Minecraft Texture Packs: Building Innovative Constructions with Improved Graphics

Minecraft is a video game that allows players to construct structures from textured cubes in the three-dimensional world. The beta version of the game first released by Mojang, which is a Swedish company, in the month of May of 2009. In December 2010, a new beta version was released. Recently, Mojang released the latest version of Minecraft for iOS and Android platforms on November 18, 2011 during the MineCon 2011 trade exhibition. However, not all Android-based gadgets support the game. Minecraft is currently only available for Xperia Play.

Minecraft's graphics are stunning. Jasonotto You won't find any shades in the graphics and it's available in low resolution imaging. However with Minecraft Texture Packs or Mods these shortcomings are able to be overcome. The Minecraft Texture Mods or Packs provide more backgrounds in the Minecraft world. Mods can also boost the resolution of the images. Basically, aside from altering the graphics, there aren't any other reasons to use the Mods. However, the different backgrounds could make your gaming experience more enjoyable and less boring. These Mods or texture packs are currently only available for Macs and Windows computers.

There are a variety of texture packs that you can download and apply to your Minecraft game. One of them is Optifine. The Optifine mod is very popular because it has enhanced performance and visual qualities. The change isn't that drastic. The mod can, however smooth certain aspects of the game. Another example of an Minecraft mod is the Water Shade Alpha. This mod can't be used with Optifine since they aren't compatible. Water Shade Alpha texture pack improves the water effects in the game.

These are the steps needed to install a texture application on Windows.

- 1. WinRar is a great extractor program.
- 2. Click "run" in the top bar of the start menu. If you use Windows XP, type "%appdata%.minecraftbin"; if you use Windows Vista or 7, you will need to type "C:Users*YourUserName*AppDataRoaming.minecraftbin".
- 3. After entering the information after entering the information, a folder is created. Inside it, you will find a file named minecraft.jar.
- 4. Right click the file and then click the "Open with ..." option from the pop-up menu and select "WinRar Archiver". This will take you to an open WinRar program that displays the folders and files that have the extension png.

5. Drag the textures from the pack and drop them into WinRar directly. This will alter the texture in the game and your new textures will be ready for play.