

# support for post thumbnail

To enable support for post thumbnails (also known as featured images) in a WordPress theme, the theme must explicitly declare this support.

## Steps to Enable Post Thumbnail Support:

Modify `functions.php`: Add the following line of code to your theme's `functions.php` file:

Code

```
add_theme_support( 'post-thumbnails' );
```

This line should typically be placed within a function hooked to `after_setup_theme`. For example:

Code

```
function mytheme_setup() {  
    add_theme_support( 'post-thumbnails' );  
}  
add_action( 'after_setup_theme', 'mytheme_setup' );
```

**Enable for Specific Post Types (Optional):** If you want to enable post thumbnails only for specific post types (e.g., 'post', 'page', or a custom post type), you can specify them in an array:

Code

```
add_theme_support( 'post-thumbnails', array( 'post', 'page', 'my_custom_post_type' ) );
```

**Verify in WordPress Admin:** After adding this code, navigate to the "Edit Post" or "Edit Page" screen in your WordPress admin. You should now see a "Featured Image" metabox in the right sidebar. If it's not visible, ensure that "Featured Image" is enabled in the "Screen Options" at the top right of the screen.

## Displaying Post Thumbnails in Your Theme:

Once enabled, you can display the featured image in your theme's templates (e.g., `single.php`, `archive.php`) using functions like:

`the_post_thumbnail()`: Displays the featured image.

`get_the_post_thumbnail()`: Returns the HTML for the featured image, allowing for more customization.

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