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Thread: [\[TUT\] How To Find Anime On Your Own](#)

Gladly - June 23, 2014, 9:24 am

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Introduction

With the vast amount of recommendation threads regardless of the presence of stickies, I figured this relatively short guide could serve as a "how to" to those searching for recommendations or advice on what to watch.

Tools

We'll mostly be using a few key websites, some you may already recognize.

[Google](#)
[MyAnimeList \(MAL\)](#)
[Hummingbird](#)
[Anime-Planet](#)

So, you've just watched a series (in this example, Baka to Test) and your first instinct is "I want more like this anime!" There are a few different ways you can find something you're into, either in general or specific searches.

Method 1: MAL

So on the premise that you want more shows like the one you just watched, your best bet would be MAL. The beauty of MAL is the vast amount of information that is provided for each show, both by user and the site itself.

Step 1: Find the desired page for the show you want similar anime to.

Step 2: On the right are tabs labelled "details", "reviews", and more. Click on the "recommendations" tab. A list of user suggested recommendations is provided, making your life easier.

Step 3: Read through and you will definitely find something you will enjoy.

Here's what it looks like:

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Method 2: Hummingbird

Maybe you're not searching for anime that are just like something you just watched, maybe you want something completely new or different; or maybe you just want to look in a specific genre. Hummingbird is a great alternative, with a page that lets you sort anime into different groups.

Step 1: Click on the Hummingbird link given earlier.

Step 2: Sort anime in whatever way you want. Easy right?

Step 3: Once you've sorted by genre, rating, popularity, or even year, click on what you're interested in and give it a go.

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Method 3: Anime-Planet

Your third alternative is Anime-Planet. We will be using this site's "reviews" section as another way to find anime. Reviews can be sorted by newest, most helpful, and a few other ways so give each a try. If you have an account, you can even set it to find reviews based on your favorite genres!

Step 1: Head over to the provided Anime-Planet link.

Step 2: Browse and sort reviews based on your interests, or pull up a completely random review.

Step 3: Click on something you like, and enjoy.

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Method 4: Google

This really isn't the best method to use by any means, but you never know what you'll find. Not really going to put any instructions here, just use your noggin. Keywords "anime like", "action anime", "anime made by", or "[descriptive word] anime" all work well.

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searching for anime is fun and easy.

Conclusion / Recommendation Threads

If you still can't find anything using the above methods, make a recommendation thread. Be sure to include specific tastes, things you're looking for, genre, and other things that will make giving a recommendation easier. Also, LINK YOUR MAL OR "ANIME WATCHED" LIST. I can't stress this enough, this will make it easier for everyone recommending you anime and prevents you from getting a recommendation you've already watched. Also, be sure to read the stickies, they contain a huge amount of recommendations based on genre, they're very well written and their authors know what they're talking about.

I hope this helped anyone searching for new anime, feel free to PM me any questions or further advice on what to watch.

Noiz - June 23, 2014, 9:34 am

That image in method 4 really made this guide amazing, thanks OP!

Spyware - June 23, 2014, 9:50 am

There is no anime like Boku no Pico, but Wonderful guide. I vote for a Sticky on this!

Professor Pantsu - June 23, 2014, 9:55 am

I doubt the people this is targeted at are even going to read this. People who blindly ask for recommendations are pretty stupid and incapable of helping themselves. But that aside, nice tutorial, I just hope people actually use it.

Manny - June 23, 2014, 10:01 am

Well finally someone directed all little noobies to this. Great thread Gladly. ?

Black Hole - June 23, 2014, 12:00 pm

This is beautiful and is going in the sticky.

Gladly - June 23, 2014, 1:21 pm

Thanks for the feedback guys, if I missed anything or you have something you want me to add, let me know and I most definitely will!

Osuka - June 23, 2014, 1:22 pm

nice thread ill read later, but id rather just post "recommend me a anime" and make them look one for me >.<

Lone - June 23, 2014, 1:47 pm

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Black Hole - June 23, 2014, 2:21 pm

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I didn't trash on recommendation threads, nor did I advocate just Google searching. I just personally feel that making new recommendation threads should be used as a last-ditch backup, or if you're looking for something extremely specific. The issue isn't recommendation threads, it's the fact that identical recommendation threads are posted pretty often (i.e., plenty of "I've watched Clannad, gimme something to watch" type threads), and even more, unspecific threads with little info are made. If I thought they were "the end of the world", I probably wouldn't throw out tips on making a good recommendation thread:

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So I don't hate them, I just think the way and frequency they're made could be improved, and I respect your opinion on them, this is just what I think.

Professor Pansu - June 23, 2014, 4:52 pm

(Jun 23, 2014 02:21 PM)Black Hole Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) General consensus around here is that rec threads suck. Quit being a hipster and conform you hippy.

Hippy pride!

Nonon Jakuzure - June 23, 2014, 5:02 pm

(Jun 23, 2014 02:21 PM)Black Hole Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) General consensus around here is that rec threads suck. Quit being a hipster and conform you hippy.

I have to agree a lot of recommendation threads suck. However I do have a couple and I tried to be as specific as possible. Even though the stickies and other threads are a great starting place I also

sometimes like to get feedback from people. Not to mention some stickies don't mention newer anime.

Lone - June 23, 2014, 5:03 pm

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Now a day's hipster is thrown around more than geek, it's lost it's meaning.

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Lone - June 23, 2014, 5:09 pm

(Jun 23, 2014 05:05 PM)Black Hole Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I see others posting rec threads and it's disgusting how others treat this section.

I don't know what your definition of mistreatment is but if they are talking or discussing about anime this section is designated for that.

Gladly - August 23, 2014, 4:47 pm

Thought this was still relevant for many, especially for all the new users we're getting. Feel free to read it before making a recommendation thread, or even PM me with your watched list if you want a personalized recommendation. :)

Jay? - August 23, 2014, 6:10 pm

I asked myself, do we really need this?

Then I remembered all the threads that have gone before us.

RIP.

420 Blaze It - August 23, 2014, 6:16 pm

Google is the best, "Anime" Episode X. Done!

Or use sites, chia-anime, anime season, crunchyroll etc.

techy1 - August 23, 2014, 6:49 pm

Great TuT lol. I hope i can finally find some good animus by my self instead of asking others!

+Cloud - August 23, 2014, 7:57 pm

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off with a butcher knife

Gladly - August 23, 2014, 8:03 pm

(Aug 23, 2014 07:57 PM)+Cloud Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) omg help! something went wrong in the process i somehow got into watching naruto and cut my dick off with a butcher knife
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Ang?I - August 23, 2014, 8:05 pm

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I don't know what to tell you, try making a recommendation thread and see if it fixes the problem.
Also, make sure not to list anything you've watched recently and expect us to help you.

Cyber-Security - August 23, 2014, 8:23 pm

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Jay? - August 23, 2014, 8:24 pm

(Aug 23, 2014 08:23 PM)Cyber-Security Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You should add AMV's as another method.
It's how I found most of the anime that I've watched.

AMV's spoil a lot of info though. They are a bad place to look for series because you will spoil it for yourself.

Lyrlei - August 23, 2014, 8:25 pm

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+Cloud - August 23, 2014, 8:27 pm

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Lyrlei - August 23, 2014, 8:53 pm

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+Cloud - August 23, 2014, 8:56 pm

(Aug 23, 2014 08:53 PM)Lyrlei Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It doesn't work that way most of the time cloud senpai :c

actually it really does... i've done it so many times. just make sure when you take a screenshot you dont take a bullshit screenshot, make sure its clear. this has never failed me once, works every time

Azsry - August 24, 2014, 2:42 am

(Psssst...you can also find new anime with AniChart)

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Compliance mandatory, fun banned

VYKTOR - October 2, 2014, 10:32 pm

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Bumped it to bring it back to life.

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Vip?r - October 2, 2014, 10:35 pm

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Bumped it to bring it back to life.

This is good.

But no new fags even bother to look themselves.

Protoshadow - October 3, 2014, 11:24 am

Yeah this is a nice guide, I hope that people will read it and finally stop asking what to watch...

One suggestion add to the guide where to watch it too (CR, Kissanime...).

neverending - November 1, 2014, 1:58 am

Thank you for this :) very informational!

+Cloud - November 1, 2014, 3:38 am

i usually try to find a juicy thread on aa or just go top anime on MAL, but before i do that i hit up my niqqas on nyaa

Rote - November 1, 2014, 11:07 am

Very well done, always see many threads here on people asking for suggestions and this is a great way for them to search on their own :P

dw039riqr30iq0f - November 1, 2014, 3:19 pm

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Ang?I - November 1, 2014, 3:33 pm

(Nov 1, 2014 03:19 PM)wutthepho Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Myanimelist sometimes gives really weird recommendation (eg Boku no pico if you liked SAO because both the main character are trap). But in general it's pretty good.

Thats actually a pretty accurate recommendation.

Toonami - December 18, 2014, 12:50 am

This needs to be on the first page because reasons.

QuickMan - December 18, 2014, 9:09 am

I mean people should follow his guide it helps you find an anime. Even if you ask someone for a recommendation at least list what you like and what you have watched, Helps give a better recommendation that way.

tweety - December 23, 2014, 10:14 pm

You should get Black Hole to include this in his sticky. Should help clean up.. A tad.

Tasemu - December 24, 2014, 3:04 am

Nice job man. ^^

blondedude092 - January 5, 2015, 6:44 pm

Thank you so much for writing this. I'm glad you gave more than one option.

darknessblade - June 13, 2015, 8:35 am

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Happeh - June 13, 2015, 9:14 am

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That's probably a good thing cause if you've watched over 400 series you need to calm down.

Gladly - June 14, 2015, 6:17 am

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If you've seen 200-400 shows I'm sure you're beyond needing a guide to help you, and you're more than capable of treading your way through the waters.

dstYY59 - June 14, 2015, 7:33 am

Thanks you for the method !!!

Gladly - July 11, 2015, 2:49 pm

Thanks Angel for inspiring me to create this :')