

# How to use Focus Cell to highlight Excel data

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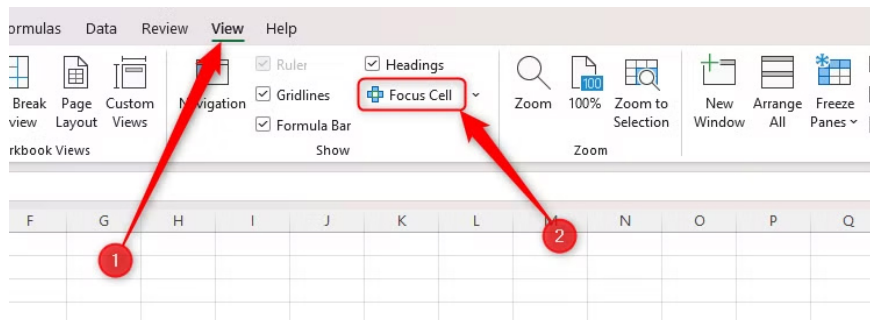
## Instruct

### Use Focus Cell Excel

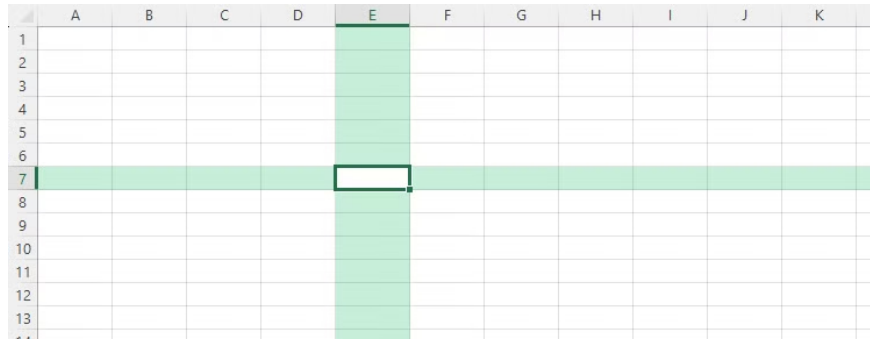
### highlight data

#### Step 1:

First, the user clicks on **the View tab** and then clicks on **Focus Cell** in the Show section as shown below.

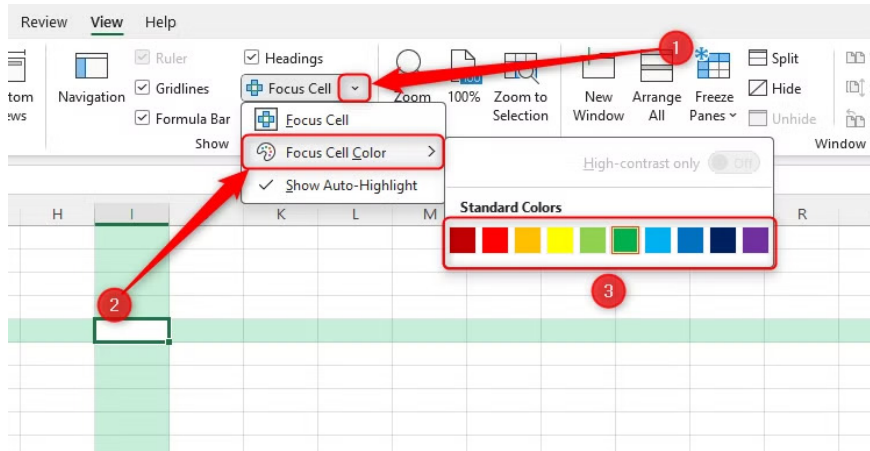


The result when you click on a cell in the data table will be highlighted as shown below. Focus Cell will highlight the active row and column in green.

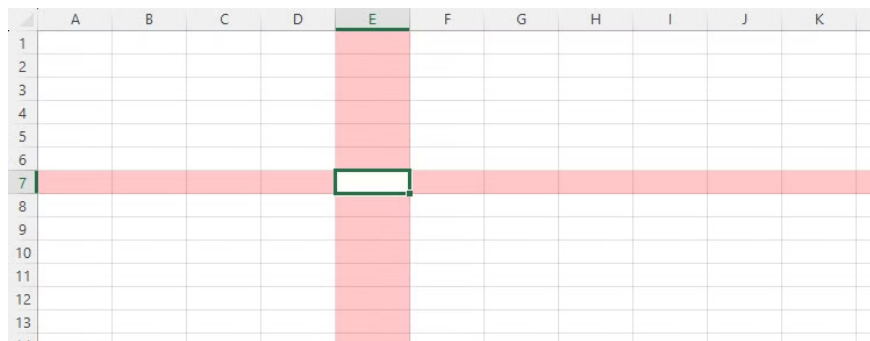


### Step 2:

To change the **data fill color for Focus Cell**, click Focus Cell in the View group, then in the drop-down menu select **Focus Cell Color** and then select the color you want to change.

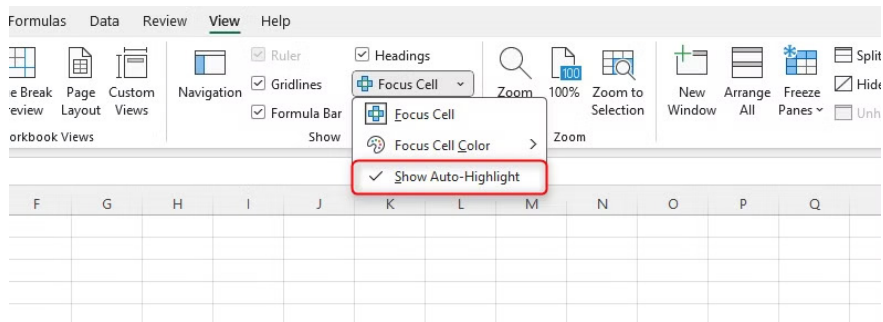


The resulting data area has been recolored.



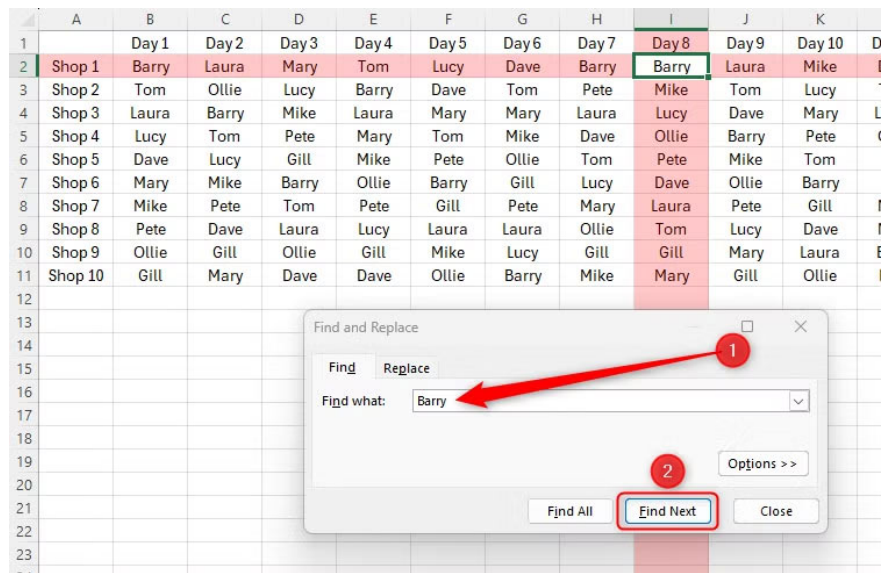
### Step 3:

If you **use Excel's Find and Replace tool** to locate values in a spreadsheet, you can combine it with Focus Cell to make the cell value you are looking for clearer. We click on the **Show Auto-Highlight** option in Focus Cell.



**Step 4:**

In the Find and Replace dialog box interface, when you enter the content you want to find in Find What, then click Find Next, you will see the Focus Cell temporary format that emphasizes cells that match your criteria.



Note, Focus Cell only applies to Microsoft Excel 365 with Windows version 2410, build 18118.20000 or later and Mac version 16.91, build 24109300.

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