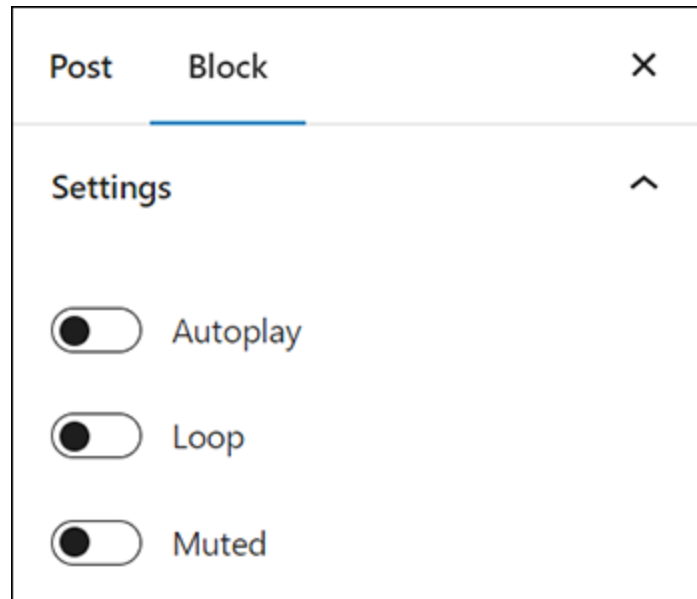


Block Settings – Video

WordPress Block Editor – Block Settings: Video



This tutorial is part of our series on using [common block settings](#) in the [WordPress Block Editor Settings Section](#).

In this tutorial, you will learn how to customize a block's video settings and properties.

For a complete understanding of how to use the WordPress Block Editor, see the other tutorials in this series:

Some types of blocks allow you to customize and edit their video settings and options.

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Block Settings – Video settings



Note: Block types that support video properties must be selected in the content editor area to display the settings in the Block Settings panel.

Note: A block's video settings may include additional options depending on which type of block you are using and what **plugins** and **themes** are installed on your site.

If you need help using block settings, see this tutorial: [WordPress Block Editor: Block Settings](#)

Video Options

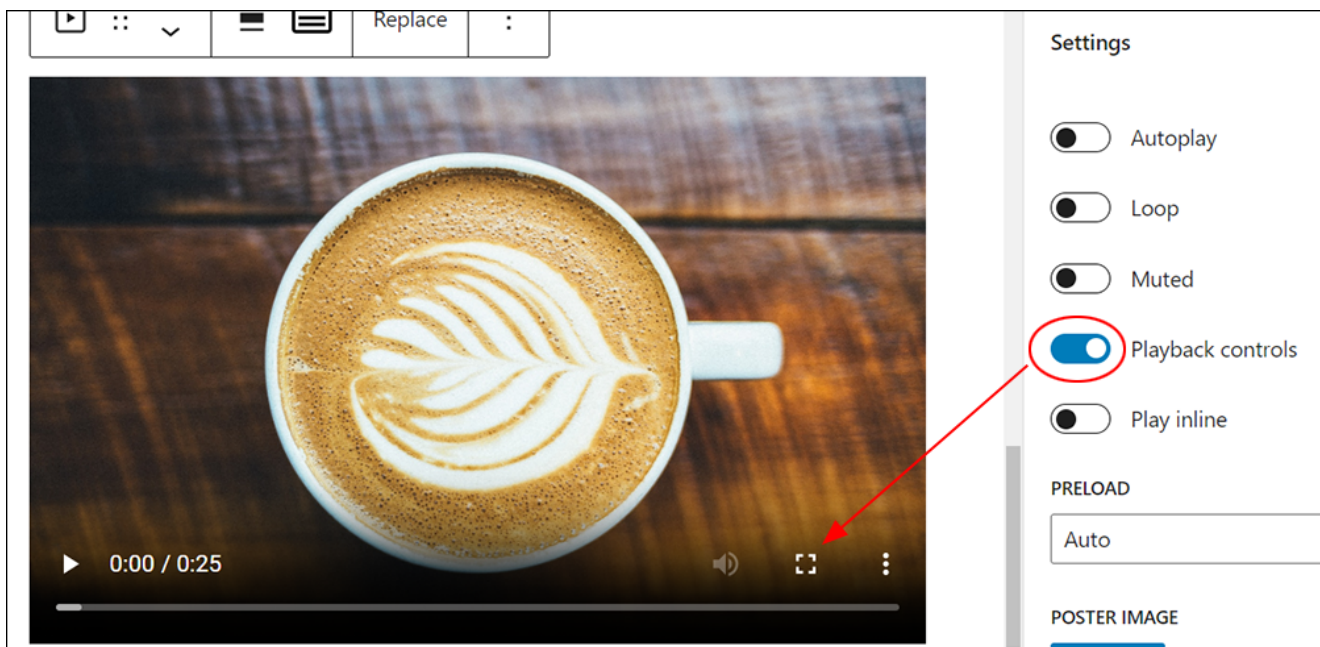
Here are the default settings and options available for blocks that support videos:

Video Settings

- **Autoplay (on/off)** – Begin playing your video automatically when someone visits your page or post (i.e. when the page is loaded in the visitor's browser).
- **Loop (on/off)** – Video repeats after it's been played. If set to 'on', the video will keep looping after initial playback.
- **Muted (on/off)** – Mute the video soundtrack.
- **Playback Controls (on/off)** – Display or hide your video playback controls.
- **Play inline (on/off)** – Set your video to be played within the element's playback area. Note: turning this setting to 'off' doesn't imply that your video will always play in fullscreen mode.

You can turn the above video settings on or off by switching the toggle for that function.

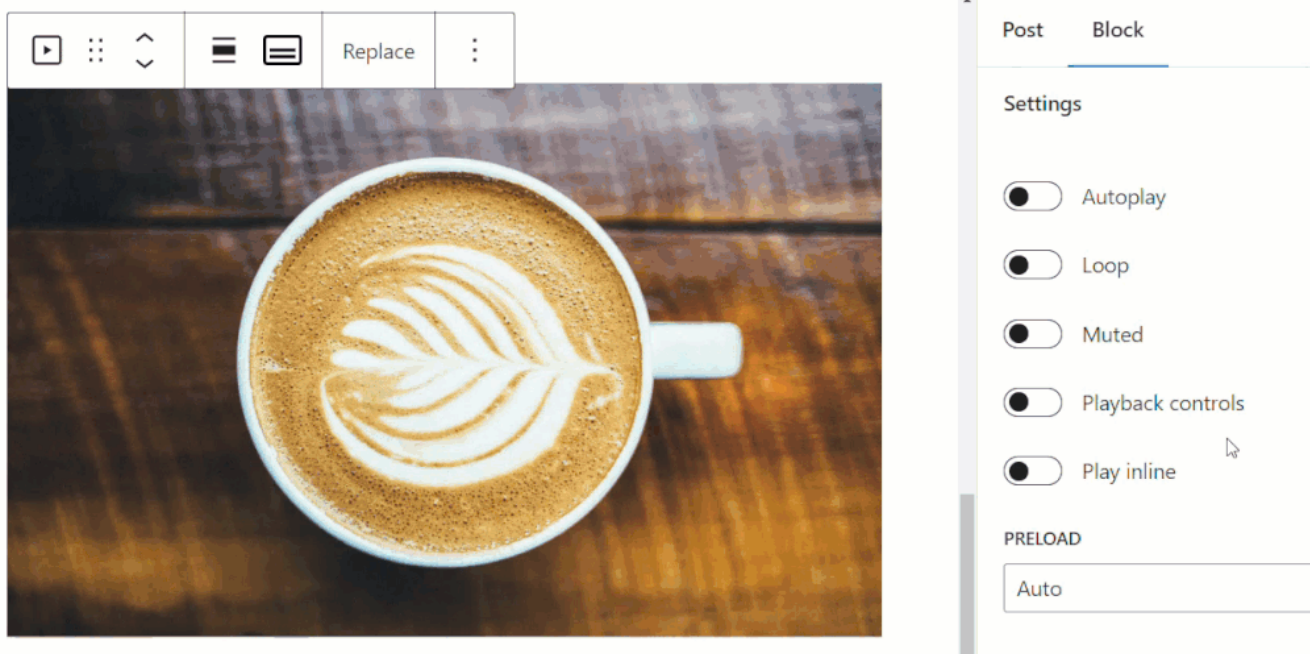
For example, switching on Playback controls displays video controls to users.



Switch toggles on or off to enable or disable your video settings.

You can live preview some changes to settings when you switch the feature on or off.

With other features, you will need to save or publish your post or page and view the page on your website to see the feature in action.

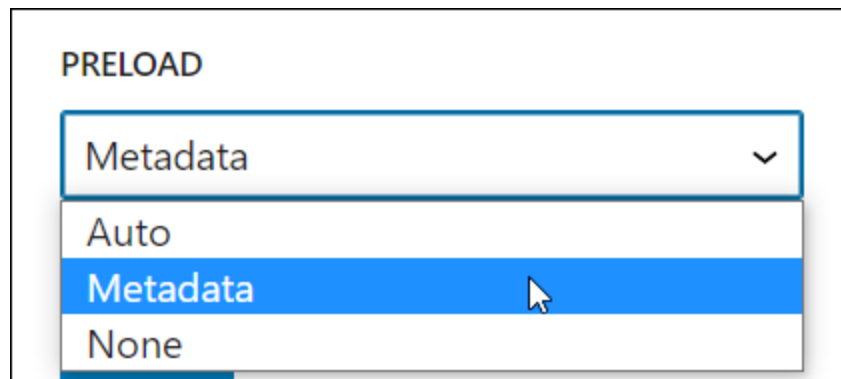


Video settings with playback controls enabled.

Preload

This section lets you specify how much of the video file is preloaded (downloaded automatically) when the page or post is loaded.

Note: having the whole file download automatically can slow down your page's load speed.



Select a Preload option from the dropdown menu.

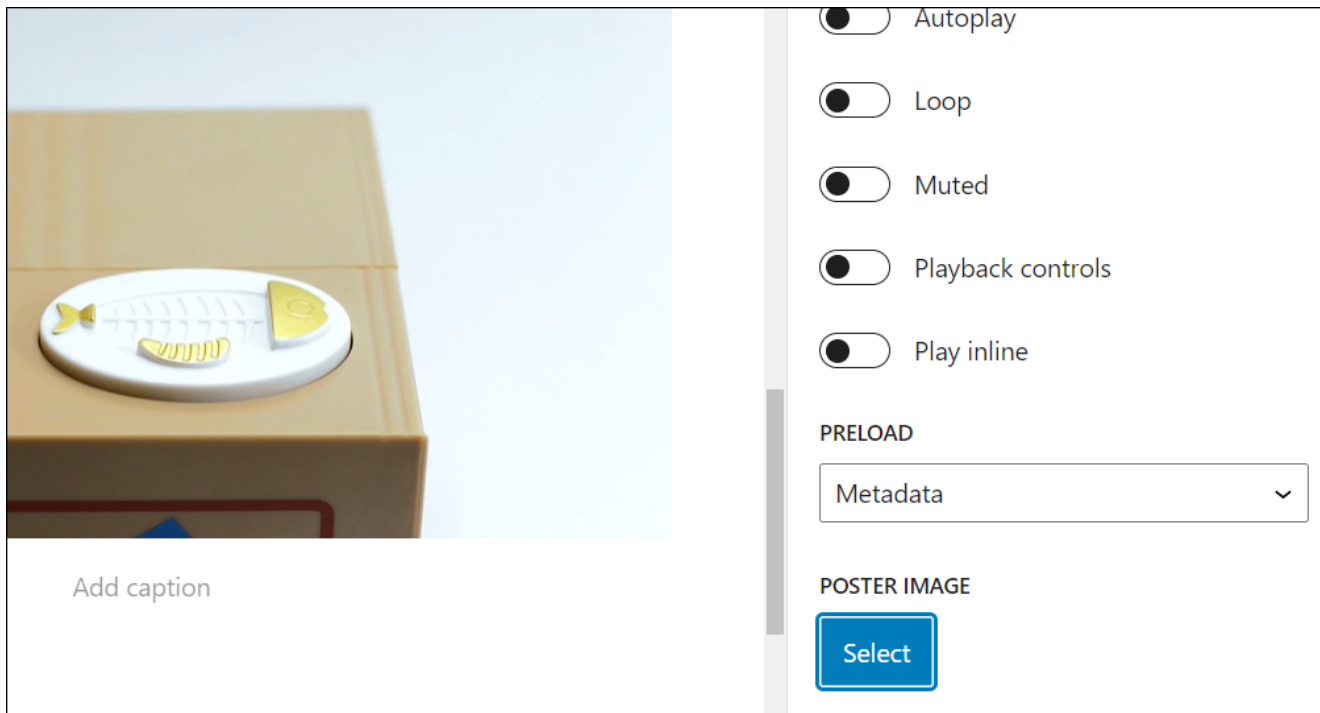
Here are the settings you can choose from:

- **Auto** – This downloads the entire video file as soon as the page loads, regardless of whether the visitor clicks the Play button or not. Note: this setting has the biggest impact on your page or post's load speed, especially with larger video files.

- **Metadata** – Only basic info about your video file is preloaded: dimensions, first frame, tracklist, duration, etc. Like the *None* option, your video file only begins downloading when someone clicks the Play button. This setting is very fast, as the only thing downloaded is text.
- **None** – No video preloading takes place automatically. Your video file only begins downloading when someone clicks Play. This is the fastest setting. Note: there's not much difference between selecting *Metadata* and *None*.

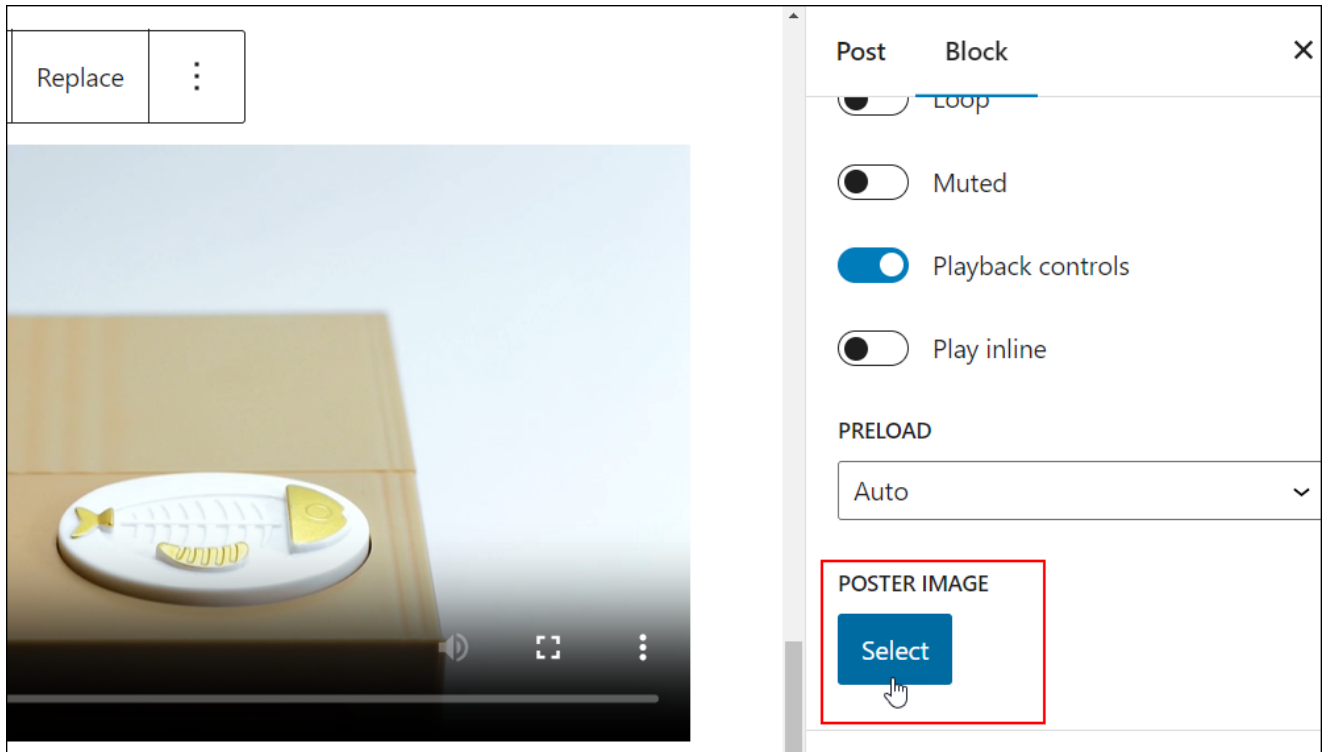
Poster Image

Poster Image lets you select an image thumbnail for your video block.



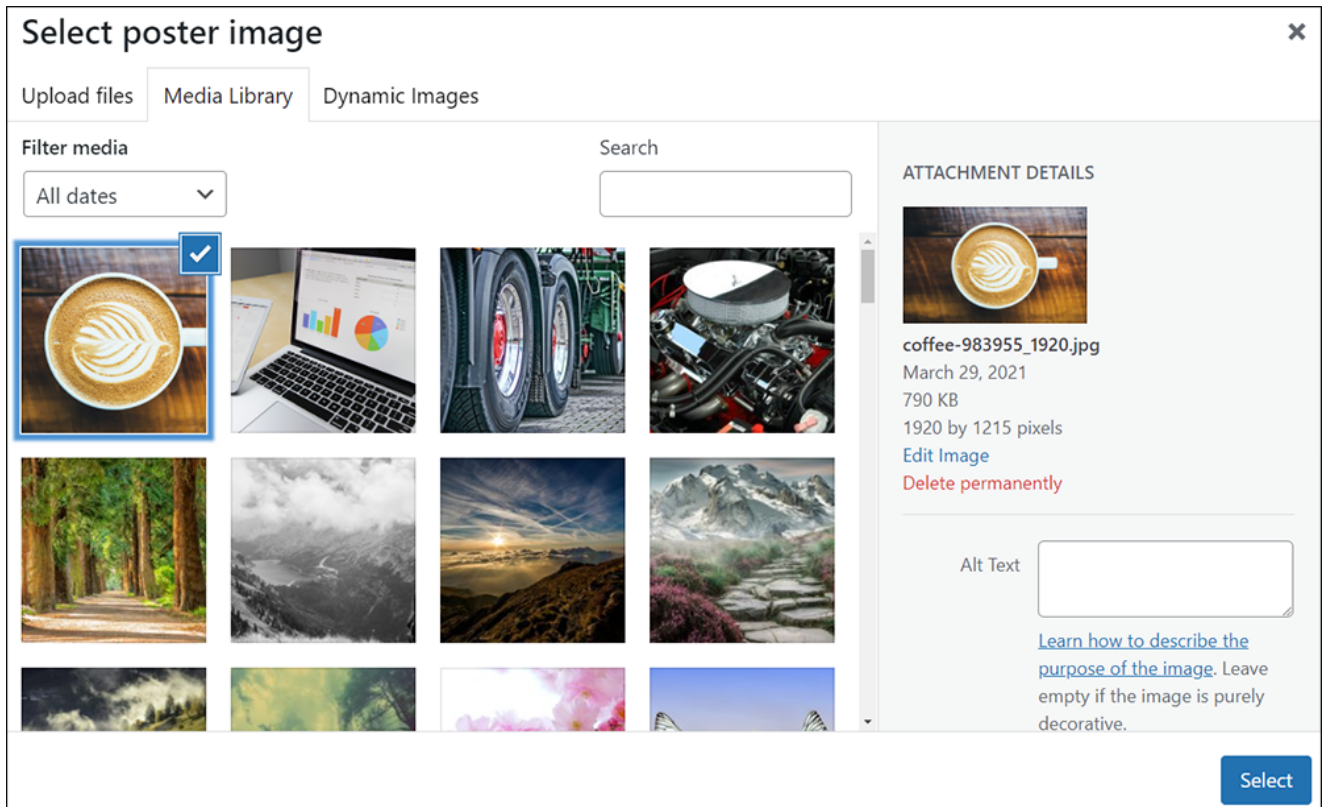
The poster image feature lets you add an image cover to your video block.

Click on the **Poster Image > Select** button...



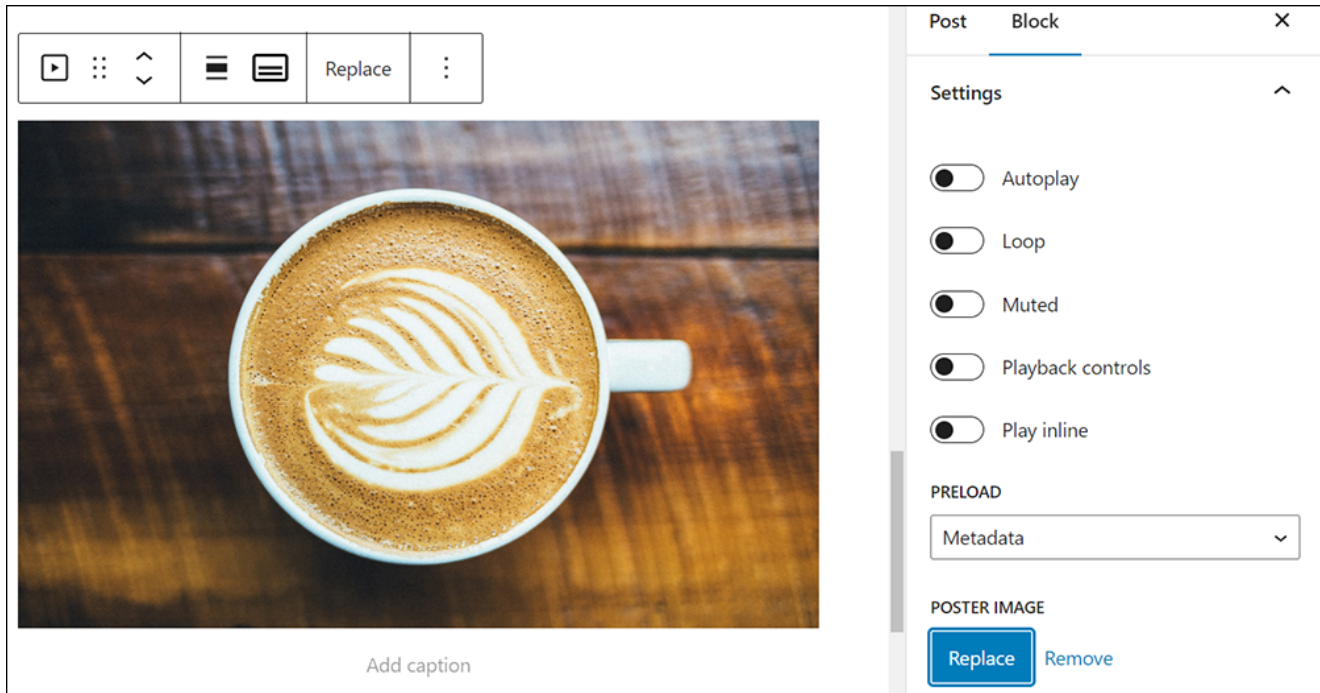
Click on the Poster Image button to select an image for your video.

Select an image for your video by uploading a file or picking an existing image from the **media library**...



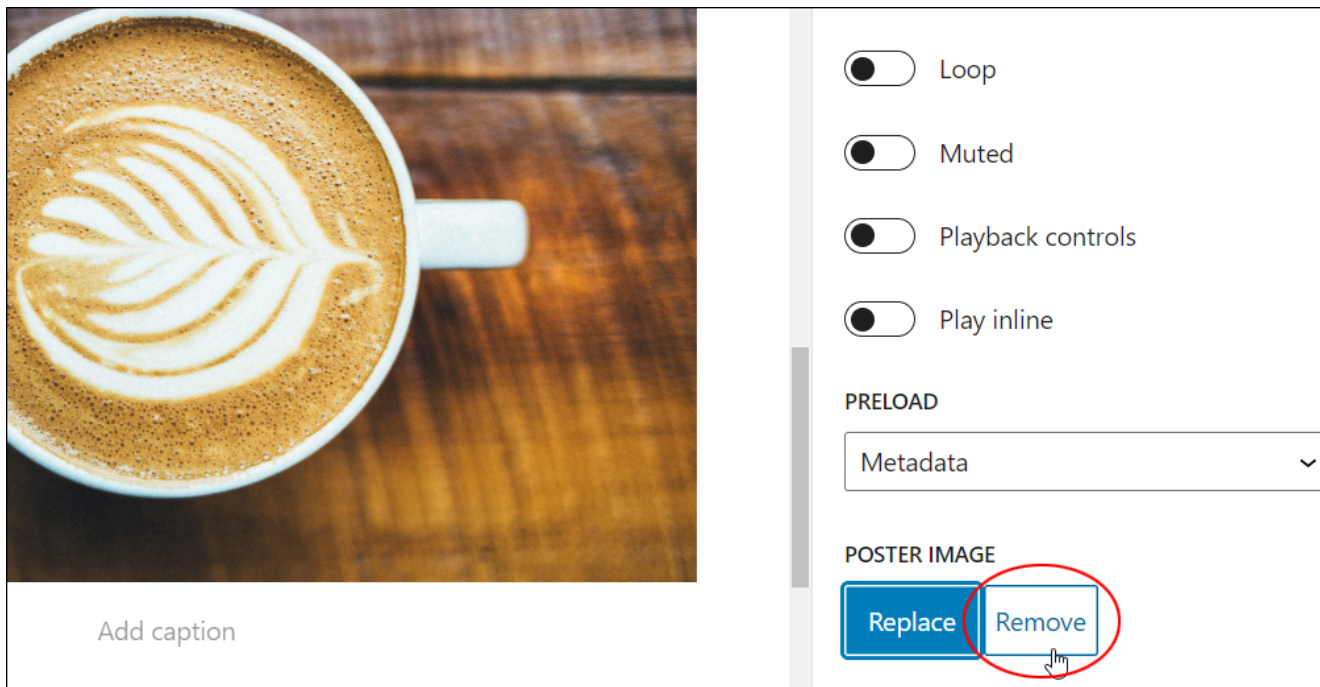
Select a poster image for your video from the media library.

The poster image will be added to your video.



Your video now has a poster image.

Click on **Replace** and select a new image or click on **Remove** to return to a video without a cover image.



You can replace or remove a poster image from your video.

Remember to save your work after making changes to update your block's settings.

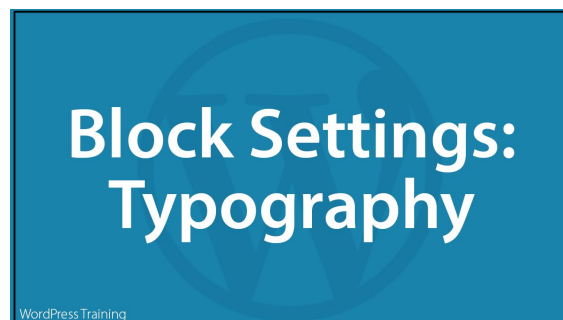
Congratulations! Now you know how to adjust your block's video settings.

Additional Block Settings

Click on a tutorial from the list below to learn about using other common block settings in the WordPress block editor.



WordPress Block Editor: Block Settings



Block Settings: Typography



Block Settings: Styles

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Block Settings: Image

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For more tutorials in this series, go here:

- [The WordPress Block Editor \(Gutenberg\)](#)
- [How To Use WordPress Blocks](#)
- [How To Use The WordPress Block Editing Toolbar](#)
- [How To Use The WordPress Block Editor Content Area](#)
- [How To Use The WordPress Block Editor Settings Section](#)
- [WordPress Block Editor: Block Settings](#)

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