

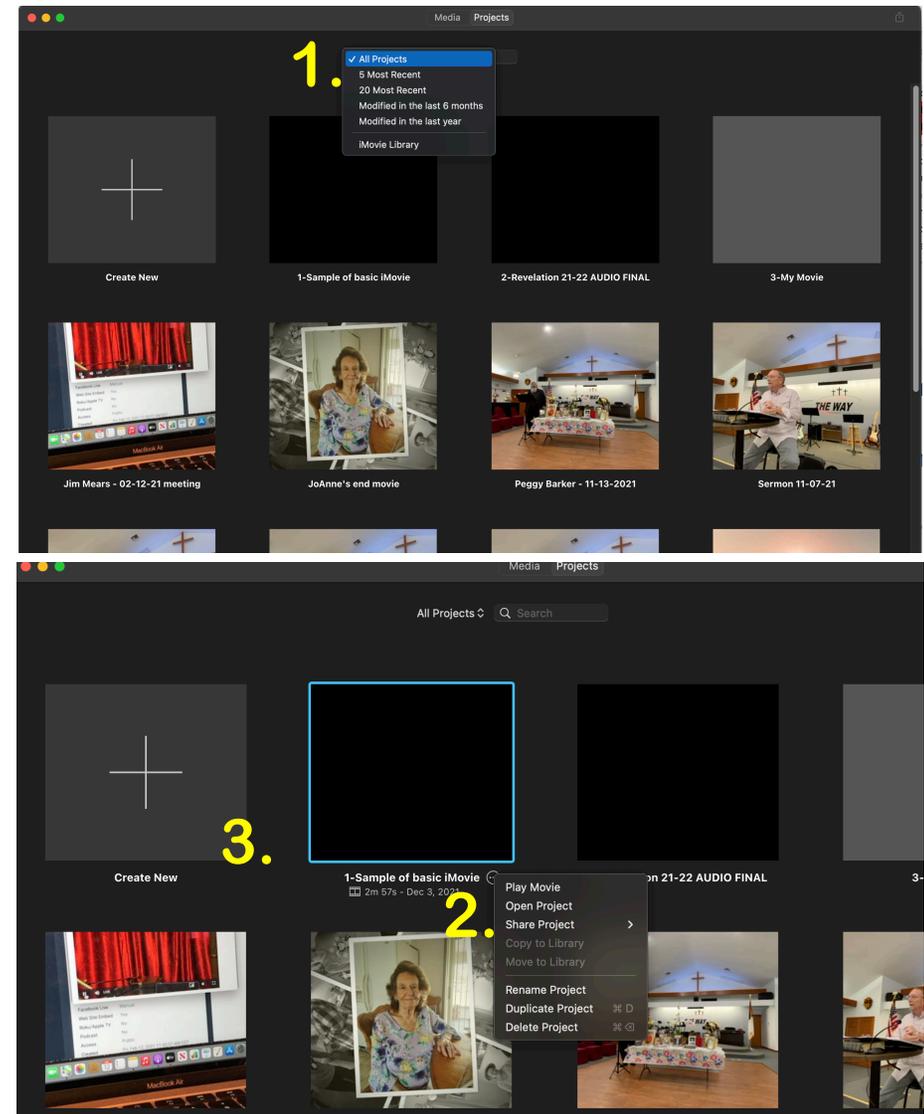
iMovie Basics

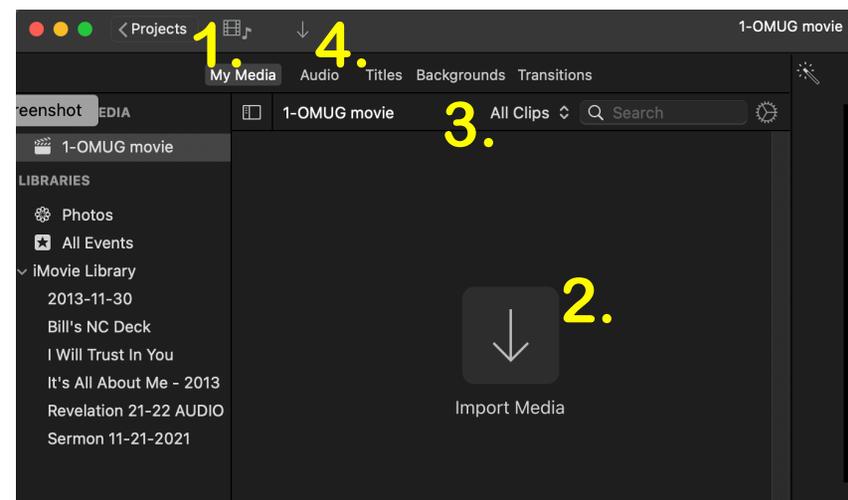


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Main Screen of iMovie

1. By clicking on "All projects" to the left of the search bar - you get a drop down that offers you various options of how to choose the projects in your library on your landing screen.
2. To the right of a project title you will see a small circle with 3 dots inside of it when you hover the title. When you click on the 3 dots it shows a drop down menu with different options that are available.
3. Now - to start a new project - click on the large white plus sign in the square that says "Create New" and "Movie". This takes you to the Project Media page to begin creating your iMovie!





1. Next - Name your project. Go up to "<Projects". Click on that and it brings up an option to enter a new name. Press "OK" and it takes you back to the main page. Find your newly named project and double click to get back to the Project Media screen.

2. Import Media is where all the files will be located to use when creating your movie.

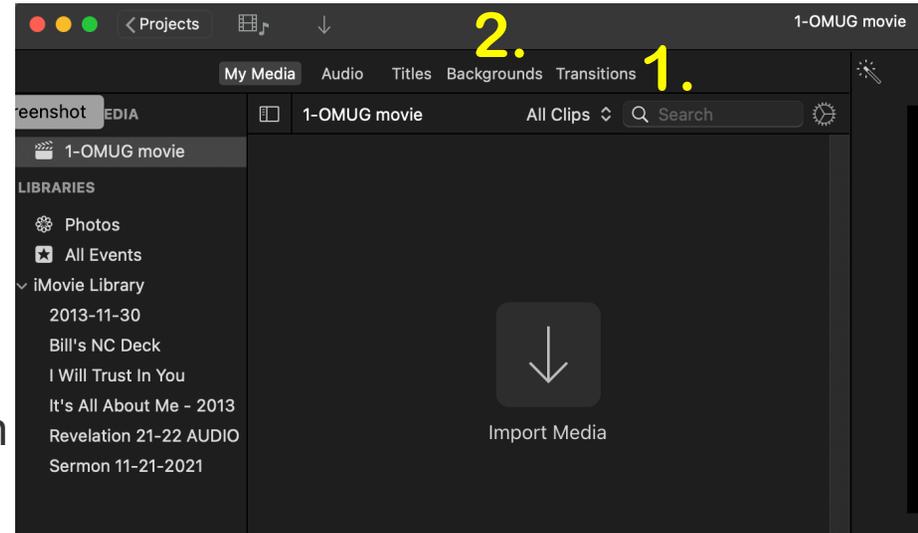
3. To find your photos and videos go up to "My Media", then "Photos" under Libraries. To the left of the search bar you can choose: All Clips, Photos, Videos or Favorites. If using photos, I label any photos I plan to use, then choose "Photos" under "All Clips". Then I use the search bar. Same thing for the videos.

4. Audio files can be added from the Audio drop-down choices of Music program, Sound effects and Garageband. From the Music drop-down menu you can search for songs you have on your computer. Or if you have the option of another drop-down that gives you a list of all the playlists you made and that narrows your search. Note: most audio files can be dragged from desktop or folder to directly to the iMovie timeline.

Transitions, Titles and Backgrounds

1. Transitions can be placed between photos, video clips or both. Choose "Transitions" to preview the options available.

Click and drag your choice into the timeline below between 2 photos or videos. The placeholder icon for the transitions looks like a bow tie. Double click the icon to get an option to change its duration.



2. iMovie includes a library of animated travel maps and backgrounds you can use to add color and narrative to your movie.

You can also add title text to any clip in your movie using one of the many title styles available in iMovie. You can place titles directly over a video clip or over a solid-color background.

Splitting and Arranging Clips On Mac

For precise editing, make the video clips larger by using the size slider to the left of the word "Settings" under the video preview window.

Easiest way is to go to the spot where you want to trim and right click or "CMD + B". Then you can delete or move either of the parts you just divided.

You can change the sequence of clips in the timeline to change when a particular clip appears in your movie. With your project open, click the video clip or photo in the timeline, then drag the clip left or right depending on where you want the clip to appear in your movie:

If you want the clip to appear earlier, drag the video clip to the left, then release.

If you want the clip to appear later, drag the video clip to the right, then release.

Adjusting timing of photos, sound and equalizer

1. You can adjust the timing of photos by using the small info icon in the preview window area. With the photo or video clip live, click the icon to show the amount of time currently set in seconds. Change the time and be sure to hit "enter" to set the new time.



2. If you have audio in your video or you added music to your photos/videos - you can adjust the the sound up or down. Press the sound button and move the slider button to the right or left to raise or lower the sound. The highest the sound can be improved is up to 400%.

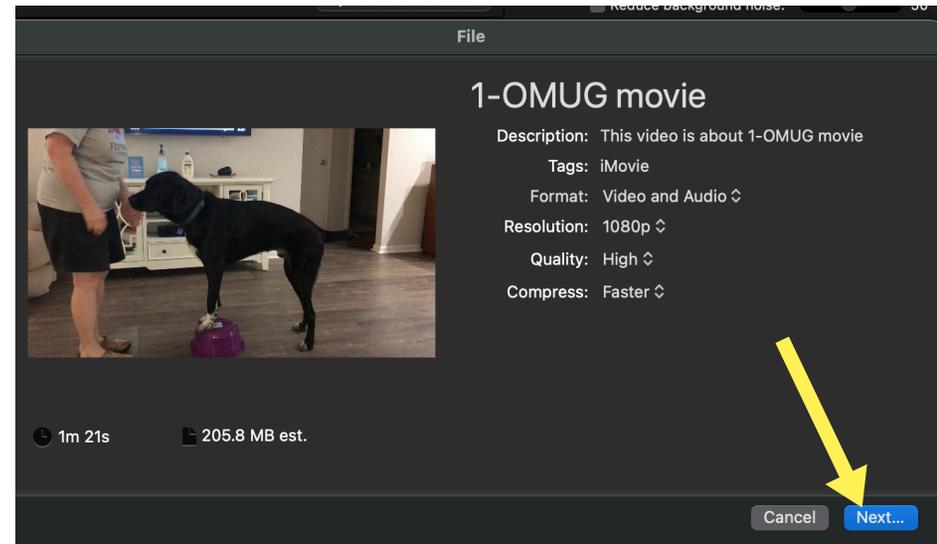
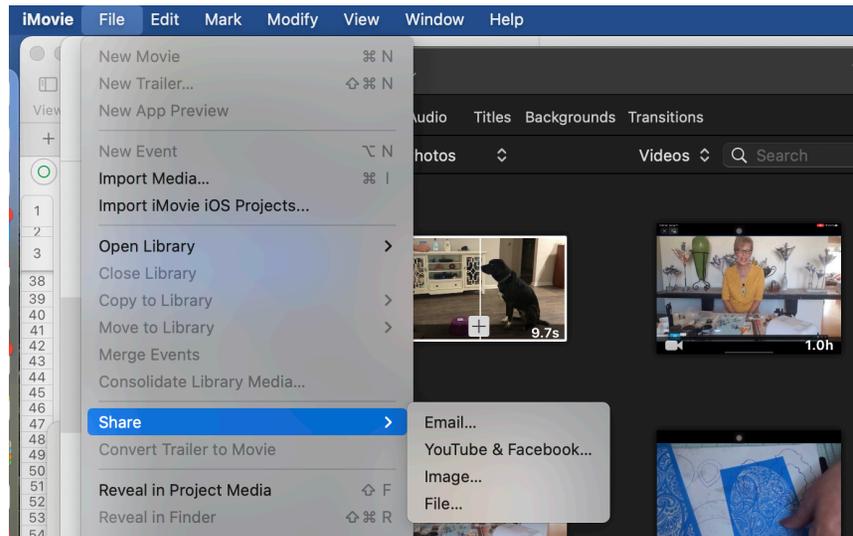
Sometimes video recordings need additional enhancing. You can use the equalizer which is the icon of a group of vertical bars to the right of the sound icon. There is a drop-down menu for the equalizer offering numerous options.

Ready To Create Your .mp4

To create your movie file ... go to the menu bar

Press:

"File", then,
"Share", then
"File"



The next screen shows the details of your movie file.
Note: you can create "Video and Audio", "Video" only or "Audio" only files.

Press "Next" to **name** and **save** your movie file.

In the upper right corner of iMovie you will see an outline of a white circle as it processes your movie. Once the circle is all white - your movie is complete and ready to watch!

Resources for iMovie Information

Apple

iMovie Support: <https://support.apple.com/imovie>

iMovie User Guide for Mac: <https://support.apple.com/guide/imovie/welcome/mac>

iMovie User Guide for iPad: <https://support.apple.com/guide/imovie-ipad/welcome/ipados>

iMovie User Guide for iPhone: <https://support.apple.com/guide/imovie-iphone/welcome/ios>

YouTube

How to Use iMovie - 2021 Beginner's Guide

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRLT9L_L1Pw&t=1s

*10 iMovie Tricks To Use In Your Next Video Project

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TETZvB1Xvs>

*This video has some good info on Titles and Backgrounds