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TOPIC -------------------------------------------------------------

Can I customize an icon in System 7?

DISCUSSION --------------------------------------------------------

Yes.  Here's how to customize an icon in System 7:

1) Select the graphic you want to use for an icon.  An icon in the Get Info
   window of any document is a possible source.

2) Copy the graphic to the Clipboard by choosing Copy from the Edit menu.

3) In the Finder, select the icon you want to change.

4) Choose Get Info from the File menu.

5) Ensure that the Locked box in the lower-left corner of the Get Info
   window is not checked.  You cannot customize the icon of a locked file.

6) Click the icon at the upper left of the Get Info window to select it.

7) Choose Paste from the Edit menu.
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8) Click the close box to close the Get Info window.

You can change an icon back by clicking the icon in the upper-left corner
of the Get Info window and choosing Cut or Clear from the Edit menu.

Notes

- If the selected graphic is bigger than the icon in the Get Info window,
  it automatically shrinks to fit.

- Some icons cannot be customized, including those for locked items,
  control panels, and other parts of the system software.

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