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The Kidcon™ OS Icon Collection

Introduction:

Fast on the heels of the popular Kidcon icon collection comes the Kidcon OS set. These icons fill in the missing pieces for any user, child or adult, that wants to customize their mac in the Kidcon appearance. The set provides a number of folders for different aspects of your computer, all designed the the bold, striking lines and colors of Kidcons. As a bonus, we've provided two versions of the Kidcon Kaleidoscope scheme, Kidkal, to complete the make over.

The enclosed folder contains over 55 custom Kidcon icons and two KAL schemes to customize your Mac. This fun and playful set was drawn by hand utilizing bold lines and striking colors to bring out the kid in everyone. There are Kidcon replacements for many of the standard folder types like "Applications" "Utilities" or "Games" in addition to missing system level icons like the "Generic Application" icon. Whether your eight or eighty, we're sure you'll enjoy the Kidcon OS Icon Collection as long as you're young at heart!

Legality:

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Although a shareware fee is not required to make use of these files, contributions are encouraged and can be sent to:

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How To make Use of Kidcons as Mac Icons:

1. You need system 7 or higher.
2. Do a "Get Info" (File menu) on the original Kidcon icon file that you want to use.
3. Click on the icon in the window; choose "Copy" (Edit menu).
4. Close the window, then "Get Info" on destination file/disk.
5. Click on the icon, choose "Paste" (Edit menu).
6. Don't forget to e-mail us and let us know what you think!

How To make Use of the Kidkal KAL scheme:

1. You'll need to download the latest verison of Kaleidoscope.

The application can be found on the web at: <<http://www.kaleidoscope.net/>>

2. If you would like to use Kidkal without replacement icons, then drag the Kidkal lite

version into the KAL scheme folder in your system folder.

3. Launch Kaleidoscope and select the Kidkal scheme to activate it.

4. If you want Kidkal to replace your system icons, then simply use the original Kidkal 1.0

file instead. **NOTE: System level icons do not get replaced correctly**

under Mac OS 8! This isn't my fault so please don't write to tell me so.

5. Don't forget to e-mail us and let us know what you think!

On replacing the trash icon:

Many people ask us how to go about replacing their Mac's trash icon with a custom one such as those that come with this set. There are several ways to go about replacing the trash icon, but we don't recommend messing around with system resources unless you are fairly versed with ResEdit. If you're not sure you want to mess with the guts of your Mac's system files then may we recommend a program called Zonkers! from Nova Development. Zonkers provides users with a safe, fast and easy way to customize ALL system level icons with the click of a mouse. If you'd like to learn more about Zonkers! for the Mac and all the neat things it can do then head for: <<http://www.novadevcorp.com>> I've found however that with the latest upgrade to Mac OS 8, Zonkers has little or no affect on the trash (or any other system level icon). If you're running Mac OS 8 then Zonkers won't help in this area.

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<http://www.iconfactory.com>

If desktop patterns are more your cup of tea, then you'll want to visit The DeskStop: 3D Desktop Patterns for your Mac. Mindy Weaver & Gedeon Maheux have started the site as a one-stop source for cool, dimensional textures for use on the web, with 3D modeling software or just on your Mac's desktop. Drop by The DeskStop today at:

<http://members.aol.com/deskstop/index.html>