Change Icons

Example: Change the icon for the folder AHOLDING TANK from the yellow folder to a box that looks like a storage box.

1. Rightclick Start and click Explore.
2. Scroll up the left column and rightclick the folder AHOLDING TANK.
3. Click Properties.
4. Click Customize.
5. Click Change Icon.
6. Select the icon you wish to use from those presented.
7. Click Apply and OK.

To change the Desktop icons, such as Recycle Bin,etc.
1.Rightclick on a blank area of the desktop.
2.Click Properties.
3.Click Desktop…Customize Desktop
4. Select Change icon, or if you want to change the icon back to the windows default icon, click Restore icon.

Note:
As an aside, if they do not like the icons in shell32.dll (which I don't since I can never find one I like to match the Favorite or Link or Click-on), they can go to Google and do as search for different types of Icons. There are a lot of free ones out there. I usually download them to a private ICON file. I unzip those that are zipped and delete the zipped files (or move them to a CD so a search for .ico will not pick them up twice). Then whenever I set up a favorite or need an ICON for a folder, I have a better source than shell32.dll.

They have faces, monsters, applications (saws, drills, hammers for Woodworking ICONs). Al kinds of good stuff.

One big problem with ICONS is that when you go to a site and do a save, the ICON associated with it is saved. When you clean out your Temp Internet files , the icon turns into the Internet "E". This is because the icon is stored in the temporary internet files when the favorite is created. If you want to continue using that Icon for that favorite or link, you must go into the temporary internet files and liberate it into your private icon file. This is not that hard. You need to go to TOOLS>Internet Options>Browsing History Settings>View Files. Sort by Filetype and go down to the ICON filetypes. Find the ICONs you want to save and copy them to your private ICON file and give them a representative name. Then you go to the Favorite or Link and do a right click>Properties>Change Icon and do a browse, find your private Icon file and select the ICON you want. You will never lose it after that.

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