

How to Easily Add Labels to Scatterplot Points in Google Sheets

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Adding labels to scatterplot points in Google Sheets is a fairly simple process. First, create a scatterplot and select it. Then, click the "+" icon in the top right of the chart. Select "Data Labels" and customize the labels as desired. Finally, click the "Save" button to apply the labels to the chart. The labels will now appear on each point in the scatterplot.

A **scatterplot** is a useful way to visualize the relationship between two numerical variables.

Fortunately it's easy to create scatterplots in Google Sheets. However, the points in the plot do not automatically come with labels.

The following step-by-step example shows how to add labels to scatterplot points in Google Sheets.

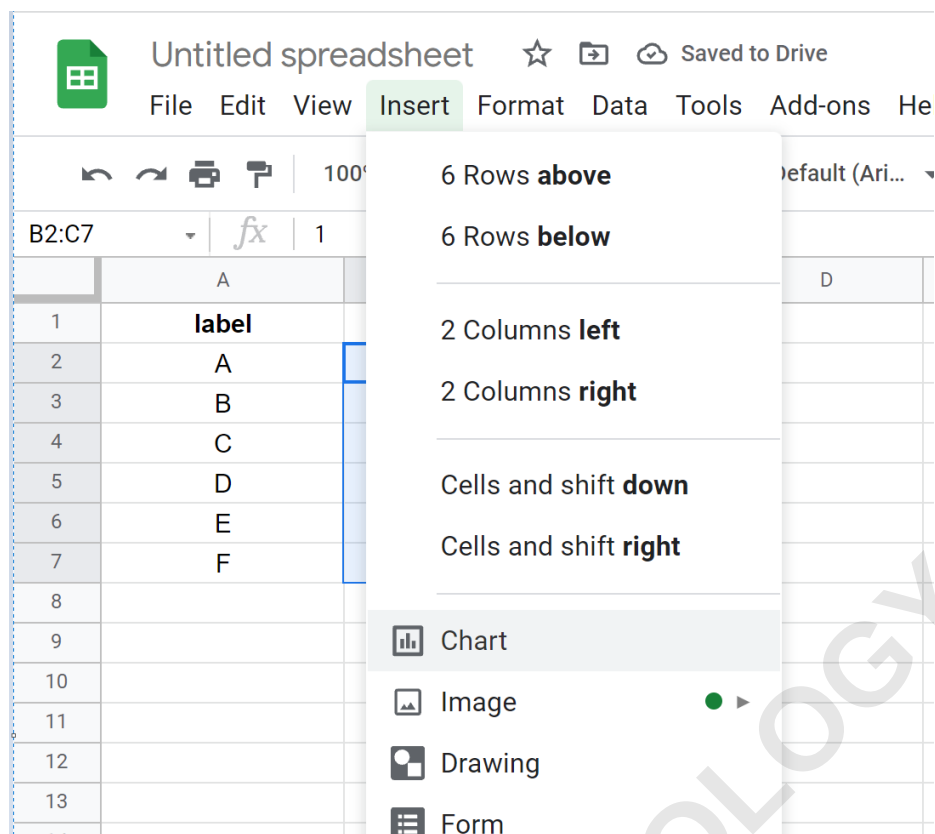
Step 1: Enter the Data

First, let's enter some values for a dataset:

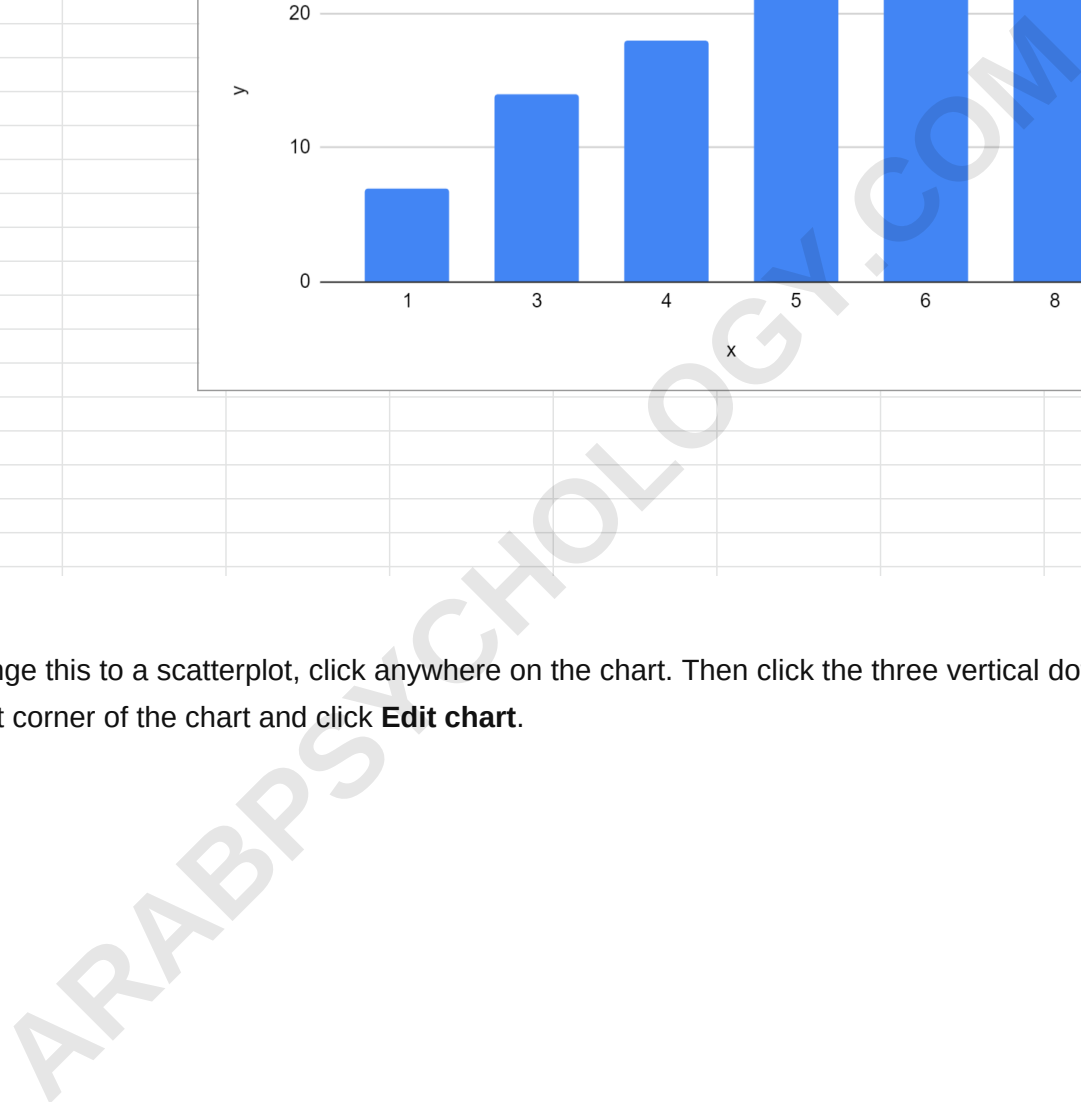
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1	label	x	y		
2	A	1	7		
3	B	3	14		
4	C	4	18		
5	D	5	22		
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Step 2: Create the Scatterplot

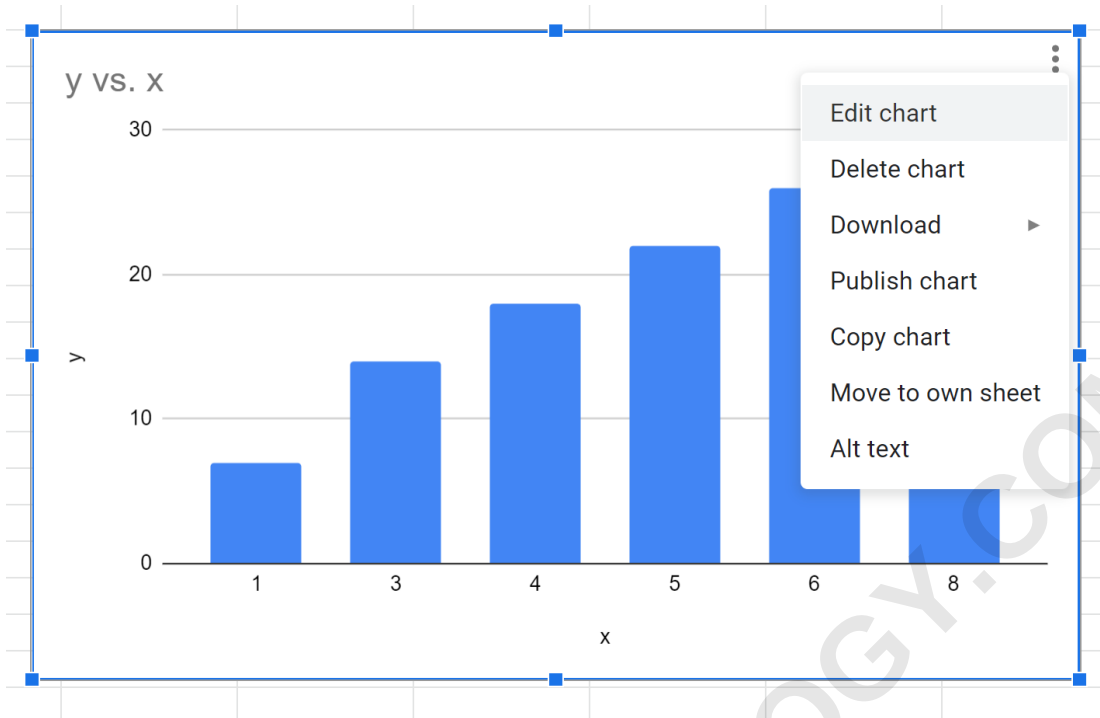
To create a scatterplot, highlight the values in the range B2:C7. Then click the **Insert** tab and then click **Chart**:



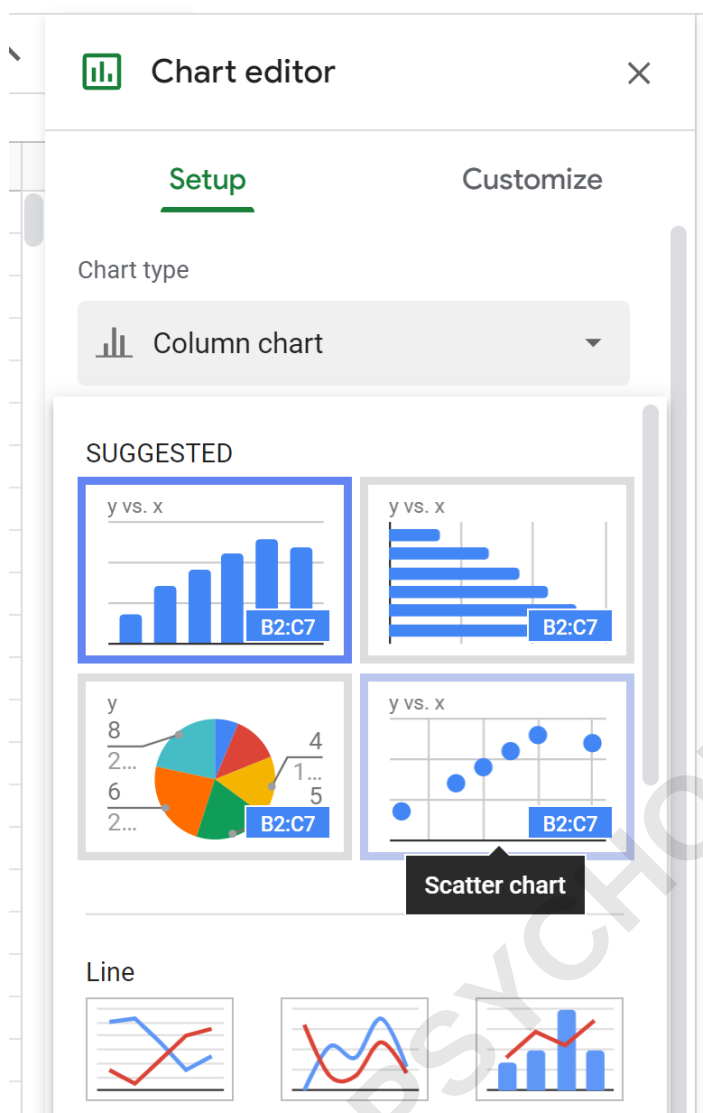
By default, Google Sheets will insert a column chart.



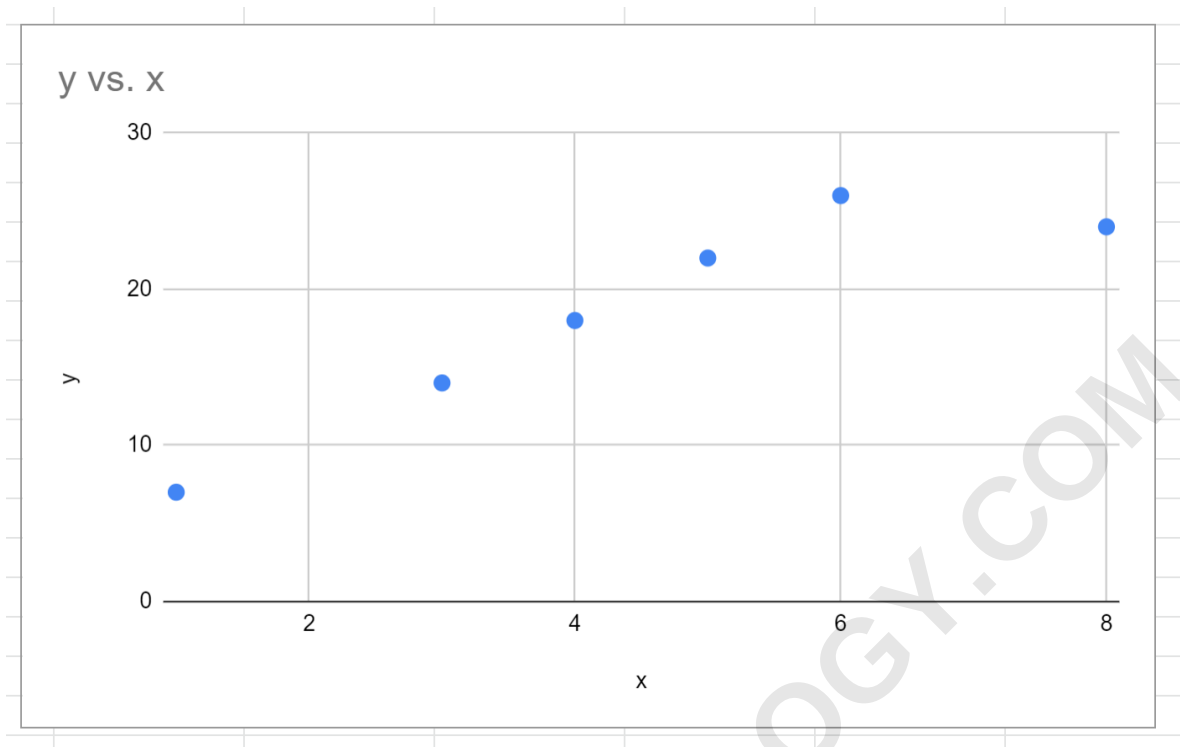
corner of the chart and click



In the **Chart editor** window that appears on the right side of the screen, click **Chart type** and then select the option that says **Scatter chart**:

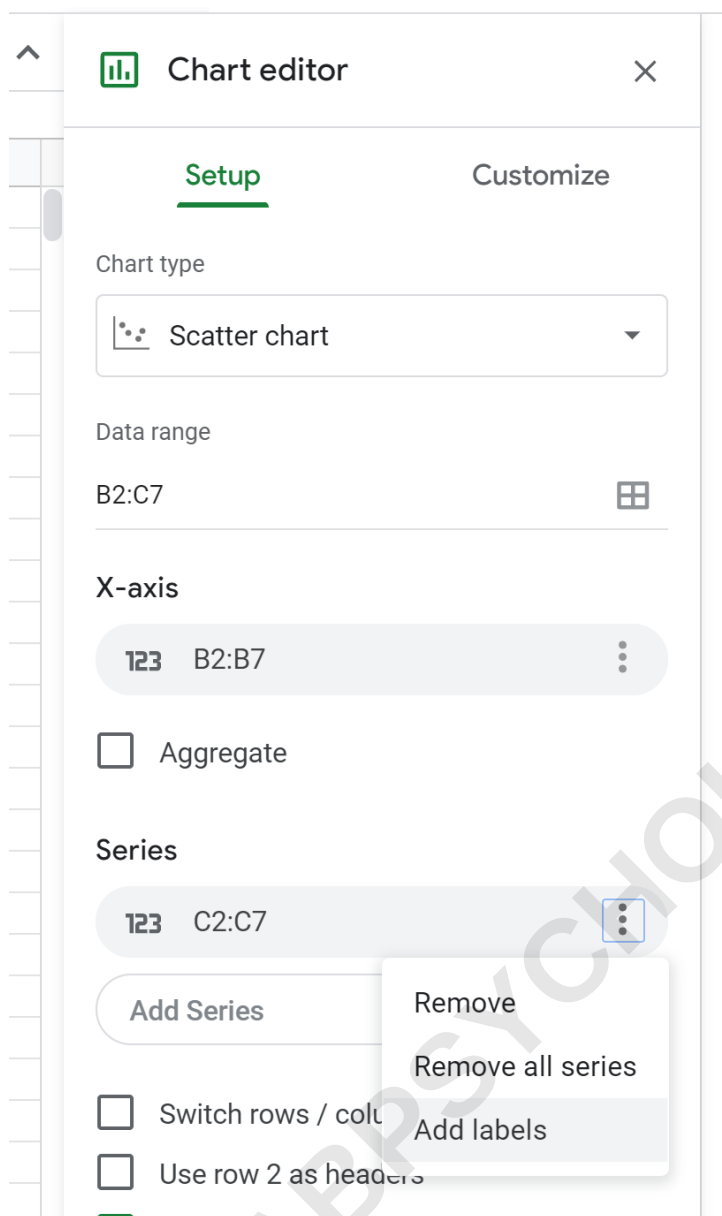


The following scatterplot will be inserted:

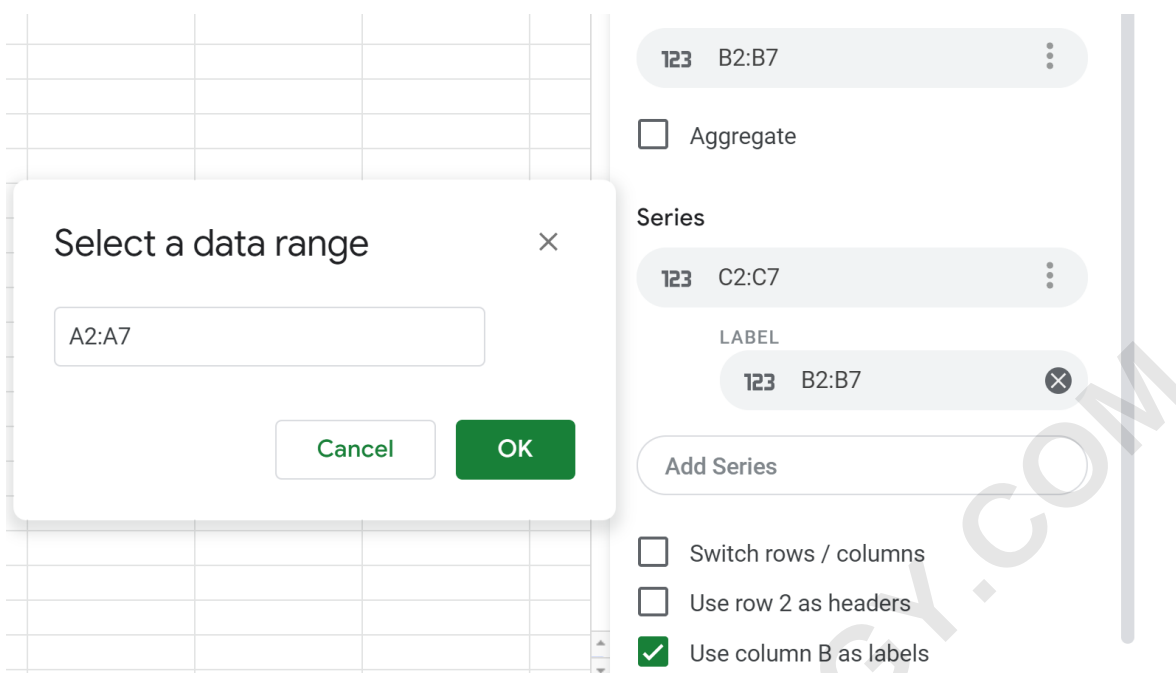


Step 3: Add Labels to Scatterplot Points

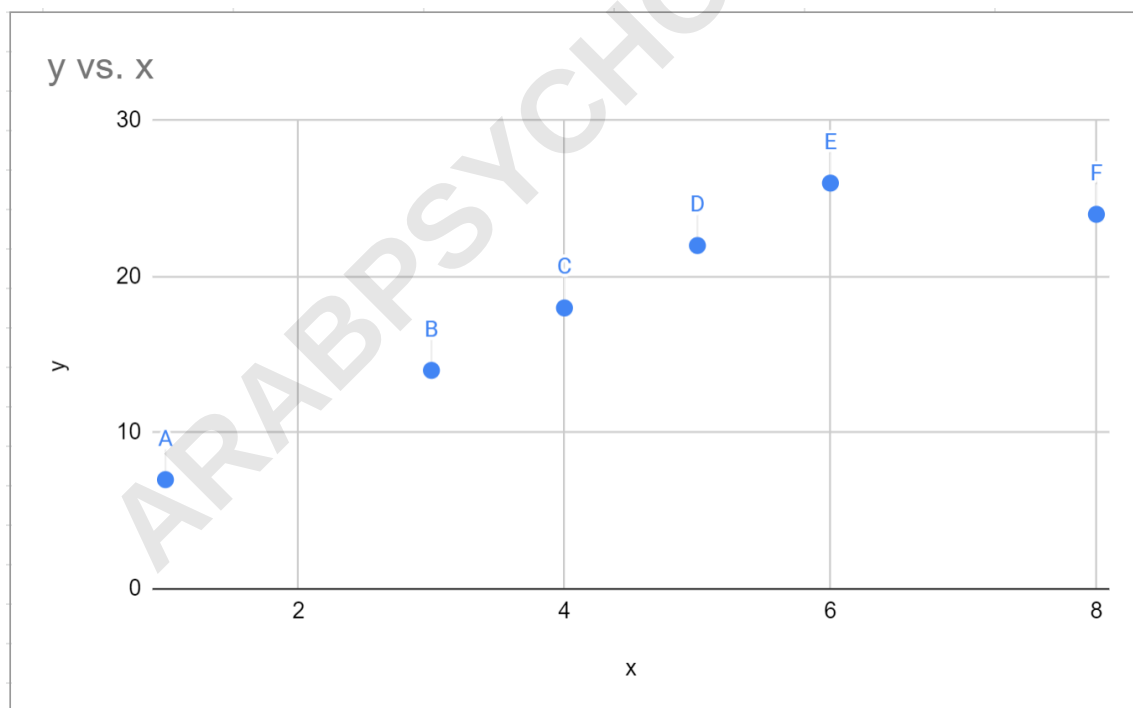
To add labels to the points in the scatterplot, click the three vertical dots next to **Series** and then click **Add labels**:



Click the label box and type in **A2:A7** as the data range. Then click **OK**:



The following labels will be added to the points in the scatterplot:



You can then double click on any of the labels and modify the font color, font family, font size, etc.

The following tutorials explain how to create other common charts in Google Sheets: