Things to do after Installing Linux Mint
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1. After the installation completes, perform system updates using the Icon in the active toolbar in the lower right of the desktop.

2. To install additional useful programs start Terminal by selecting Menu, then Terminal, type su Return, input the password and press return. Install the following using apt-get install <program name>:
chromium-browser
google-earth-stable
dropbox (if needed)
gparted
gedit
K3b
gnome-mahjongg
pdfshuffler
sysinfo
shuffler
shuffler
thunderbird (if neeed)
wine (if needed to run Windows programs)

Note, to repeat a command use the up arrow key then backspace to erase the name and then type in a new name.

3. Right Click on blank area of the screen desktop, click Change Desktop Background, pick an optional background image.

4. Go to Menu, Preferences, Screensaver to set options. Uncheck Lock screen when screensaver is active, set timer to 35 minutes.

5. Go to Menu, Administration, Printers to Add a printer.

6. Configure the Chrome and/or Firefox browsers. If you have Google and/or Mozilla accounts, sign onto those accounts and configure the settings options as desired.

7. Open Chrome browser, search for pepperflash, download and install it. This installs Flash player for Chrome.

8. To add shortcuts to the Taskbar in the desktop lower left, go to Menu, All, find the program, then right click on the name, then select Add to panel.

9. To reorder or move the taskbar shortcuts, right click on the icon , select move, then move the mouse left or right as desired. To lock an icon in place, right click on it, then click on lock to panel.