

A little light. A clearer switch.

24 matching icon pairs for websites with a little personality.



LIGHT PAGE

Button: Lights off



DARK PAGE

Button: Lights on

Original SVGs. Transparent PNGs. A working example.

This guide takes you from opening your download to adding an accessible theme switch to a real website. Every design comes with both states.

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robsaitools.com/tools/theme-icons/

From download to first click.

No app to install. No account to create. Start with the working example.

1 Choose a kit and extract it.

Visit the icon gallery. Download one design or the complete collection. On Mac, double-click the ZIP. On Windows, right-click and choose Extract All. Work inside the extracted folder, not inside the ZIP preview.

2 Open example/index.html.

Double-click this file to open it in your browser. Click Lights off, then Lights on. The whole example should change colour. Use device theme returns to your system preference. This example makes no network requests.

3 Choose the right files.

Use SVG for crisp website icons at any size. Use PNG if your builder does not accept SVG. PNG widths are 64, 128, 256 and 512 pixels; heights are 80, 160, 320 and 640. Keep the 4:5 ratio and transparency.

```
your-design/  
  svg/                light.svg + dark.svg  
  png/                both states, four sizes  
example/  
  assets/             the example's own SVGs  
  theme.css + theme.js  
theme-icons-guide.pdf + LICENSE.txt  
README.txt + manifest.json
```

Complete collection: open any named design folder, then its example folder. The shared guide and licence are at the top level. Keep a copy of your current website before adding the switch.

Find your kind of glow.

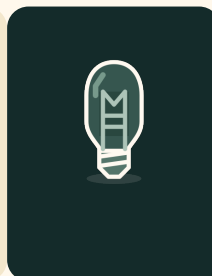
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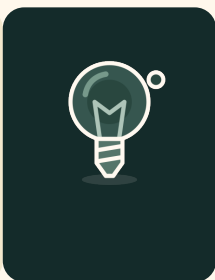
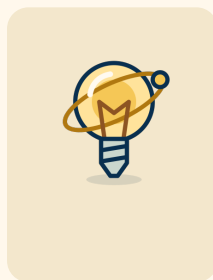
PorridgeWeb header globe



Classic spark



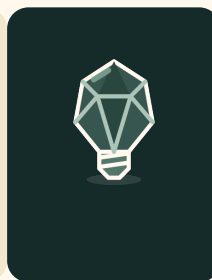
Edison glow



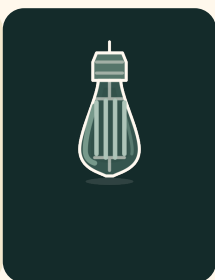
Orbit globe



Pendant glow



Crystal light



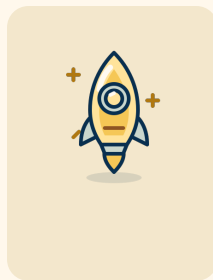
Amber teardrop



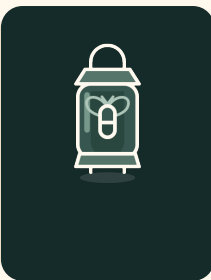
Tall filament



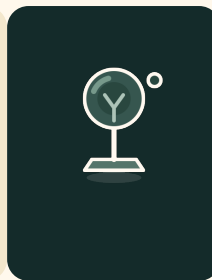
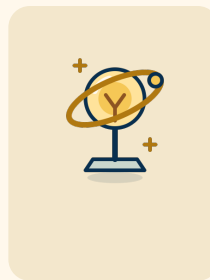
Hanging filament



Rocket glow



Firefly lantern



Halo lamp

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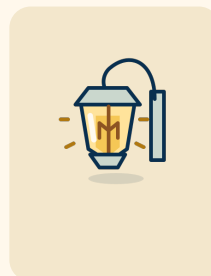
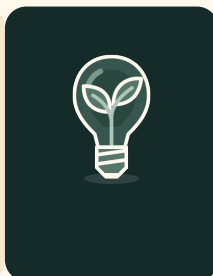
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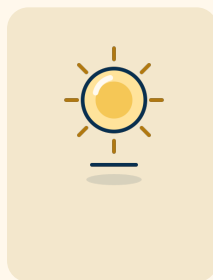
Jelly glow



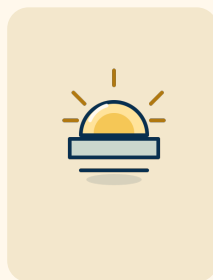
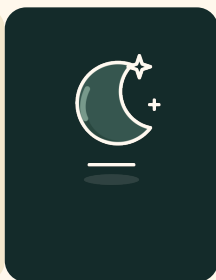
Sprout light



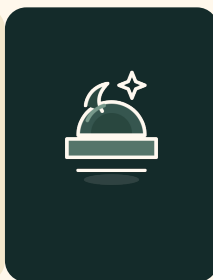
Coach lantern



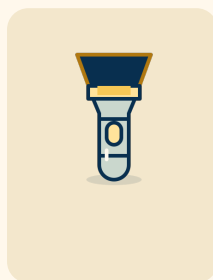
Sun & moon



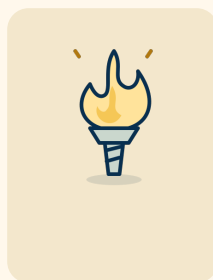
Horizon day & night



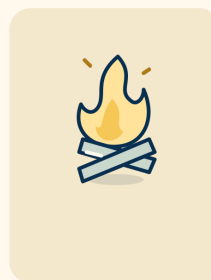
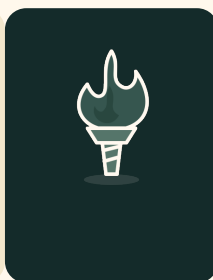
Quiet crescent



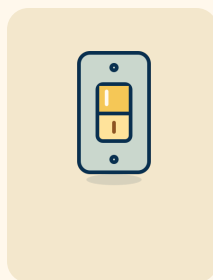
Pocket torch



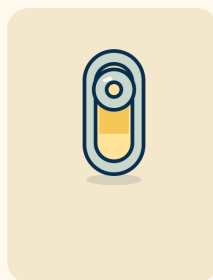
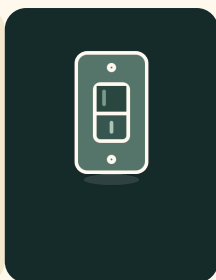
Flame torch



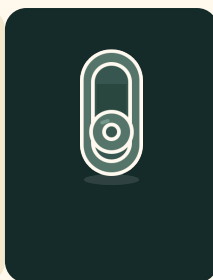
Campfire glow



Classic light switch



Minimal slider



Architect lamp



Add the working switch.

For a simple HTML website without an existing theme controller.

1 Copy the example files into your site.

Copy theme.css, theme.js and the assets folder next to your page. Keep both SVG files together. If your page is in another folder, adjust every relative path to match. The file and directory names are case-sensitive on many hosts.

2 Load the stylesheet and script in <head>.

Start on a duplicate or staging page. The example stylesheet includes page layout: merge its colour variables and button rules into your own CSS instead of overwriting a finished design.

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="theme.css">
<script src="theme.js" defer></script>
```

3 Copy the button into your header.

Copy the theme-switch button from example/index.html. Keep its ID, image and span. Only one button should use this ID. The script supplies the action label and shows the button when ready.

```
<button id="theme-switch" type="button" hidden>
  
  <span>Lights off</span>
</button>
```

4 Connect your colours, then publish and check.

In your CSS, use var(--page), var(--text), var(--panel) and var(--line). Define a complete dark palette under :root[data-theme="dark"]. Upload the page, scripts, styles and images together. Follow the tests on page 7.

Already have a theme switch?

Keep one source of truth for the page theme. Use the new artwork with it.

1

Find how your site stores its current theme.

It may use a class, a data-theme attribute, a setting in your builder or a framework component. Identify its existing toggle and settings first. Keep its keyboard behaviour, stored preference and system-theme support.

2

Replace the artwork, not the whole controller.

When the current page is light, show light.svg and label the action Lights off. When it is dark, show dark.svg and label the action Lights on. Update the image and label whenever the theme changes, including on first load.

**LIGHT PAGE**

Lights off

**DARK PAGE**

Lights on

Using a website builder

1. Upload both icons to the builder's media library. If SVG is blocked, use PNG.
2. Use the existing theme-switch feature if the builder supplies one.
3. If custom code is supported, adapt the example in a preview or staging page. Set the image paths to your uploaded asset URLs.
4. Check the theme across all your page templates, then publish.
5. If the builder does not allow theme logic or custom code, ask its support team or your developer. An image block alone will not change colours.

Need a hand? DigiThat - digithat.com.au offers custom website work. Builder capabilities and plan requirements vary; this kit is not a plugin for a specific platform.

Small checks. Better experiences.

Run these on your actual hosted page, not only the local example.

1 Start with both device themes

With no saved choice, load the page in light and dark device modes. The colours, icon and action label should agree.

2 Use the keyboard

Press Tab until the switch has a clear focus outline. Press Enter or Space. The page changes once; focus stays on the button.

3 Listen to the label

Use VoiceOver or another screen reader. The button should announce the next action, such as Lights off - switch to dark theme. The decorative image has empty alt text.

4 Reload and move between pages

Choose a theme, reload and follow another page link. The site should keep your choice where storage is allowed. Keep one storage key across your site.

5 Check on a small screen

At 320-390 pixels wide, the switch must remain visible, readable and easy to tap. Keep the click target at least 44 by 44 CSS pixels. Scale the icon proportionally.

6 Check colour and content

Review text, fields, links, focus rings and error messages in both themes. Aim for at least 4.5:1 contrast for normal text and 3:1 for large text and meaningful controls. Do not recolour photographs.

7 Try restricted conditions

Block storage and turn JavaScript off. The page should stay usable. With storage blocked, the switch still works for that visit; preference persistence may be unavailable.

Theme changes should be calm. Avoid flashing and long animations; respect reduced-motion preferences if you add movement. A theme switch alone does not make a whole site accessible.

A few useful answers.

The dark icon looks almost invisible.

Its outline is light. Put `dark.svg` on a dark background. Do not apply an invert filter; the colours are already designed for each state.

The image is broken or the switch does nothing.

Extract the ZIP first. Check filenames, letter case and relative paths. Keep `assets`, `theme.css` and `theme.js` together. Check your browser console for missing files, blocked scripts or duplicate IDs.

The choice does not survive a reload.

Private browsing, storage blocking and local file rules can restrict saving. Test on HTTPS hosting. Keep the same storage key and origin. The example reports when storage is unavailable.

Can I use these on a commercial website?

Yes. The included MIT licence permits personal and commercial use and adaptation. Retain the licence when redistributing copies. A visible credit is appreciated but not required. Brand names and logos are excluded.

Good places to go next

porridgeweb.com - Original icon designs, website planning and creative tools.

digithat.com.au - Custom websites and makeovers.

dreamartgallery.com - Digital art by Robin Custance.

robsaitools.com/tools/theme-icons/ - All downloads and the latest guide.

Other sites have their own services, availability and terms. Support: robin@robsaitools.com.

Technical references: MDN: [prefers-color-scheme](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/prefers-color-scheme) and W3C: [WCAG 2.2](https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG22-quick-reference/) quick reference.

Original SVG shapes preserved. PNGs and this guide produced for the toolkit.