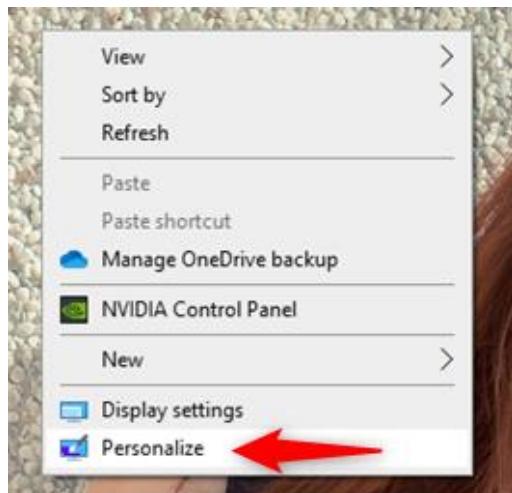


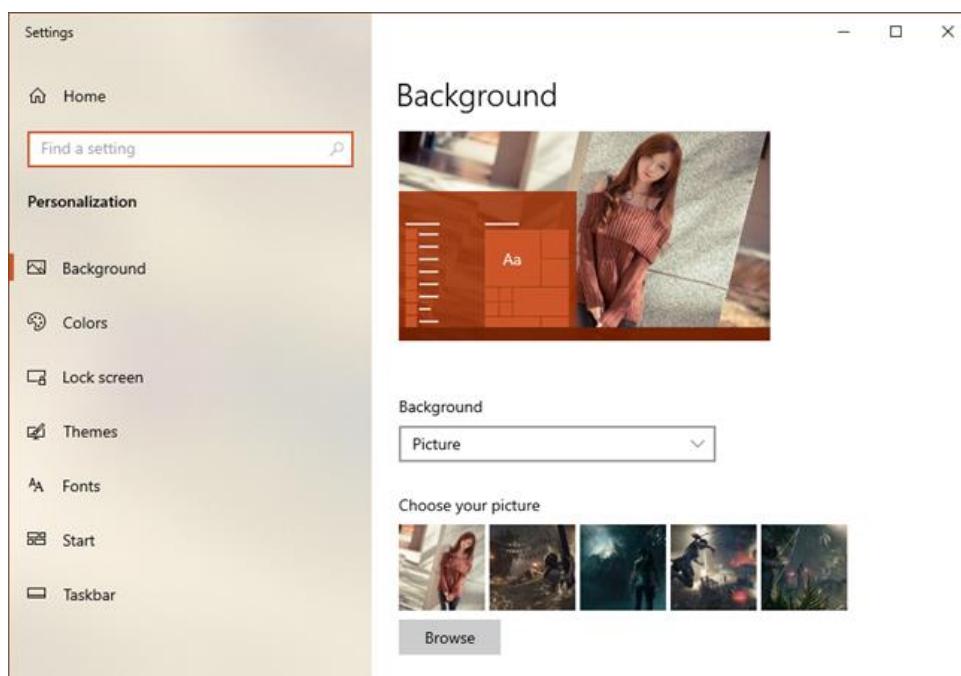
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How to set and customize a picture as desktop wallpaper, in Windows 10, using the **Settings** app

Like most things in Windows 10, you can also change the desktop wallpaper from the [Settings app](#). Right-click or tap and hold on your desktop, and then select *Personalization* in the contextual menu.

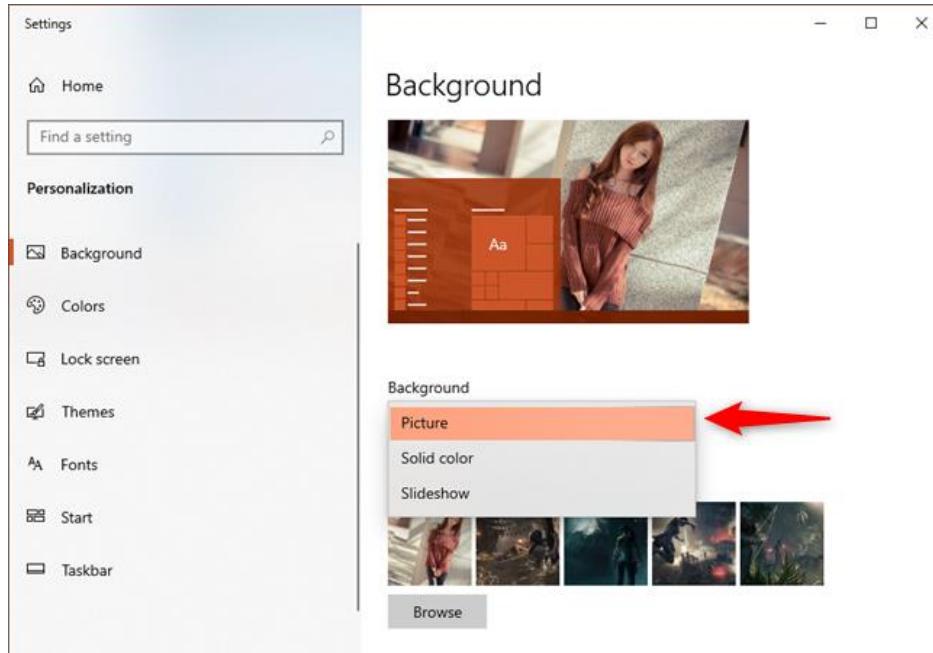


The previous action opens the *Settings* app and instantly takes you to the *Background* section from the *Personalization* settings. This is what you should see:

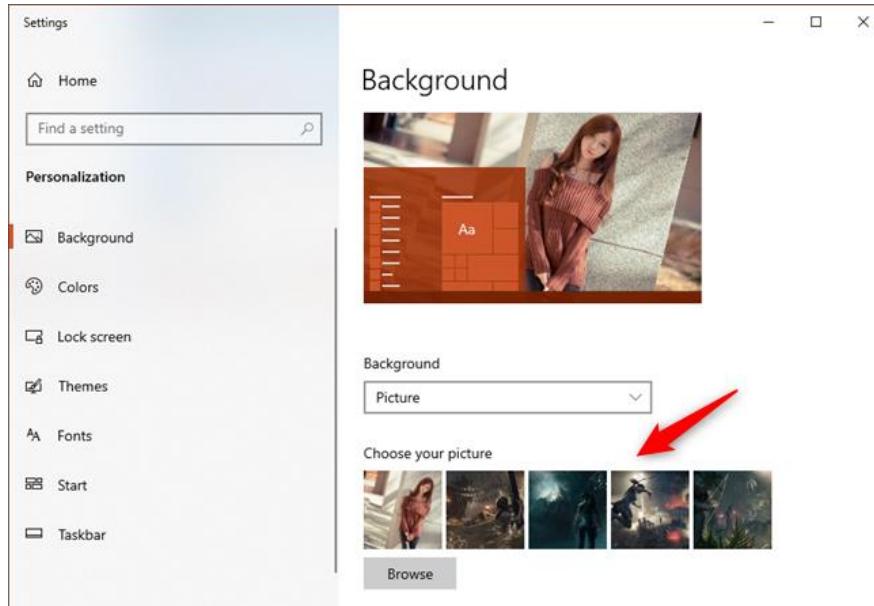


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On the right side of the *Background* page, you can see a small preview of what your desktop looks like using the current settings, followed by a series of settings that change its looks. The first of them is called *Background*. Click or tap on the *Background* drop-down and select the *Picture* option.

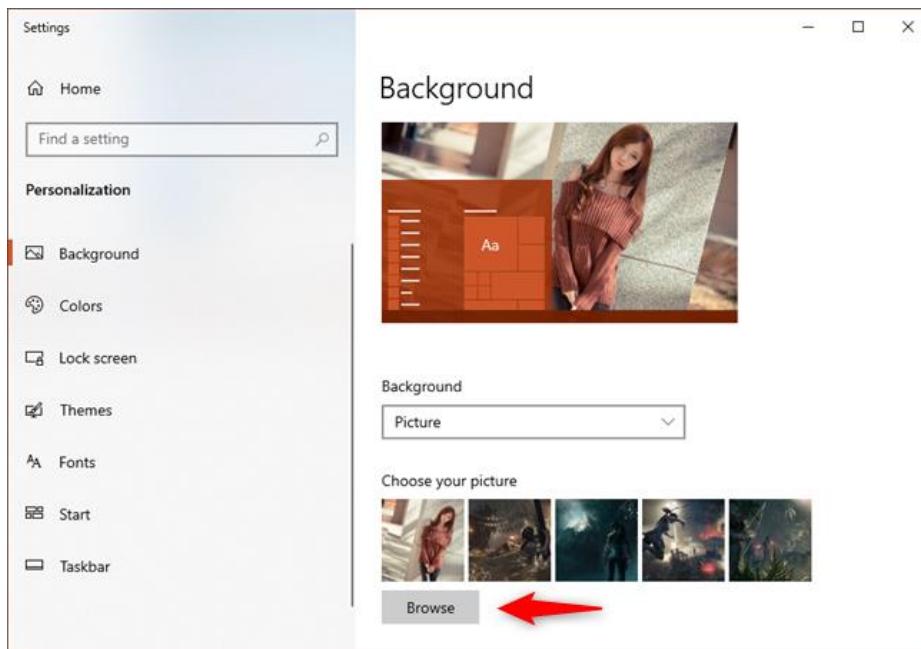


Right under the *Background* setting, there's a section called "*Choose your picture*," in which Windows 10 shows you a series of pictures that you can quickly set as your desktop wallpaper. If you want to use one of them, click or tap on it.



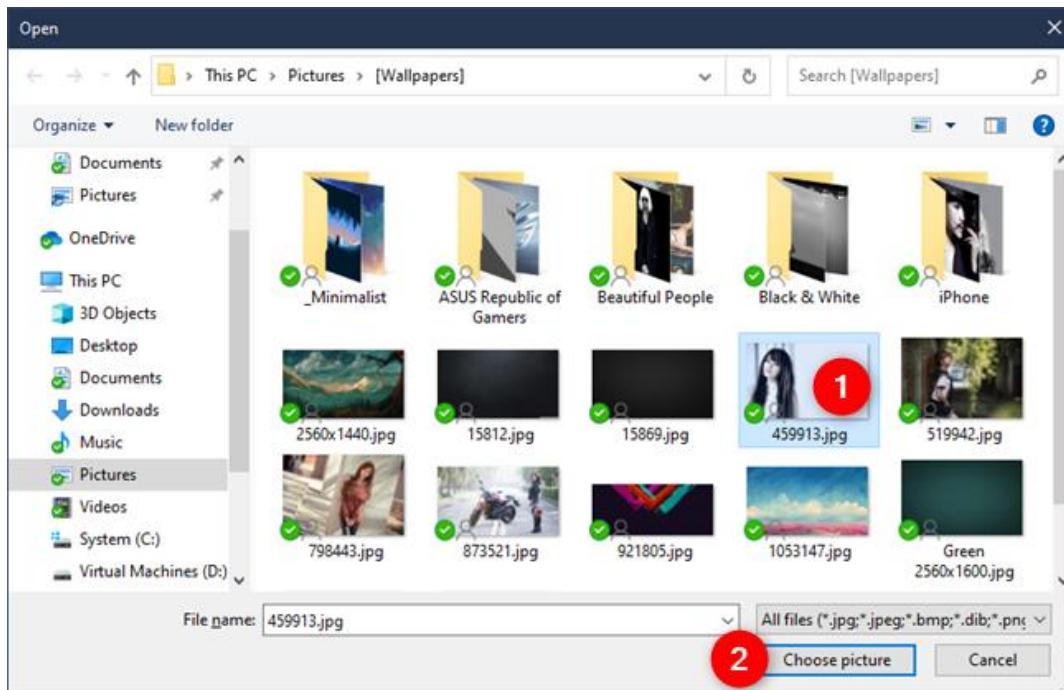
If you want to use a different picture than the ones shown in the list, click or tap on the *Browse* button. Then navigate through your Windows 10 PC to select the picture you prefer to use as wallpaper.

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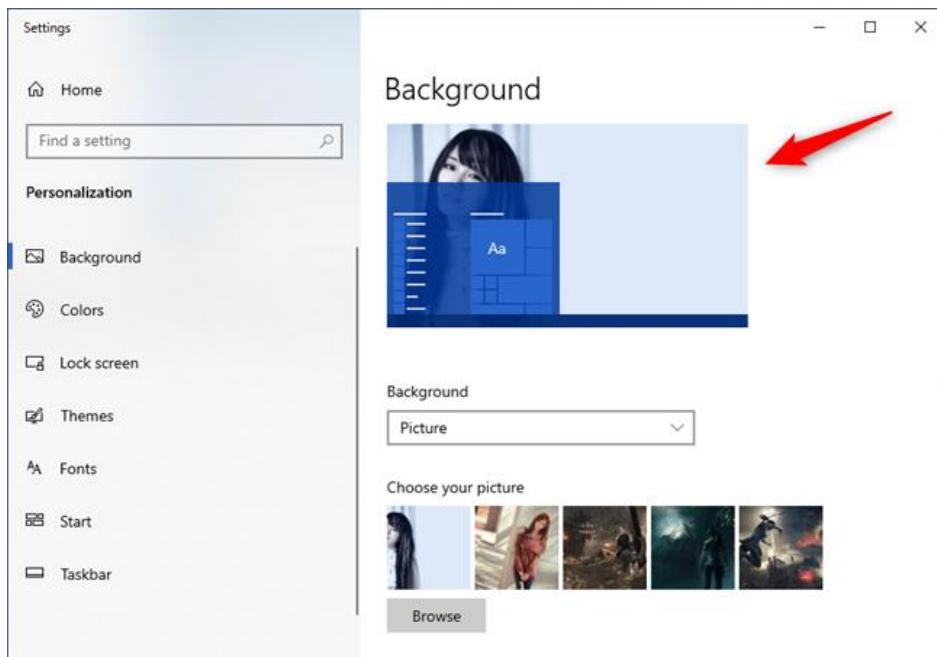
Browsing for other pictures

When you find the one you want, select it and click or tap on the *"Choose picture"* button.



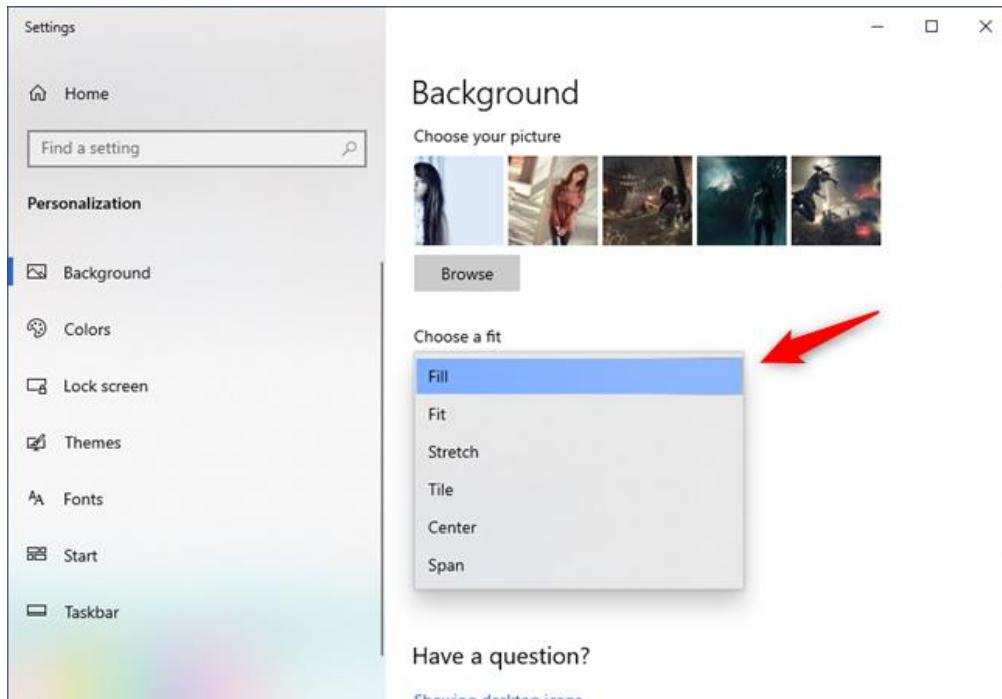
As soon as you do that, Windows 10 sets the new picture as your desktop background. You can also see how your desktop looks in the *Background* preview.

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What the desktop looks like in Windows 10

What about customizing how the picture fills your screen space? Scroll down on the right side of the *Background* window. Then click or tap on the "Choose a fit" drop-down list and select the picture positioning that you prefer: *Fill, Fit, Stretch, Tile, Center, Span*.

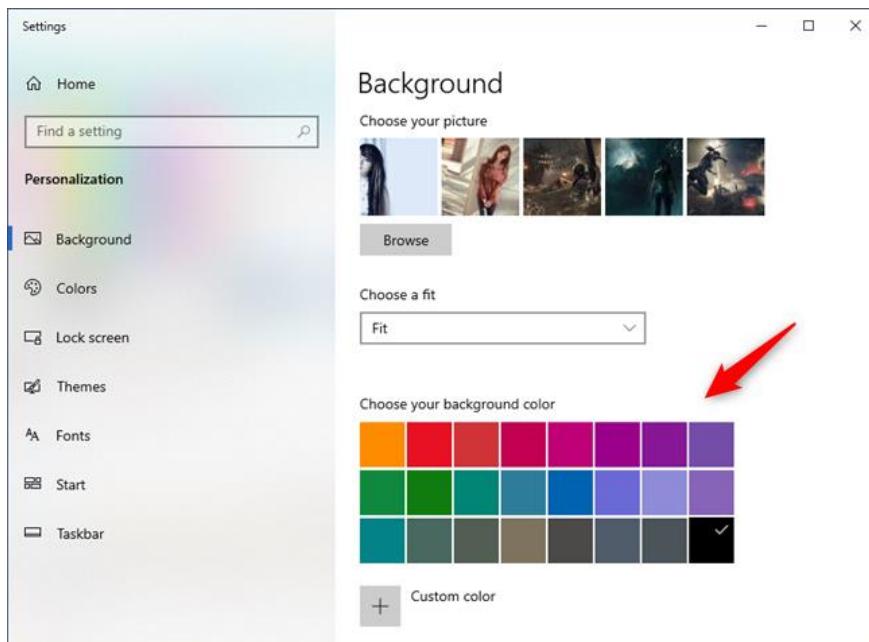


Experimentation is the best way to decide which of these options works best. Here's what happens:

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- *Fill* enlarges or reduces your image so that your desktop space is filled. The images are either stretched or cropped to make this happen.
- *Fit* makes your images as large as possible to fit in the available space. They are neither distorted nor cropped.
- *Stretch* either stretches or squashes your image to the same dimensions as your screen. If your monitor size doesn't match the size of the image well, this can look really ugly.
- *Tile* puts your image on the screen multiple times, filling up the space, but it may or may not fit the images into the space.
- *Center* puts your image in the center of the screen. You may have one small image in the center of a big blank space, or you may have just the center part of a big image.
- *Span* makes the image span on all your displays, if you have more than one installed on your computer or device.

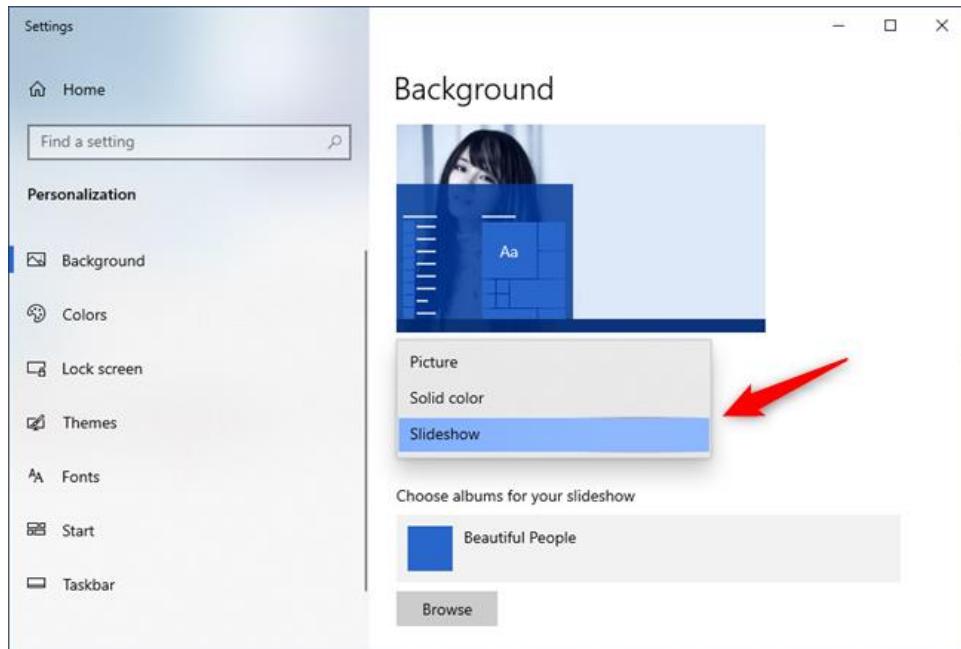
If it turns out that your image does not fill the screen properly, you can click on "*Change background color*\*\*", and find a color that coordinates with your image to fill up the rest of the screen.



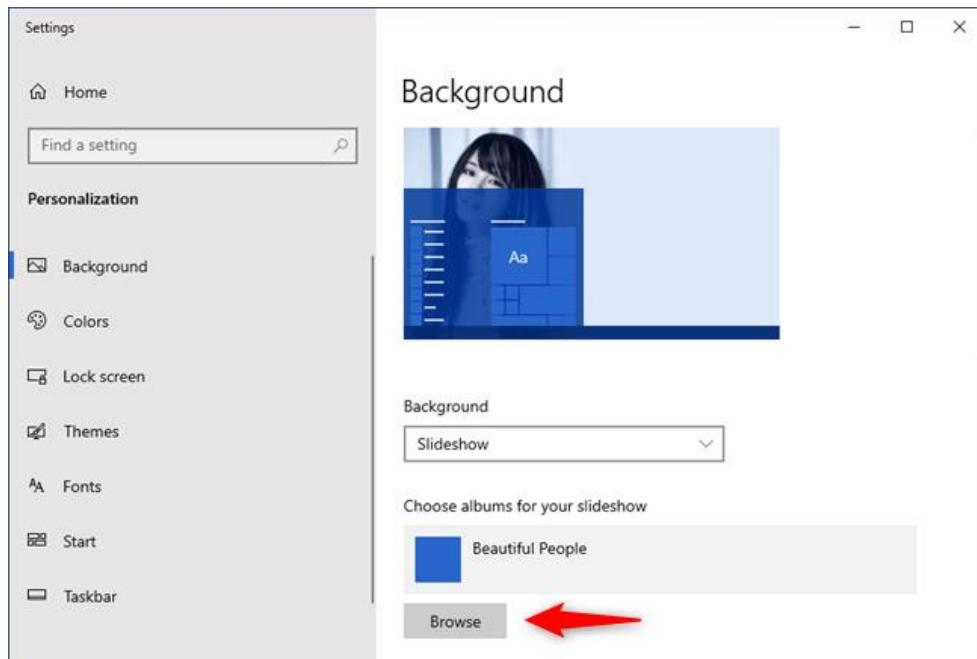
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## How to set a slideshow with multiple desktop wallpapers, in Windows 10

If you want to use more than one picture as wallpapers in Windows 10, open the *Settings* app and go *Personalization > Background*. Then, click or tap on the *Background* drop-down and select *Slideshow* from the list.



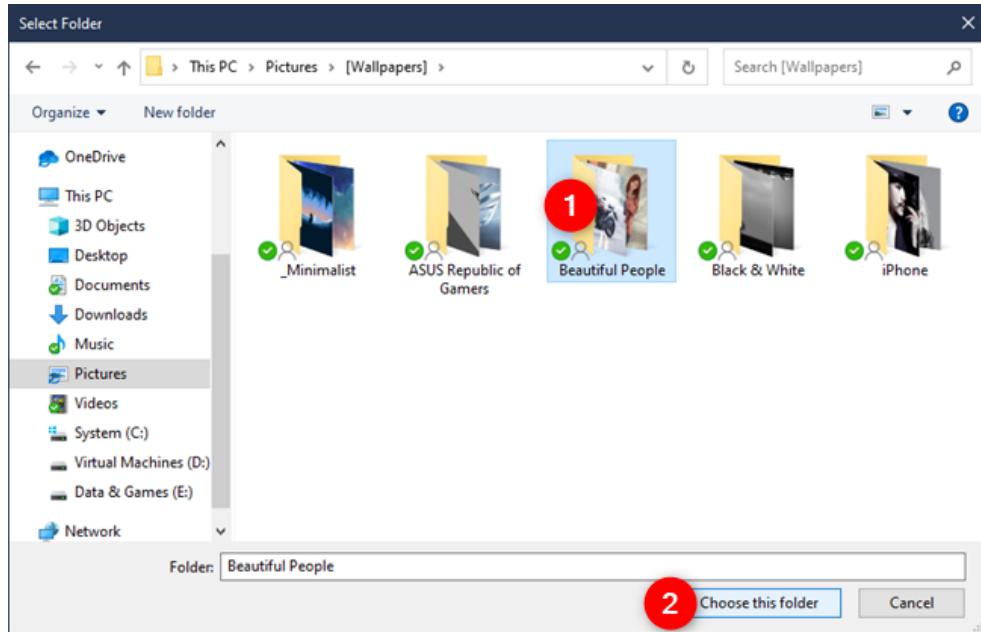
In the next section, called "*Choose albums for your slideshow*," click or tap on *Browse*.



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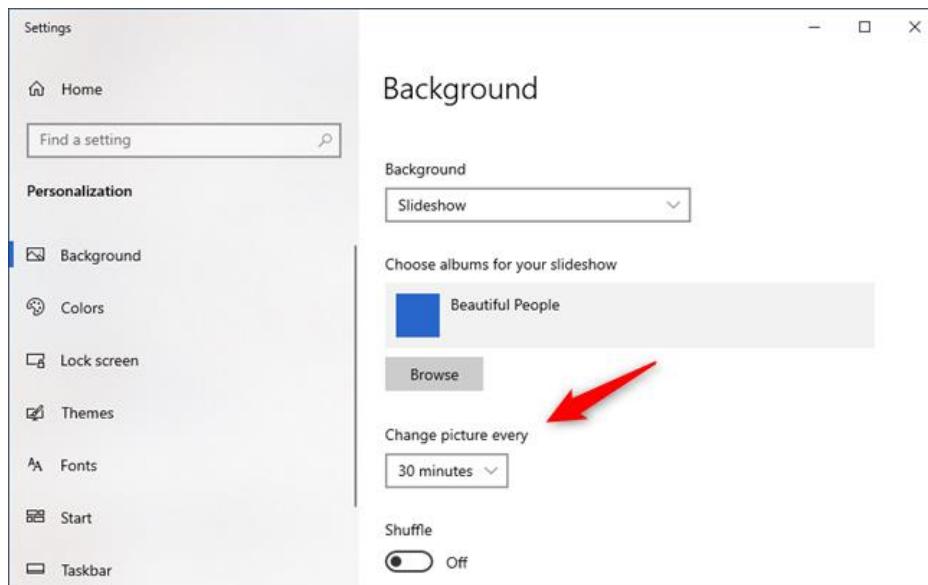
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Navigate to select the folder that has the images you want to be used on your desktop. When you find it, select it and click or tap on *"Choose this folder."*



Windows 10 changes the desktop background right away, starting to play a slideshow with pictures from the folder you chose. Note that you can only use one folder. If no folder on your computer has the images you want, you have to create a folder with images selected just for this purpose.

By default, the images you've chosen become a slideshow that changes at whatever time interval you wish. Use the *"Change picture every"* list and choose the time span you want. If you want the images to play in random order, click or tap on *Shuffle* also.



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Also, if you want to adjust the position of the wallpapers on your desktop, follow the same steps as we've shown you for setting a picture as desktop background. Essentially, all you have to do is to click or tap on the *"Choose a fit"* drop-down list and select the option you prefer: *Fill, Fit, Stretch, Tile, Center, Span*.

