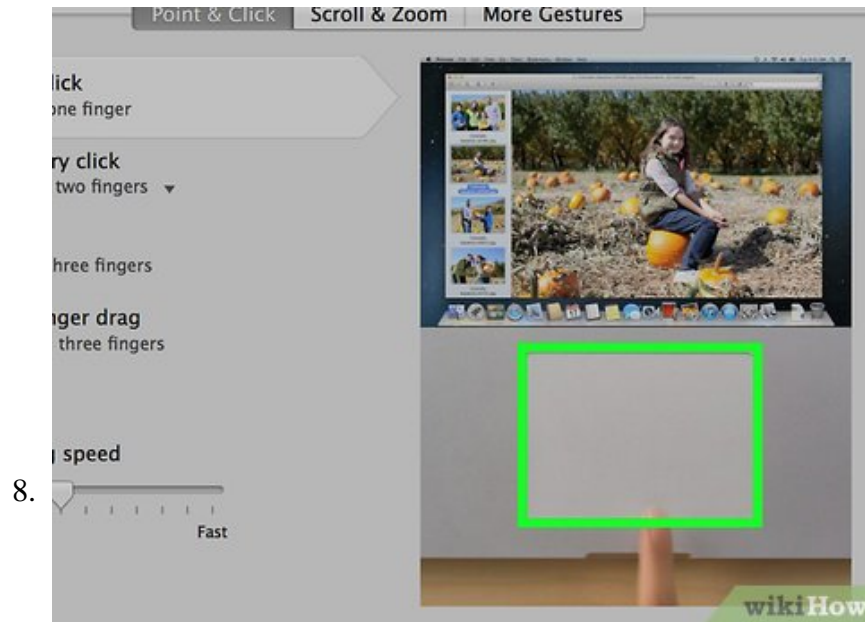


Place two fingers on the trackpad.



Rotate one finger around the other.

1. For example, if you place your thumb and pointer finger on the trackpad, drag your pointer finger around your thumb in a clockwise or counterclockwise motion.



Take your fingers off the trackpad's surface. Your image will be rotated!

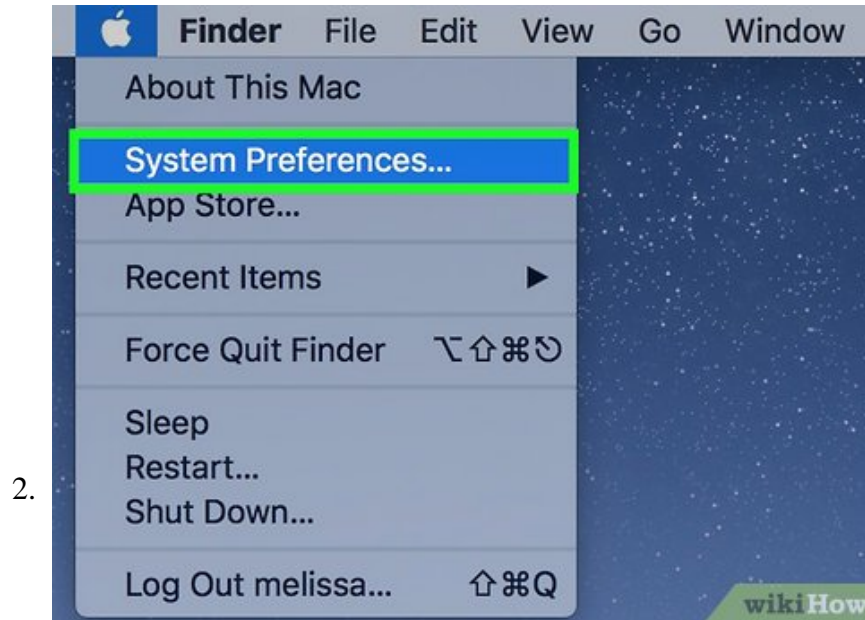
Method 2 of 2:

Enabling the Rotate Gesture

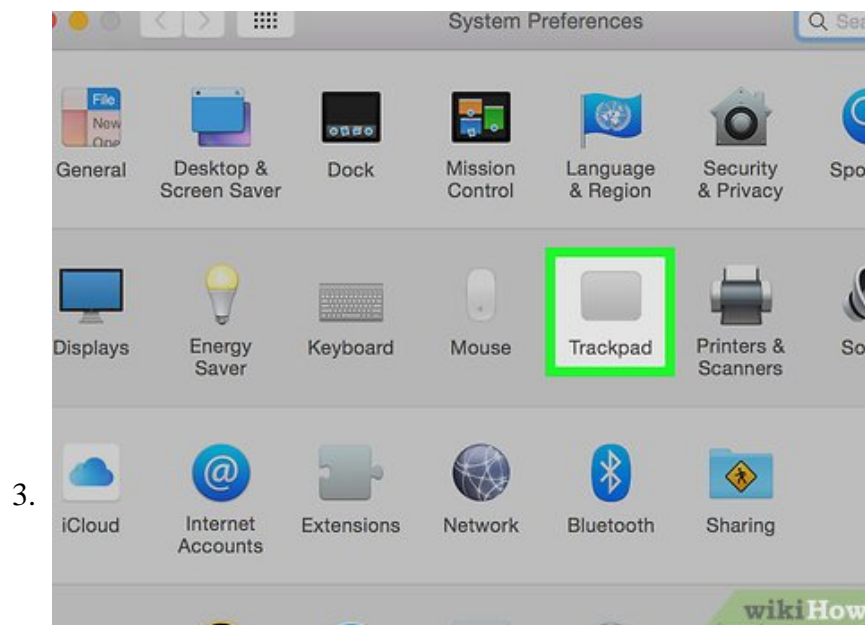


Click on the Apple Icon. It's the Apple logo at the far left corner of the menu bar at the top of your screen.

1. The rotate gesture is enabled by default, but if you need to re-enable it you can do so from the Trackpad menu.



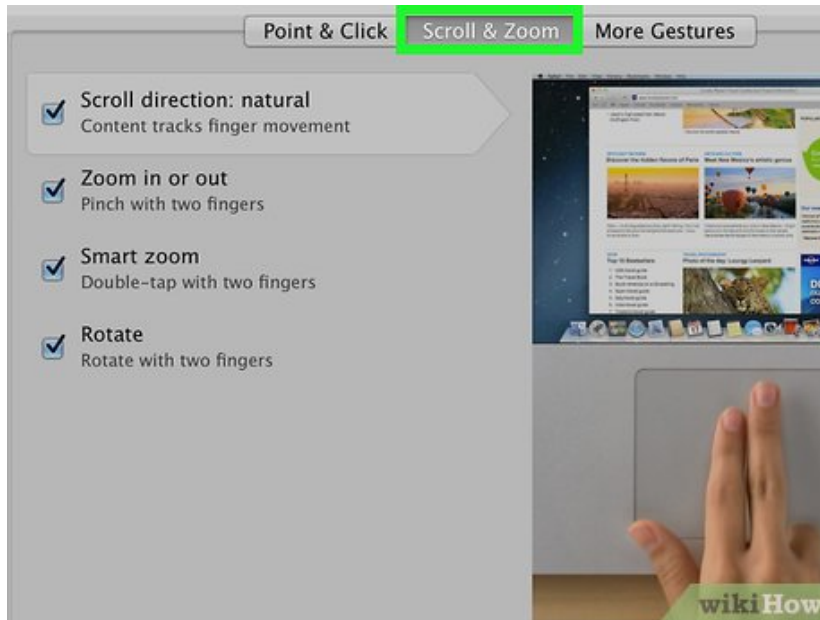
Click **System Preferences**.



Click the "Trackpad" icon.

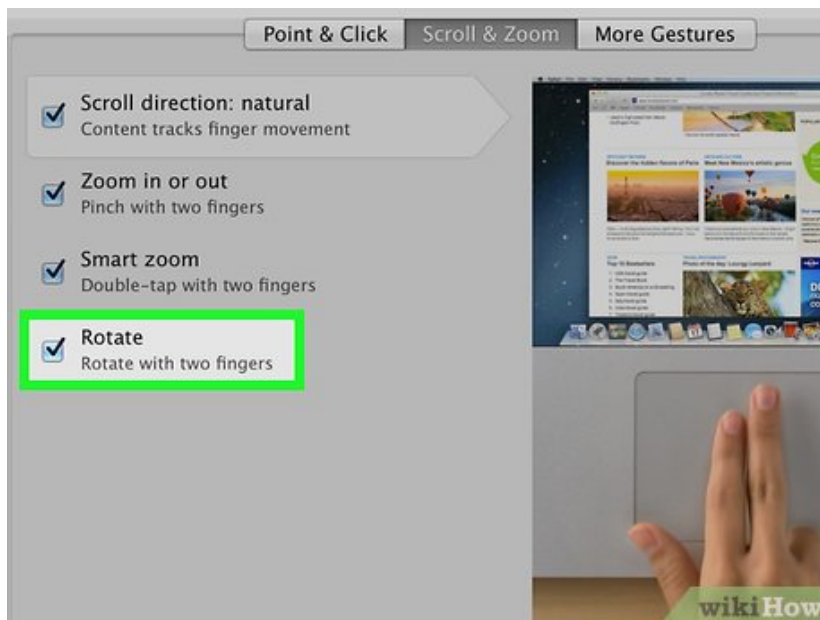
1. If you can't see the main menu, click the three rows of dots at the top left corner of the window, which displays as **Show All** in earlier versions of Mac OS X.

4.



Click **Scroll & Zoom**.

5.



Check the box next to "Rotate." Doing so will enable the rotate gesture.

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