

Background

Change the look of your idea space

To change the background properties of the selected idea space either click the Background button on the inspector bar, or see the Background tab in the Inspector shelf.

Style

From a simple white background, to a piece of notebook or grid paper, to a colorful textured backdrop, you can completely customize the look of your idea space. You can even save these looks as personal styles to use them again and again.

At the far left of inspector bar you'll find a Style button which displays a quick, popup gallery for the current idea space. Simply click on a style to update the look of your idea space.

You can also use the mini style gallery at the top of the inspector shelf to do the same thing. And, lastly, you can right-click on an idea space and choose Apply Style to choose a style from the gallery that appears.

All of these interfaces give you an opportunity to choose either a bundled or personal style that you have created. Curio Professional users can also select a master style.

Color

Set the fill color with the Solid, Gradient, or Radial gradient button.

- For solid fills, click on the color well to choose a color from the matrix that appears. Or, Option-click on the color well to go directly to the standard color chooser.
- For linear gradient fills, drag the color stops to adjust the gradient ramping. Double-click on a color stop to edit its color. Double-click on the gradient to insert a new color stop. Drag a color stop down and off the gradient control to remove the stop from the gradient. The resulting gradient will be rendered along the angle specified by the angle slider.
- For radial gradient fills, drag the color stops to adjust the gradient ramping. Double-click on a color stop to edit its color. Double-click on the gradient to insert a new color stop. Drag a color stop down and off the gradient control to remove the stop from the gradient. The resulting gradient will be rendered with a center point located as specified in the point locator control.

You can change the color used to display page breaks by clicking on the page break color well and choosing a new color. To show page breaks, choose View > Show Page Breaks.

Image

Paste or drop an image into the image control or choose an image or texture from the image collection browser. Curio includes several bundled textures, or you can choose one of your system's desktop pictures, or select a custom folder for Curio to search for images. Curio now includes a sampling of textures from SubtlePatterns.com, as well. Thanks to Subtle Patterns for allowing us to include some of their textures within Curio.

You can adjust the opacity of the selected background image using the opacity slider. That way the image can appear on top of a solid or gradient background color.

You can also change the way the background image is scaled. You can choose to have the image tiled over the whole idea space, centered within each page of idea space, or stretched to fit each page of the idea space either proportionally or not.

Grid

Your idea spaces can have visible (or hidden) lined or dotted grids. Adjust the spacing and colors of the major and minor grid lines or dots. You can also independently toggle the visibility and snapping of the vertical and horizontal grid lines.