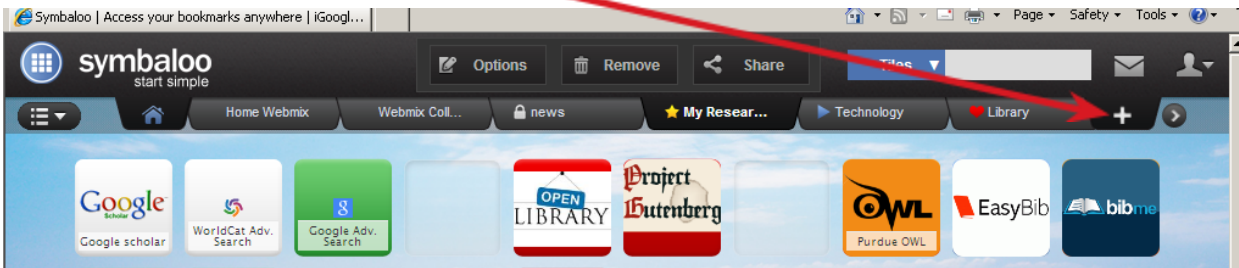


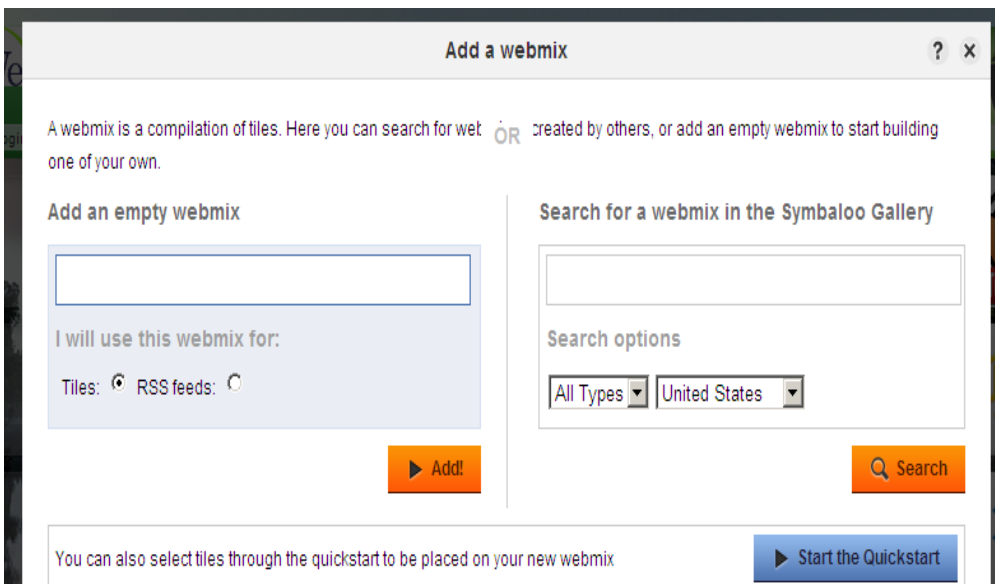
# Using **Symbaloo** to Create Your Own Personal Learning Space

Symbaloo is my favorite way to collect and share resources. There are 2 terms to know when using Symbaloo: **TILE** (square that links to a web resource) and **WEBMIX** (collection of tiles that you create)

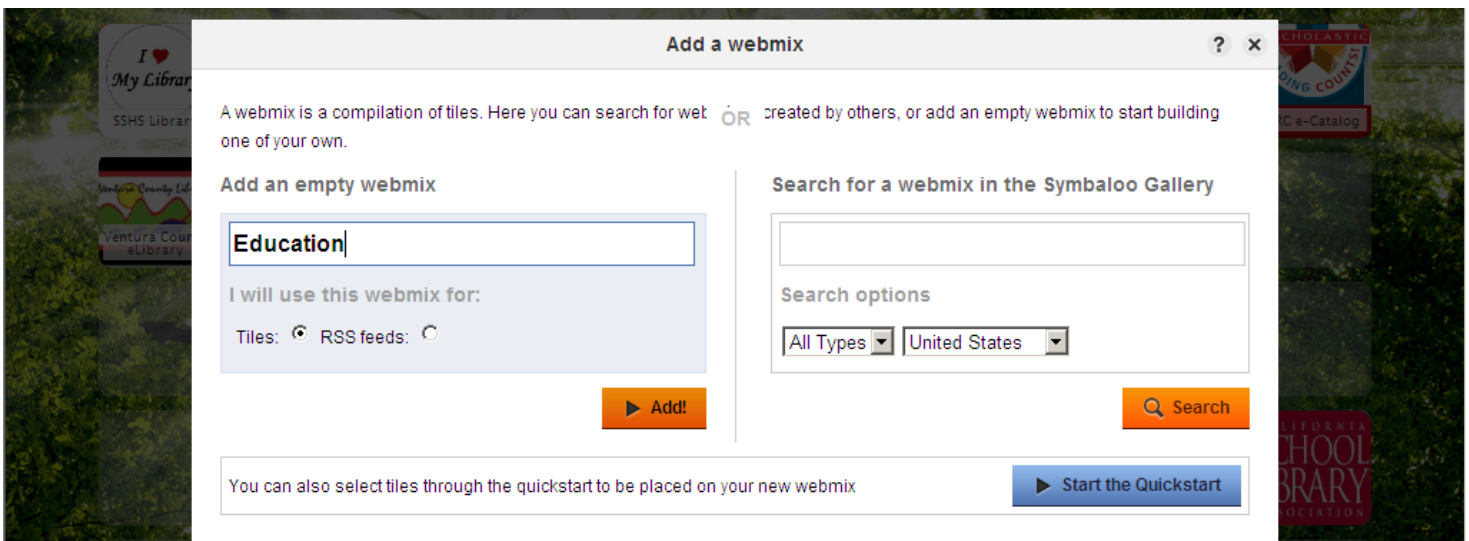
To add a **webmix**, click on the plus sign



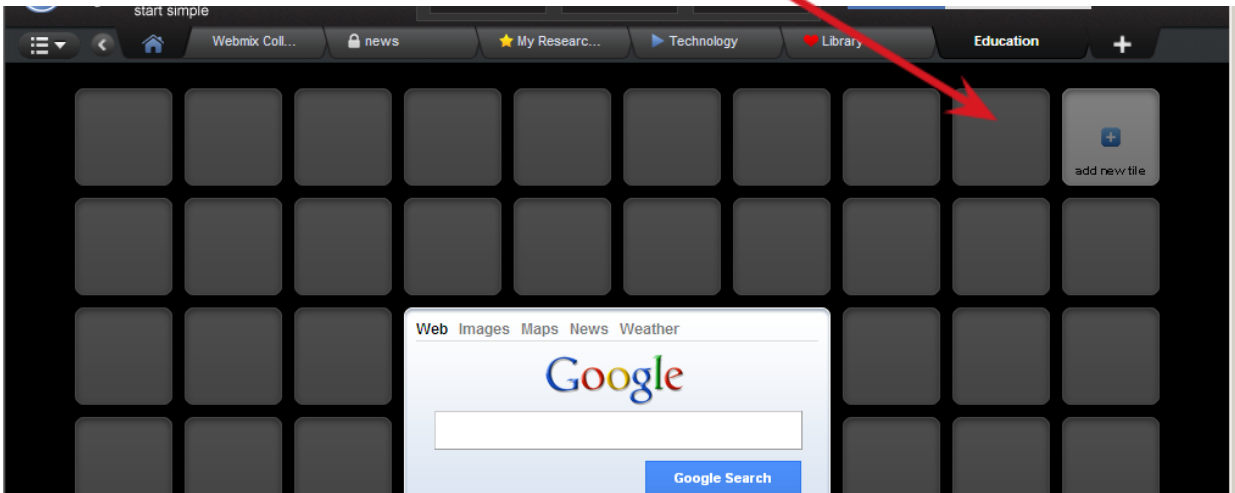
This is the screen that will appear. As you can see, you can search for a pre-existing webmix, or you can create your own webmix. To start your own webmix, type the name you want to give this webmix in the box. Select whether this webmix will be for website tiles or RSS feeds. Then click "Add".



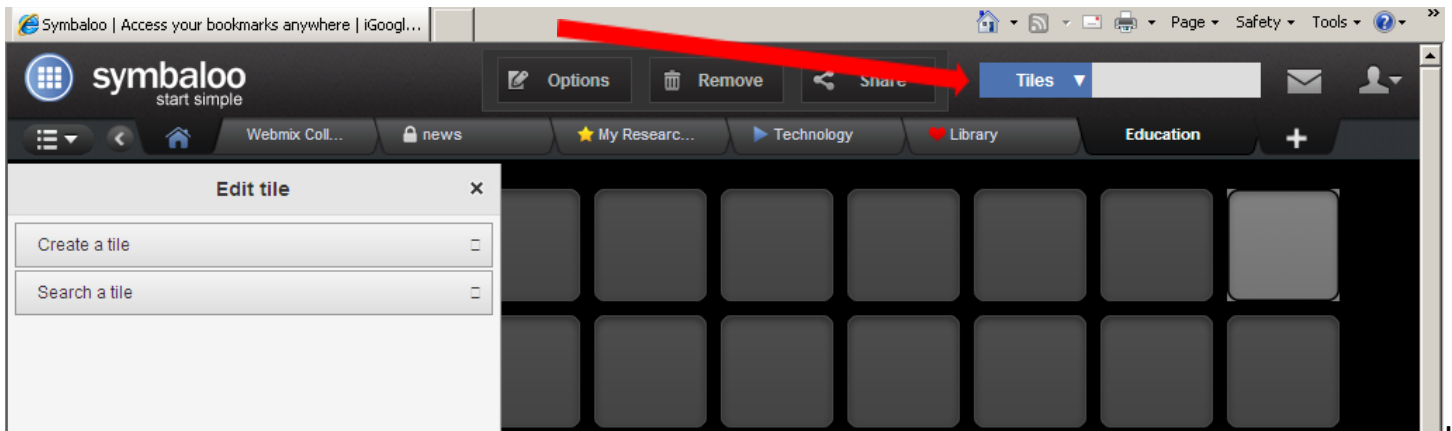
I am going to start a new webmix titled "Education," and it will be a collection of educational websites and resources.



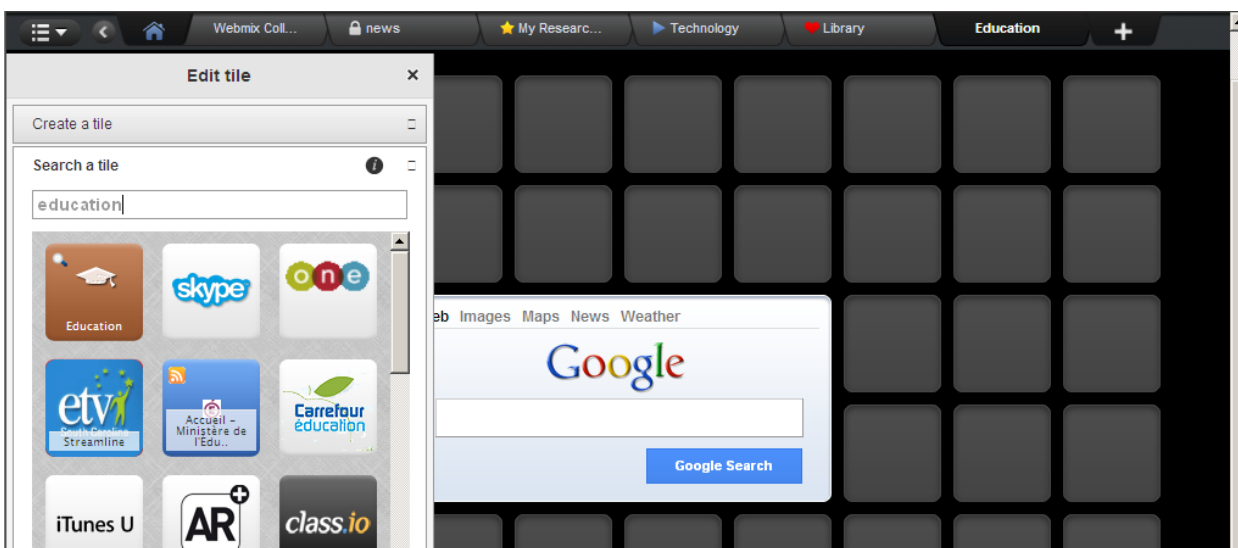
Now I am ready to begin I just click on one of the blank squares to add a tile:



You can create your own tile or search for an existing tile. (Remember, each tile is an individual website.)



I clicked on "Search a tile" and then typed in "education". Now I can click on the tile for Education News to add a tile.



I can move this tile wherever I want on my webmix, and I can add additional tiles.

Tiles usually link to outside websites, but remember you can link to anything with a URL. This means you can link to everything in your Google Drive, including: PDFs, documents, videos, images, etc.

This time I am going to create my own tile. I click on "Create a tile"

I then follow these steps:

The screenshot shows the Symbaloo 'Edit tile' interface. The form is titled 'Edit tile' and includes the following fields and options:

- Add the address of the website:** A text input field containing the URL `http://clas.sa.ucsb.edu/services/writing-esl-for`. A red arrow points to this field with the label "URL".
- Website:** A dropdown menu currently set to "Website".
- Name on the tile:** A text input field containing "UCSB Writing Lab". A red arrow points to this field with the label "Title of Site".
- Show Text:** A checkbox labeled "Show text" which is checked. A red arrow points to the checkbox with the label "Show Text".
- Add the color of the tile:** A grid of 24 color swatches. A red arrow points to the grid with the label "Color of Tile".
- Choose an icon or image for the tile:** A section with three options: "Official Icon" (with a UCSB Writing Lab icon), "Symbaloo Icons", and "Your Pics". Below these are two buttons: "Choose icon" and "Upload an image". Red arrows point to these buttons.
- Save:** A green "Save" button at the bottom right. A red arrow points to it with the text "Don't forget to Save".

Paste the URL of the website.

Then type the name you want to display on the tile.

I clicked on "Show text?" and then click on "Save".

You can also change the color of the tile.

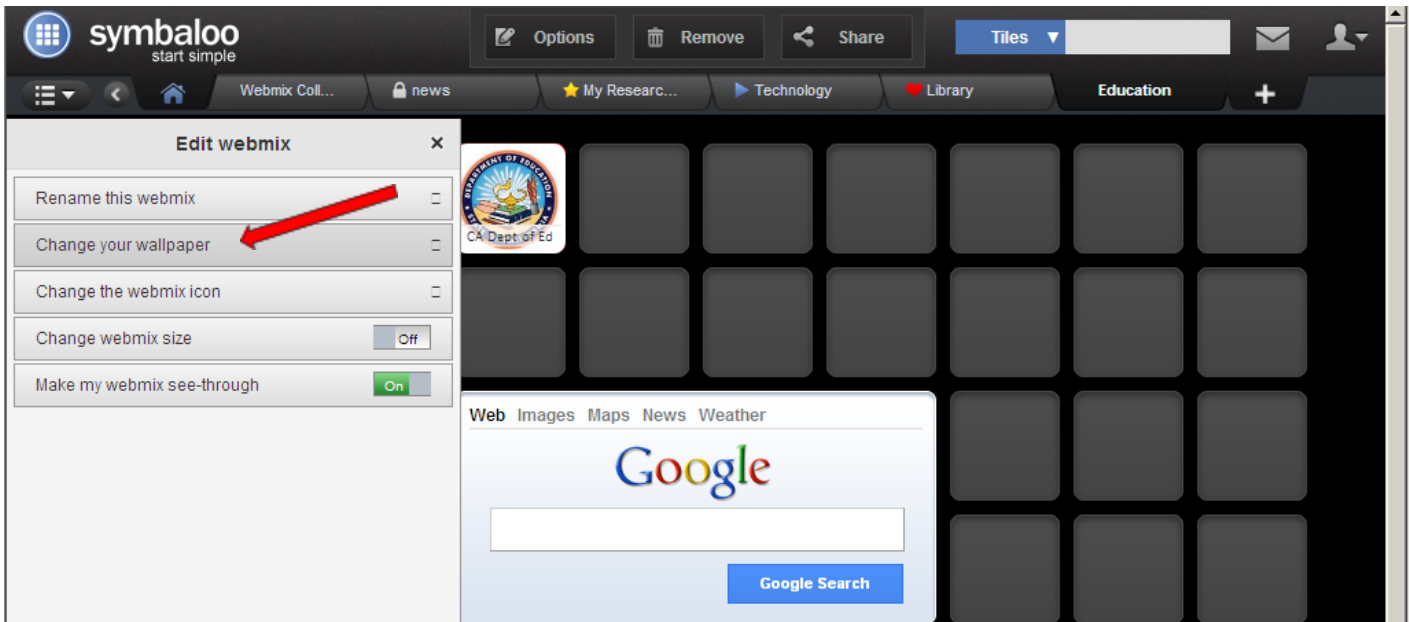
If I want an icon, Symbaloo found 1 official icon I may select.

If I don't want to use this icon, I can also choose one of Symbaloo's icons/badges.

Another option is to upload a picture of your own. (I often find pictures and save them to my computer and upload.)

You can change an icon at any time by right-clicking on tile and selecting "Edit Tile".

To personalize the background of your webmix, click on "Change your Wallpaper".



Choose from Symbaloo's selection;

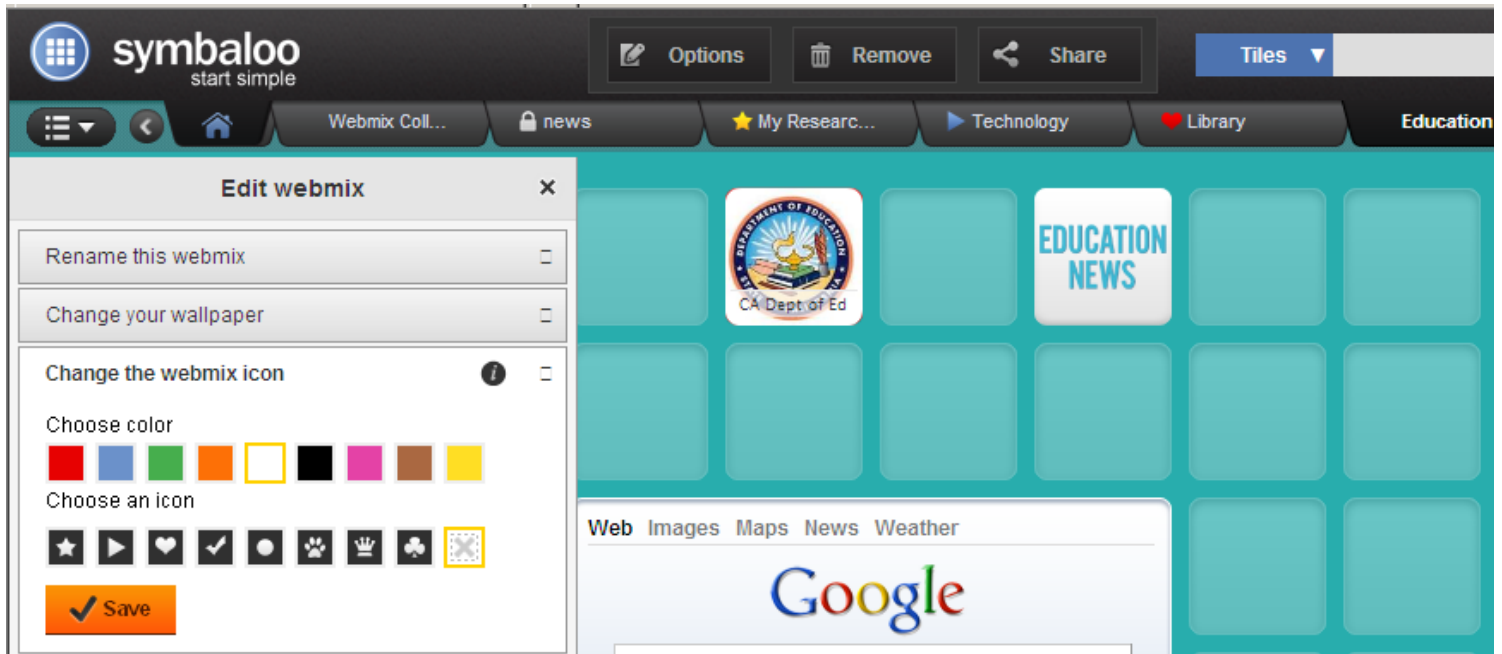
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choose a color:

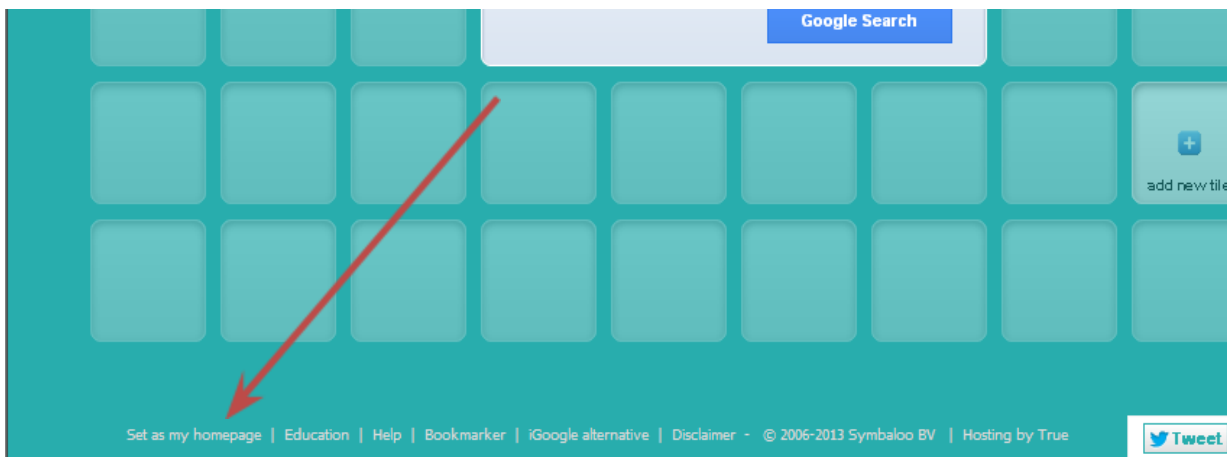
or

upload your own image;

You can also change the webmix icon.



I have my Symbaloo page set as my home page. This will help you remember and easily access valuable or fave sites. To do this click on “Set as My Homepage” at the bottom of the page.



You can also download the Symbaloo “Bookmarker”.

This add-on to your browser allows you to add sites to your Symbaloo any time, without leaving the site you want to save.

To download this add-on, visit the Chrome Webstore and search for Symbaloo under extensions, or click here:

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/search/symbaloo>

