



Zoom fun

With many of our clients working from home now, we thought it might be helpful to suggest some fun things you can do with Zoom.

For those who haven't discovered Zoom yet, here are some basics to get you started.

What is Zoom

Zoom is a cloud-based video conferencing service you can use to virtually meet with others - either by video or audio-only or both, all while conducting live chats - and it lets you record those sessions to view later.

Zoom's main features

1. **One-on-one meetings:** Host unlimited one-on-one meetings even with the free plan.
2. **Group video conferences:** Host The free plan allows you to host video conferences of up to 40 minutes and up to 100 participants.
3. **Screen sharing:** Meet one-on-one or with large groups and share your screen with them so they can see what you see.

Having said all that, the focus of this message is to recommend some FUN things you can do with Zoom. If you want to learn more about how to get started with Zoom, check out the [Zoom support site](#).

Changing the Zoom background

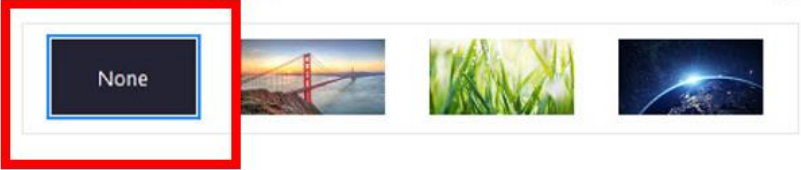
There's no reason to show your meeting participants your messy living room or the *Joy of Sex* book in the bookshelf behind you. Zoom makes it easy to change the background your participants see.

1. In the Zoom app, click your profile in the top right corner, and click **Settings**.
2. On the menu to the left, click **Virtual Background**.
3. You'll see a few default background options provided by Zoom, including an outer space scene or blades of grass. You can choose one of those by clicking on it, and it will automatically change your screen as well. There's also an option for if you have a green screen and want to use that.

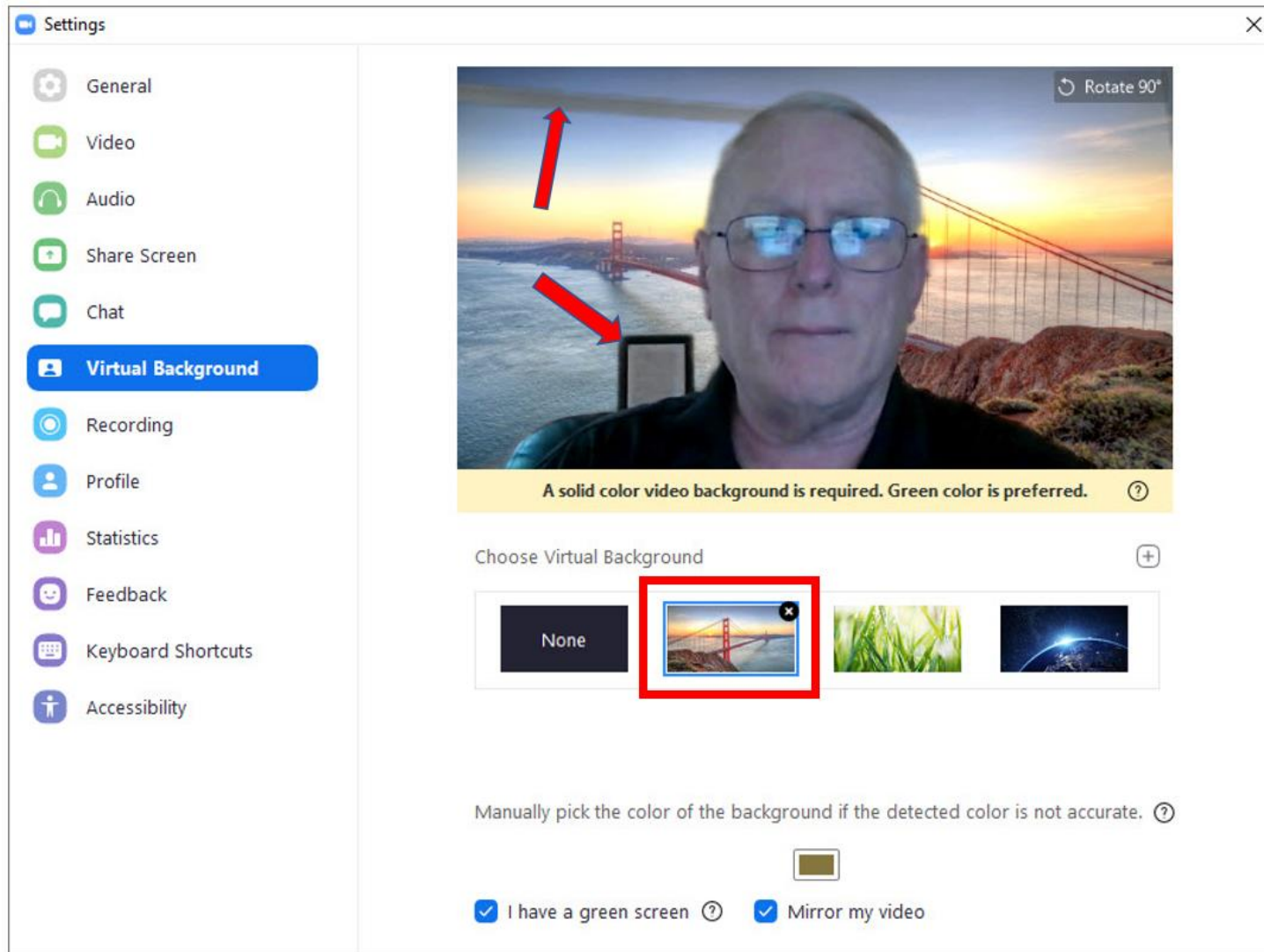
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Choose Virtual Background



- I have a green screen ?
- Mirror my video



Zoom does a pretty good job of replacing the background in these images, but it's not perfect. If you look over my right shoulder, you can see a picture that hangs on my wall peeking through the illusion. There is also a horizontal line that is the molding at the top of the wall behind me. These artifacts peek through because the colors in the artifact are too close to the colors Zoom has determined to keep in the foreground (my skin tone and hair color). The best way to eliminate artifacts like this is to put up a green screen behind you. A green blanket or bed sheet would do.

4. If you want to upload a photo to use as your background, on the same **Virtual Background Page**, click the + icon next to where it says **Choose Virtual Background**. A box will pop up allowing you to upload a photo from your computer. Click on the one you want, and it will appear alongside the other pictures as an option for you to choose from. We have a folder full of virtual backgrounds. Many of them are movies. [You can download them here](#).

Zoom can make you more beautiful (maybe)

If you're having one of those days where you woke up on time, showered, got dressed and practiced your on-screen smile, but you still look like you slept on your face all night, Zoom might be able to help: A feature called *Touch Up My Appearance*. Basically, it's a softening filter, like you'd find on Instagram, Facetune or your phone's selfie camera.

To turn it on, click the up arrow next to **Start Video**. Click **Video Settings**, and under **My Video**, check the box for **Touch Up My Appearance**. That's it!

Play an online game with your friends

Recently actor Matthew McConaughey made news when he hosted a Zoom [virtual bingo night](#) for residents at a senior living facility in Texas. That's just one of the many games you could play with your friends while maintaining social distancing. For those who have a dark streak, you might enjoy playing a card game called [Cards Against Humanity](#) (It's serious good fun!)

Can't sing? Who cares! It's Zoom Karaoke.

Just because everybody's stuck at home doesn't mean you still can't sing your heart out with your friends. All you have to do is [read this guide](#) on how to do karaoke on Zoom.

Other activities

The possibilities are endless. You can probably think of several yourself, but if you get stuck, here's a list of [9 fun games and activities to do with friends on Zoom or Google Hangouts](#).

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