



iPad User Guide

Everything you need to know about iPad



Get started

Set up a few basic features before you start using your new iPad.

[Setup basics](#)

Add a personal touch

Your iPad can reflect your style, interests, and display preferences. Customize the Lock Screen, add widgets to the Home Screen, adjust text size, and more.

[Make your iPad your own](#)





Stay connected

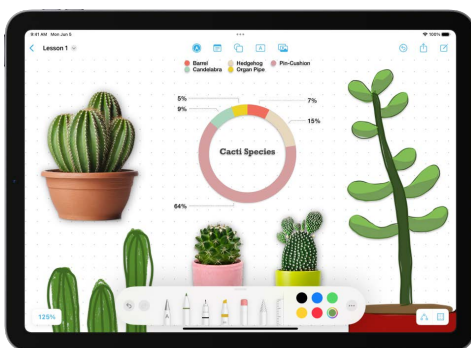
iPad makes it easy to reach the people important to you. Start conversations in Messages, make FaceTime calls—even watch movies and listen to music together.

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Multitask with iPad

Learn how to work with multiple apps at the same time and switch between the apps you use the most.

[Customize your workspace](#)



Boost your creativity

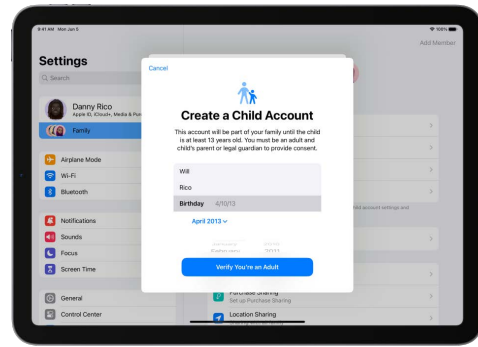
Discover new ways to express yourself with Apple Pencil.

[Do more with Apple Pencil](#)

Set up features for kids

When you decide your child is ready for their own iPad, you can create an Apple ID for them, add them to Family Sharing, guide their usage with parental controls, and set up other kid-friendly features.

[Customize iPad for your child](#)



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Introducing iPad

iPad models

iPad models compatible with iPadOS 17

This guide helps you get started using iPad and discover all the amazing things it can do with iPadOS 17.5, which is compatible with the following models:



iPad mini (6th generation)

iPad (10th generation)

iPad Air (4th generation)

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iPad Air 11-inch (M2)

iPad Air 13-inch (M2)

iPad Pro 11-inch (1st generation)

iPad Pro 11-inch (2nd generation)

iPad Pro 11-inch (3rd generation)

iPad Pro 11-inch (4th generation)

iPad Pro 11-inch (M4)

iPad Pro 12.9-inch (3rd generation)

iPad Pro 12.9-inch (4th generation)

iPad Pro 12.9-inch (5th generation)

iPad Pro 12.9-inch (6th generation)

iPad Pro 13-inch (M4)



iPad mini (5th generation)

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iPad (7th generation)

iPad (8th generation)

iPad (9th generation)

iPad Air (3rd generation)

iPad Pro 10.5-inch

iPad Pro 12.9-inch (2nd generation)

Your features and apps may vary depending on your iPad model, region, language, and carrier. To find out which features are supported in your region, see the [iOS and iPadOS Feature Availability website](#).

Note: Apps and services that send or receive data over a cellular network, or that answer incoming calls, may incur additional fees. Contact your carrier for information about your service plan and fees.

Identify your iPad model and iPadOS version

Go to Settings  > General > About. See [Get information about your iPad](#).

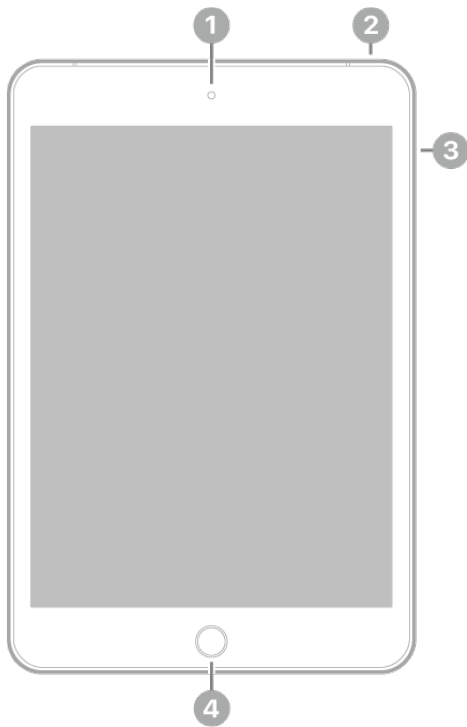
To determine your iPad model from the physical details, see the Apple Support article [Identify your iPad model](#).

Get iPadOS updates

To update your iPad to the latest iPadOS software compatible with your model, go to Settings  > General > Software Update. See [Update iPadOS](#).

iPad mini (5th generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad mini (5th generation).



- ① Front camera
- ② Top button
- ③ Volume buttons
- ④ Home button/Touch ID



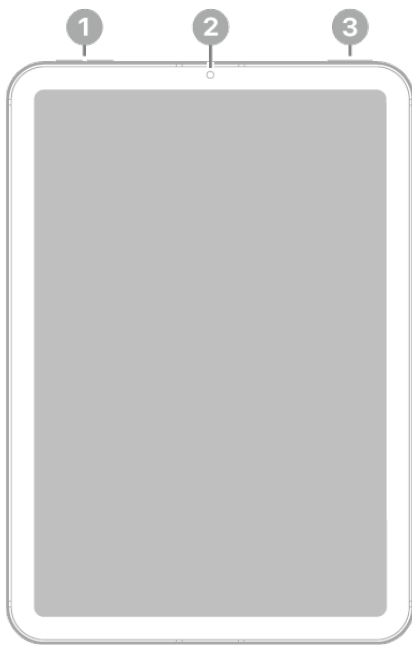
- ⑤ Rear camera
- ⑥ Headphone jack
- ⑦ Lightning connector
- ⑧ SIM tray (Wi-Fi + Cellular)

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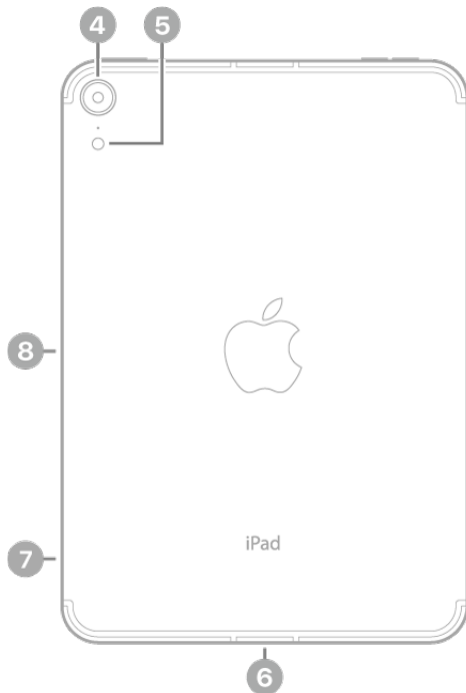
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- 1 Volume buttons
- 2 Front camera
- 3 Top button/Touch ID



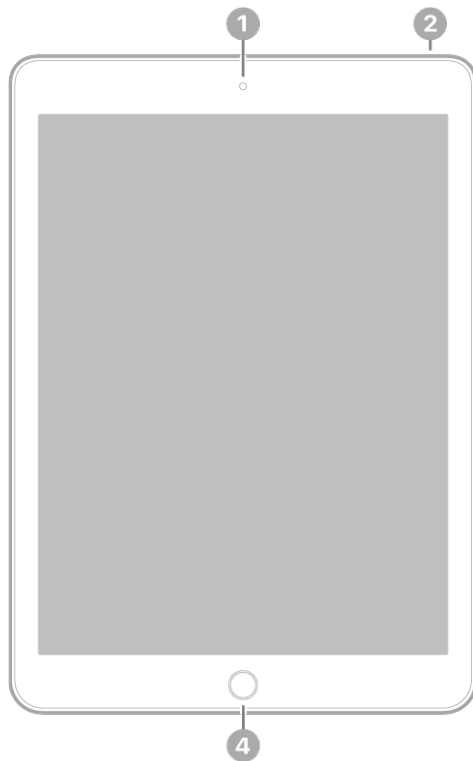
- 4 Rear camera
- 5 Flash
- 6 USB-C connector
- 7 SIM tray (Wi-Fi + Cellular)
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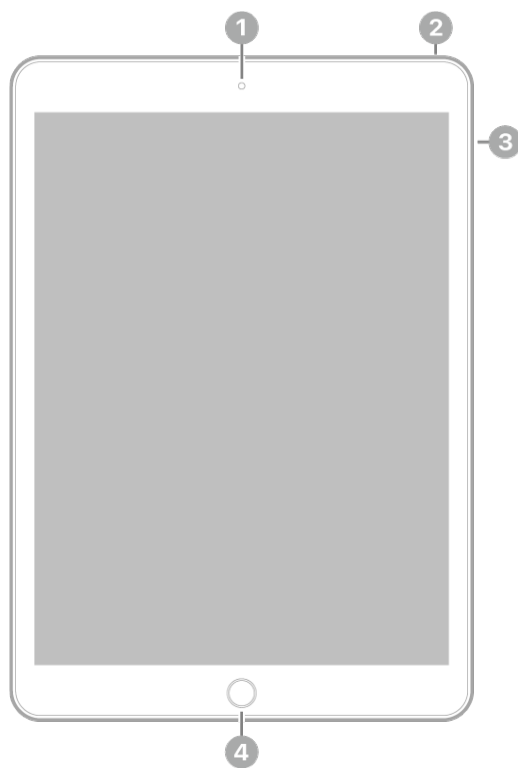
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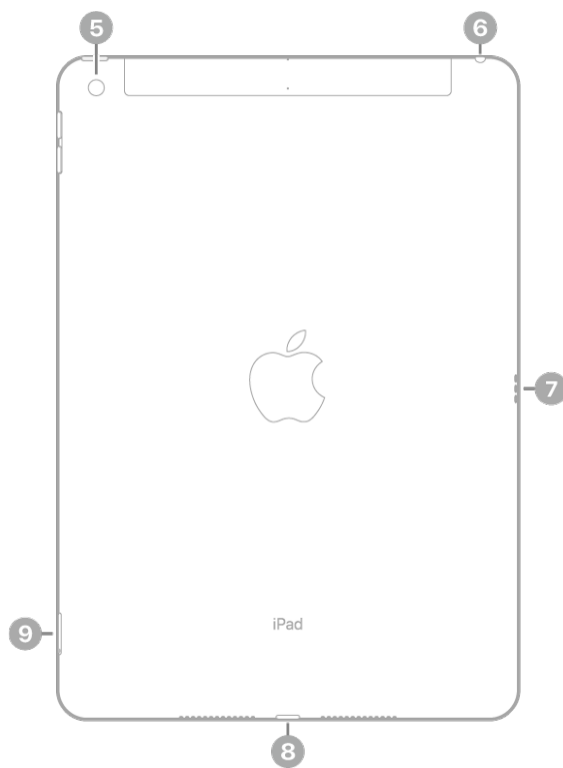
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iPad (7th generation)

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- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons
- 4 Home button/Touch ID



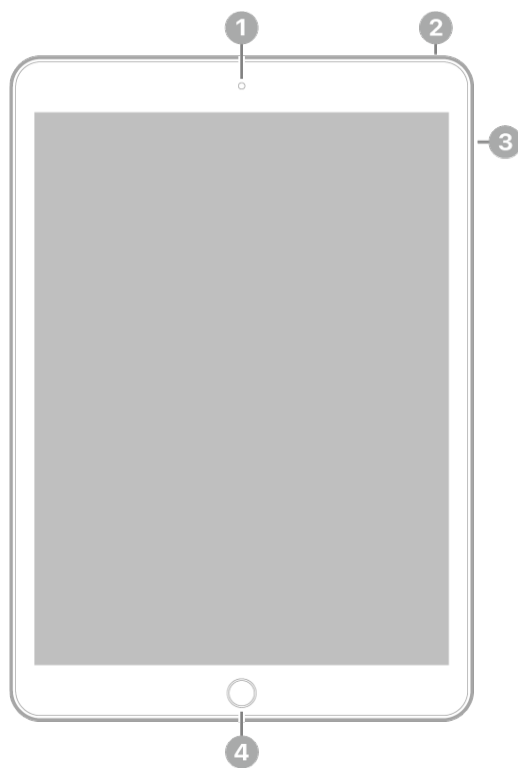
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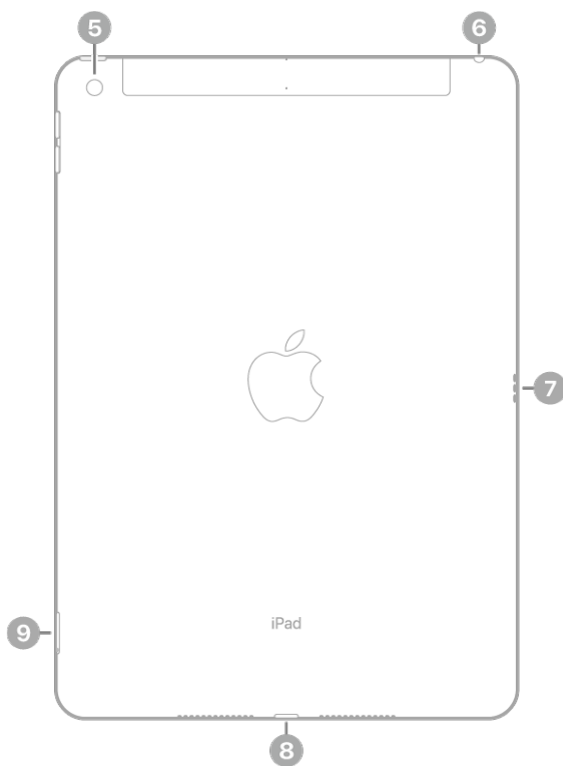
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- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons
- 4 Home button/Touch ID



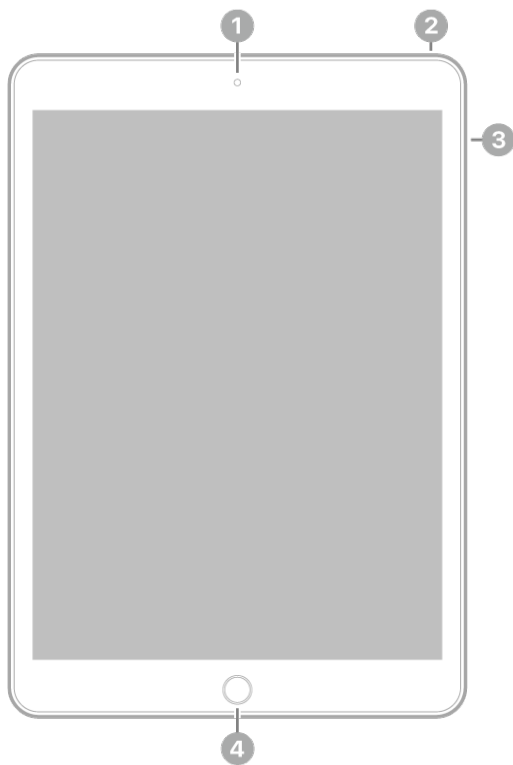
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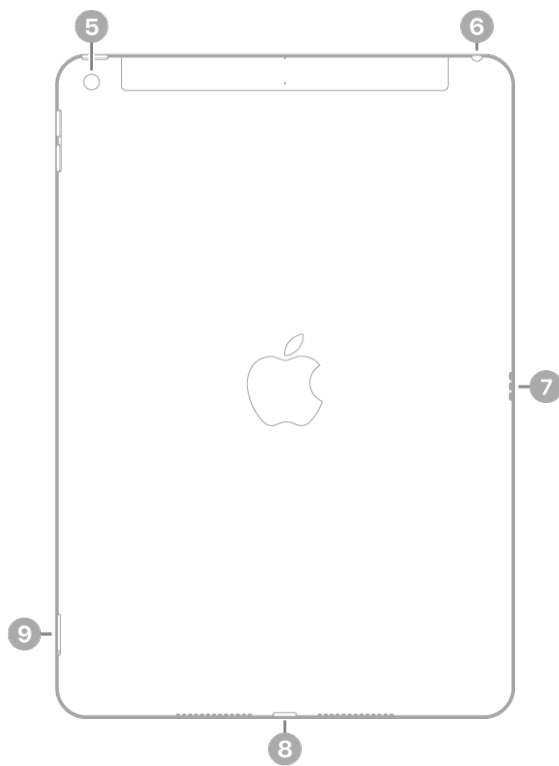
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iPad (9th generation)

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- 3 Volume buttons
- 4 Home button/Touch ID



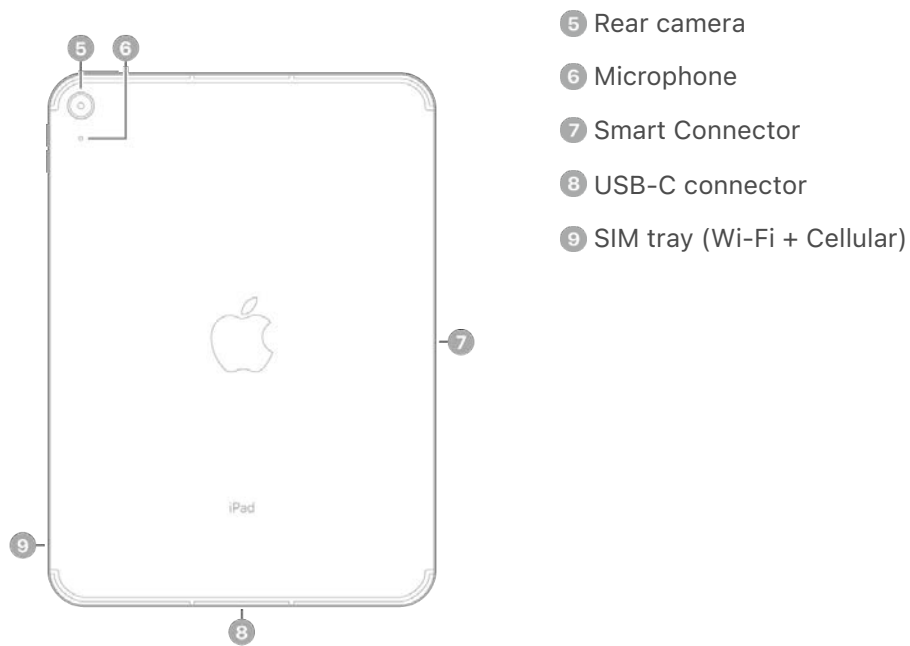
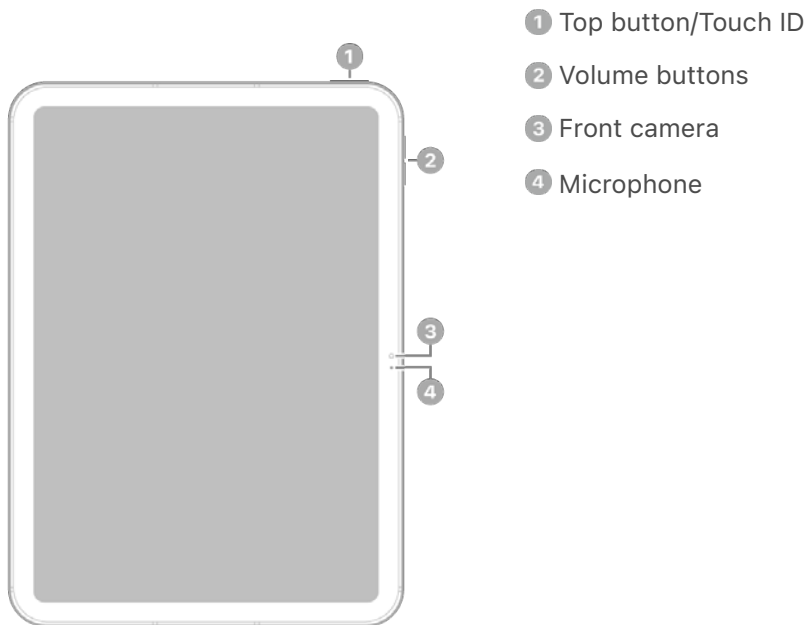
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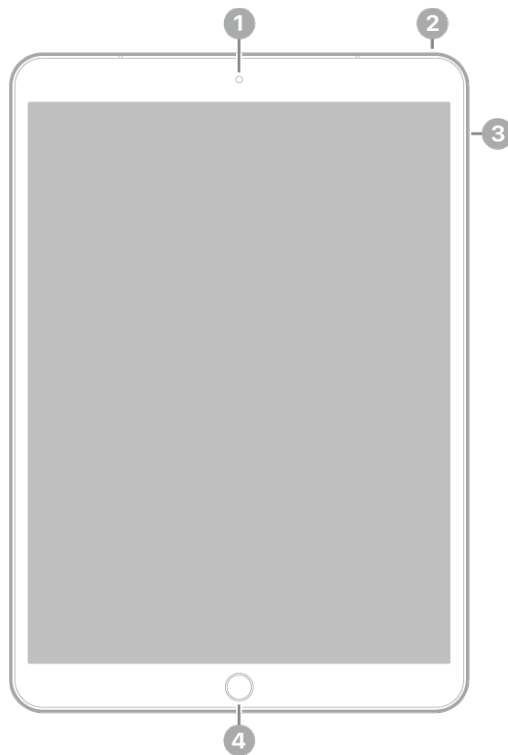


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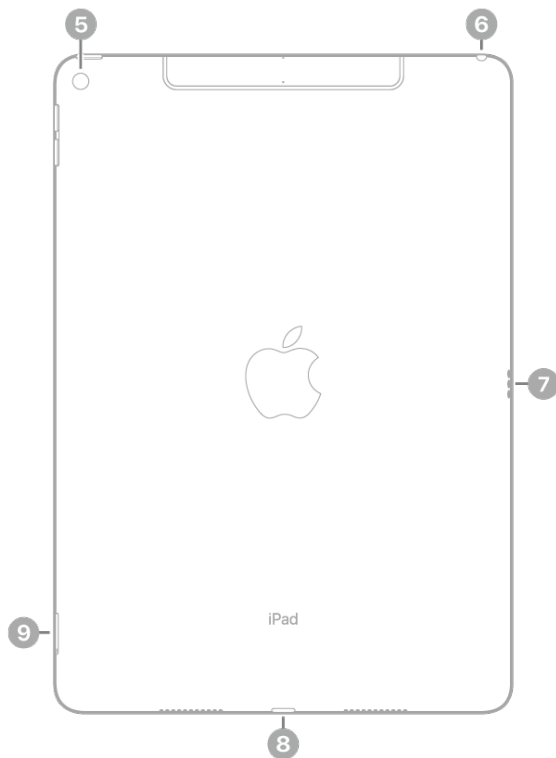
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iPad Air (3rd generation)

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- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons
- 4 Home button/Touch ID



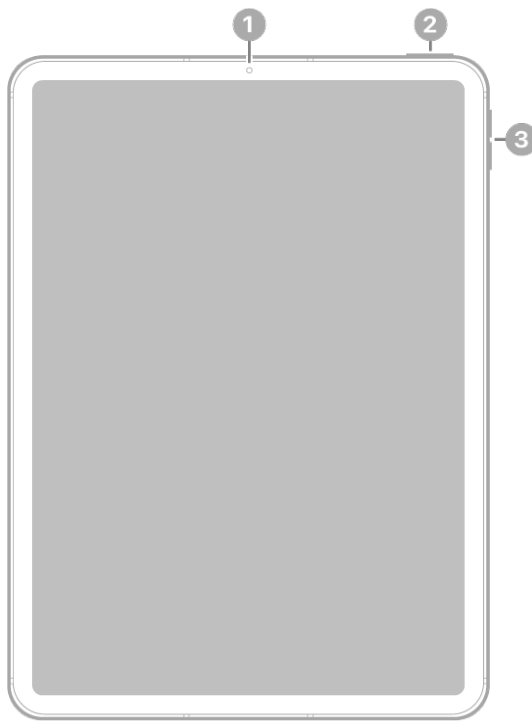
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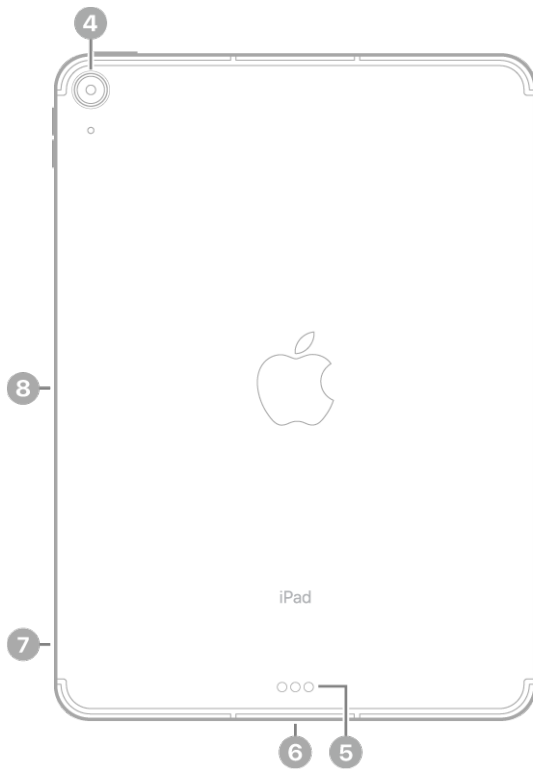
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iPad Air (4th generation)

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- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button/Touch ID
- 3 Volume buttons



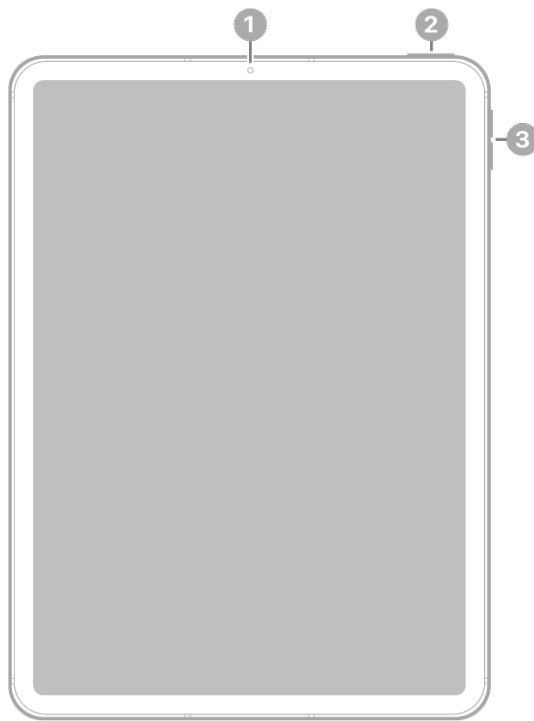
- 4 Rear camera
- 5 Smart Connector
- 6 USB-C connector
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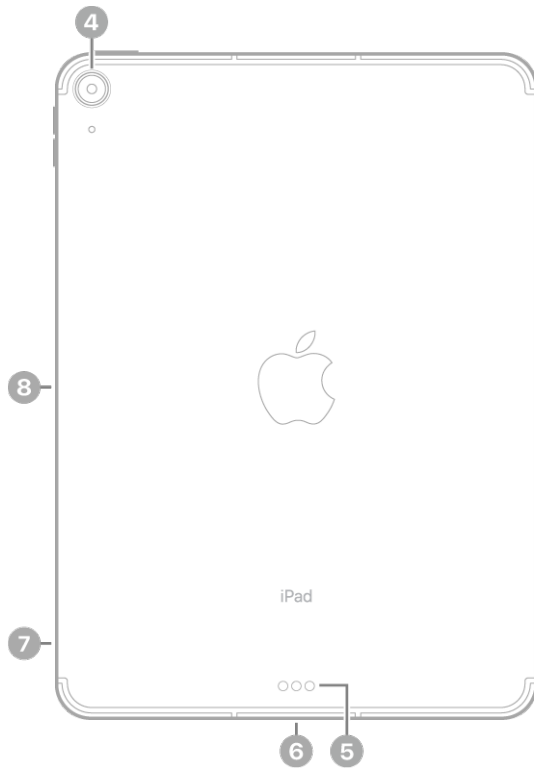
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iPad Air (5th generation)

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- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button/Touch ID
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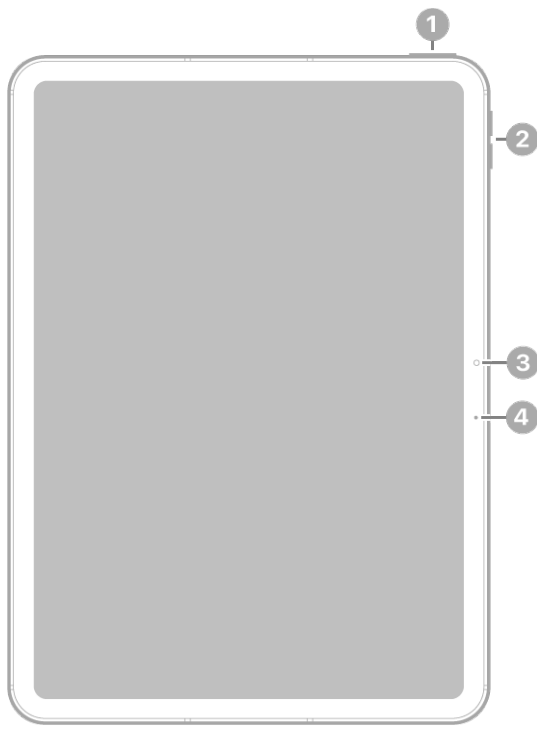
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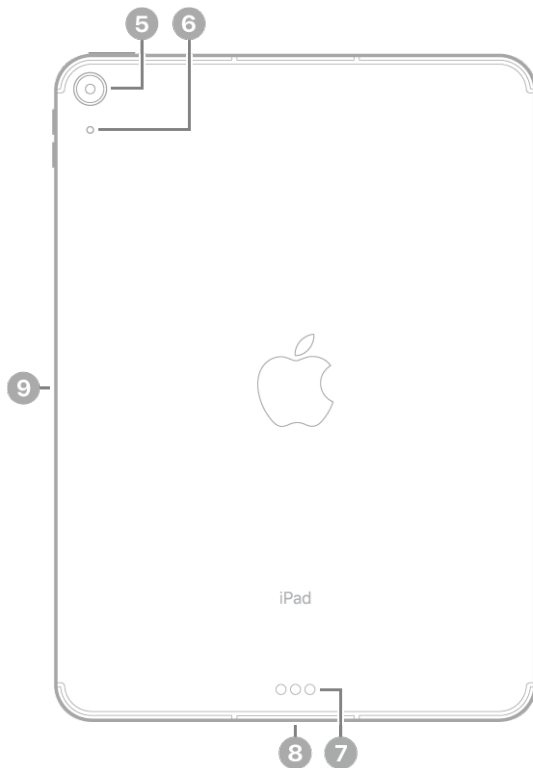
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iPad Air 11-inch (M2)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Air 11-inch (M2).



- 1 Top button/Touch ID
- 2 Volume buttons
- 3 Front camera
- 4 Microphone



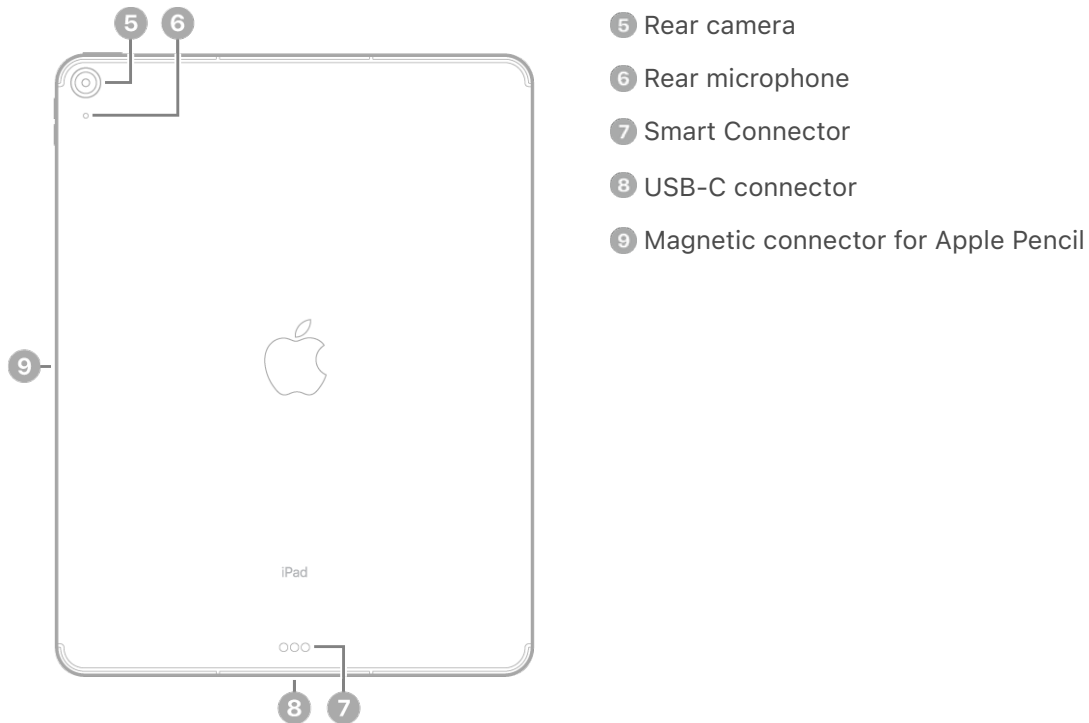
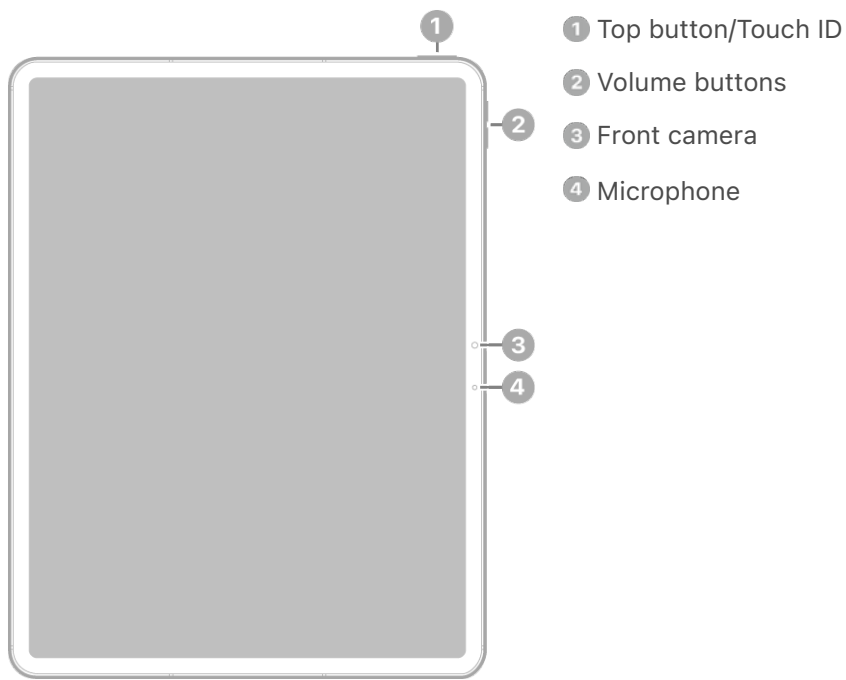
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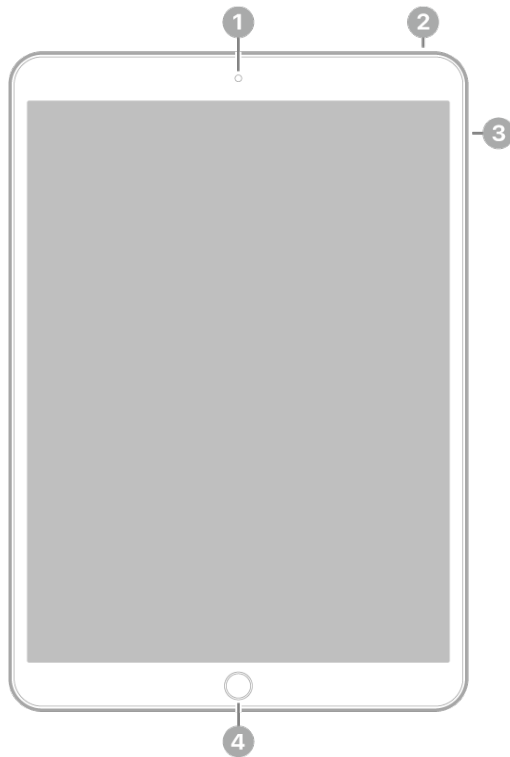


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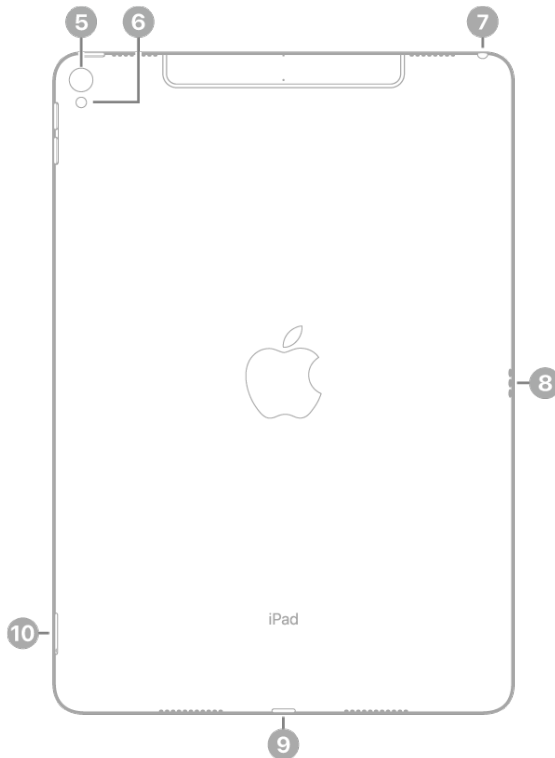
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iPad Pro 10.5-inch

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- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons
- 4 Home button/Touch ID



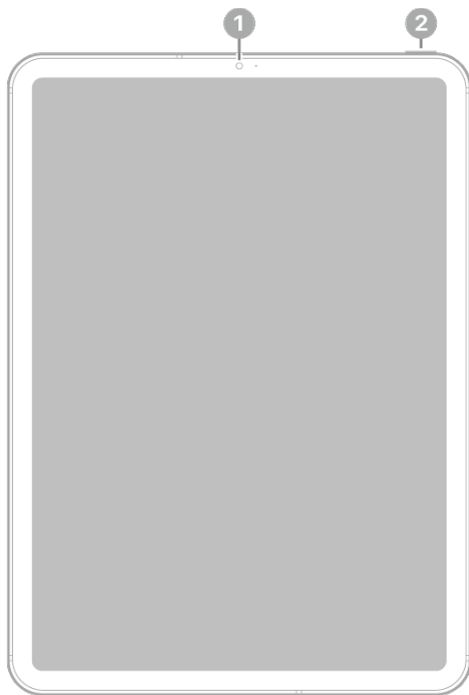
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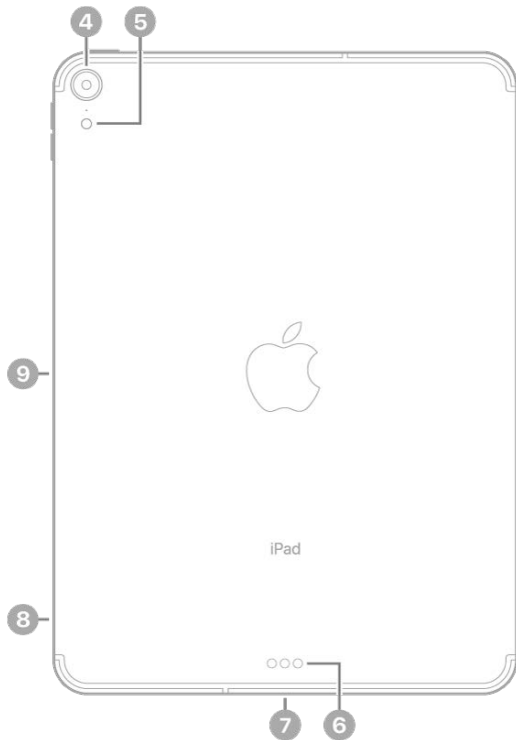
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iPad Pro 11-inch (1st generation)

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- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons



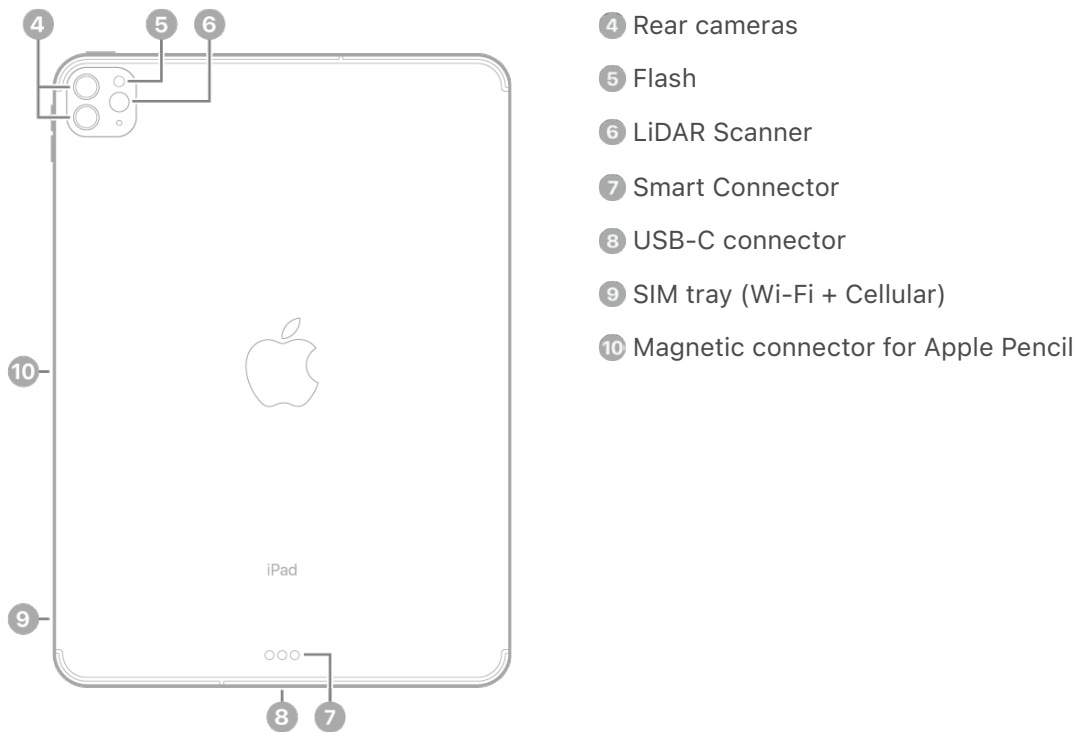
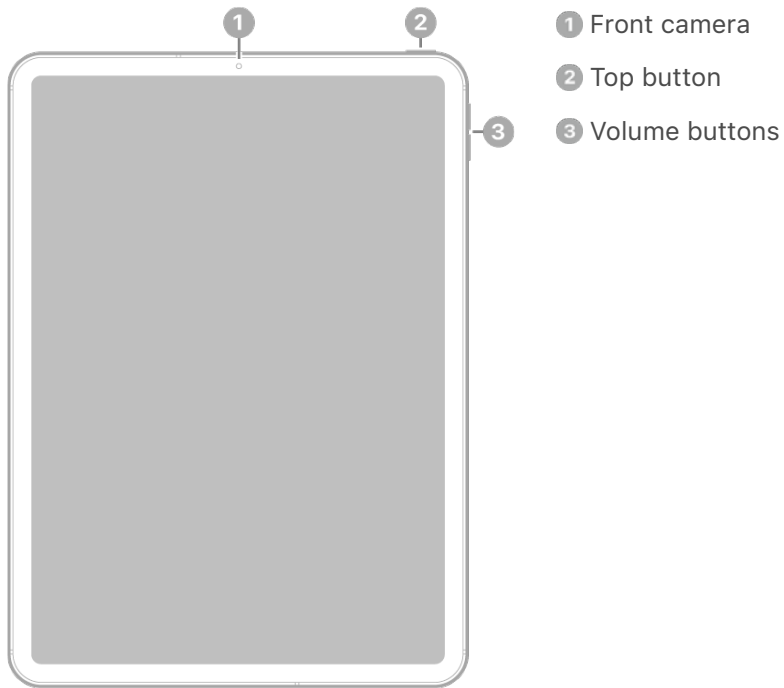
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iPad Pro 11-inch (2nd generation)

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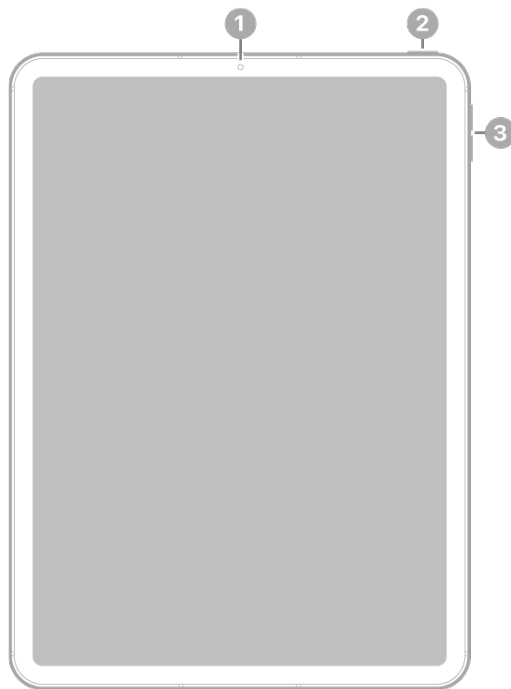


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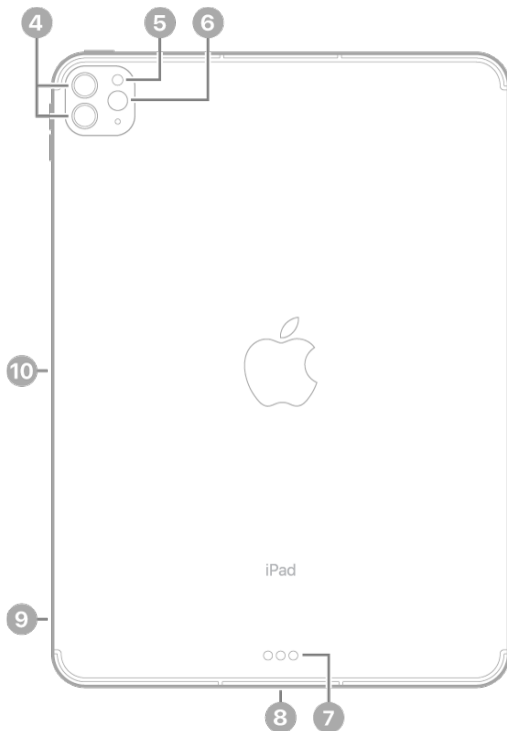
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iPad Pro 11-inch (3rd generation)

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- 1 Front camera
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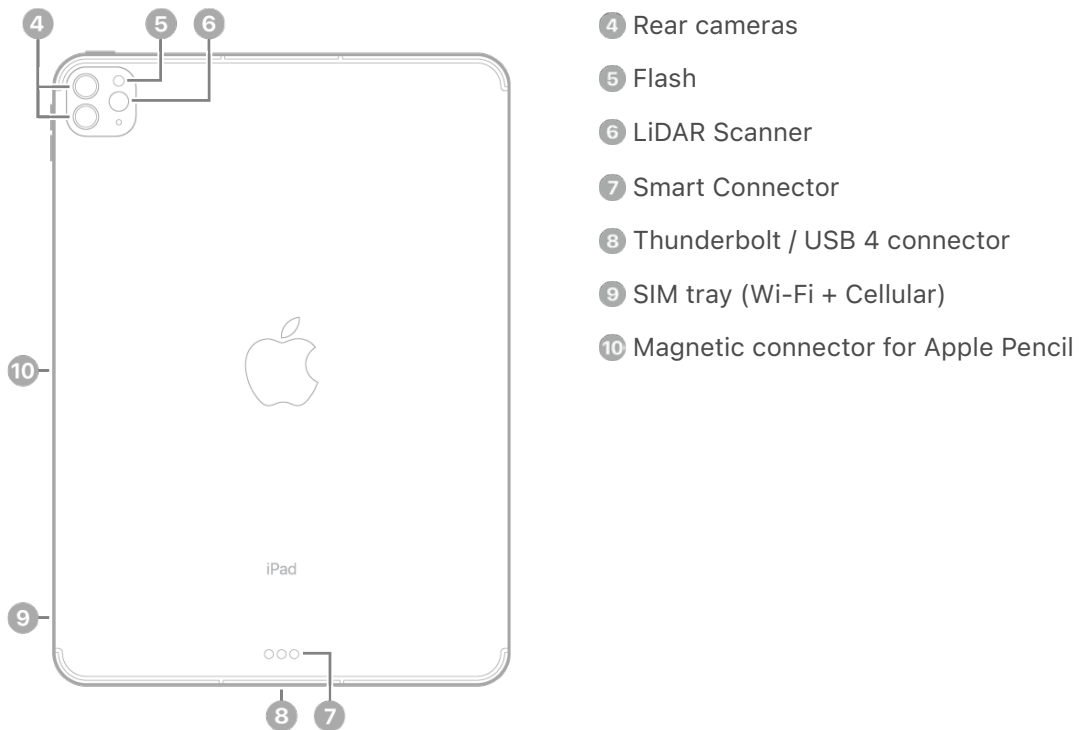
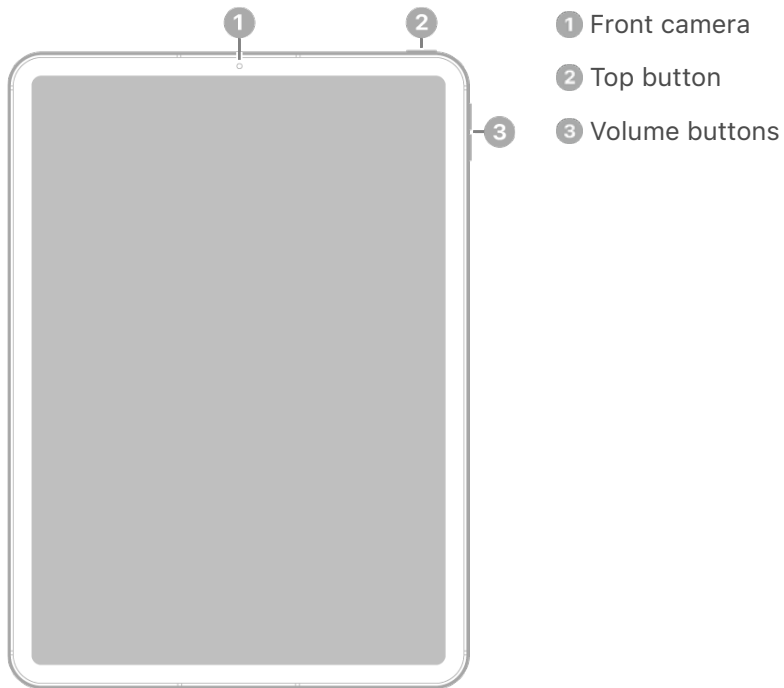
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iPad Pro 11-inch (4th generation)

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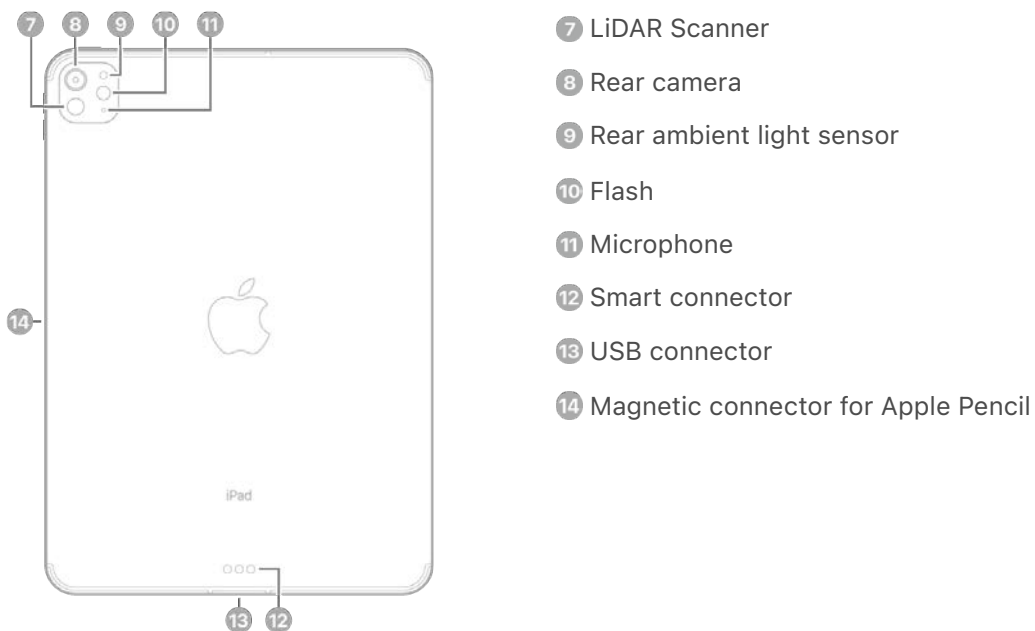
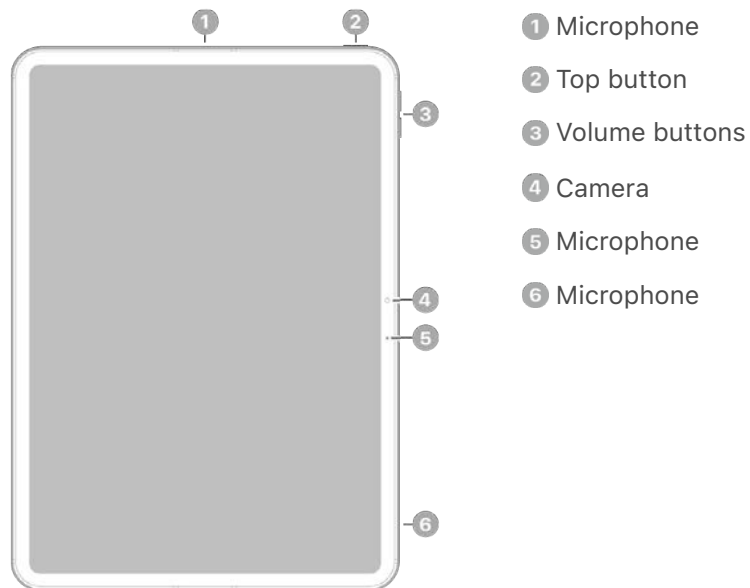


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iPad Pro 11-inch (M4)

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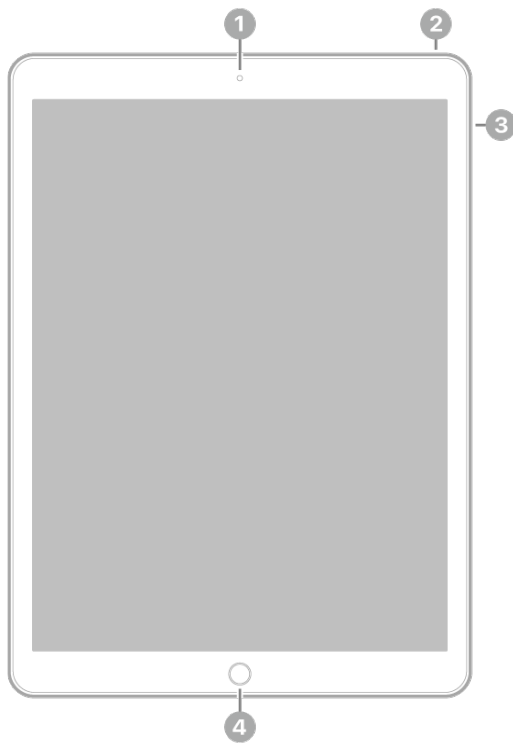


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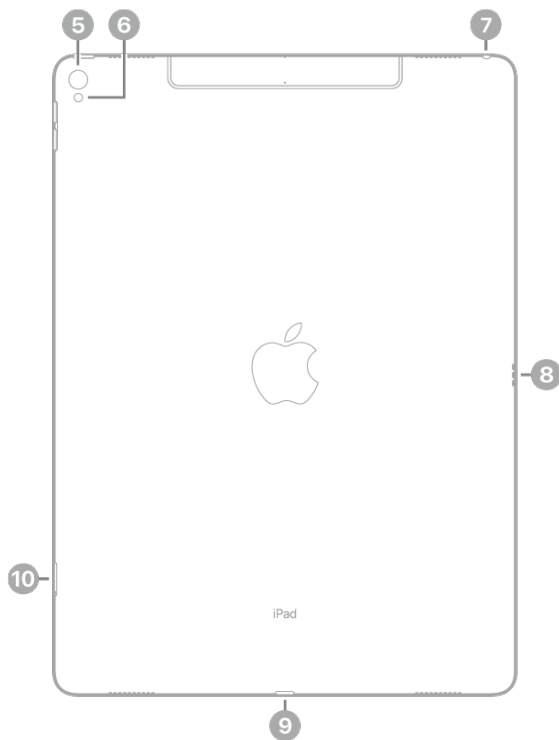
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iPad Pro 12.9-inch (2nd generation)

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- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons
- 4 Home button/Touch ID



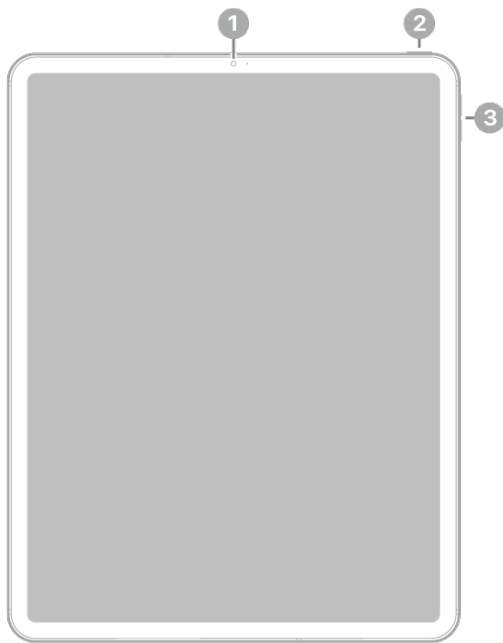
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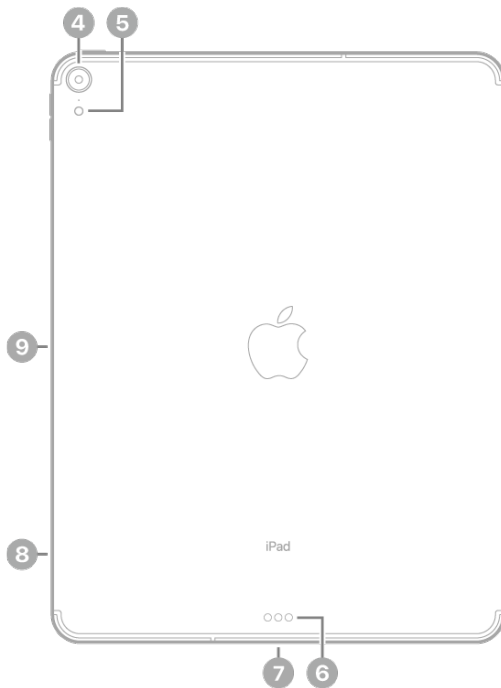
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iPad Pro 12.9-inch (3rd generation)

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- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons



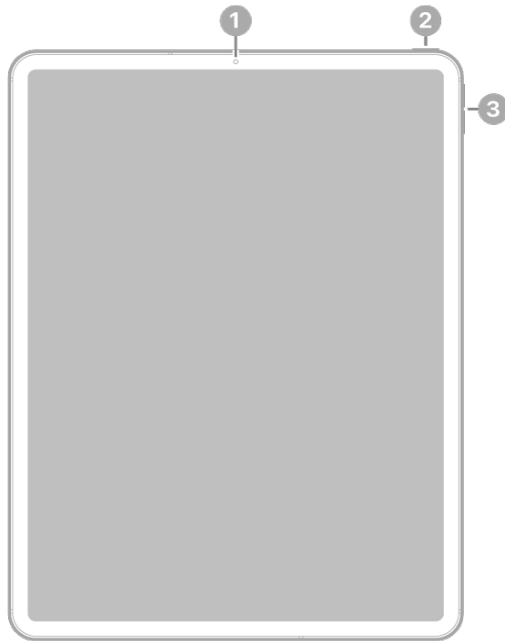
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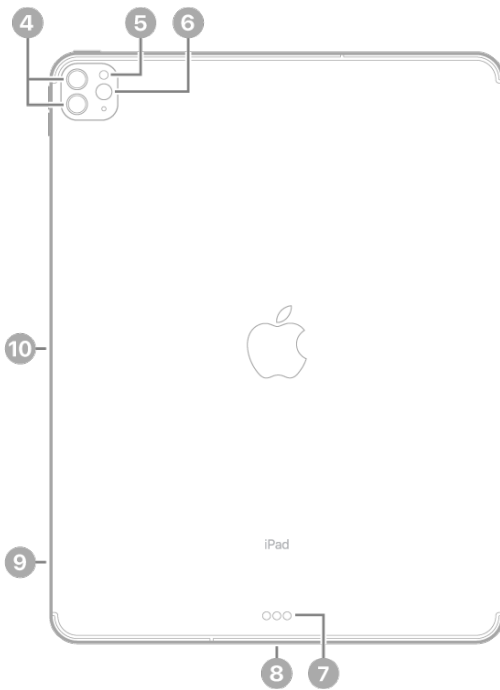
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iPad Pro 12.9-inch (4th generation)

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- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button
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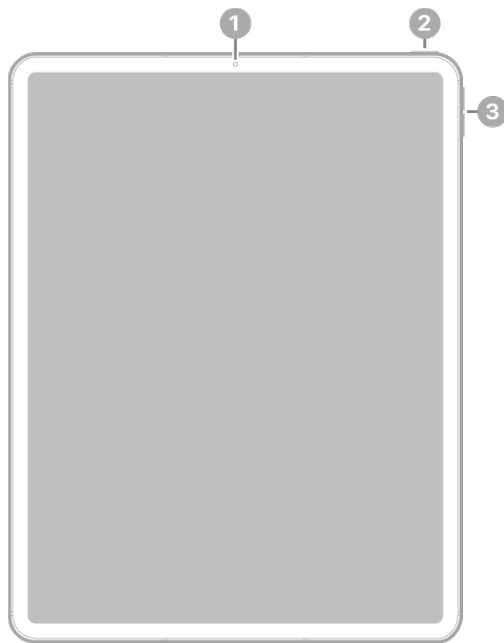
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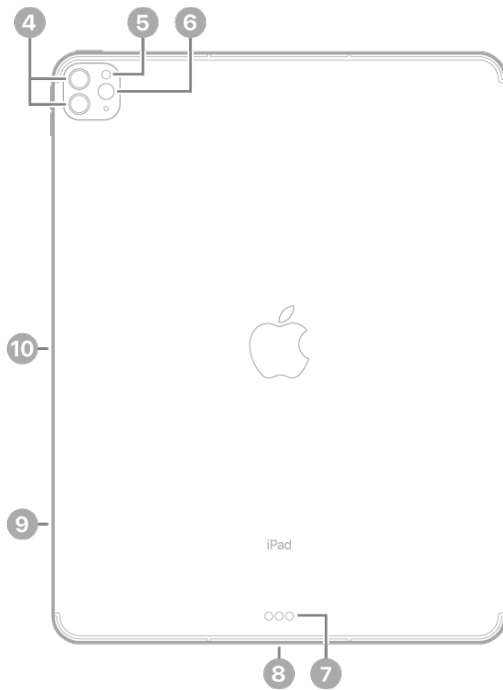
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iPad Pro 12.9-inch (5th generation)

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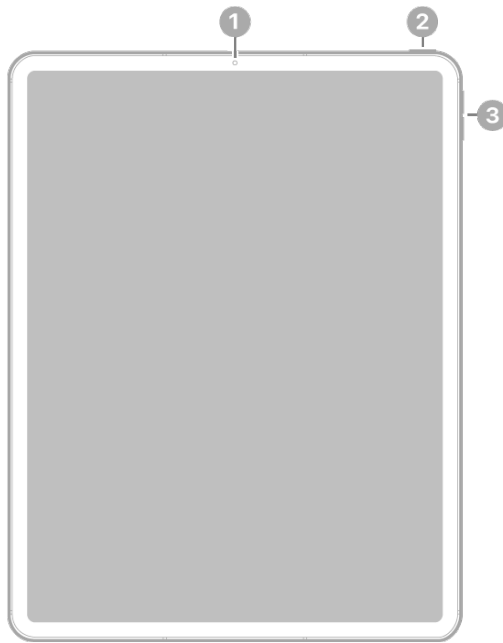
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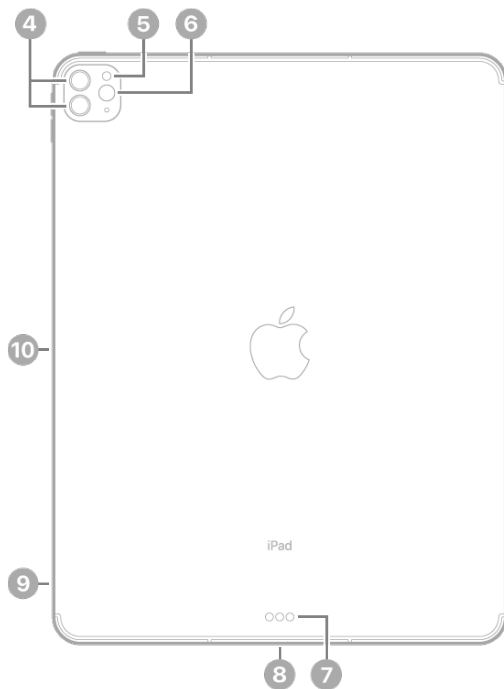
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iPad Pro 12.9-inch (6th generation)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Pro 12.9-inch (6th generation).



- 1 Front camera
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons



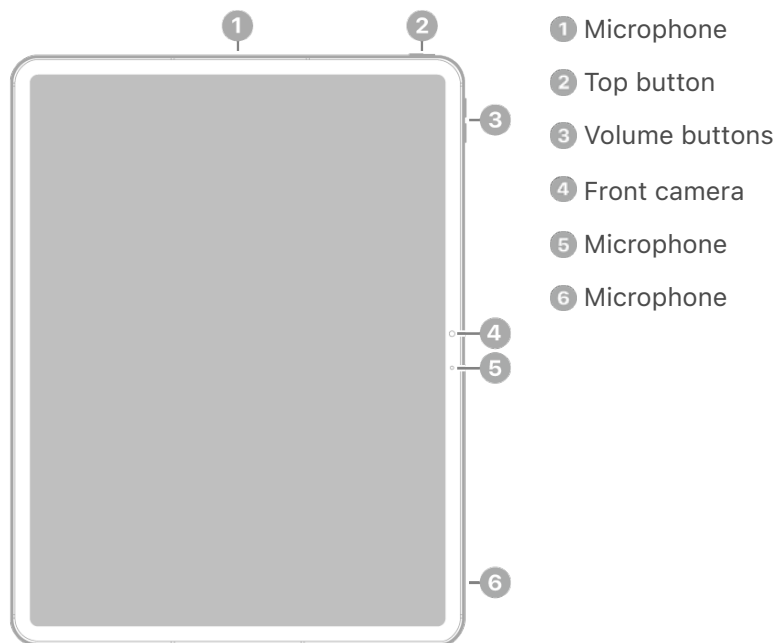
- 4 Rear cameras
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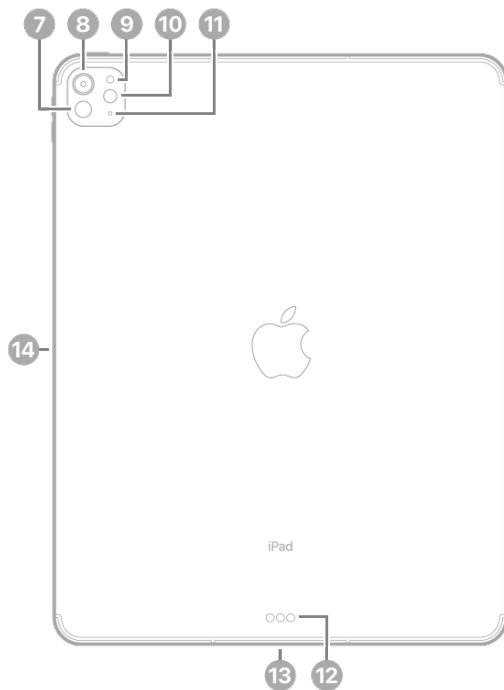
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iPad Pro 13-inch (M4)

Learn the location of the cameras, buttons, and other essential hardware features on iPad Pro 13-inch (M4).



- 1 Microphone
- 2 Top button
- 3 Volume buttons
- 4 Front camera
- 5 Microphone
- 6 Microphone

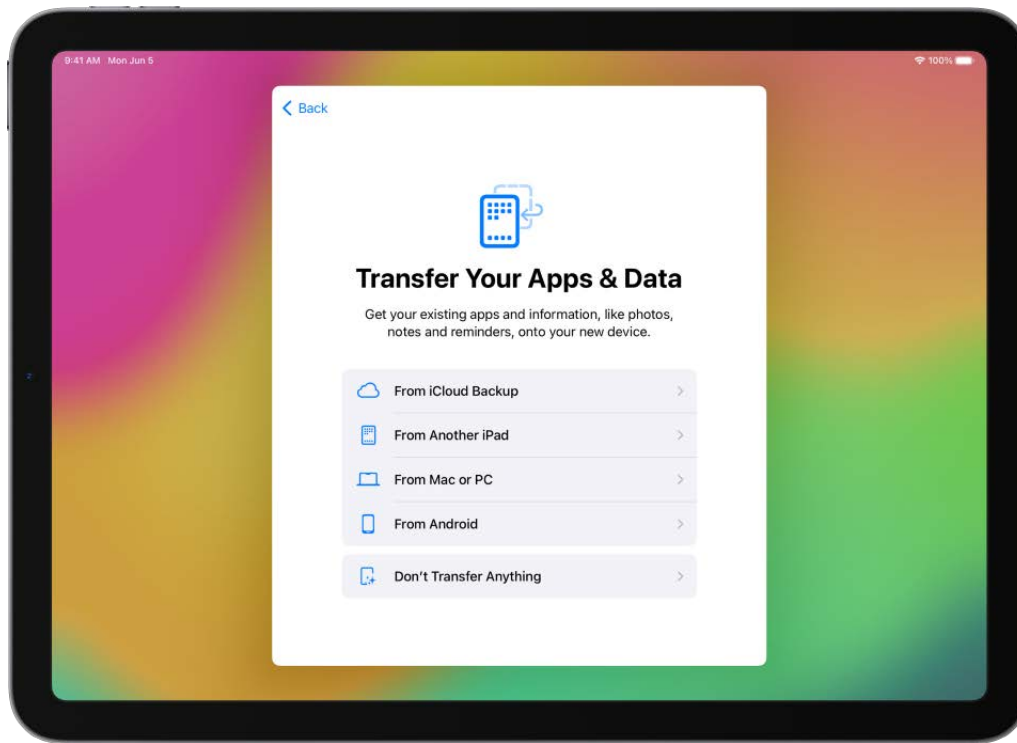


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- 12 Smart connector
- 13 USB-C connector
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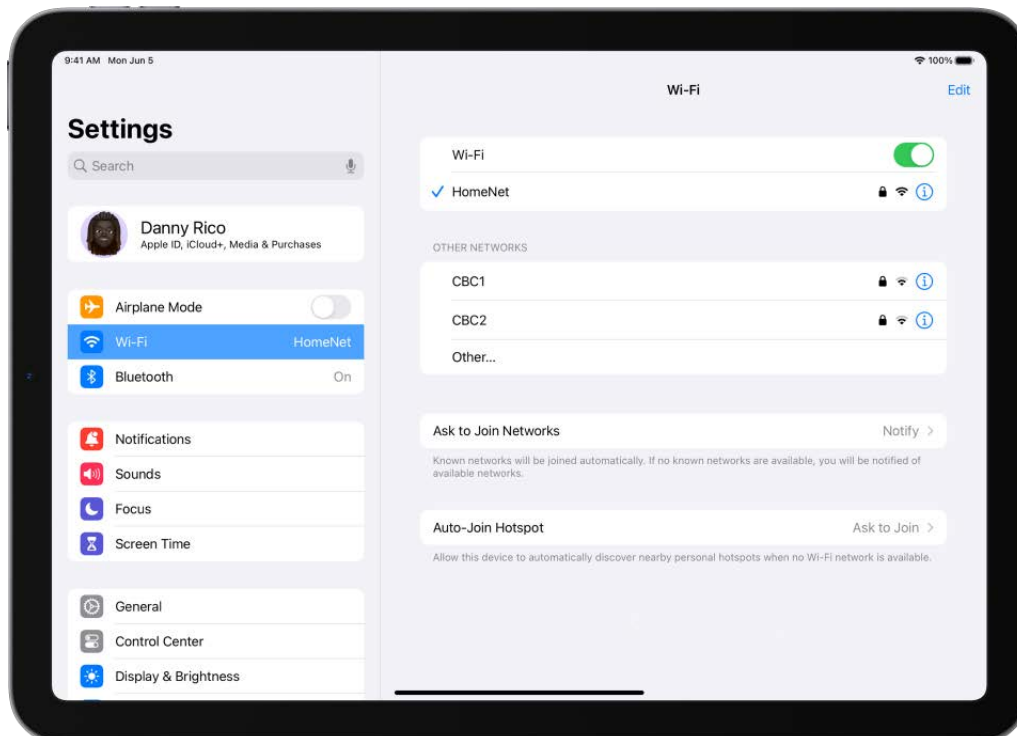
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Setup basics



Transfer your apps and info onto your new iPad

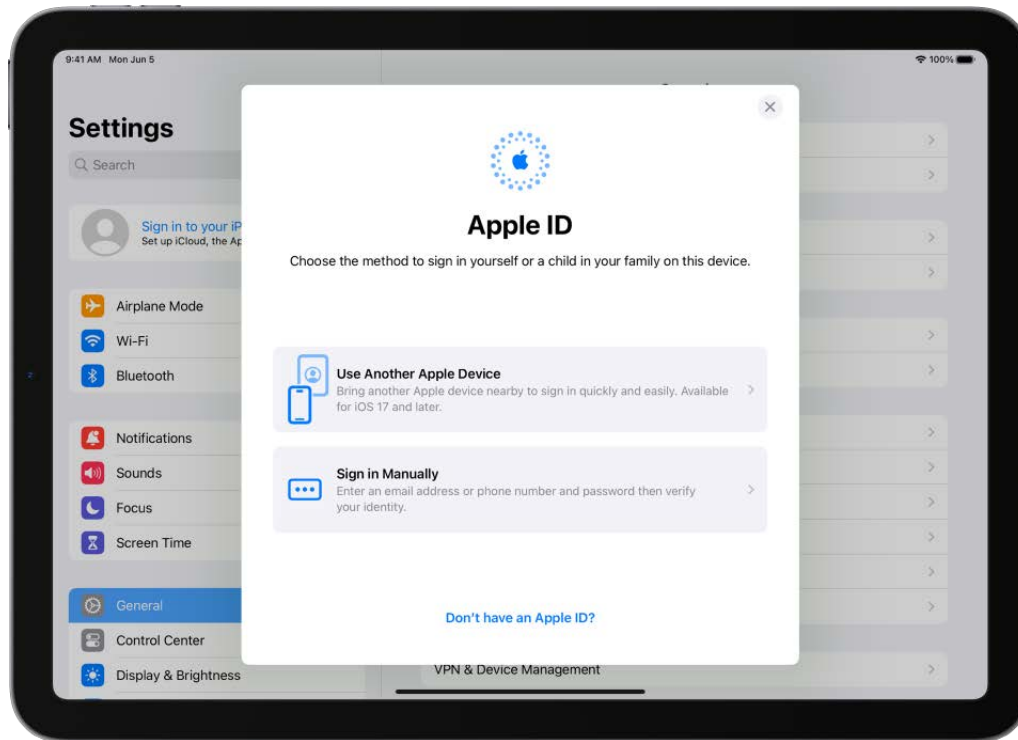
When you first turn on your iPad and begin the setup process, you can wirelessly transfer many of your apps, settings, and content from your previous iPad directly to your new iPad—just bring the two devices close together, then follow the onscreen instructions.



Connect to Wi-Fi and set up cellular service

To connect your iPad to your home Wi-Fi network, go to Settings  > Wi-Fi, turn on Wi-Fi, then choose your network. iPad automatically connects to the internet whenever you're home.

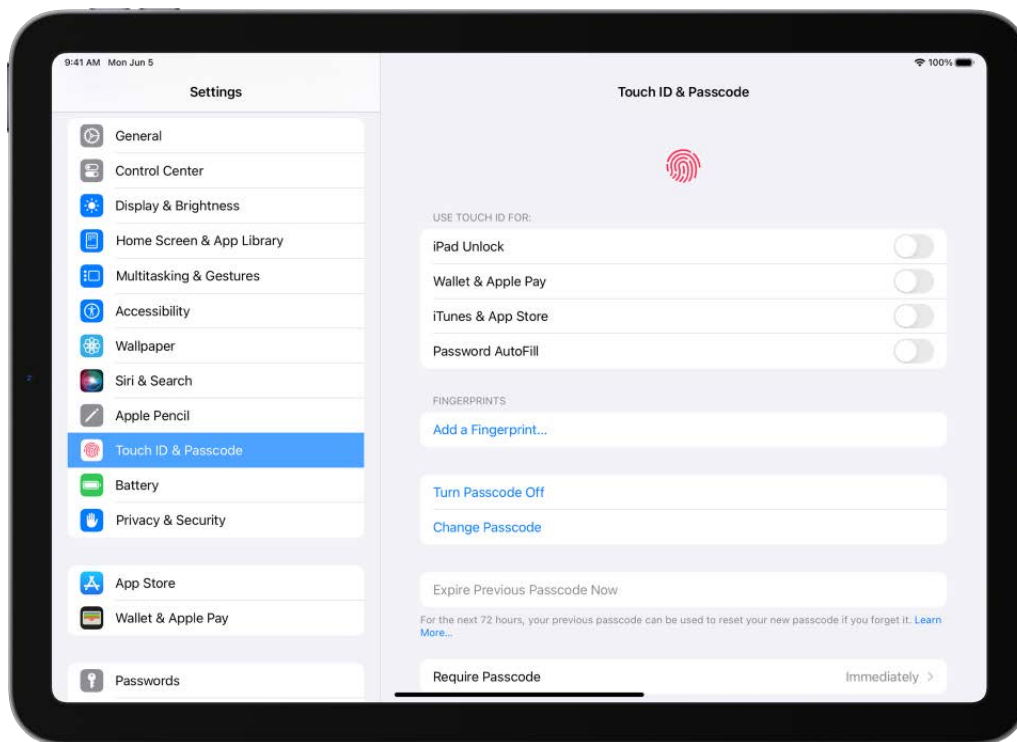
If you have a Wi-Fi + Cellular model, you can activate cellular service on your iPad using an eSIM (go to Settings  > Cellular Data). Or, install a nano-SIM provided by your carrier.



Sign in with your Apple ID

Your Apple ID is the account you use to access Apple services such as Apple Music, FaceTime, iCloud, and iMessage. If you don't have an Apple ID, you can create one.

To sign in with your Apple ID, go to Settings  > Sign in to your iPad. If you have an iPhone (with iOS 17 or later) or another iPad (with iPadOS 17 or later), you can simply bring your iPad near your other device. Otherwise, you can manually sign in. To verify that you're signed in, go to Settings  > [your name]; your Apple ID appears below your name.

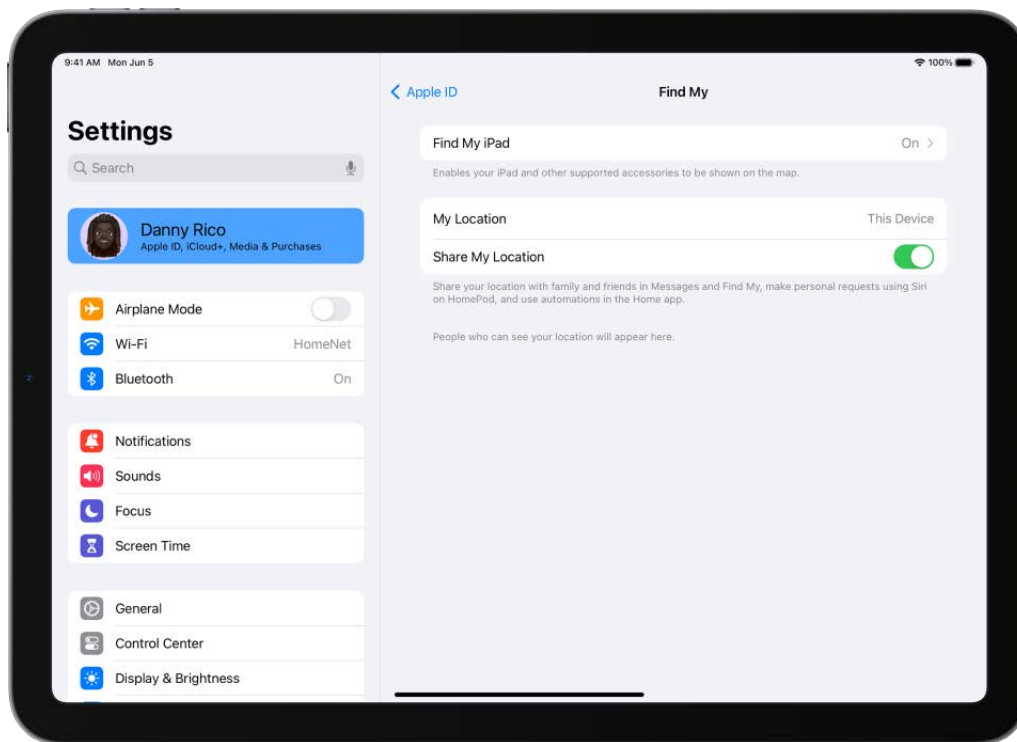


Set up Face ID or Touch ID

You can use Face ID (face recognition) or Touch ID (your fingerprint), to securely unlock your iPad, sign in to many apps, and make purchases. For your security, Face ID and Touch ID data doesn't leave your device and isn't saved anywhere else.

Depending on your iPad model, do one of the following:

- *Set up Face ID:* Go to Settings  > Face ID & Passcode, tap Set up Face ID, then follow the onscreen instructions.
- *Set up Touch ID:* Go to Settings  > Touch ID & Passcode, tap Add a Fingerprint, then follow the onscreen instructions.

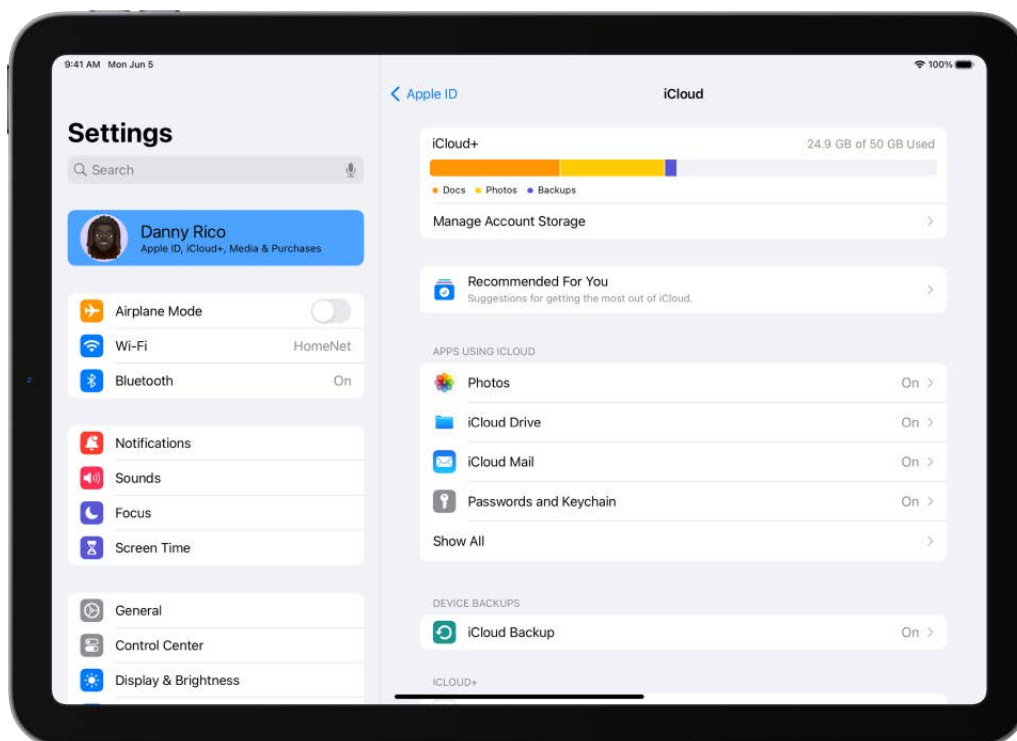


Turn on Find My iPad

You can locate your iPad if it's ever lost or stolen.

Go to Settings  > [your name] > Find My, tap Find My iPad, then turn on Find My iPad.

You can see the location of your devices in the Find My app . If you lose your iPad and don't have access to the Find My app, you can locate your device using Find Devices on [iCloud.com](https://www.icloud.com).



Store your data in iCloud

iCloud helps you keep your important info safe and in sync across your devices. If you replace or lose your iPad, or it's damaged or stolen, your photos, videos, backups, and more remain secure in iCloud.

To turn on or change the features you want to use with iCloud, go to Settings  > [your name] > iCloud.

Want to learn more?

- [Turn on and set up iPad](#)
- [Set up cellular service on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#)
- [Connect iPad to the internet](#)
- [Locate a device in Find My on iPad](#)
- [Use iCloud on iPad](#)

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Make your iPad your own



Personalize your Lock Screen

You can showcase a favorite photo, add filters, and widgets, and even change the font of the date and time.

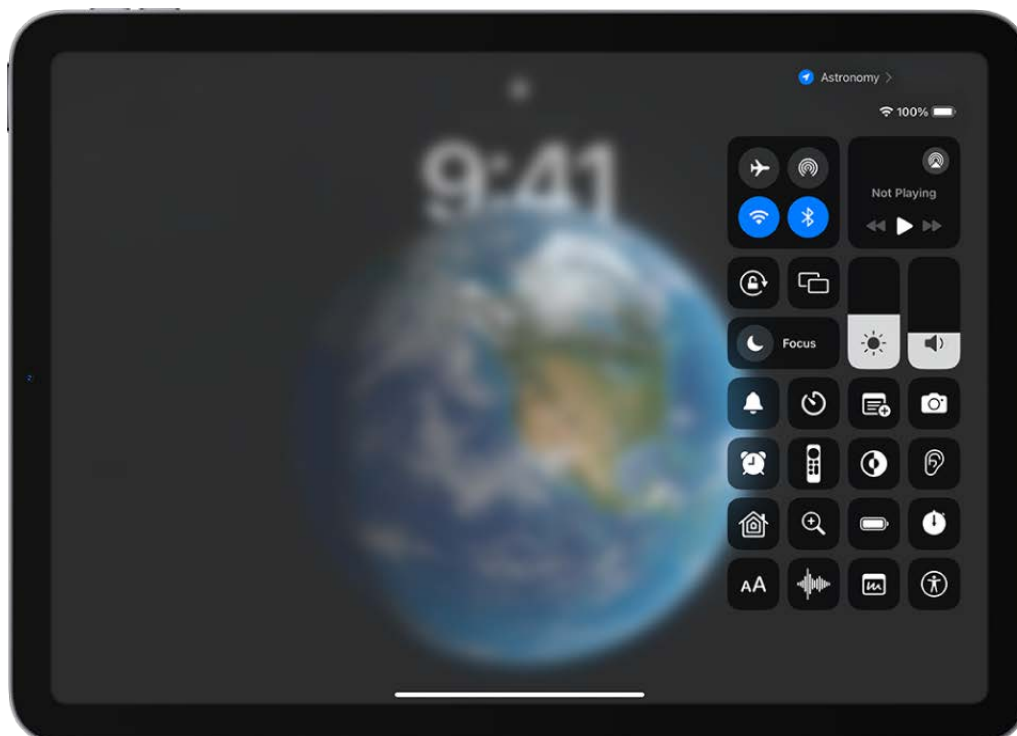
To get started, touch and hold the Lock Screen, then tap  at the bottom of the screen. Browse the gallery of options, then tap one to customize its appearance. When you've created a Lock Screen that you like, tap Add, then tap Set as Wallpaper Pair.



Add widgets to your Home Screen

Widgets help you easily see the information that's most important to you, like the current weather and upcoming calendar events.

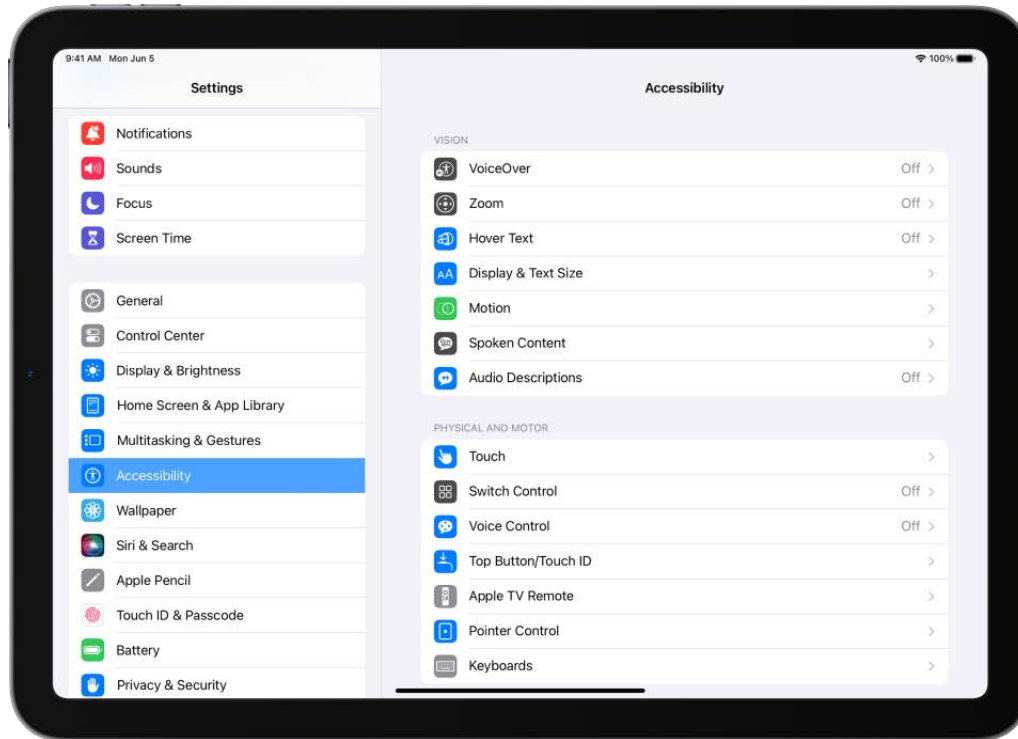
To add a widget, touch and hold the wallpaper on any Home Screen page until the apps jiggle, then tap . Tap a widget, swipe right or left to view the different sizes, then tap Add Widget.



Set your favorite controls

Some iPad controls—like Silent mode and timer—are just a swipe away in Control Center. To quickly open Control Center, swipe down from the top-right corner.

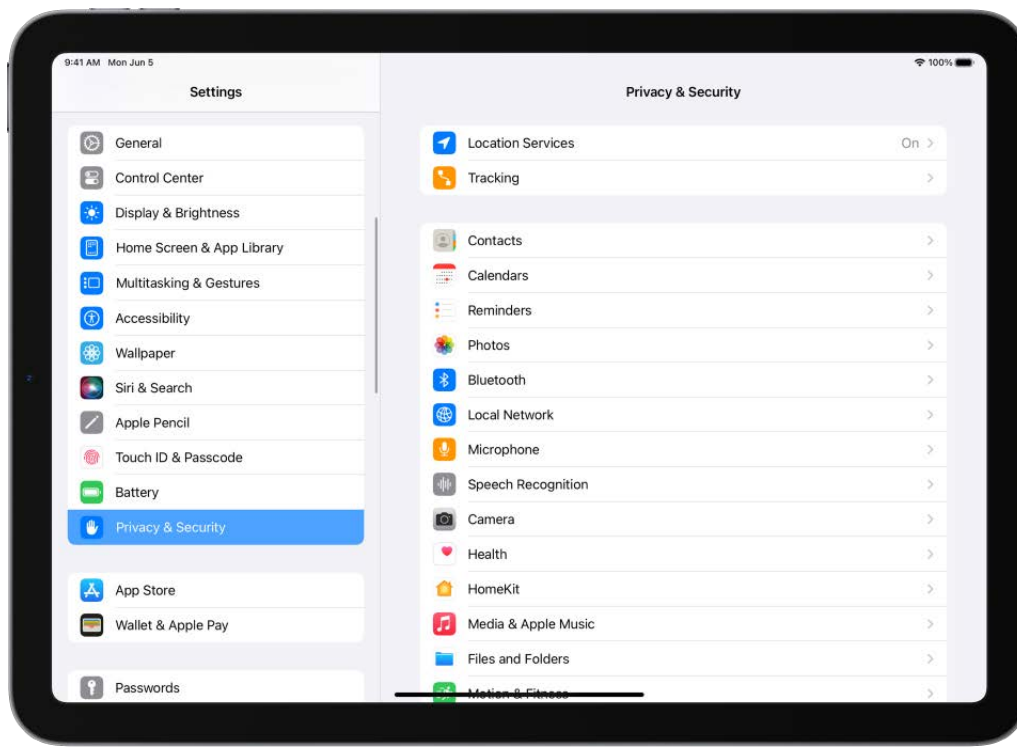
You can add more controls—like alarm or text size—to Control Center. To remove or rearrange controls, go to Settings  > Control Center.



Use built-in accessibility features

iPad provides many accessibility features to support your vision, physical and motor, hearing, and learning needs. Change text appearance, make it easier to use the touchscreen, turn on subtitles and captioning, and more.

To customize these settings, go to Settings  > Accessibility.



Check your privacy settings

iPad is designed to protect your data and your privacy. You can grant or deny apps permission to track your activity across other companies' apps and websites.

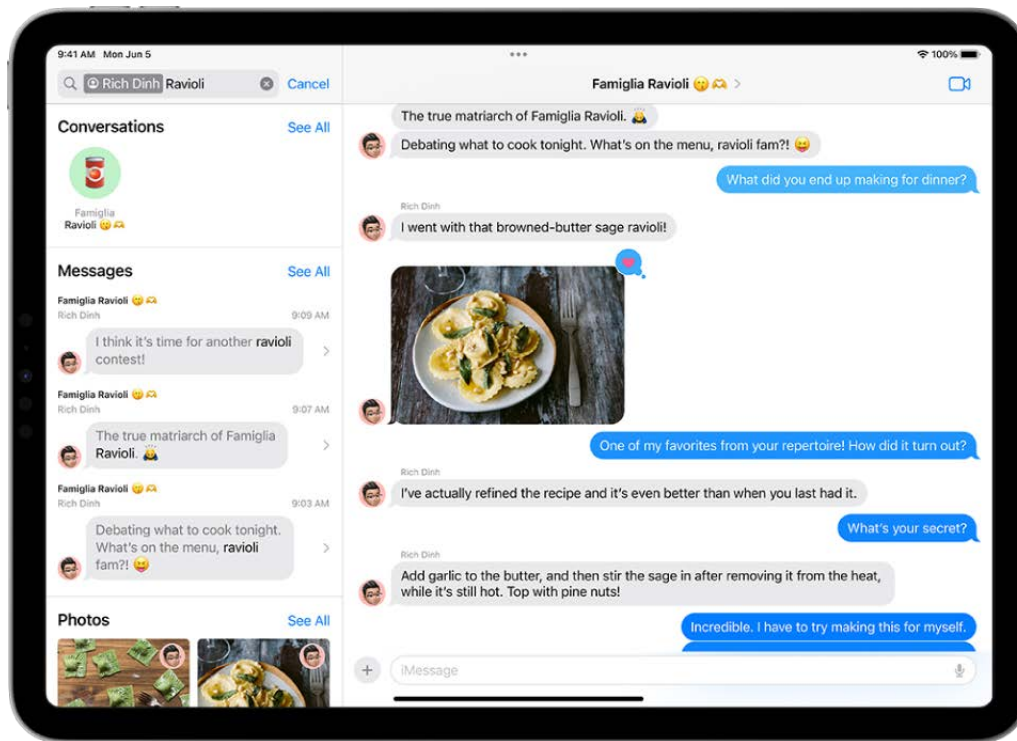
To receive requests from apps to track your activity, go to Settings  > Privacy & Security, tap Tracking, then turn on Allow Apps to Request to Track (green is on).

Want to learn more?

- [Create a custom iPad Lock Screen](#)
- [Add, edit, and remove widgets on iPad](#)
- [Use and customize Control Center on iPad](#)
- [Get started with accessibility features on iPad](#)
- [Use the built-in privacy and security protections of iPad](#)

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Keep in touch with friends and family

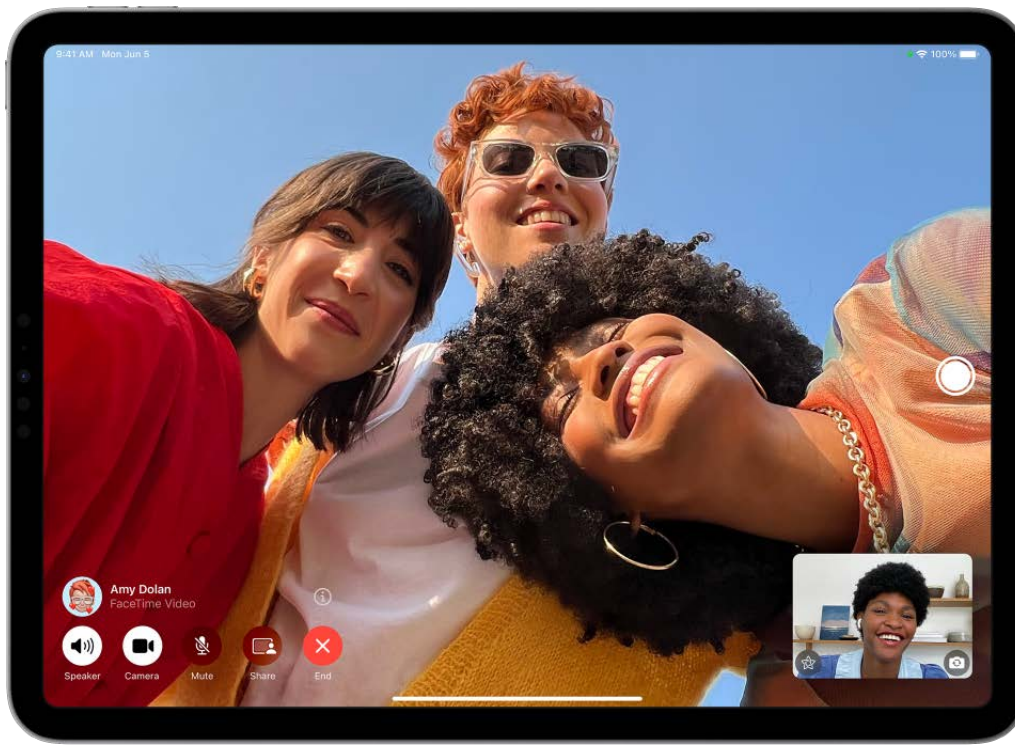


Start a group conversation

You can send messages to a group of people you want to talk to at the same time, like members of your family.

In the Messages app, tap , tap , type the names of the people you want to send a message to, then send the first message.

Participants in a group conversation can also collaborate on documents, share photos and videos, and even watch a movie or listen to music together.

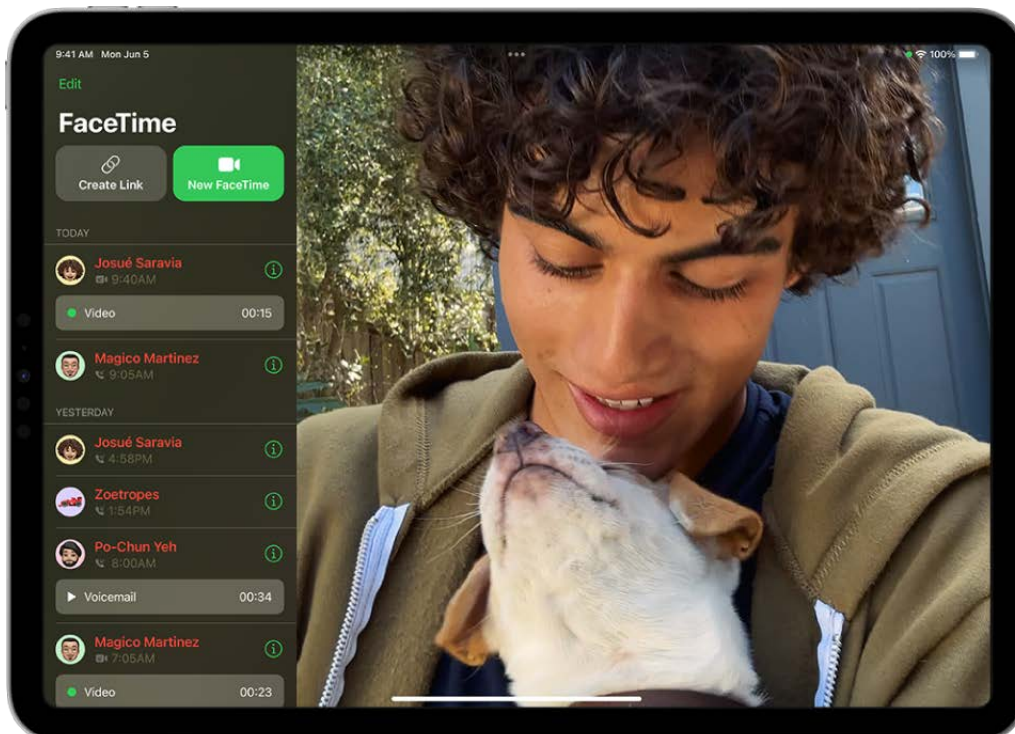


Make a video call

Use FaceTime to make video calls with your friends and family.

In the FaceTime app , tap New FaceTime near the top of the screen, type the name of the person you want to call, then tap .

You can add more people to a FaceTime call—friends and family can join in at any time. Tap the screen to show the controls, tap  at the top of the controls, then tap Add People.

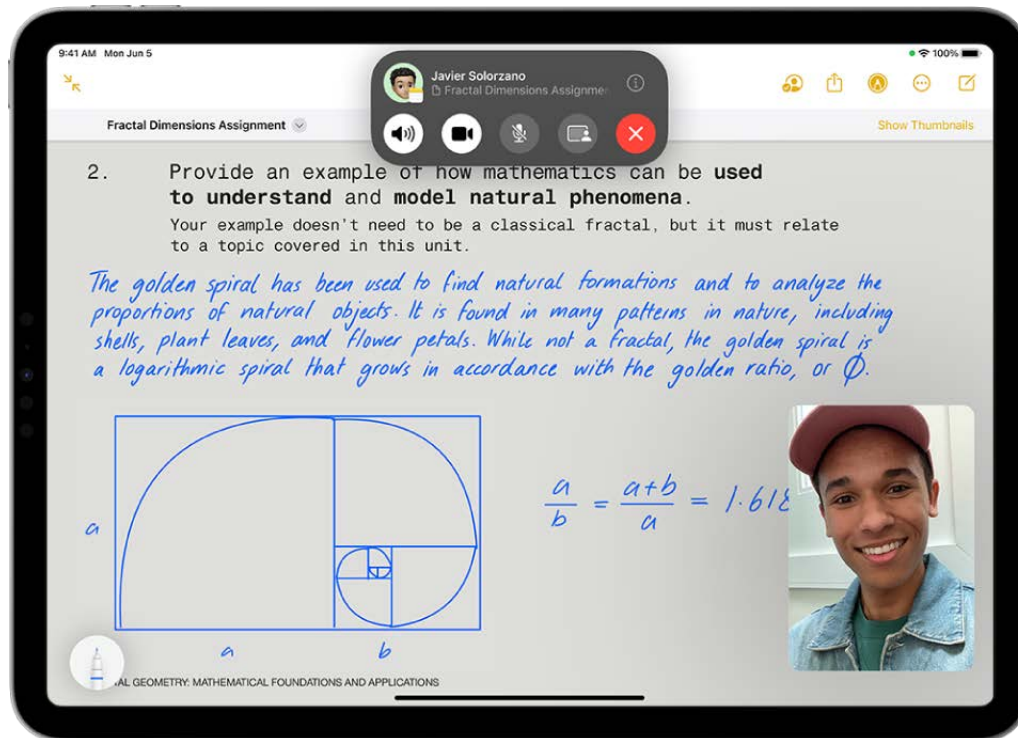


Leave a video message

When you can't reach someone in the FaceTime  app, you can record a video message to capture exactly what you want to say.

Tap Record Video, wait for the countdown (from 5 to 1), record your message, then tap  to send it.

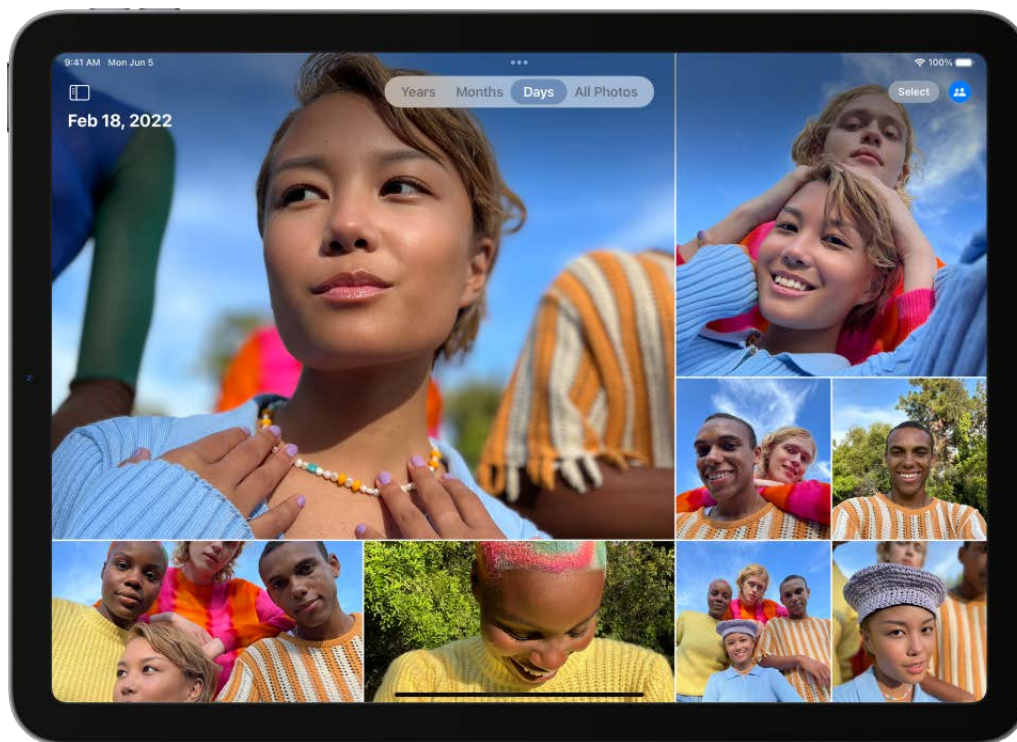
When you receive a recorded message, tap Video to play the message.



Watch, play, and work together

With SharePlay in the FaceTime app , you can watch videos, play games, and use apps during FaceTime calls.

To start SharePlay, open a supported app while on a FaceTime call, then tap Play to share with everyone.



Start a shared photo library

You can use iCloud Shared Photo Library in the Photos app  to share photos and videos with up to five other friends or family members. Everyone can add, edit, and caption photos and enjoy the shared photos in their memories, featured photos, and Photos widget.

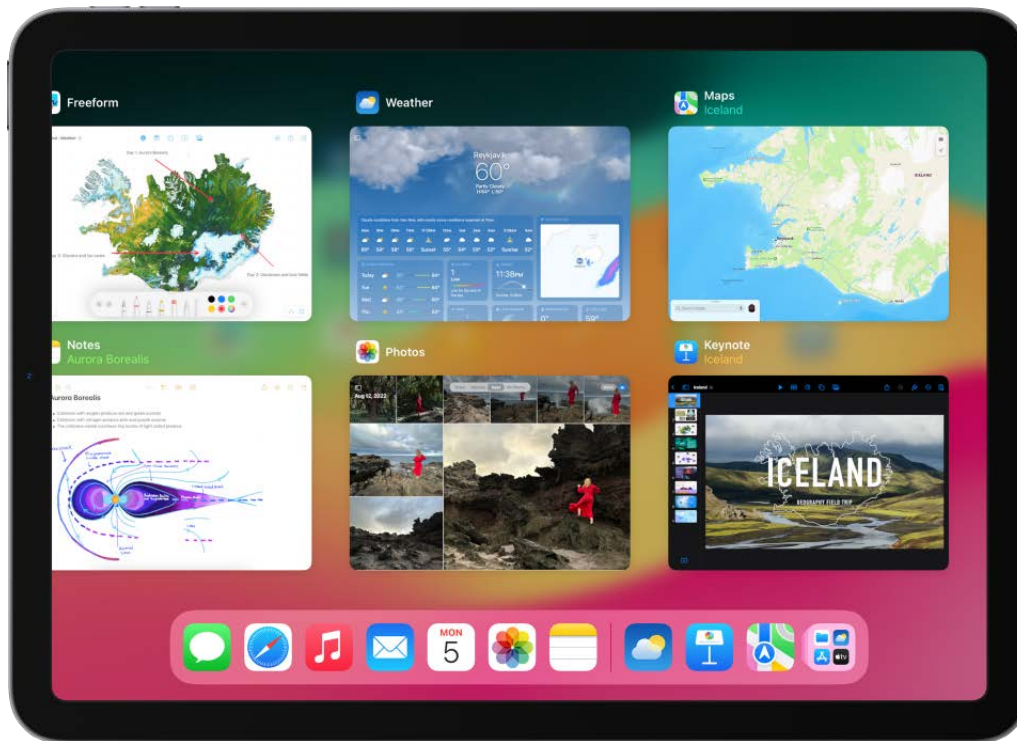
To use iCloud Shared Photo Library, all members need to have iCloud Photos turned on; go to Settings  > [your name] > iCloud > Photos, then turn on Sync this iPad. Then tap Shared Library to get started.

Want to learn more?

- [Have a group conversation in Messages on iPad](#)
- [Make a Group FaceTime call on iPad](#)
- [Record a video message](#)
- [Share your screen in a FaceTime call on iPad](#)
- [Set up or join an iCloud Shared Photo Library in Photos on iPad](#)

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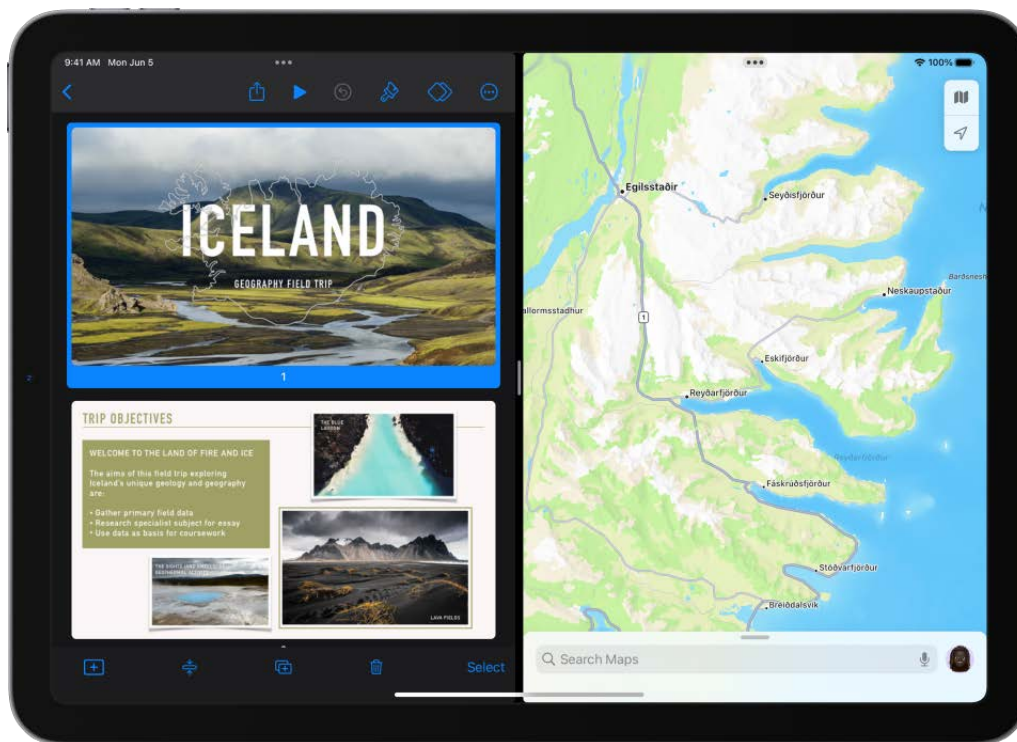
Customize your workspace



Switch between apps on iPad

When you're working in one app, you can open another app without going back to the Home Screen by using the Dock. From your current app, swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen just far enough to reveal the Dock at the bottom of the screen, then tap the app you want to use.

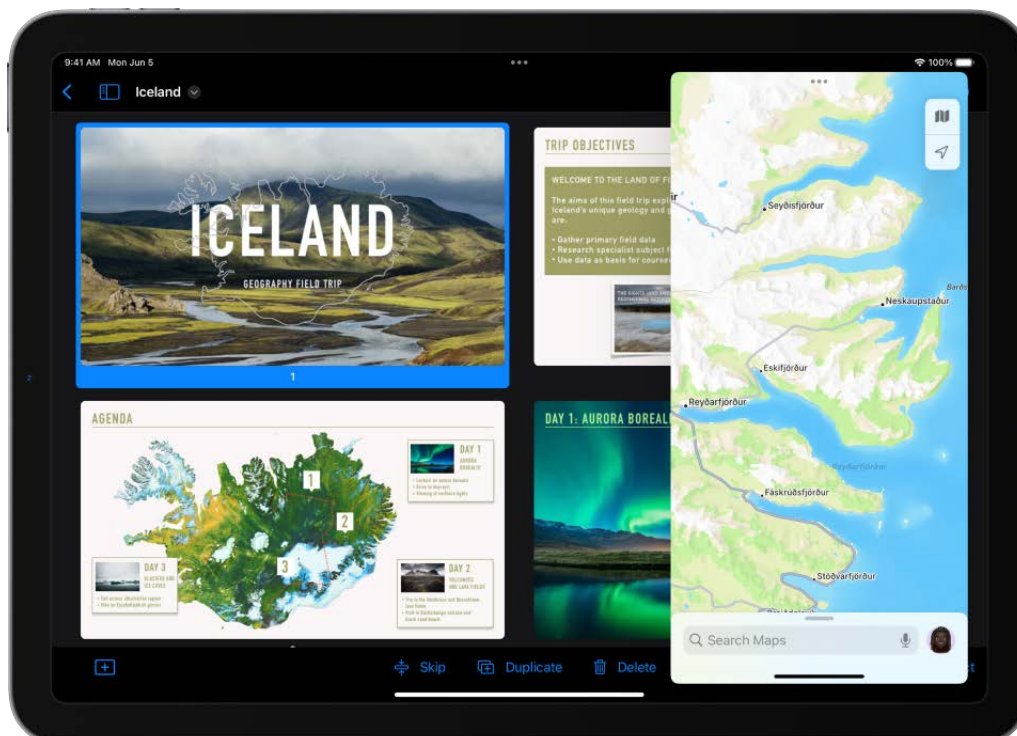
To quickly switch between the apps you have open, swipe left or right along the bottom edge of the screen.



View two apps side-by-side

When you're working in one app, you can open a second app next to it on the screen. Tap **...** at the top of the screen, tap **Split View**, then when the Home Screen appears, tap the second app you want to open. The second app appears side-by-side with the first app.

To adjust the size of the two apps on the screen, touch and hold the app divider, then move it left or right.



View one app over another app

When you're working in one app and want to open a second app, you can reduce the size of the first app window so that it floats over the second app. Tap **⋮** at the top of the screen, tap **Slide Over**, then when the Home Screen appears, tap a second app to open it. The second app appears in full screen and the first app floats on top of it.

To move the Slide Over window to the other side of the screen, drag **⋮** at the top of the window left or right.



See more with Stage Manager

On supported iPad models, you can use Stage Manager to view your open apps on the screen all at the same time and easily navigate between them.

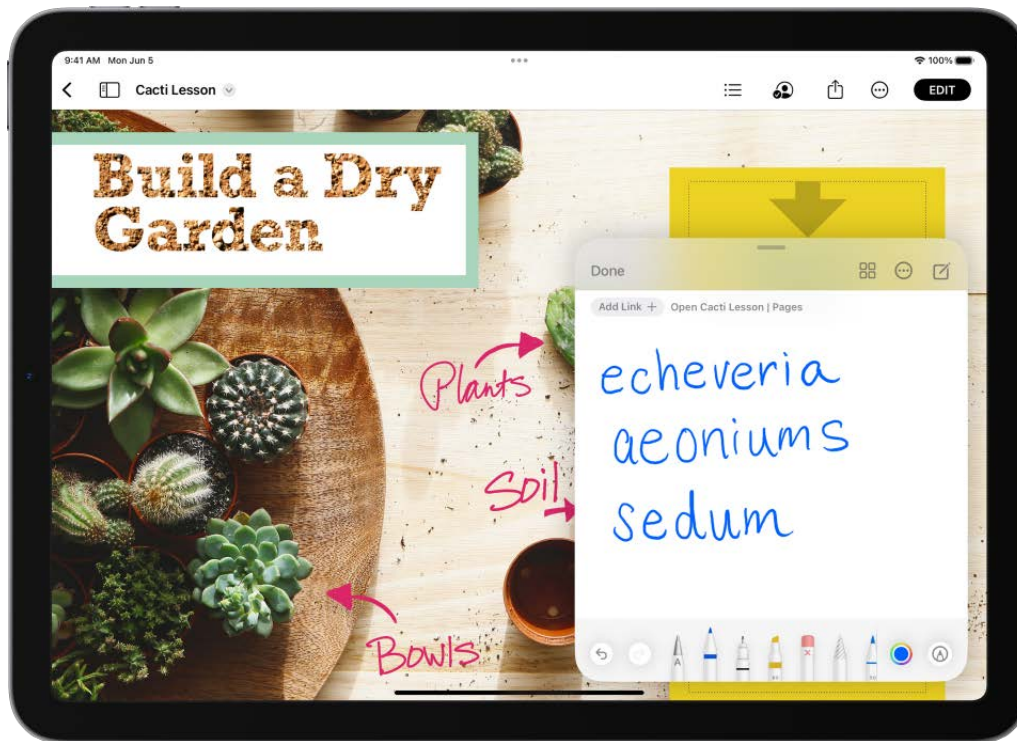
To turn on Stage Manager, swipe down from the top-right corner to open Control Center, then tap **⌘**.

Want to learn more?

- [Open apps on iPad](#)
- [Open two items in Split View on iPad](#)
- [Switch an app window to a Slide Over window on iPad](#)
- [Move, resize, and organize windows with Stage Manager on iPad](#)

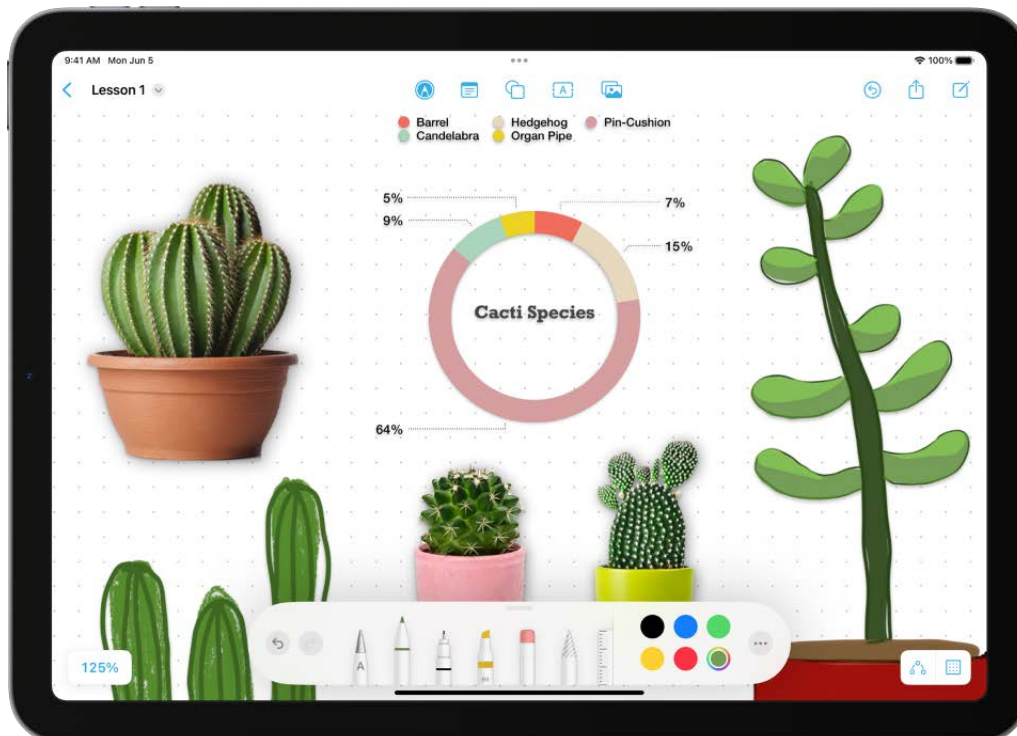
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Do more with Apple Pencil



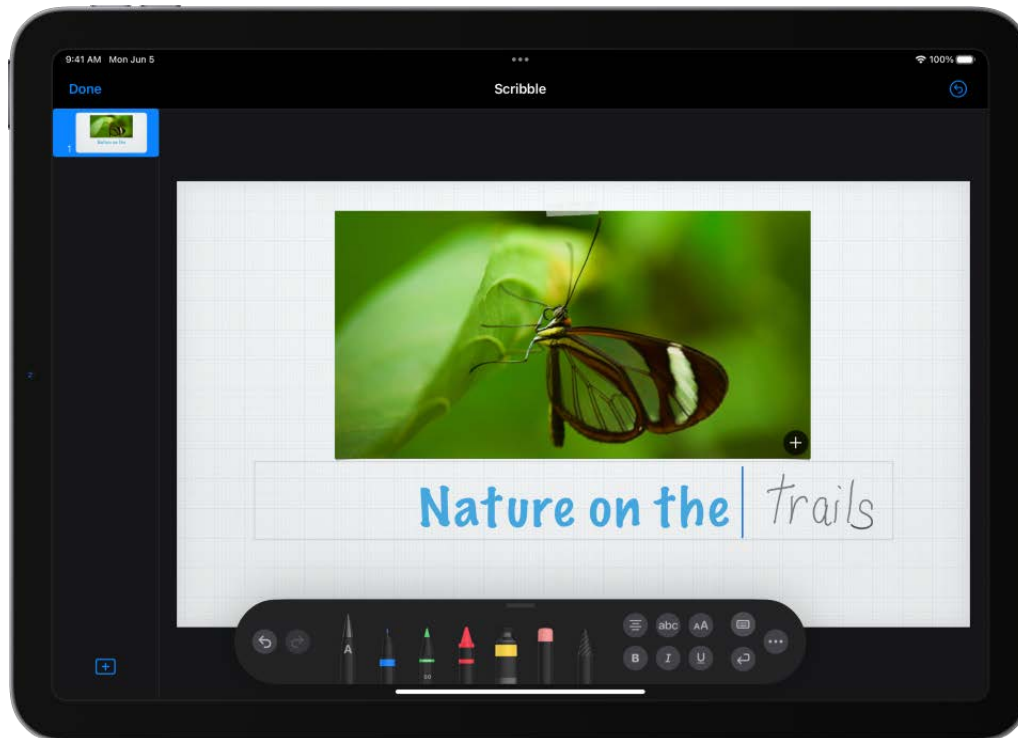
Write a quick note

With Quick Note, you can jot down ideas and add links, no matter what you're doing on your iPad. Swipe Apple Pencil from the bottom-right corner of iPad, tap the note, then start writing.



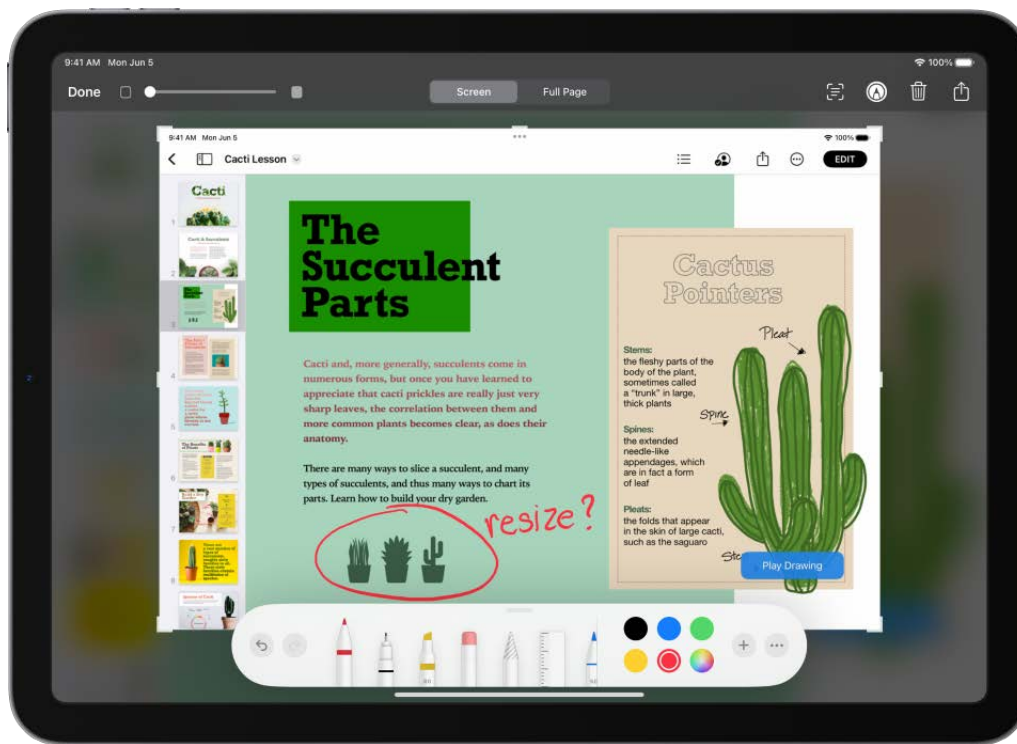
Gather ideas in Freeform

The Freeform app  provides a flexible canvas where you can see and share your ideas all in one place. You can diagram new projects, brainstorm your next big idea, or draw together with a friend over FaceTime. To create a board, tap , then start drawing with Apple Pencil. Use tools like the watercolor brush, calligraphy pen, and highlighter to express your ideas on a board—the only limit is your imagination.



Turn handwriting into typed text

You can write with Apple Pencil in any text area, and your words automatically transform to typed text. Your handwriting is converted to text directly on your iPad, so your writing stays private. Go to Settings  > Apple Pencil, then turn on Scribble.



Mark up a screenshot

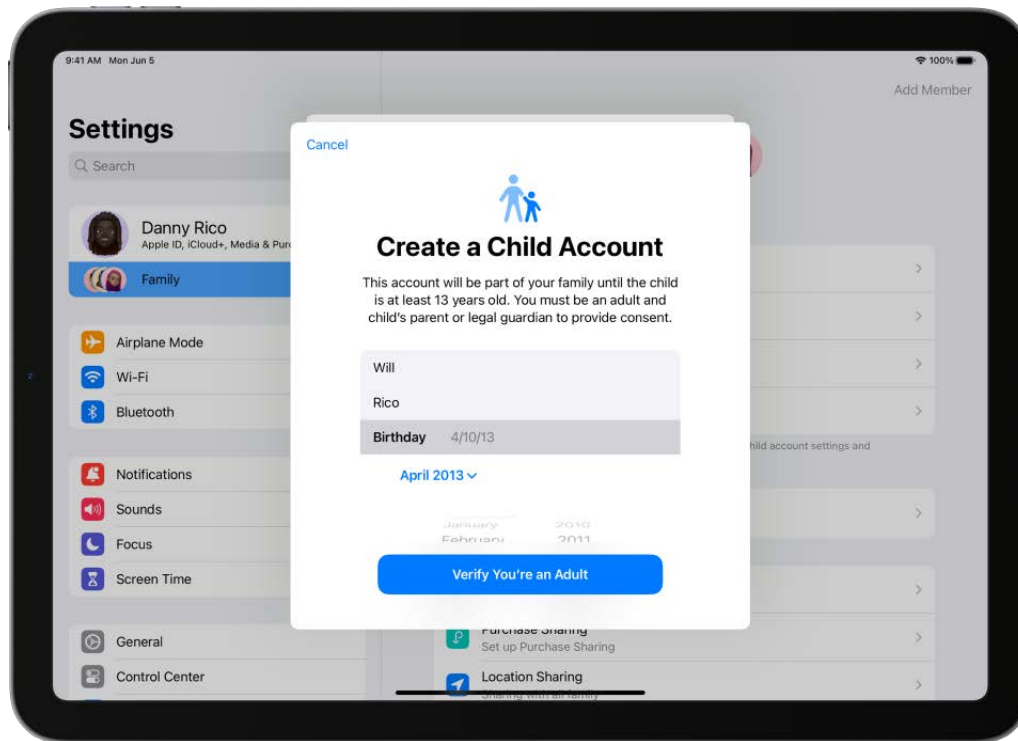
Quickly take and mark up a screenshot so you can give clear feedback on a team project. To take a screenshot, swipe Apple Pencil from the bottom-left corner of iPad. Tap the thumbnail that momentarily appears in the corner of the screen, then use the drawing tools to add your thoughts. Tap  to share your feedback.

Want to learn more?

- [Create Quick Notes anywhere on iPad](#)
- [Get started with Freeform on iPad](#)
- [Enter text with Scribble on iPad](#)
- [Take a screenshot on iPad](#)
- [Use Markup to add text, shapes, signatures, and more to documents on iPad](#)

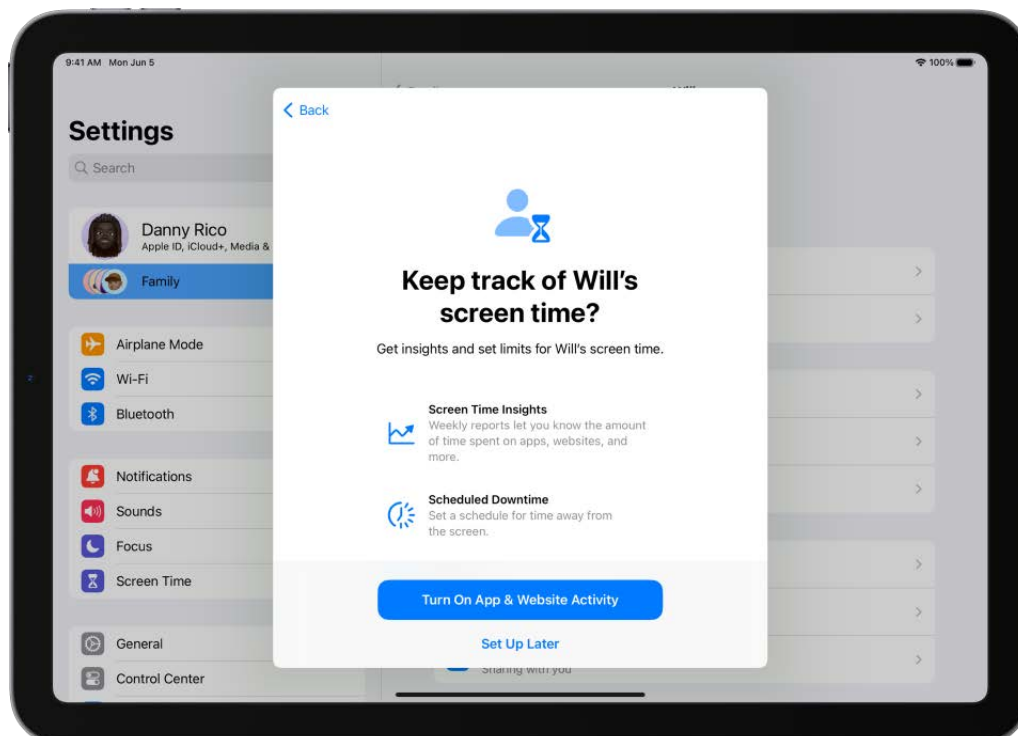
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Customize iPad for your child



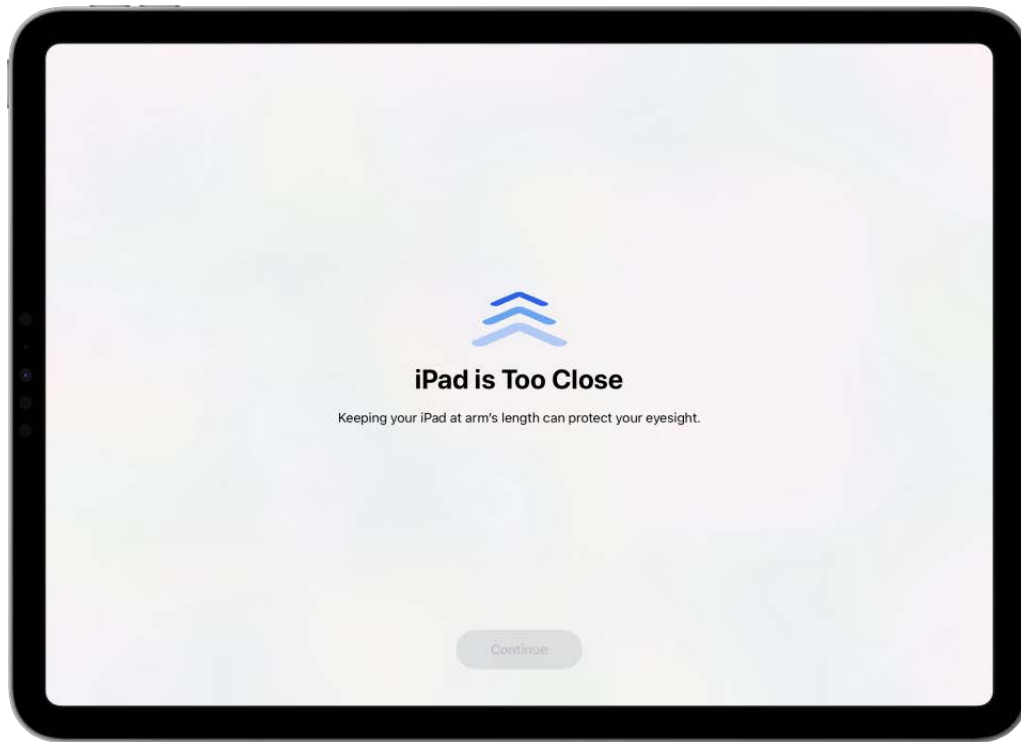
Create an Apple ID for your child

Instead of sharing an account with your child, which can give them unwanted access to your personal data, you can create an Apple ID for them. If you're the family organizer, you can easily set age-based parental controls from your own device, and they can use Family Sharing, Messages, the App Store, and other Apple services. Go to Settings  > Family, tap Add Member, then tap Create Child Account.



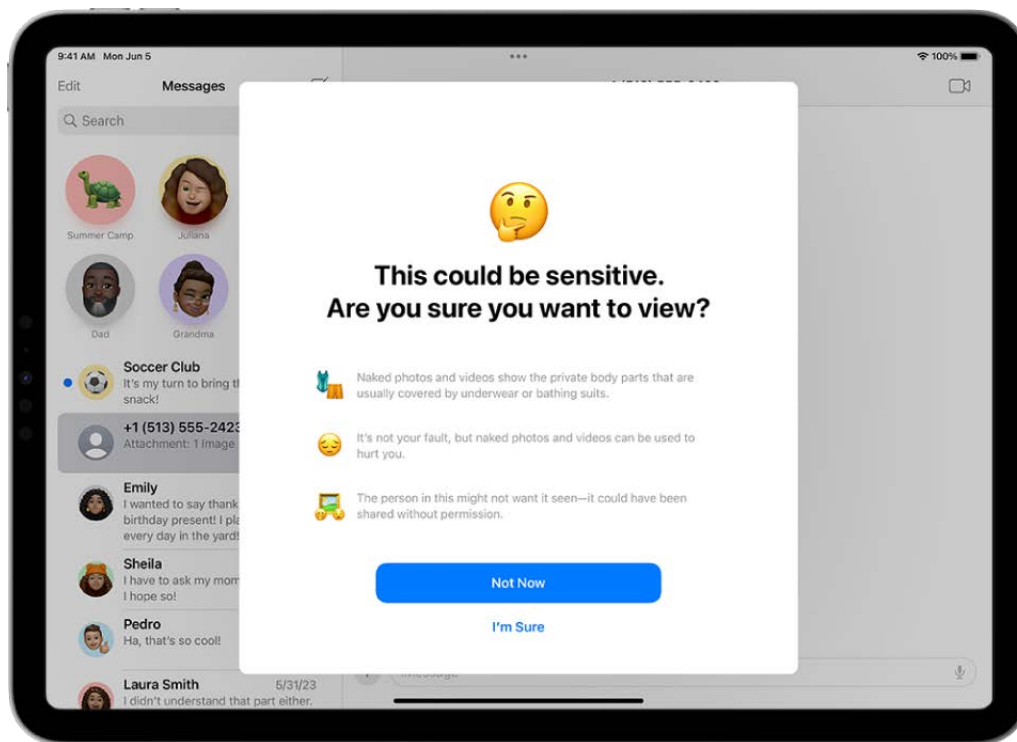
Set some boundaries with Screen Time

With Screen Time, you can set downtime and app limits on your child's iPad. Go to Settings  > Family, tap your child's name, then tap Screen Time.



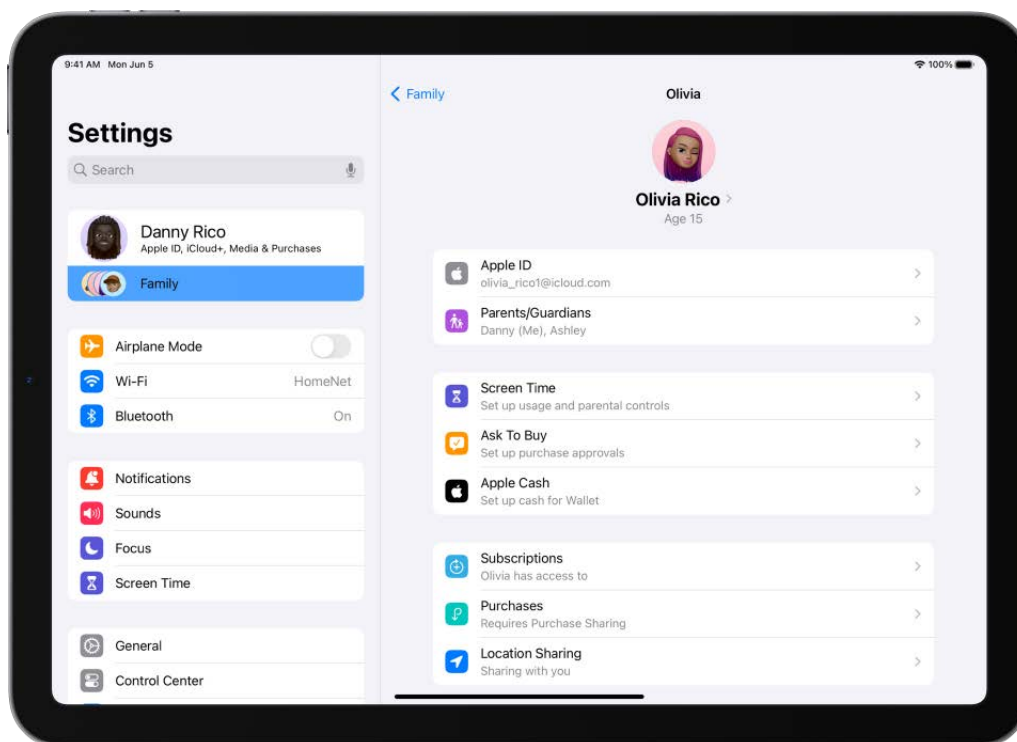
Help protect your child's vision health

To help reduce eye strain and the risk of myopia, Screen Distance reminds your child when iPad is held too close for an extended period of time (available on iPad Pro models with Face ID). Go to Settings  > Family, tap your child's name, tap Screen Time, then tap Screen Distance.



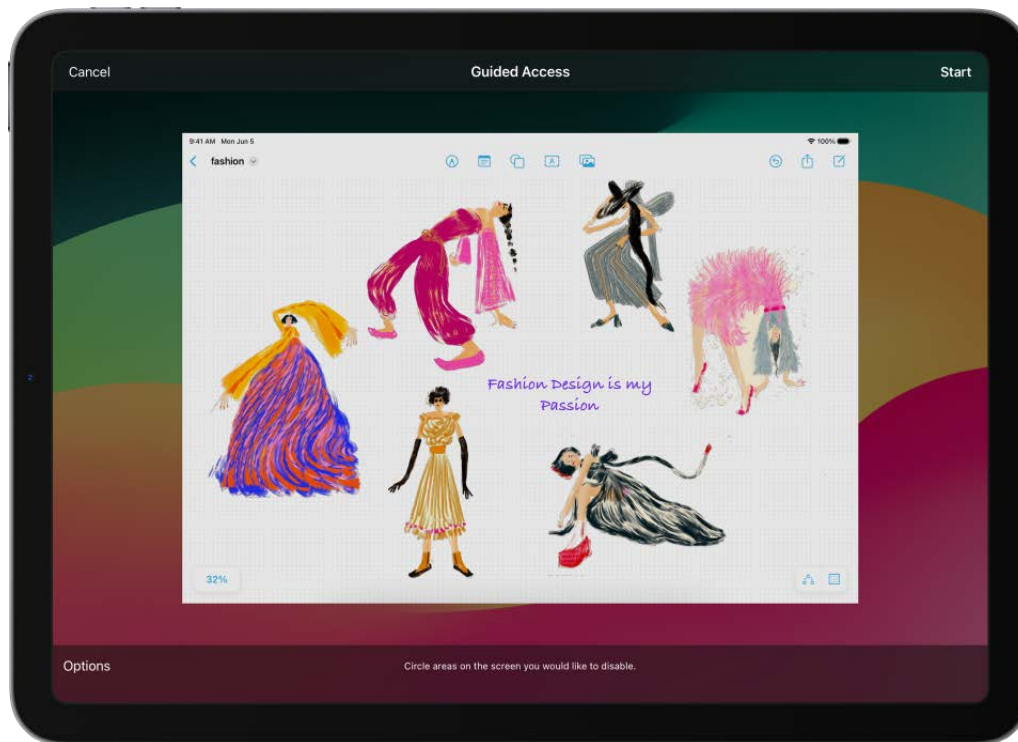
Protect your child from explicit photos and videos

iPad can detect nudity in photos and videos before they're sent or viewed in Messages, AirDrop, and other apps. Your child can get guidance and age-appropriate resources to help them make a safe choice. Go to Settings  > Family, tap your child's name, tap Screen Time, then tap Communication Safety.



Set up Apple Cash (U.S. only)

You can set up Apple Cash for the kids in your Family Sharing group, so they can make purchases and send and receive money in Messages . You can even limit who your child can send money to, get notified when they make transactions, or lock their account. Go to Settings  > Family, tap your child's name, tap Apple Cash, then follow the onscreen instructions.



Keep your child focused

You can help your child avoid distractions and stay on task with Guided Access, which limits them to a single app—like Books  or Freeform . Go to Settings  > Accessibility, then scroll down and tap Guided Access to get set up.

Want to learn more?

- [Create an Apple ID for a child](#)
- [Set up Screen Time for a family member on iPad](#)
- [Help protect your vision health with Screen Distance on iPad](#)
- [Check for sensitive images on a family member's iPad](#)
- [Use Apple Cash and Apple Card with Family Sharing on iPad \(U.S. only\)](#)
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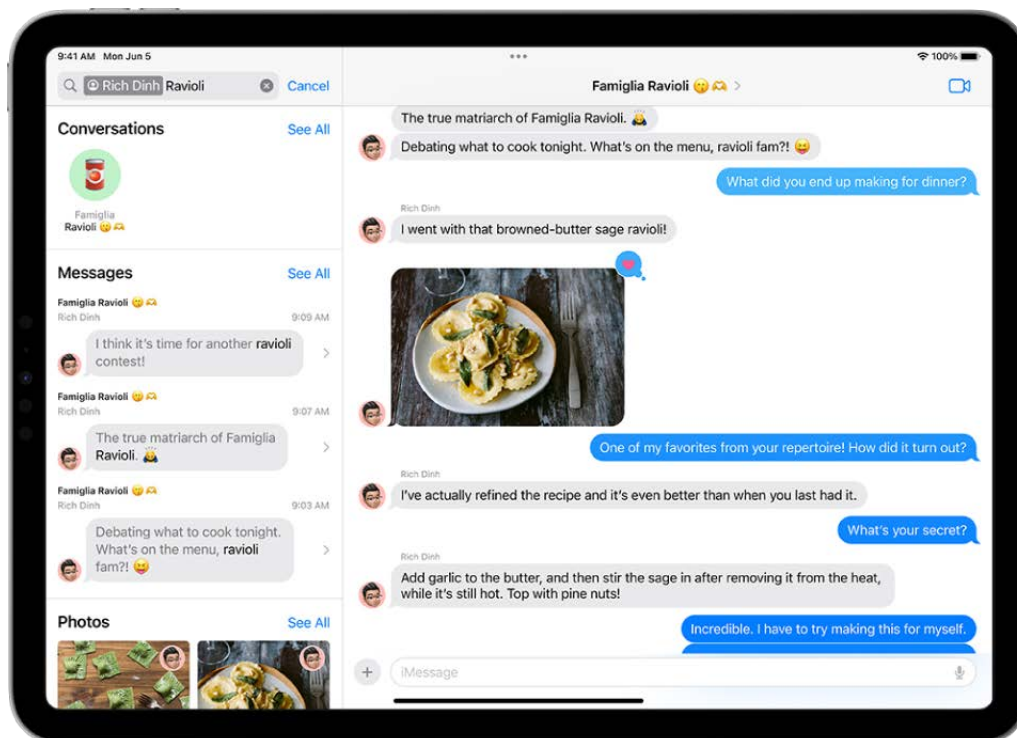
Lock Screen. Personalize your iPad Lock Screen with new wallpaper options, interactive widgets, and fonts in styles and colors that you choose. Keep an eye on Live Activities to see information like the score of a game or the progress of your food delivery in real time. See [Create a custom iPad Lock Screen](#).



Interactive widgets. Widgets on your Home Screen and Lock Screen are even more useful with interactive features. Just tap a widget to complete tasks like checking off a to-do item, controlling your living room lights, or playing a new podcast episode. See [Add, edit, and remove widgets on iPad](#).

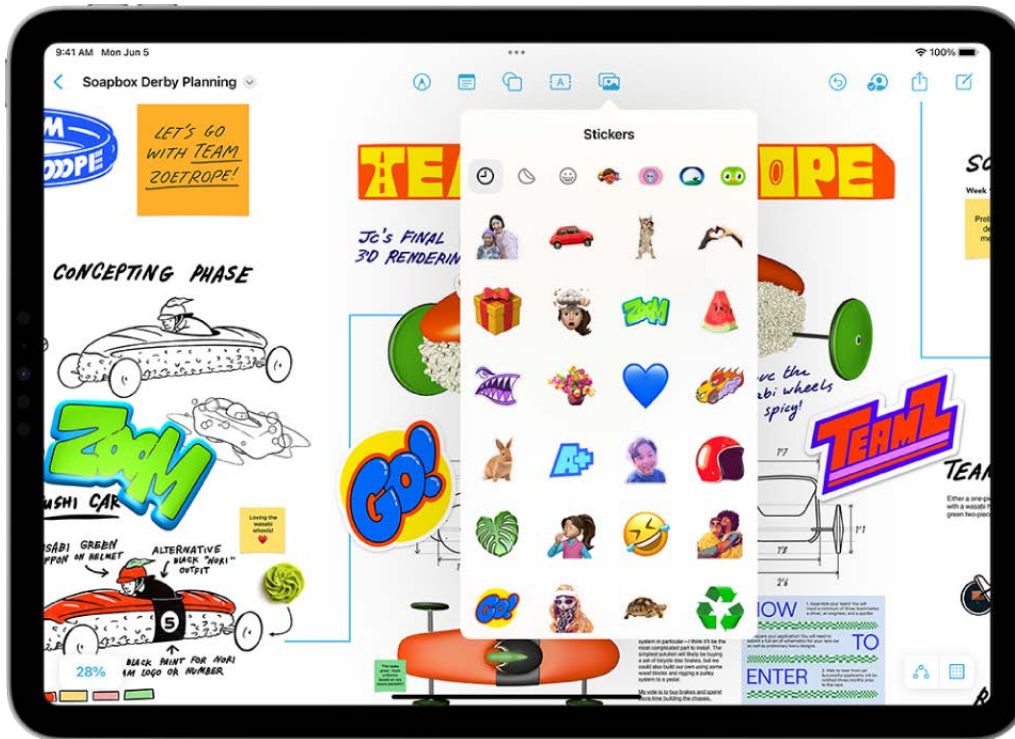


Messages. You can share your location or request a friend's location right in a Messages conversation. Audio messages are now transcribed, so you can read them in the moment and listen later. Find the message you're looking for faster by combining filters to narrow your search. See [Share your location in Messages on iPad](#), [Send and receive audio messages in Messages on iPad](#), and [Search in Messages on iPad](#).

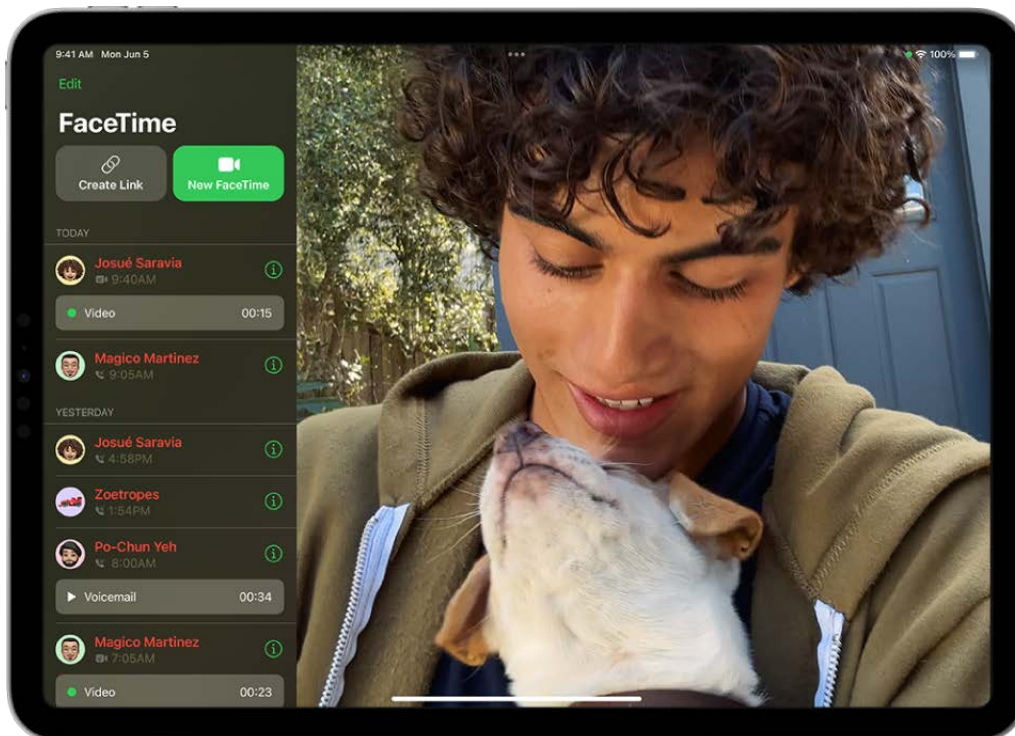


Stickers. Use Stickers to decorate your photos, screenshots, and more. You can add stickers anywhere you can use the onscreen keyboard or Markup tools. Create stickers from Memoji in Messages, or make stickers from your own photos or Live Photos. See

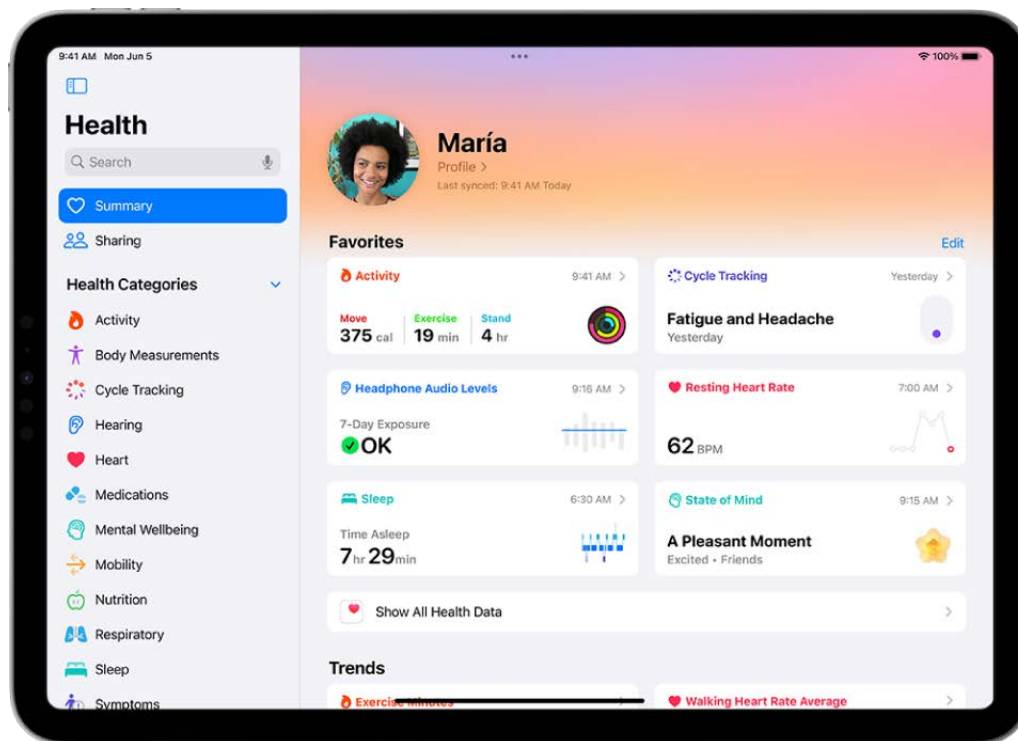
Send stickers in Messages on iPad, Decorate with stickers, and Make stickers from your photos on iPad.



FaceTime. If someone doesn't answer your FaceTime call, now you can leave them an audio or video message. During a FaceTime call, use hand gestures to create reactions like hearts, confetti, and fireworks that fill the screen. Hand off FaceTime calls between your iPad and Apple TV. See [Record a video message](#), [Listen to a video or audio message](#), [Add reactions in a video call](#) and [Hand off a FaceTime call from your iPad to your other Apple devices](#).



Health. The Health app is now on iPad and optimized for a larger screen. You can review your health trends and highlights, use interactive charts, create medication reminders, track your menstrual cycle, and more. You can also keep track of your state of mind to help build emotional awareness, and access mental health resources. See [Get started with Health on iPad](#), [Log your state of mind in Health on iPad](#), and [Take a mental health assessment in Health on iPad](#).



Screen Distance. Help protect your vision with the Screen Distance feature in Screen Time, which encourages you to move your iPad farther away if you've held it closer than 12 inches for an extended period. See [Help protect your vision health with Screen Distance on iPad](#).

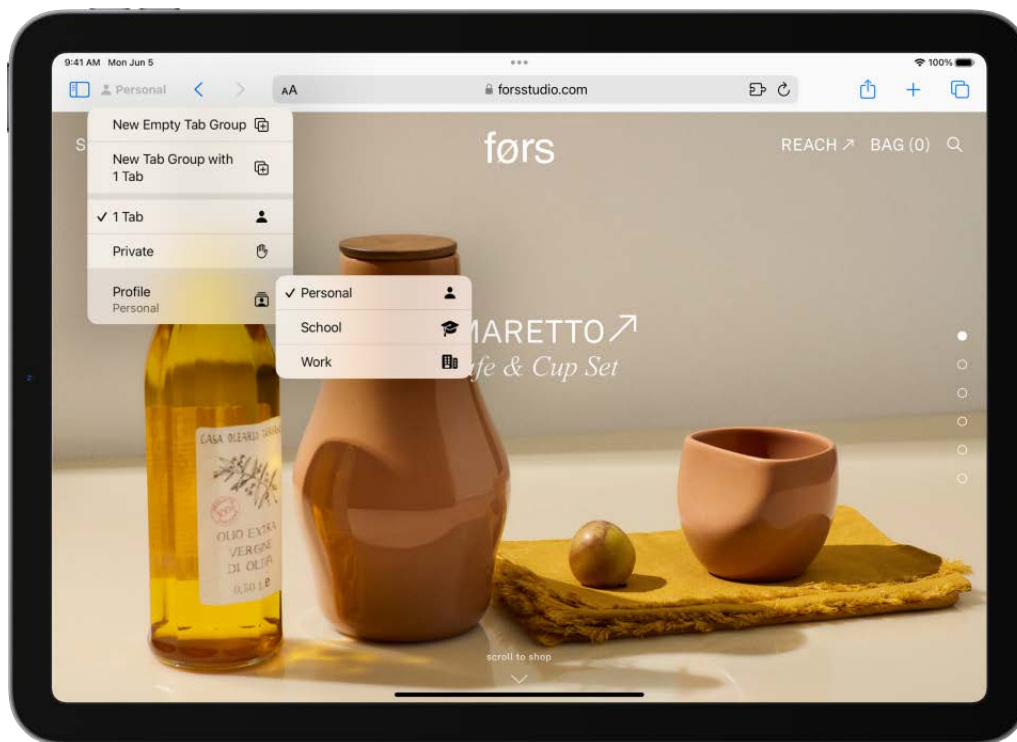
Keyboard. Autocorrected words are temporarily highlighted so you know what's been changed; revert back to the original word with just a tap. Predictive text appears inline as you type—just tap the Space bar to finish a word or sentence (not available in all countries or regions). See [Enter text using the onscreen keyboard](#) and [Use predictive text on iPad](#).



Visual Look Up. Pause a video on any frame to use Visual Look Up in your videos. Visual Look Up can identify food in a photo or video and suggest related recipes. Visual Look Up information is also available for objects that you lift from the background of photos. See [Use Visual Look Up to identify objects in your photos and videos on iPad](#).

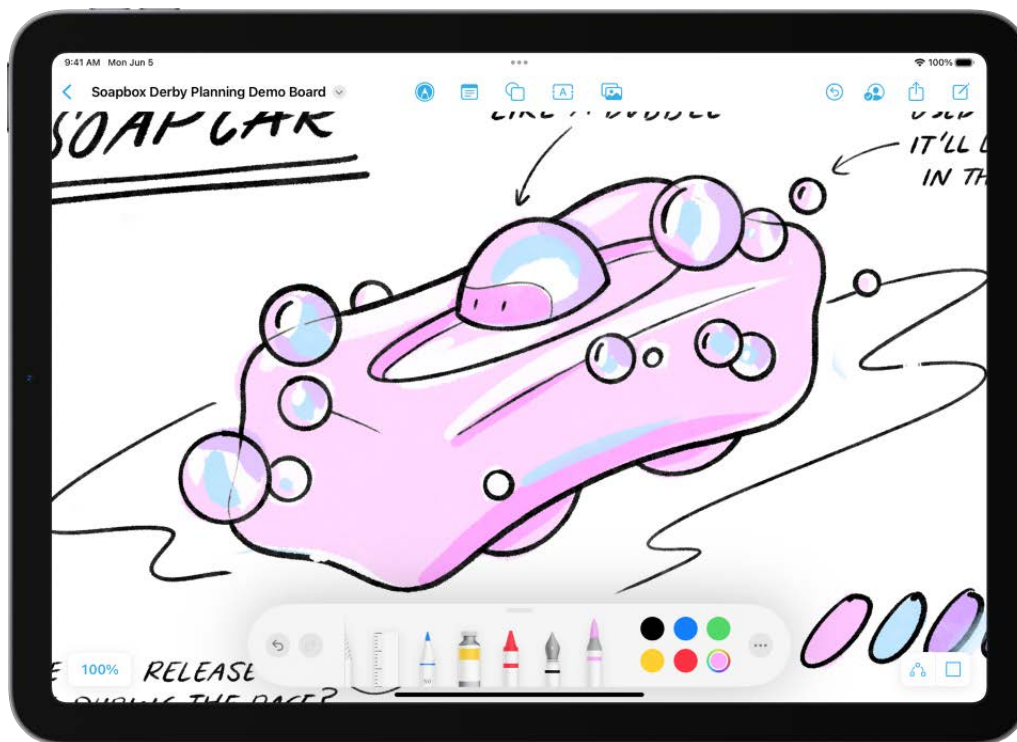
Photos. iPad recognizes and sorts pets just like a friend or family member in the People & Pets album. Choose a new focus point when you edit a portrait. Add any photo from your photo library to a memory and reorder photos and videos within a memory. See [Identify people and pets in Photos on iPad](#), [Change the focus point of a portrait](#), and [Personalize your memories in Photos on iPad](#).

Safari. Use different profiles for different topics—like work and personal—to keep your browsing separate. Autofill verifications you receive in Mail are populated automatically, so you don't have to leave Safari to enter them, and you can share passwords to a set of accounts with trusted friends and family. See [Create multiple Safari profiles on iPad](#) and [Share passwords or passkeys with people you trust on iPad](#).



Privacy and Security. Communication Safety now includes protections against sensitive videos and photos including content sent and received in AirDrop, Contact Posters, the systemwide photo picker, and FaceTime messages. You can choose to blur sensitive photos and videos before you view them using Sensitive Content Warning. Enhancements to Lockdown Mode help protect against sophisticated cyberattacks. See [Receive warnings about sensitive content on iPad](#) and [Harden your iPad from a cyberattack with Lockdown Mode](#).

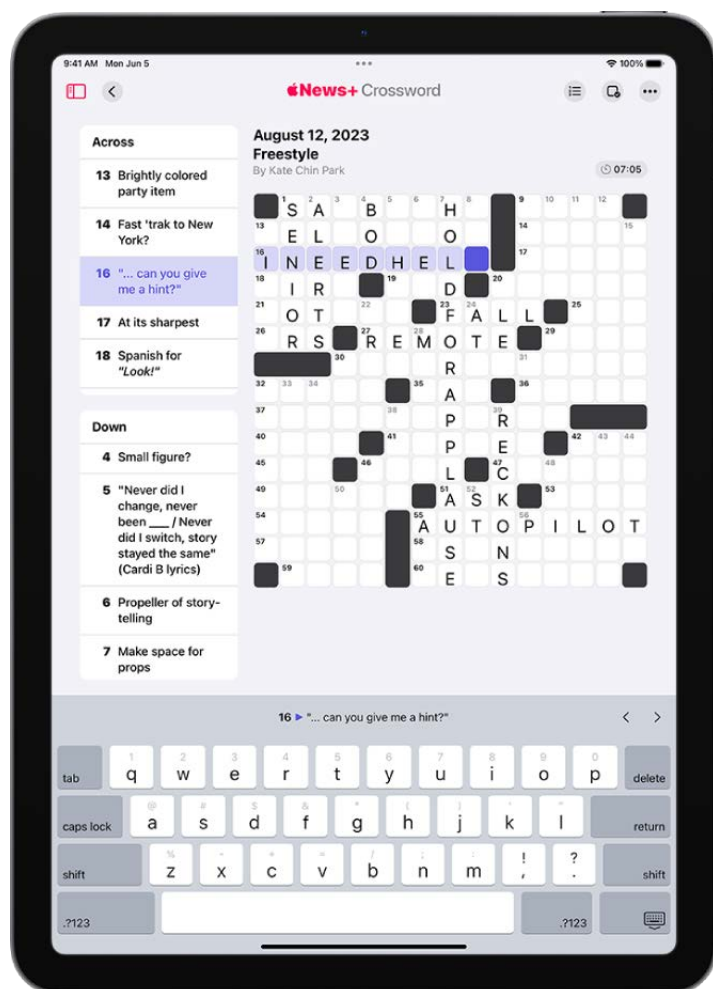
Freeform. Use new drawing tools like a watercolor brush, calligraphy pen, highlighter, variable-width pen, and ruler while brainstorming on a board. See what your collaborators are working on with Follow Along—your screen shows what they see as they move around the board. See [Draw or handwrite on a Freeform board on iPad](#) and [View others in a board](#).



Accessibility. Personal Voice helps people with speech loss create a voice that sounds like them and use it with Live Speech to communicate in calls and conversations. See [Record your Personal Voice on iPad](#).

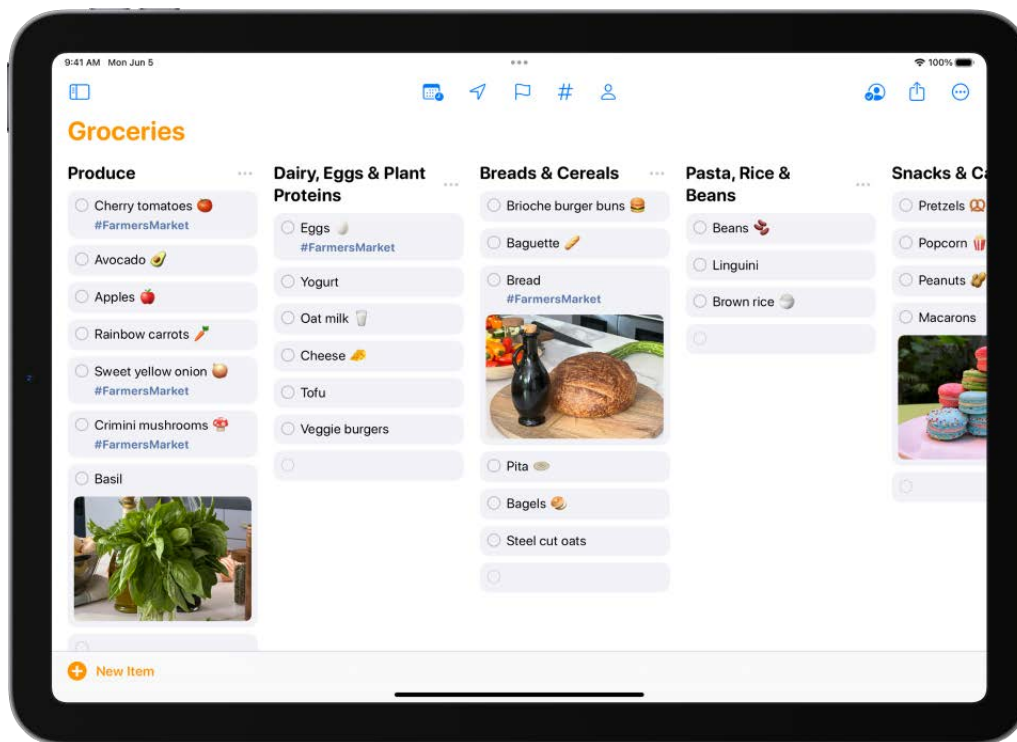
Magnifier. Point and Speak makes it easier for people who are blind or have low vision to interact with physical objects that have text labels. See [Read aloud text and labels around you using Magnifier on iPad](#).

News. Apple News+ subscribers can do daily crossword puzzles in the News app, and Apple News+ audio stories are available in the Podcasts app. See [Solve crossword puzzles in Apple News on iPad](#) and [Listen to subscriber-only content in Podcasts on iPad](#).



Notes. Easily review PDFs and scans of presentations, assignments, research papers, and more, right in your note. You can also add links to connect related notes, like a trip itinerary and a list of recommended restaurants. See [Work with PDFs in Notes on iPad](#) and [Add links in Notes on iPad](#).

Reminders. Grocery Lists automatically sort items into categories to make shopping easier. Lists can also be divided into sections with headers, and a new Column View arranges sections next to each other to help you visualize your tasks. See [Make a grocery list in Reminders on iPad](#).



Home. Activity History lets you see who locked or unlocked the door—and when. It also shows recent activity for garage doors, contact sensors, and your security system. See [View Activity History](#).

AirPlay. (iPadOS 17.3) Use AirPlay in your hotel room to stream your favorite shows, listen to music, or view your vacation photos right on the television in your room (available in select hotels). See [Use AirPlay in your hotel room](#).

Learn tricks for iPadOS 17. The Tips app adds new suggestions frequently, so you can get the most from your iPad. See [Get tips](#).

Note: New features and apps may vary depending on your iPad model, region, language, and carrier.

Set up and get started

Turn on and set up iPad

You can turn on and set up your new iPad with an internet connection. You can also set up iPad by connecting it to your computer. If you have another iPhone, an iPad, or an Android device, you can transfer your data to your new iPad.

Note: If your iPad is deployed or managed by a company, school, or other organization, see an administrator or teacher for setup instructions. For general information, see the [Apple at Work website](#) or [Education website](#).

Prepare for setup

To make setup as smooth as possible, have the following items available:

- An internet connection through a Wi-Fi network (you may need the name and password of the network) or cellular data service through a carrier (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)
- Your Apple ID and password; if you don't have an Apple ID, you can create one during setup
- Your credit or debit card account information, if you want to add a card to Apple Pay during setup
- Your previous iPad or a [backup of your device](#), if you're transferring your data to your new device

 **Tip:** If you don't have sufficient storage space to back up your device, iCloud will grant you as much as you need to complete a temporary backup, free of charge, for up to three weeks from the purchase of your iPad. On your previous device, go to Settings > General > Transfer or Reset [*device*]. Tap Get Started, then follow the onscreen instructions.

- Your Android device, if you're transferring your Android content
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Turn on and set up your iPad

1. Press and hold the top button until the Apple logo appears.



If iPad doesn't turn on, you might need to [charge the battery](#). For more help, see the Apple Support article [If your iPad won't turn on or is frozen](#).

 **Tip:** If you're blind or have low vision, you can triple-click the Home button (on an iPad with a Home button) or triple-click the top button (on other iPad models) to turn on VoiceOver, the screen reader. You can also double-tap the screen with three fingers to turn on Zoom. See [Get started with accessibility features on iPad](#).

2. Do one of the following:

- If you have another iPhone or iPad with iOS 11, iPadOS 13, or later, you can use Quick Start to automatically set up your new device. Bring the two devices close together, then follow the onscreen instructions to securely copy many of your settings, preferences, and iCloud Keychain. You can then restore the rest of your data and content to your new device from your iCloud backup.

Or, if both devices have iOS 12.4, iPadOS 13, or later, you can transfer all your data wirelessly from your previous device to your new one. Keep your devices near each other and plugged into power until the migration process is complete.

- Tap Set Up Manually.

3. Follow the onscreen instructions.

Move from an Android device to iPad

If you have an Android device, you can transfer your data with the Move to iOS app when you first set up your new iPad.

Note: If you already completed setup and want to use Move to iOS, you must erase your iPad and start over, or move your data manually. See the Apple Support article [Move content manually from your Android device to your iPhone or iPad](#).

1. On your device with Android version 4.0 or later, see the Apple Support article [Move from Android to iPhone or iPad](#) and download the Move to iOS app.

2. On your iPad, do the following:

- Follow the setup assistant.
- On the Transfer Your Apps & Data screen, tap From Android.

3. On the Android device, do the following:

- Turn on Wi-Fi.
- Open the Move to iOS app.
- Follow the onscreen instructions.

⚠ WARNING: To avoid injury, read [Important safety information for iPad](#) before using iPad.

Wake and unlock iPad

iPad turns off the display to save power, locks for security, and goes to sleep when you're not using it. You can quickly wake and unlock iPad when you want to use it again.

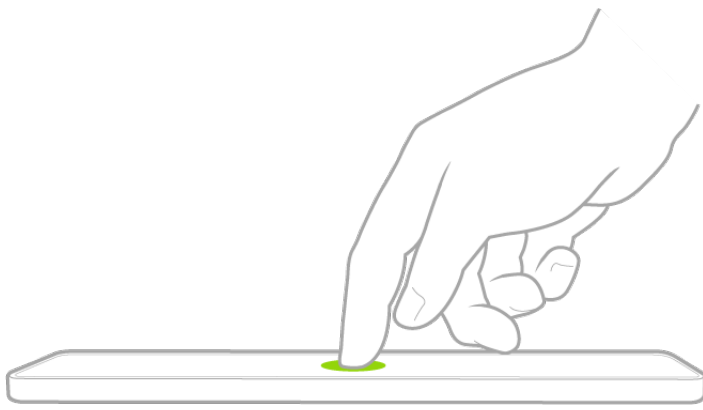
Wake iPad

To wake iPad, do one of the following:

- Press the top button.



- Tap the screen (supported models).



Unlock iPad with Face ID

If you have an iPad with Face ID, but you didn't turn on Face ID during setup, see [Set up Face ID](#).

1. Tap the screen, then glance at your iPad.

The lock icon animates from closed to open to indicate that iPad is unlocked.

2. Swipe up from the bottom of the screen.

To lock iPad again, press the top button. iPad locks automatically if you don't touch the screen for a minute or so. However, if Attention Aware Features is turned on in Settings  > Face ID & Passcode, iPad won't dim or lock as long as it detects attention.

Unlock iPad with Touch ID

If you have an iPad with Touch ID, but you didn't turn on Touch ID during setup, see [Set up Touch ID on iPad](#).

- *On an iPad with a Home button:* Press the Home button using the finger you registered with Touch ID.



- *On iPad (10th generation), iPad mini (6th generation), and iPad Air (4th generation and later):* Rest your finger on the top button (Touch ID) using the finger you registered with Touch ID.



To lock iPad again, press the top button. iPad locks automatically if you don't touch the screen for a minute or so.

Unlock iPad with a passcode

If you didn't create a passcode when you set up iPad, see [Set a passcode on iPad](#).

1. Press the Home button (on an iPad with a Home button) or swipe up from the bottom of the Lock Screen (on other iPad models).
2. Enter your passcode.

To lock iPad again, press the top button. iPad locks automatically if you don't touch the screen for a minute or so.

Set up cellular service on iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)

If you have a Wi-Fi + Cellular model, you can sign up for a cellular data plan. This helps you stay connected to the internet when you're away from a Wi-Fi network.

The cellular connection requires a SIM and a wireless data plan from a carrier. iPad supports the following types of SIM:

- eSIM (on supported models; not available in all countries and regions)
- Physical SIM (not supported on iPad Pro 11-inch (M4) or iPad Pro 13-inch (M4))

Certain iPad models can connect to 5G networks. See the Apple Support article [Use 5G with your iPad](#).

For information about managing cellular service using an Apple SIM, see the Apple Support article [Set up cellular data service on your Wi-Fi + Cellular model iPad](#).

Set up eSIM

On models that support eSIM, you can activate the cellular service from your iPad. You may also be able to travel abroad with iPad and sign up for cellular service with a local carrier in the country or region you're visiting.

Note: eSIM isn't available in all countries and regions, and not all carriers are supported.

1. Go to Settings  > Cellular Data.
2. Do one of the following:
 - *Set up the first cellular plan on your iPad:* Select a carrier, then follow the onscreen instructions.
 - *Add another cellular plan:* Tap Add a New Plan.
 - *Scan a QR code provided by a carrier:* Tap Other, then position iPad so that the QR code provided by your carrier appears in the frame, or enter the details manually. You may be asked to enter a confirmation code provided by your carrier.

Alternatively, you can activate your cellular plan through your carrier's app (if supported). Go to the App Store, download your carrier's app, then use the app to purchase a cellular plan.

You can store more than one eSIM on your iPad, but you can use only one eSIM at a time. To switch to another eSIM, go to Settings > Cellular Data, then tap the plan you want to use (below SIMs).

Install a physical SIM

You can get a nano-SIM card from a carrier.

Note: Physical SIM isn't supported on iPad Pro 11-inch (M4) or iPad Pro 13-inch (M4).

1. Insert a paper clip or SIM eject tool (not included) into the small hole of the SIM tray, then push in toward iPad to eject the tray.



Note: The shape and orientation of the SIM tray depend on the iPad model and your country or region.

2. Remove the tray from iPad.

3. Place the SIM in the tray. The angled corner determines the correct orientation.



4. Insert the tray back into iPad.
5. If you previously set up a PIN on the SIM, carefully enter the PIN when prompted.

WARNING: Never try to guess a SIM PIN. An incorrect guess can permanently lock your SIM, and you won't be able to use cellular data through your carrier until you get a new SIM. See the Apple Support article [Use a SIM PIN for your iPhone or iPad](#).

Manage your cellular data service

1. Go to Settings  > Cellular Data.
2. Do any of the following:
 - *Restrict all data to Wi-Fi:* Turn off Cellular Data.
 - *Turn on or off 5G, LTE, or roaming:* Tap Cellular Data Options.
 - *Turn on Personal Hotspot:* Tap Set Up Personal Hotspot (available from certain carriers), then follow the onscreen instructions.
 - *Manage your cellular account:* Tap Manage [account name] or Carrier Services.

For information about managing your cellular data usage, see [View or change cellular data settings on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).

Important: When using cellular services through GSM networks, you need an eSIM or third-party SIM. When using cellular services through CDMA networks, you need a third-party SIM. Your iPad is subject to your wireless service provider's policies, which may include restrictions on switching service providers and roaming, even after the conclusion of any required minimum service contract. Contact your wireless service provider for more details. The availability of cellular capabilities depends on the wireless network, your iPad model, and your location.

Connect iPad to the internet

Connect your iPad to the internet by using an available Wi-Fi network. Wi-Fi + Cellular models can also connect to the internet by using a cellular network.

Connect iPad to a Wi-Fi network

1. Go to Settings  > Wi-Fi, then turn on Wi-Fi.
2. Tap one of the following:
 - *A network*: Enter the password, if required.
 - *Other*: Joins a hidden network. Enter the name of the hidden network, security type, and password.

If  appears at the top of the screen, iPad is connected to a Wi-Fi network. (To verify this, open Safari to view a webpage.) iPad reconnects when you return to the same location.

Join a Personal Hotspot

If an iPhone or an iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular) is sharing a Personal Hotspot, you can use its cellular internet connection.

1. Go to Settings  > Wi-Fi, then choose the name of the device sharing the Personal Hotspot.
 2. If asked for a password on your iPad, enter the password shown in Settings  > Cellular > Personal Hotspot on the device sharing the Personal Hotspot.
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Connect iPad to a cellular network (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)

Your iPad automatically connects to your carrier's cellular data network if a Wi-Fi network isn't available. If iPad doesn't connect, check the following:

1. Verify that your SIM is activated and unlocked. See [Set up cellular service on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).
 2. Go to Settings  > Cellular Data.
 3. Verify that Cellular Data is turned on.
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When you need an internet connection, iPad does the following, in order, until the connection is made:

- Tries to connect to the most recently used available Wi-Fi network

- Shows a list of Wi-Fi networks in range and connects to the one you choose
- Connects to your carrier's cellular data network (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)

On an iPad that supports 5G, iPad may use your 5G cellular data instead of Wi-Fi. If so, you see Using 5G Cellular For Internet below the Wi-Fi network's name. To switch back to Wi-Fi, tap ⓘ next to the network name, then tap Use Wi-Fi for Internet. See the Apple Support article [Use 5G with your iPad](#).

Note: If a Wi-Fi connection to the internet isn't available, apps and services may transfer data over your carrier's cellular network, which may result in additional fees. Contact your carrier for information about your cellular data plan rates. To manage cellular data usage, see [View or change cellular data settings on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).

Apple ID and iCloud

Sign in to your iPad with Apple ID

Your Apple ID is the account you use to access Apple services such as the App Store, the iTunes Store, Apple Books, Apple Music, FaceTime, iCloud, iMessage, and more.

Sign in with your Apple ID

If you didn't sign in during setup, do the following:

1. Go to Settings .
2. Tap Sign in to your iPad.
3. Do one of the following:
 - *Sign in with a nearby iPhone or iPad:* Tap Use Another Apple Device, then follow the onscreen instructions.
 - *Sign in with an email address or phone number and password:* Tap Sign in Manually, then enter your Apple ID and password. If you don't have an Apple ID, you can create one.
4. If you protect your account with two-factor authentication, enter the six-digit verification code.

If you forgot your Apple ID or password, see the [Recover your Apple ID website](#).

Change your Apple ID settings

1. Go to Settings  > [your name].
 2. Do any of the following:
 - Update your contact information
 - Change your password
 - [Add or remove Account Recovery Contacts](#)
 - [Use iCloud](#)
 - View and manage your subscriptions
 - Update your payment methods or billing address
 - [Manage Family Sharing](#)
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Use iCloud on iPad

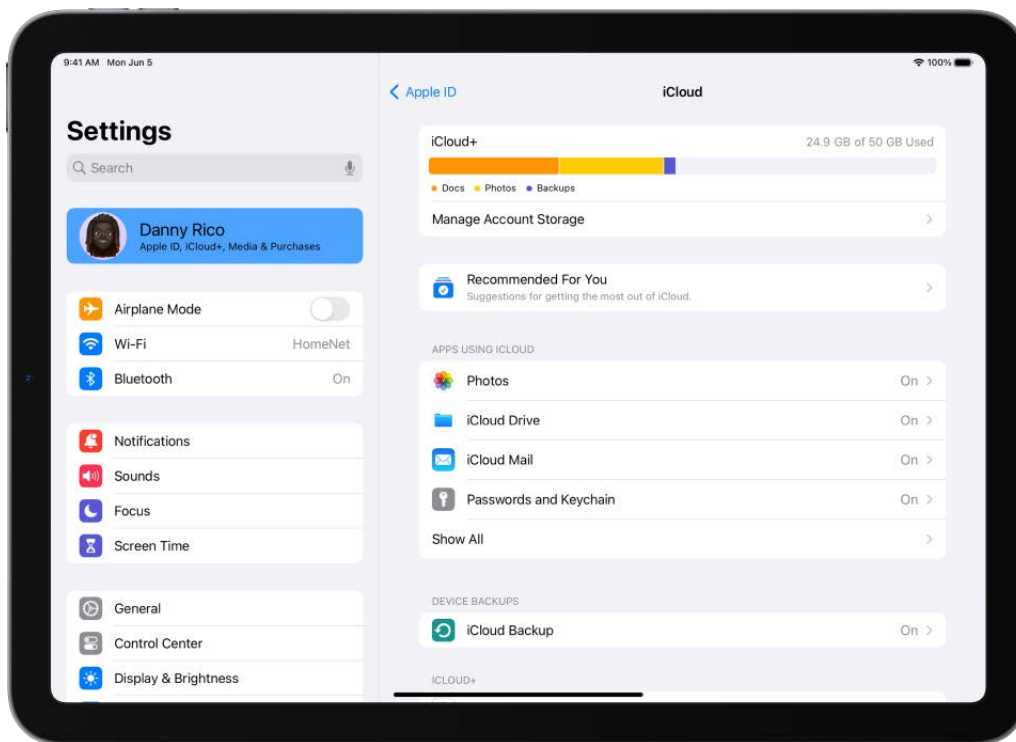
iCloud securely stores your photos, videos, documents, backups, and more—and keeps them updated across all your devices—automatically. With iCloud, you can also share photos, calendars, notes, folders, and files with friends and family. iCloud provides you with an email account and 5 GB of free storage for your data. For more storage and additional features, you can [subscribe to iCloud+](#).

Note: Some iCloud features have [minimum system requirements](#). The availability of iCloud and its features varies by country or region.

Change your iCloud settings

[Sign in with your Apple ID](#), then do the following:

1. Go to Settings  > [your name] > iCloud.



2. Do any of the following:

- See your iCloud storage status.
- Turn on the features you want to use, such as Photos, iCloud Drive, and iCloud Backup.

For information on how to customize iCloud features on your other devices, see [Set up iCloud and change settings on all your devices](#) in the iCloud User Guide.

Ways to use iCloud on iPad

iCloud can keep your iPad backed up automatically. See [Back up iPad](#).

You can also keep the following information stored in iCloud and kept up to date across your iPad and other Apple devices:

- Photos and videos; see [Use iCloud Photos on iPad](#)
- Files and documents; see [Set up iCloud Drive on iPad](#)
- iCloud Mail
- Contacts, Calendars, Notes, and Reminders
- Data from compatible third-party apps and games
- Messages; see [Set up Messages on iPad](#)

- Passwords and payment methods; see [Make your passkeys and passwords available on all your devices with iPad and iCloud Keychain](#)
- Safari bookmarks and open tabs; see [Bookmark a website in Safari on iPad](#) and [Open and close tabs in Safari on iPad](#)
- News, Stocks, and Weather settings
- Home and Health data
- Voice memos
- Map favorites

You can also do the following:

- Share your photos and videos. See [Create shared albums in Photos on iPad](#) and [Set up or join an iCloud Shared Photo Library in Photos on iPad](#).
- Share folders and documents with iCloud Drive. See [Share files and folders in iCloud Drive on iPad](#).
- Use Find My to locate a missing device or share locations with friends and family. See [Locate a device in Find My on iPad](#) and [Locate a friend in Find My on iPad](#).

For additional storage and access to iCloud Private Relay, Hide My Email, and HomeKit Secure Video support, you can [subscribe to iCloud+](#).

You can also access your iCloud data on iPhone, Apple Watch, Mac, Apple TV, your Windows computer, and [iCloud.com](#). To learn more about the available features and how they work across all your devices, see the [iCloud User Guide](#).

Subscribe to iCloud+ on iPad

iCloud+ gives you [everything iCloud offers](#) plus premium features including iCloud Private Relay, Hide My Email, HomeKit Secure Video support, and all the storage you need for your photos, files, and more.

You can subscribe to iCloud+ or to Apple One, which includes iCloud+ and other Apple services. See the Apple Support article [Bundle Apple subscriptions with Apple One](#).

Note: Some iCloud+ features have [minimum system requirements](#). The availability of iCloud+ and its features varies by country or region.

What's included with iCloud+

When you subscribe to iCloud+, you can do the following on iPad:

- Get 50 GB, 200 GB, 2 TB, 6 TB, or 12 TB (depending on your plan) of storage for photos, files, backups, and more.
- Create unique, random email addresses that forward to your personal inbox with Hide My Email. See [Use Hide My Email in Safari on iPad](#) and [Use Hide My Email in Mail on iPad](#).
- Browse the web in an even more secure and private way with iCloud Private Relay. See [Protect your web browsing with iCloud Private Relay on iPad](#).
- Set up home security cameras with HomeKit Secure Video so you can view your footage from anywhere while keeping it private and secure. See [Set up security cameras in Home on iPad](#).
- Use a custom email domain to personalize iCloud Mail. See [Set up a custom email domain with iCloud Mail on iPad](#).

To learn more about iCloud+ features and how they work across all your devices, see the [iCloud User Guide](#).

Upgrade, change, or cancel your iCloud+ subscription

1. Go to Settings  > [your name] > iCloud.
2. Tap Manage Account Storage, tap Change Storage Plan, select an option, then follow the onscreen instructions.

Note: If you cancel your iCloud+ subscription, you lose access to the additional iCloud storage and iCloud+ features.

Share iCloud+

You can use [Family Sharing](#) to share iCloud+ with up to five other family members. When your family members accept your invitation to share iCloud+, they have instant access to the additional storage and features.

Note: To stop sharing iCloud+ with a family group, you can cancel the subscription, leave the family group, or leave or turn off Family Sharing. See [Add a member to a Family Sharing group on iPad](#).

For information about combining your Apple subscriptions, see the Apple Support article [Bundle Apple subscriptions with Apple One](#).

Find settings on iPad

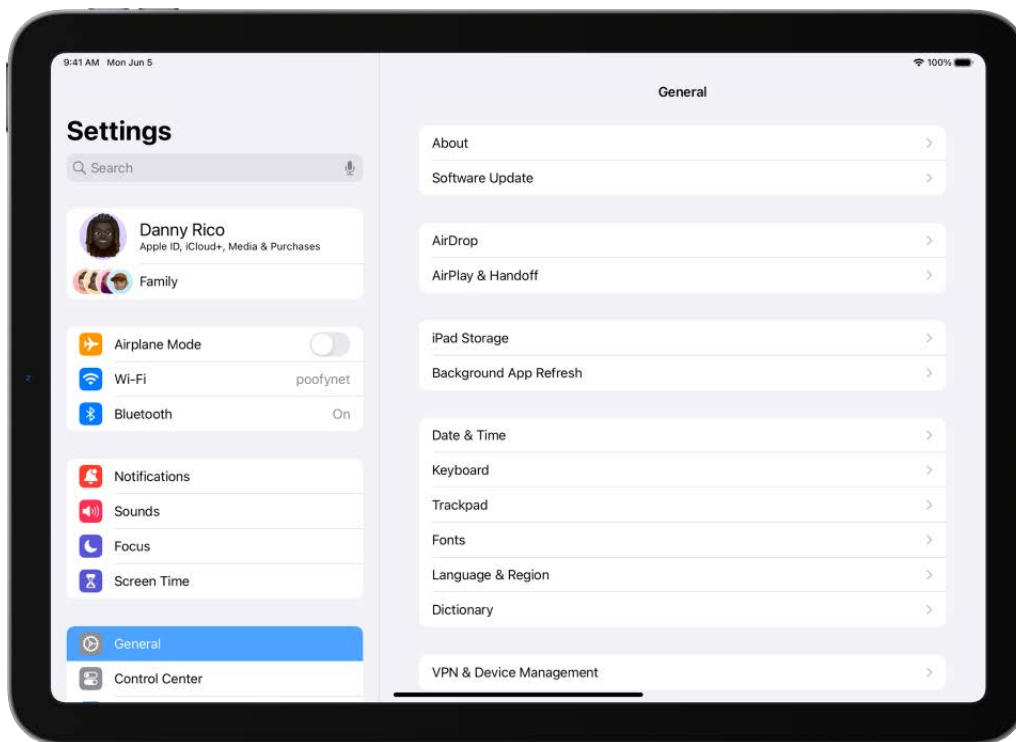
In the Settings app , you can search for iPad settings you want to change, such as your passcode, notification sounds, and more.

1. Tap Settings on the Home Screen (or in the [App Library](#)).

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2. Swipe down on the sidebar to reveal the search field, tap the search field (at the top left), enter a term—"volume," for example—then tap a setting on the left side of the screen.



 **Tip:** You can also [search for settings](#) from the Home Screen or Lock Screen.

Set up mail, contacts, and calendar accounts on iPad

In addition to the apps that come with iPad and that you use with [iCloud](#), iPad works with Microsoft Exchange and many of the most popular internet-based mail, contacts, and calendar services. You can set up accounts for these services.

Set up a mail account

1. Go to Settings  > Mail > Accounts > Add Account.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Tap a service—for example, iCloud or Microsoft Exchange—then enter your account information.
 - Tap Other, tap Add Mail Account, then enter your account information.

See [Add and remove email accounts on iPad](#).

Set up a contacts account

1. Go to Settings  > Contacts > Accounts > Add Account.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Tap a service—for example, iCloud or Microsoft Exchange—then enter your account information.
 - Tap Other, tap Add LDAP Account or Add CardDAV Account (if your organization supports it), then enter the server and account information.

See [Use other contact accounts on iPad](#).

Set up a calendar account

1. Go to Settings  > Calendar > Accounts > Add Account.
2. Do one of the following:
 - *Choose a service:* Tap a service—for example, iCloud or Microsoft Exchange—then enter your account information.
 - *Add a calendar account:* Tap Other, tap Add CalDAV Account, then enter your server and account information.
 - *Subscribe to iCal (.ics) calendars:* Tap Other, tap Add Subscribed Calendar, then enter the URL of the .ics file to subscribe to; or import an .ics file from Mail.

See [Set up multiple calendars on iPad](#).

For information about setting up a Microsoft Exchange account in a corporate environment, see the Apple Support article [Set up Exchange ActiveSync on your iPhone or iPad](#).

If you turn on iCloud Keychain on your iPad, your accounts stay up to date on all your devices that have iCloud Keychain turned on. See [Use to iCloud Keychain to keep passwords, accounts, and more up to date with iCloud](#) in the iCloud User Guide.

Learn the meaning of the iPad status icons

The icons in the status bar at the top of the screen provide information about iPad.

Note: If you [turn on a Focus](#), its icon appears in the status bar.

Status icon	What it means
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Wi-Fi. iPad has a Wi-Fi internet connection. The more bars, the stronger the connection. See [Connect iPad to a Wi-Fi network](#).



Cell signal. iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is in range of the cellular network. If there's no signal, "No service" appears.



Airplane mode. Airplane mode is on. Nonwireless features are available, but wireless functions may be disabled. See [Choose iPad settings for travel](#).

5G

5G. Your carrier's 5G network is available, and supported models can connect to the internet over that network (not available in all countries or regions). See the Apple Support article [Use 5G with your iPad](#).

5G^U

5G UC. Your carrier's 5G UC network is available, which can include your carrier's higher frequency version of 5G. Supported models can connect to the internet over that network (not available in all countries or regions). See the Apple Support article [Use 5G with your iPad](#).

5G+

5G+. Your carrier's 5G+ network is available, which can include your carrier's higher frequency version of 5G. Supported models can connect to the internet over that network (not available in all countries or regions). See the Apple Support article [Use 5G with your iPad](#).

5G^{UW}

5G UW. Your carrier's 5G UW network is available, which can include your carrier's higher frequency version of 5G. Supported models can connect to the internet over that network (not available in all countries or regions). See the Apple Support article [Use 5G with your iPad](#).

5G^E

5G E. Your carrier's 5G E network is available, and supported models can connect to the internet over that network (not available in all countries or regions). See [View or change cellular data settings on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).

LTE

LTE. iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is connected to the internet over a 4G LTE network (not available in all countries or regions). See [View or change cellular data settings on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).

4G

4G. iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is connected to the internet over a 4G network (not available in all countries or regions). See [View or change cellular data settings on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).

3G

3G. iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is connected to the internet over a 3G network. See [View or change cellular data settings on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).

EDGE

EDGE. iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is connected to the internet over an EDGE network. See [View or change cellular data settings on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).

GPRS

GPRS. iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models) is connected to the internet over a GPRS network. See [View or change cellular data settings on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).



Personal Hotspot connection. iPad is connected to the internet through the Personal Hotspot of another device. See [Join a Personal Hotspot](#).



VPN. iPad is connected to a network using VPN.



Navigation. iPad is providing turn-by-turn directions. See [Get driving directions in Maps on iPad](#).



Personal Hotspot. iPad is providing a Personal Hotspot. See [Share your internet connection from iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular\)](#).



Phone call. iPad is on a phone call. See [Make and receive phone calls on iPad](#).



FaceTime. iPad is on a FaceTime call. See [Make FaceTime calls on iPad](#).



Screen recording. iPad is recording your screen. See [Take a screenshot on iPad](#).



Camera in use. An app is using your camera. See [Take photos with your iPad camera](#).



Microphone in use. An app is using your microphone. See [Make a recording in Voice Memos on iPad](#).



Syncing. iPad is syncing with your computer. See [Sync supported content](#).



Network activity. There is network or other activity. Some third-party apps use this icon to show app activity.



Lock. iPad is locked. See [Wake and unlock iPad](#).



Do Not Disturb. Do Not Disturb is turned on. See [Turn on or schedule a Focus on iPad](#).



Orientation lock. Screen orientation is locked. See [Change or lock the screen orientation on iPad](#).



Location services. An app is using Location Services. See [Control the location information you share on iPad](#).



Alarm. An alarm is set. See [Set an alarm in Clock on iPad](#).



Headphones connected. iPad is paired with Bluetooth® headphones that are turned on and within Bluetooth range. See [Set up and listen to Bluetooth headphones](#).



Battery. Shows the battery level or charging status. See [Show the iPad battery percentage](#).



Battery charging. Shows the iPad battery is charging. See [Charge the iPad battery](#).



Bluetooth battery. Shows the battery level of a supported paired Bluetooth device. See [Set up and use Bluetooth accessories on iPad](#).



AirPlay. AirPlay is on. See [Wirelessly stream videos and photos to Apple TV or a smart TV from iPad](#).



Voice Control. Voice Control is turned on in Settings > Accessibility, and you can [use your voice to interact with iPad](#).



RTT. RTT is turned on. See [Set up and use RTT on iPad](#).

Charge and monitor the battery

Charge the iPad battery

iPad has an internal, lithium-ion rechargeable battery. Lithium-ion technology currently provides the best performance for your device. Compared with traditional battery technology, lithium-ion batteries are lighter, charge faster, last longer, and have a higher power density for more battery life.

To understand how your battery works so you can get the most out of it, see the [Apple Lithium-ion Batteries website](#).

About charging the battery



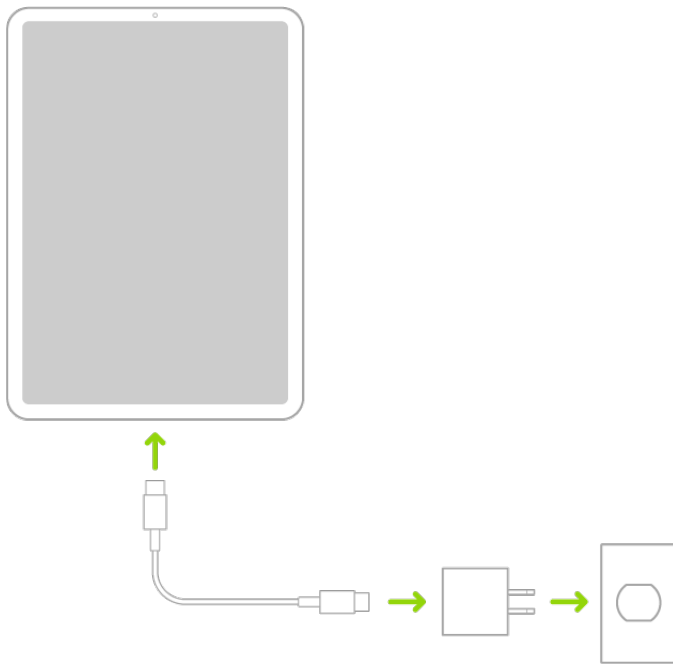
The battery icon in the top-right corner of the status bar shows the battery level or charging status. When you're syncing or using iPad, it may take longer to charge the battery.

If iPad is very low on power, it may display an image of a nearly depleted battery, indicating that it needs to charge for up to 10 minutes before you can use it. If iPad is extremely low on power when you begin to charge it, the display may be blank for up to 2 minutes before the low-battery image appears. See the Apple Support article [If your iPad won't charge](#).

Charge the battery

To charge your iPad battery, do one of the following:

- Connect iPad to a power outlet using the included cable and power adapter. See [Power adapter and charge cable for iPad](#).



- [Connect iPad and your computer with a cable.](#)

Make sure your computer is turned on—if iPad is connected to a computer that's turned off, the battery may drain instead of charge. Look for ⚡ on the battery icon to make sure iPad is charging.

If your Mac or PC doesn't provide enough power to charge iPad, a Not Charging message appears in the status bar.

Note: Don't try to charge your iPad by connecting it to your keyboard, unless your keyboard has a high-power USB port.

Connecting iPad to a power outlet can start an iCloud backup or wireless computer syncing. See [Back up iPad](#) and [Sync supported content](#).

WARNING: If you suspect there may be liquid in the charging port of iPad, don't plug the charging cable into it. For information about exposure to liquid, and other important safety information about the battery and charging iPad, see [Important safety information for iPad](#).

Battery life and charge cycles vary with use and settings. The iPad battery should be serviced or recycled by Apple or an Apple Authorized Service Provider. See the [Battery Service and Recycling website](#).

To understand how your battery works so you can get the most out of it, see the [Apple Lithium-ion Batteries](#) website.

Show the iPad battery percentage

You can view how much charge remains in your iPad battery in the status bar. You can also add a widget to the Home Screen to monitor the battery levels of your iPad and connected accessories (including AirPods, Apple Pencil, and more).

See the iPad battery percentage in the status bar

Go to Settings  > Battery, then turn on Battery Percentage.

Add a Batteries widget to your Home Screen

See [Add a widget to your Home Screen](#) and [Create a custom iPad Lock Screen](#).

To understand how your battery works so you can get the most out of it, see the [Apple Lithium-ion Batteries](#) website.

Check iPad battery usage

To learn how your iPad usage affects the battery level, go to Settings  > Battery.

Information about your battery usage and activity appears for the last 24 hours and up to the last 10 days.

- *Insights and suggestions:* You might see insights about conditions or usage patterns that cause iPad to consume energy. You might also see suggestions for lowering energy consumption. If a suggestion appears, you can tap it to go to the corresponding setting.
- *Last Charged:* Indicates how fully the battery was last charged and the time it was disconnected.
- *Battery Level graph (in Last 24 Hours):* Shows the battery level, charging intervals, and periods when iPad was in Low Power Mode or the battery was critically low.
- *Battery Usage graph (in Last 10 Days):* Shows the percentage of battery used each day.
- *Activity graph:* Shows activity over time, split by whether the screen was on or off.
- *Screen On and Screen Off:* Shows total activity for the selected time interval, for when the screen was on and when it was off. The Last 10 Days view shows the average per day.

- *Battery Usage by App*: Shows the proportion of the battery used by each app in the selected time interval.
- *Activity by App*: Shows the amount of time each app was used in the selected time interval.

Note: To see battery information for a specific hour or day, tap that time interval in the graph. To deselect it, tap outside the graph.

Battery life and charge cycles vary with use and settings. The iPad battery should be serviced or recycled by Apple or an Apple Authorized Service Provider. See the [Battery Service and Recycling website](#).

To understand how your battery works so you can get the most out of it, see the [Apple Lithium-ion Batteries](#) website.

Use Low Power Mode to save battery life on iPad

Low Power Mode reduces the amount of power that your iPad uses when the battery gets low. It optimizes performance for essential tasks like making and receiving calls, sending and receiving email and messages, accessing the internet, and more. On models with ProMotion display technology, Low Power Mode limits the display refresh rate to 60 frames per second.

Note: Your iPad might perform some tasks more slowly when in Low Power Mode.

If iPad switches to Low Power Mode automatically, it turns off Low Power Mode after charging to 80%.

Turn Low Power Mode on or off

Low Power Mode automatically turns on when the battery level is low and automatically turns off when the battery is charged to a certain level.

To manually turn Low Power Mode on or off, use any of the following methods:

- *In Settings*: Go to Settings  > Battery.
- *In Control Center*: Open Control Center, then tap .

(If you don't see , add it to Control Center—go to Settings  > Control Center, then tap  next to Low Power Mode.)

Read and bookmark the iPad User Guide

When you view the iPad User Guide in the Safari app , you can change the language and country or region, add a bookmark, or save it as a shortcut on the Home Screen. You can also view the guide in the Tips app .

View and bookmark the user guide in Safari

1. Open the Safari app  on your iPad.
2. Go to <https://support.apple.com/guide/ipad>.
3. To view the user guide in a different language, scroll down to the bottom of the page, tap the country or region link (United States, for example), then choose a country or region.
4. For quick access, tap , then choose any of the following:
 - *Add to Home Screen*: The shortcut appears as a new icon on the Home Screen.
 - *Add Bookmark*: The bookmark appears when you tap , then tap Bookmarks in Safari.

View the user guide in Tips

1. Open the Tips app  on your iPad.
 2. Tap  or  until you see the Tips collections, then tap iPad (below User Guides).
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Basics

Learn gestures for iPad

Learn basic gestures to interact with iPad

Control iPad and its apps using a few simple gestures—tap, touch and hold, swipe, scroll, and zoom.

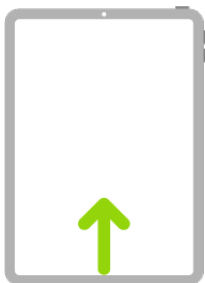
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	Tap. Briefly touch an item on the screen with one finger. For example, to open an app, tap its icon on the Home Screen.
	Touch and hold. Press an item on the screen until something happens. For example, if you touch and hold the wallpaper of the Home Screen, the app icons begin to jiggle.
	Swipe. Move one finger across the screen quickly. For example, swipe left on the Home Screen to see more apps.
	Scroll. Move one finger across the screen without lifting. For example, in Photos, you can drag a list up or down to see more. Swipe to scroll quickly; touch the screen to stop scrolling.
	Zoom. Place two fingers on the screen near each other. Spread them apart to zoom in, or move them toward each other to zoom out. You can also double-tap a photo or webpage to zoom in, and double-tap again to zoom out. In Maps, double-tap and hold, then drag up to zoom in or drag down to zoom out.

If you're using Magic Trackpad or Magic Mouse, see [Trackpad gestures for iPad](#) or [Mouse actions and gestures for iPad](#) for gestures that work on your trackpad or mouse.

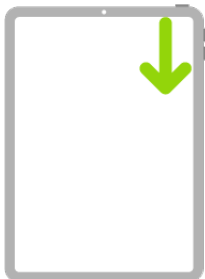
Learn advanced gestures to interact with iPad

Here's a handy reference to the gestures you use on all iPad models to go to the Home Screen, switch between recent apps, access controls, and more. A few gestures are done differently on an iPad with a Home button, as described in the table below.

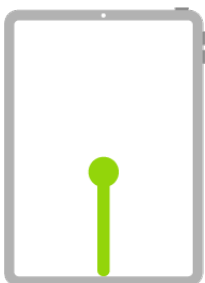
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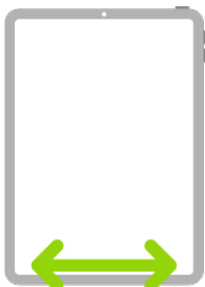
Go Home. Swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen to return to the Home Screen at any time. See [Open apps on iPad](#).



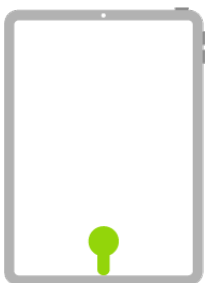
Quickly access controls. Swipe down from the top-right corner to open Control Center; touch and hold a control to reveal more options. To add or remove controls, go to Settings  > Control Center. See [Use and customize Control Center on iPad](#).



Open the App Switcher. Swipe up from the bottom edge, pause in the center of the screen, then lift your finger. To browse the open apps, swipe right, then tap the app you want to use. See [Switch between apps on iPad](#).



Switch between open apps. Swipe left or right along the bottom edge of the screen to quickly switch between open apps. (On an iPad with a Home button, swipe with a slight arc.) See [Switch between apps on iPad](#).



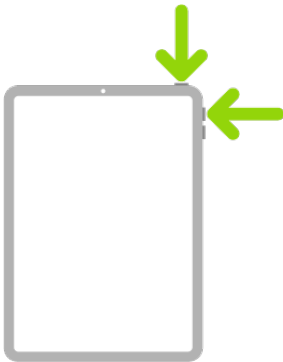
Open the Dock within an app. Swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen and pause to reveal the Dock. To quickly open another app, tap it in the Dock. See [Open an app from the Dock](#).



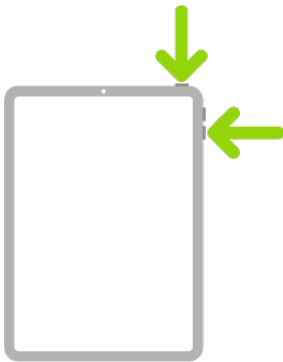
Use Siri. Just say “Siri” or “Hey Siri.” Or press and hold the top button while you make your request. (On an iPad with a Home button, press and hold the Home button while you make a request.) Then release the button. See [Use Siri on iPad](#).



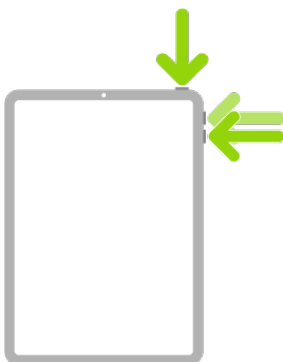
Use Accessibility Shortcut. Triple-click the top button. (On an iPad with a Home button, triple-click the Home button.) See [Quickly open features with Accessibility Shortcut on iPad](#).



Take a screenshot. Simultaneously press and quickly release the top button and either volume button. (On an iPad with a Home button, simultaneously press and quickly release the top button and the Home button.) See [Take a screenshot on iPad](#).



Turn off. Simultaneously press and hold the top button and either volume button until the sliders appear, then drag the top slider to power off. (On an iPad with a Home button, press and hold the top button until the sliders appear.) Or go to Settings  > General > Shut Down. See [Turn iPad on or off \(models with the Home button\)](#).



Force restart. Press and quickly release the volume button nearest the top button, press and quickly release the other volume button, then press and hold the top button until the Apple logo appears. On iPad mini (6th generation), the volume buttons are at the top left. See [Force restart iPad](#).

If you're using Magic Trackpad or Magic Mouse, see [use trackpad gestures for iPad](#) or [Mouse actions and gestures for iPad](#) for gestures that work on your trackpad or mouse.

Adjust the volume on iPad

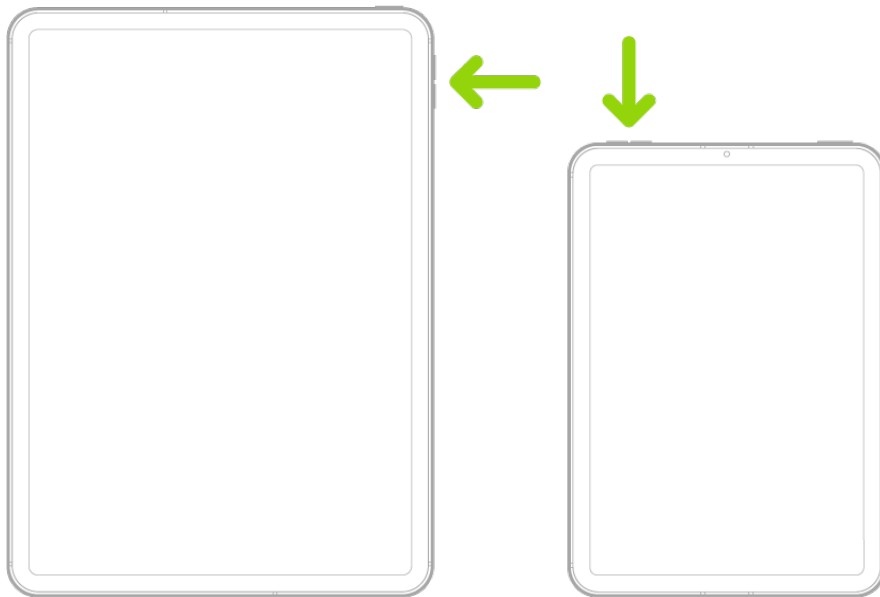
Use the volume buttons on iPad to adjust the volume of songs and other media, alerts, and sound effects. (The volume buttons are either on the side or the top of your device, depending on your model.)

You can also use Siri to turn the volume up or down.

 **Siri:** Say something like: “Turn up the volume” or “Turn down the volume.” [Learn how to use Siri.](#)

You can use Control Center to silence audio alerts and notifications.

WARNING: For important information about avoiding hearing loss, see [Important safety information for iPad](#).



Do Not Disturb doesn't mute the audio from music, podcasts, movies, and TV shows.

Lock the ringer and alert volumes

Go to Settings  > Sounds, then turn off Change with Buttons.

Adjust the volume in Control Center

When iPad is locked or when you're using an app, you can adjust the volume in Control Center.

Open Control Center, then drag .

Reduce loud headphone sounds

1. Go to Settings  > Sounds > Headphone Safety.
2. Turn on Reduce Loud Sounds, then drag the slider to specify the maximum volume.

Note: If you [set up Screen Time for a family member](#), you can prevent them from changing the Reduce Loud Sounds level. Go to Settings > Screen Time > Content & Privacy Restrictions, turn on Content & Privacy Restrictions, tap Reduce Loud Sounds, then select Don't Allow.

Mute the sound

Press and hold the Volume Down button.

Temporarily silence calls, alerts, and notifications

Open Control Center, tap Focus, then tap Do Not Disturb. (See [Turn on or schedule a Focus on iPad.](#))

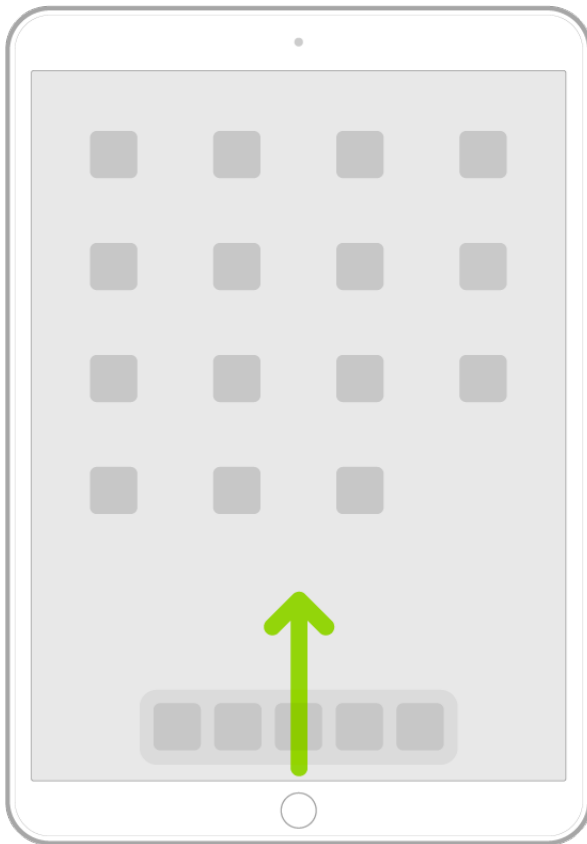
On iPad, there are several ways to protect your hearing from loud volume while listening to headphone audio. See [Use headphone audio-level features on iPad.](#)

Use your apps

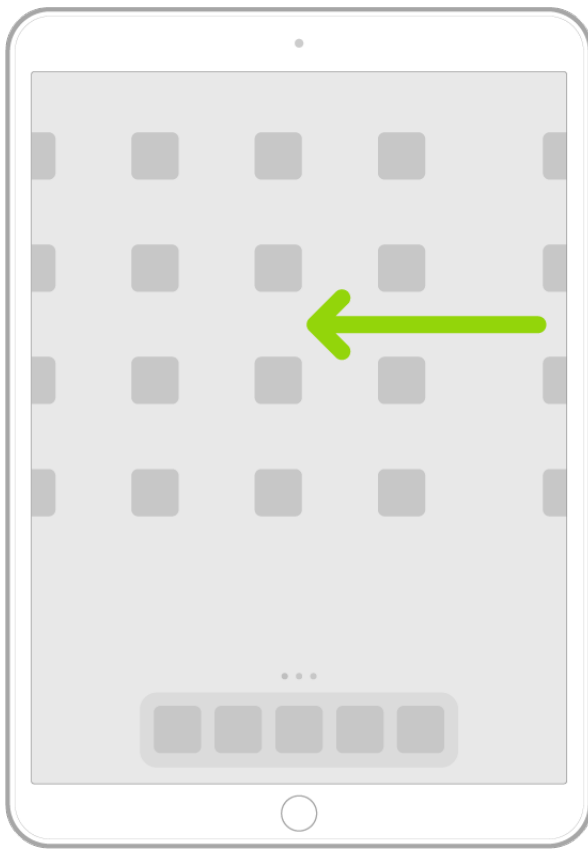
Open apps on iPad

You can quickly open apps from your Home Screen pages.

1. To go to the Home Screen, swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen.



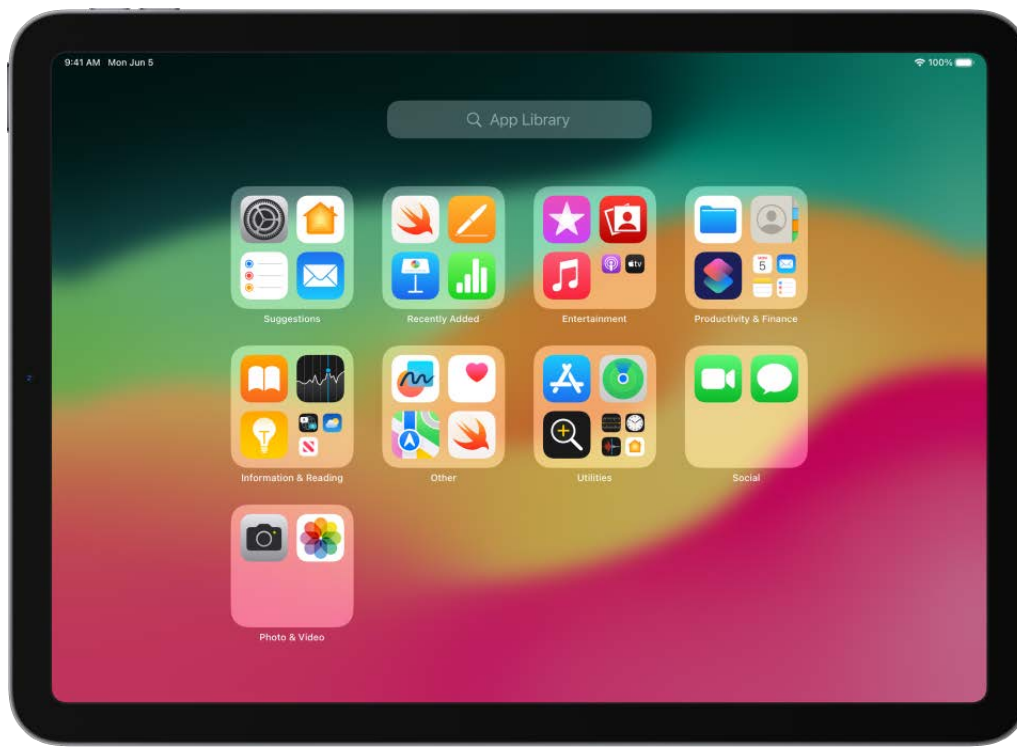
2. Swipe left or right to browse apps on other Home Screen pages.



3. To open an app, tap its icon on the Home Screen.
 4. To return to the first Home Screen page, swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen.
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Find your apps in App Library on iPad

App Library shows your apps organized into categories, such as Productivity & Finance, Creativity, and Information & Reading. The apps you use most are near the top of the screen and at the top level of their categories, so you can easily locate and open them.



Note: The apps in App Library are organized in categories intelligently, based on how you use your apps. You can add apps in App Library to the Home Screen, but you can't move them to another category in App Library.

Find and open an app in App Library

1. Go to the Home Screen, then swipe left past all your Home Screen pages to get to App Library.

You can also open App Library quickly by tapping , the rightmost button in the Dock at the bottom of the screen.

2. Tap the search field at the top of the screen, then enter the name of the app you're looking for.

Or scroll to browse the alphabetical list.

3. To open an app, tap it.

If a category in App Library has a few small app icons, you can tap them to expand the category and see all the apps in it.

Hide and show Home Screen pages

Because you can find all of your apps in App Library, you might not need as many Home Screen pages for apps. You can hide some Home Screen pages, which brings App Library closer to your first Home Screen page. (When you want to see the hidden pages again, you can show them.)

1. Touch and hold the Home Screen until the apps begin to jiggle.
2. Tap the dots at the bottom of the screen.

Thumbnail images of your Home Screen pages appear with checkmarks below them.

3. To hide pages, tap to remove the checkmarks.

To show hidden pages, tap to add the checkmarks.

4. Tap Done.

With the extra Home Screen pages hidden, you can go from the first page of the Home Screen to App Library (and back) with only one or two swipes.

Note: When Home Screen pages are hidden, new apps you download from the App Store may be added to App Library instead of the Home Screen.

Reorder Home Screen pages

If you have multiple Home Screen pages, you can change their order. For example, you can gather together your favorite apps on one Home Screen page, and then make that your first Home Screen page.

1. Touch and hold the Home Screen wallpaper until the apps begin to jiggle.
2. Tap the dots at the bottom of the screen.

Thumbnail images of your Home Screen pages appear with checkmarks below them.

3. To move each Home Screen page, touch and hold it, then drag it to a new position.
4. Tap Done.

Change where new apps get downloaded

When you download new apps from the App Store, you can add them to the Home Screen and App Library, or to App Library only.

1. Go to Settings  > Home Screen & App Library.
2. Choose whether to add new apps to your Home Screen and App Library or to App Library only.

Note: To allow app notification badges to appear on apps in App Library, turn on Show in App Library.

Move an app from App Library to the Home Screen

You can add an app in App Library to the Home Screen, unless it's already there.

Touch and hold the app, then tap Add to Home Screen (available only if the app isn't already on the Home Screen).

The app appears on the Home Screen and in App Library.

Switch between apps on iPad

You can use the Dock, the App Switcher, or a gesture to quickly switch from one app to another on your iPad. When you switch back, you can pick up right where you left off.

Open an app from the Dock

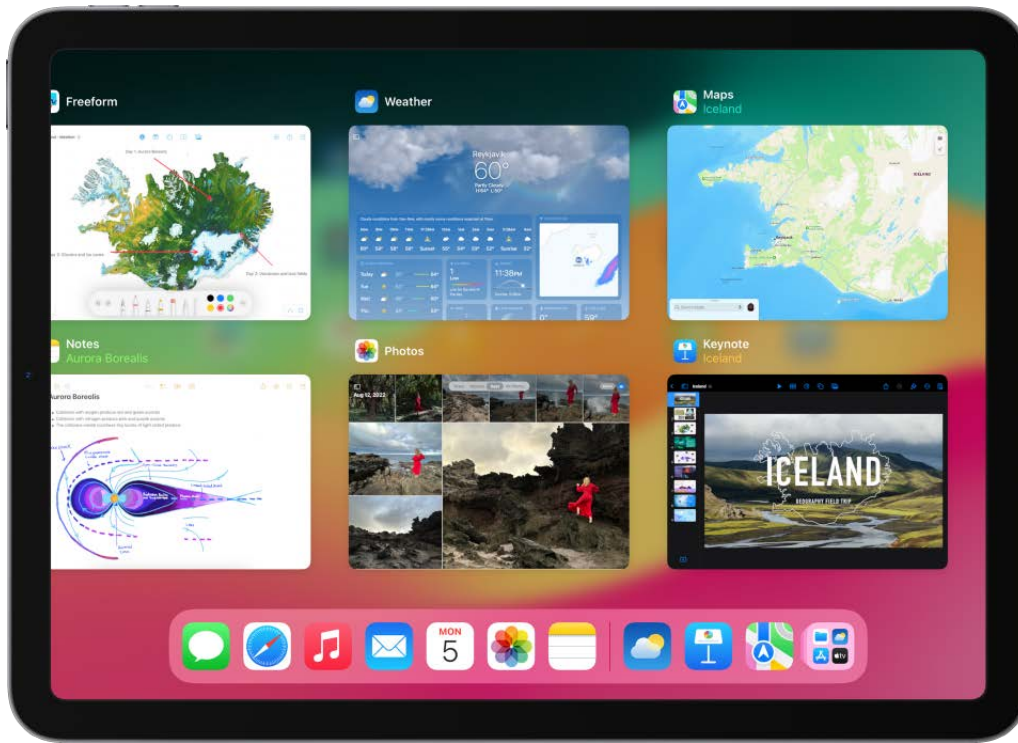
From any app, swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen just far enough to reveal the Dock, then tap the app you want to use.

Favorite apps are on the left side of the Dock, and suggested apps—like ones you opened recently and ones open on your iPhone or Mac—appear on the right side of the Dock. The rightmost button in the Dock opens App Library.



Use the App Switcher

1. To see all your open apps, [Split View](#) workspaces, and [Slide Over](#) windows in the App Switcher, do one of the following:
 - *On all iPad models:* Swipe up from the bottom of the screen, then pause in the center of the screen.
 - *On an iPad with a Home button:* Double-click the Home button.



2. To browse the open apps, swipe right, then tap the app or Split View workspace you want to use.

You can view the Slide Over windows by swiping left, and switch between them by tapping them. See [Switch between apps in Slide Over](#).

Switch between open apps

To switch between open apps, do one of the following:

- Swipe left or right with one finger along the bottom edge of the screen. (On an iPad with a Home button, perform this gesture with a slight arc.)
 - Swipe left or right with four or five fingers.
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Zoom an app to fill the screen on iPad

Most apps for iPhone can be used with iPad, but they might not take advantage of the large screen. In this case, tap  to zoom in on the app. Tap  to return to the original size.

Check the App Store to see if there's a version of the app that's optimized for iPad, or a universal version that's optimized for iPhone and iPad.

Quit and reopen an app on iPad

If an app isn't responding, you can quit it and then reopen it to try and resolve the issue. (Typically, there's no reason to quit an app; quitting it doesn't save battery power, for example.)

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1. To quit an app, open the App Switcher, then swipe up on the app.
 2. To reopen the app, go to the Home Screen (or the [App Library](#)), then tap the app.
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If quitting and reopening the app doesn't solve your problem, try [restarting iPad](#).

Move and copy items with drag and drop on iPad

With drag and drop, you can use a finger to move text and items within an app and copy items from one app to another. For example, you can drag an image from Notes into an email. (Not all third-party apps support drag and drop.)

Move an item

1. Touch and hold the item until it lifts up (if it's text, select it first).
2. Drag it to another location within the app.

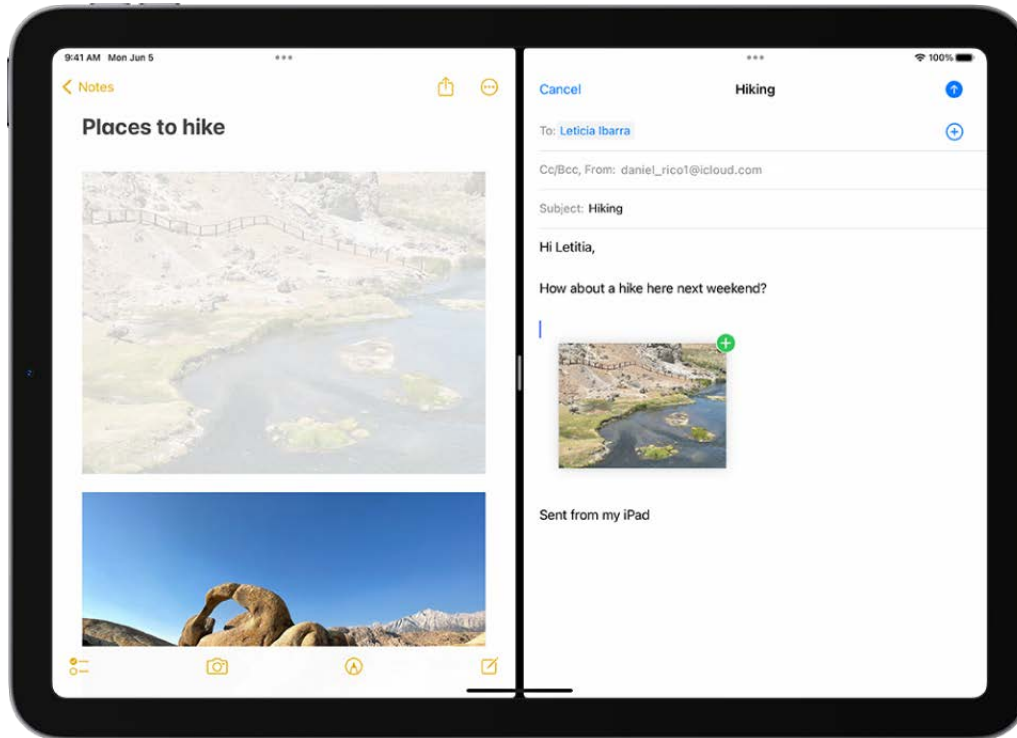
If you drag to the bottom or top of a long document, it automatically scrolls.

Copy an item between open apps

1. Open two items in [Split View](#) or in [Slide Over](#), then touch and hold the item until it lifts up (if it's text, select it first).
2. Drag it to the other app.

As you drag,  appears wherever you can drop the item. If you drag to the bottom or top of a long document, the document automatically scrolls.

 **Tip:** If you want to drag the item to a new note or email, open the new note or email first so you can drag the item directly to it.



Drag a link to a Split View or Slide Over window

Touch and hold the link until it lifts up, then do one of the following:

- *Replace a Split View or Slide Over window with the link's destination:* Drag the link to the window.
 - *Open the link's destination in a Split View or Slide Over window:* When there is no Split View or Slide Over window showing, drag the link to the left or right edge of the screen to open the destination in Split View, or drag the link close to the edge to open in Slide Over.
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Copy an item to an app on the Home Screen or in the Dock

1. Touch and hold the item until it lifts up (if it's text, select it first).
2. While you continue to hold the item, use another finger to swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen and pause to reveal the Dock or press the Home button (on an iPad with a Home button).
3. Drag the item over the other app to open it (a ghost image of the item appears under your finger as you drag).

You can drag over items in the app to navigate to where you want to drop the item (as you drag,  appears wherever you can drop the item). For example, you can drag over the notes list to open the note where you want to drop the item, or you can use another finger to open a new note where you can drop the item.

If you change your mind about moving an item, lift your finger before dragging, or drag the item off the screen.

Select multiple items to move

1. Touch and hold the first selected item, drag it slightly, and continue holding it.
2. While still holding the first item, tap additional items with another finger. A badge indicates the number of selected items.
3. Drag all of the items together.

If you change your mind about moving items, lift your finger before dragging, or drag the items off the screen.

Use multiple apps simultaneously

Open two items in Split View on iPad

On iPad, you can work with multiple apps at the same time. Open two different apps, or two windows from the same app, by splitting the screen into resizable views. For example, open Messages and Maps at the same time in Split View. Or open two Messages windows in Split View and manage two conversations at the same time.

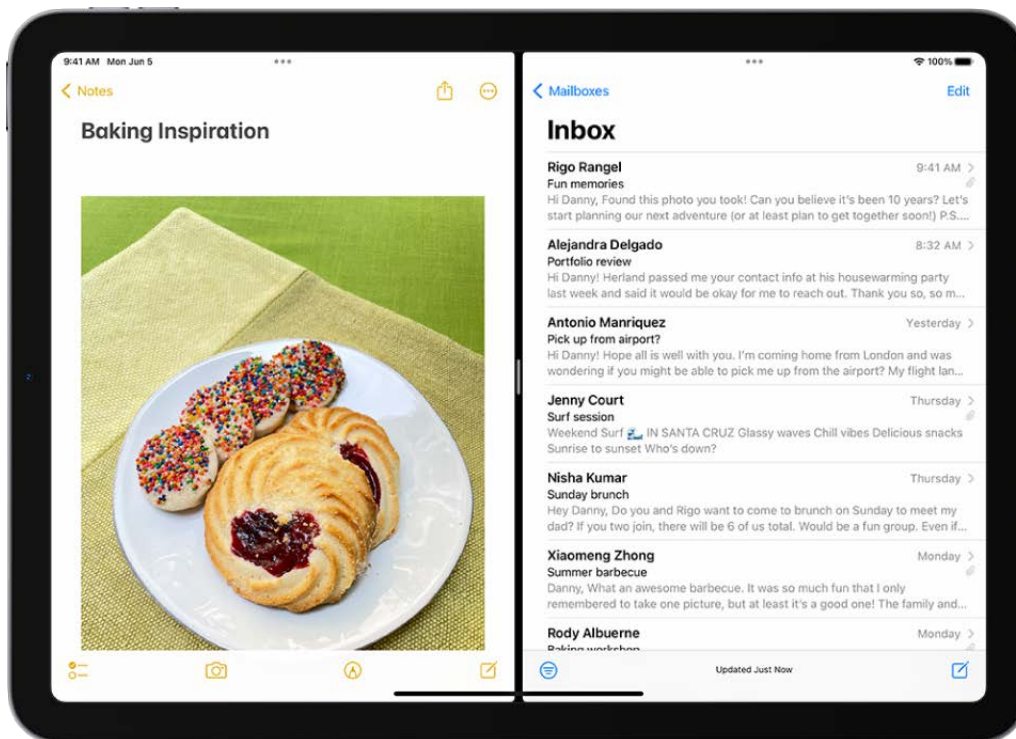
Open a second app in Split View

1. While using an app, tap **⋮** (the three dots at the top of the app), tap **□□**, then tap **▢** to have the current app appear on the left side of the screen, or **▣** to place the current app on the right.

The app you're using moves to the side to reveal your Home Screen and Dock.

2. Find the second app you want to open on your Home Screen or in the Dock, then tap it.

The two apps appear in Split View.



Replace an app in Split View

When you have two apps open in Split View, you can replace one of them with a different app.

1. At the top of the app you want to replace, swipe down from ⋮ (the three dots at the top of the app).

The app you want to replace drops down, and the other app moves to the side to reveal your Home Screen and Dock.

2. Find the replacement app on your Home Screen or in the Dock, then tap it.

The two apps appear side by side in Split View.

 **Tip:** To get more screen space to work in (on supported models), go to Settings  > Display & Brightness, tap Display Zoom, then select More Space. This option increases the pixel density so you can view more content in your apps, which is useful when working in multiple windows in Split View or [Stage Manager](#).

Turn Split View into Slide Over

When you have two apps or windows open in Split View, you can turn one of them into a Slide Over window—a smaller window that slides in front of the first.

Tap ⋮ at the top of the window you want to turn into a Slide Over window, then tap  (the rightmost of the three buttons).

See [Open an app in Slide Over](#). On supported models, you can use Split View and Slide Over simultaneously.

Return to full screen

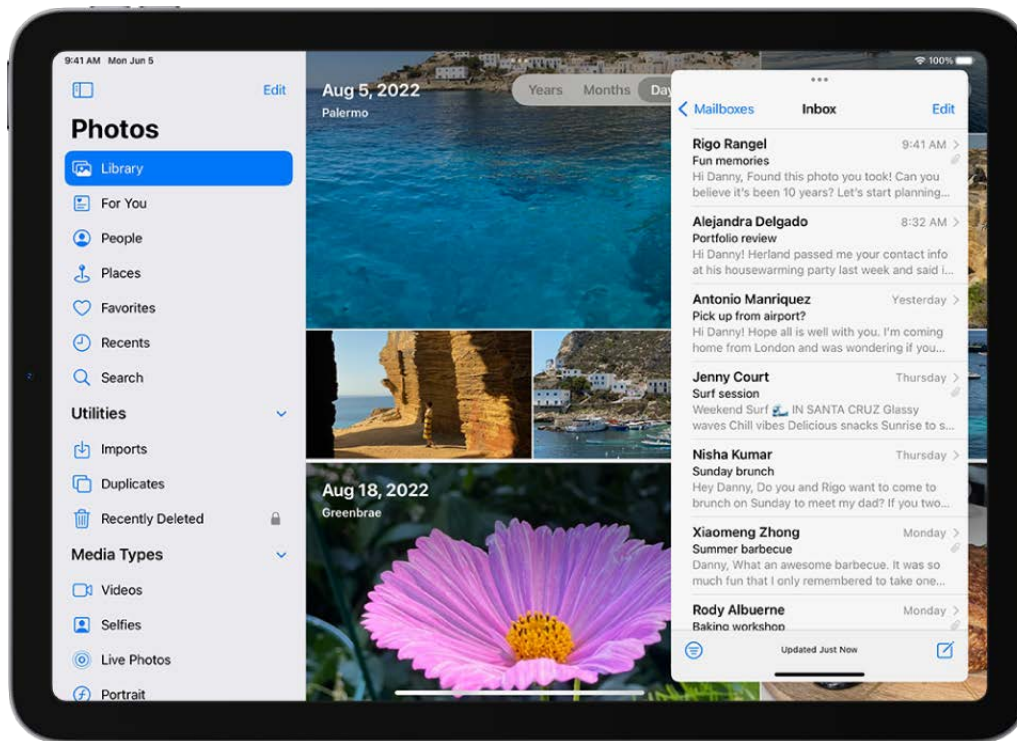
When you have two apps or windows open in Split View, you can remove one of them and show the other in full screen. Do one of the following:

- Drag the center divider to the left or right edge of the screen.
- Tap ⋮ at the top of the app you want to appear in full screen, then tap .
- Touch and hold ⋮ at the top of the app you want to appear in full screen. Keeping its top edge at the top of the screen, drag it to the center of the screen until its name and icon appears, then lift your finger.

Switch an app window to a Slide Over window on iPad

While you're using an app, you can switch it to a Slide Over window—a smaller window that slides in front of another app or window—and open another app behind it. For example, while you're using the Photos app, you can have Messages open in a Slide Over window and carry on a conversation while looking at photos.

iPad keeps track of the apps you open in Slide Over so that you can switch between them easily.



Open an app in Slide Over

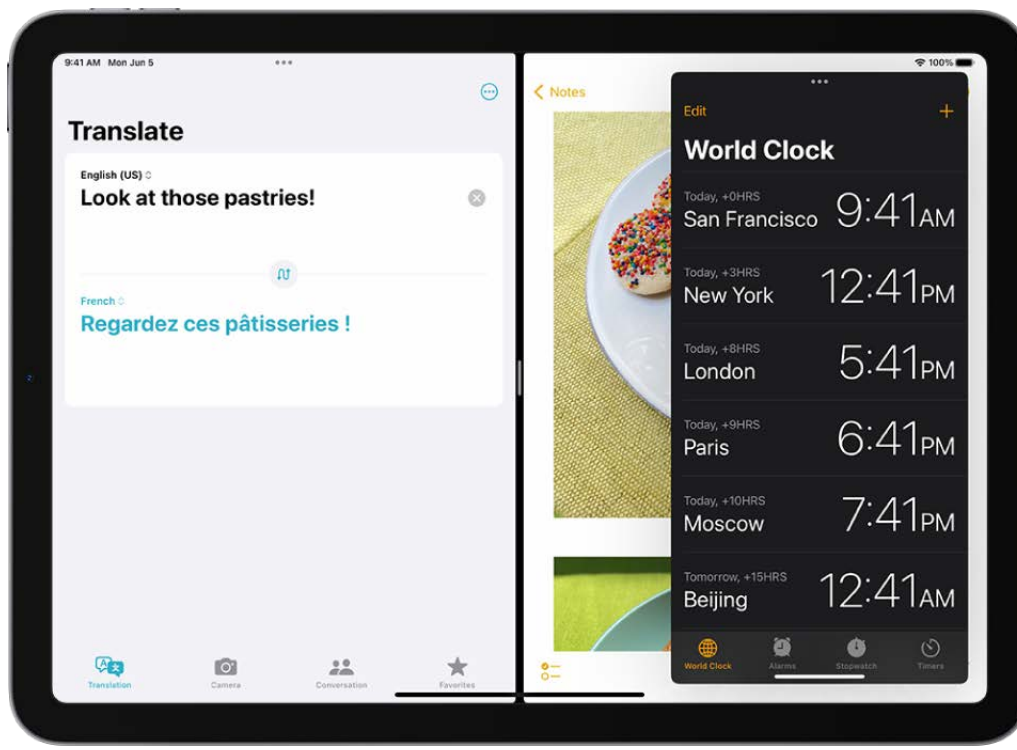
1. While using an app, tap **⋮** at the top of the screen, then tap .

The app you're using moves to the side to reveal your Home Screen and Dock.

2. Find and open the app you want to appear behind the Slide Over window.

The second app opens, and the first app appears in a Slide Over window in front of it.

To open a third app in Slide Over when the screen is in Split View (on supported models), swipe up from the bottom edge just far enough to reveal the Dock, then drag the third app from the Dock to the Split View divider. (See [Open two items in Split View on iPad.](#))



Switch between apps in Slide Over

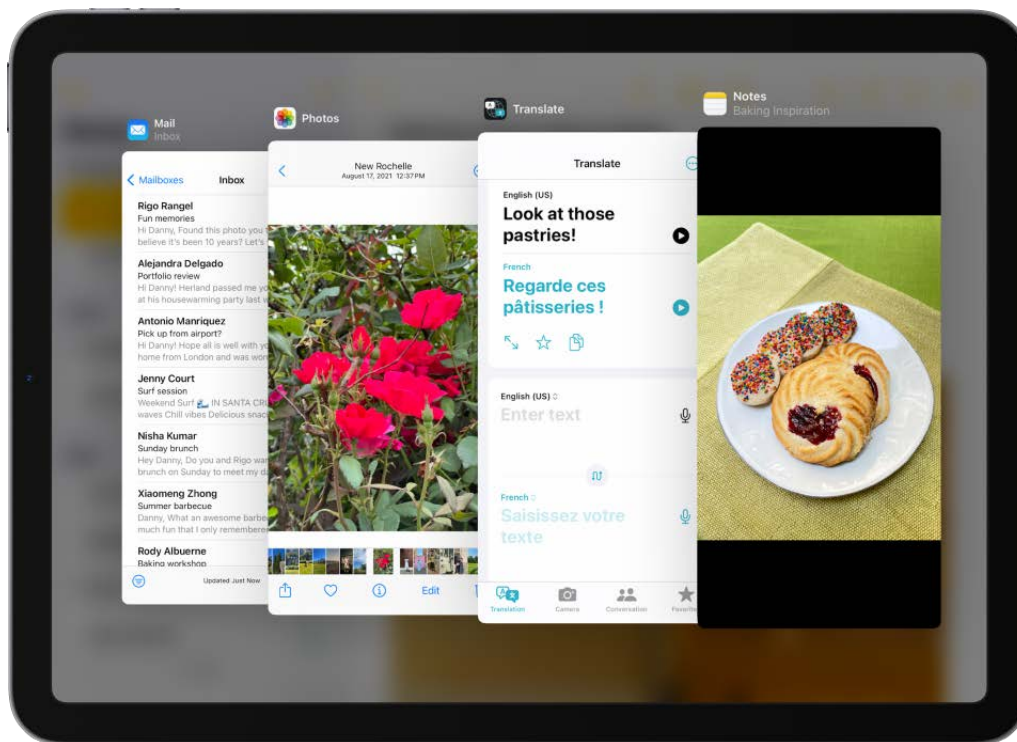
Swipe right along the bottom of the Slide Over window, or do the following:

1. Swipe halfway up the screen from the bottom of the Slide Over window, pause, then lift your finger.

All the Slide Over windows appear.

2. Tap the app you want to view, if it's visible.

If you don't see it, swipe left and right through the apps.



You can also use the App Switcher to switch between apps in Slide Over. See [Use the App Switcher](#).

Move the Slide Over window

Do one of the following:

- *Move the Slide Over window to the other side of the screen:* Drag from  at the top of the Slide Over window.
- *Temporarily hide the Slide Over window:* Swipe all the way up from the bottom of the Slide Over window, swipe , or drag either side of the window to the left edge of the screen. The Slide Over window disappears and a tab appears to indicate the Slide Over window is still available.
- *Move the Slide Over window back onto the screen:* Drag the tab indicating the Slide Over window from the left edge of the screen.

Turn Slide Over into Split View

Tap  at the top of the Slide Over window, tap , then tap  to have the current app appear on the left side of the screen, or  to place the current app on the right.

On supported models, you can use Slide Over and Split View simultaneously. See [Open two items in Split View](#).

Open an item in the center of the screen

In many iPad apps—including Mail, Messages, Notes, and Files—you can open an item in the center of the app window.

1. Do any of the following:

- Touch and hold a message in a mailbox in Mail.
- Touch and hold a conversation in Messages.
- Touch and hold a note in Notes.

2. Tap Open in New Window.

The item opens in the center of the screen, on top of what you're viewing, without otherwise changing your view.

 **Tip:** You can also pinch open any of the items listed in step 1 above to open them in a new window in the center of the screen.

You can change a center window to full screen by tapping , make it a Split View window by tapping , or change it to a Slide Over window by tapping .

View an app's open windows and workspaces

In many iPad apps—including Mail, Notes, Safari, and Files—you can have multiple windows open. You can view all the open windows for an app, including those in Split View and Slide Over.

View an app's open windows

1. Do any of the following:

- Swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen to reveal the Dock.
- Go to the Home Screen.

2. Touch and hold the app whose windows you want to view, then tap Show All Windows.

Note: If you touch and hold an app for too long, all of the apps begin to jiggle. Tap Done or press the Home button (on an iPad with a Home button), then try again.

The open windows in some apps appear as thumbnails near the bottom of the screen. When you tap a thumbnail, its contents appear in the current full-screen window. When viewing apps in Split View, tap  at the top of an open app to view all its open windows.

Create new windows in an app

When all of an app's open windows appear as thumbnails (near the bottom of the screen), you see . Tap it to create a new window in the app. In Split View, tap  to display the app's open windows as thumbnails, then tap .

Multitask with Picture in Picture on iPad

With Picture in Picture, you can watch a video or use FaceTime while you use other apps.

While watching a video, tap  or press the Home button (on an iPad with a Home button).

The video window scales down to a corner of your screen so you can see the Home Screen and open other apps. With the video window showing, you can do any of the following:

- *Resize the video window:* To make the small video window larger, pinch open. To shrink it again, pinch closed.
 - *Show and hide controls:* Tap the video window.
 - *Move the video window:* Drag it to a different corner of the screen.
 - *Hide the video window:* Drag it off the left or right edge of the screen.
 - *Close the video window:* Tap .
 - *Return to a full video screen:* Tap  in the small video window.
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Move, resize, and organize windows with Stage Manager on iPad

On supported models, you can use Stage Manager—a new way to multitask and get things done with ease. Resize windows to look the way you want, see multiple overlapping windows in a single view, tap to switch between apps, and more.

You can group apps for specific tasks or projects, and arrange, resize, and overlap them in your ideal layout.

If your iPad is connected to an external display, you can use Stage Manager to drag windows between iPad and your external display and arrange them to suit your needs.

Turn Stage Manager on or off

When you turn on Stage Manager, the app you're working in moves to the center of the screen, at a size that makes it easy to work with. All other open apps move left to form a list of recent apps along the side of the screen.



1. Go to Settings  > Multitasking & Gestures.
2. Tap the checkbox below Stage Manager, then turn on Recent Apps.

You can also open Stage Manager by opening Control Center, then tapping .

Multitask with multiple windows

In Stage Manager, you can group apps together for specific tasks or projects, and keep them together as a group. You can reposition, resize, and overlap windows to suit your workflow.

1. To open an app and group it with the one you're working in, do any of the following:
 - Tap  at the top of a window, then choose Add Another Window. The current windows move aside to show all the other recent app windows. To add one, tap it.
 - Touch and hold an app in the Recent apps list, then drag it to the current window in the center of the screen.
 - Touch and hold an app in the Dock, then drag it up toward the center of the screen.

(If the Dock isn't visible, swipe up from the bottom edge of the screen just far enough to reveal it.)

- Tap the App Library icon (the rightmost icon in the Dock), touch and hold an app icon in the App Library, then drag it from the App Library to the center of the screen.



2. While working with multiple apps, do any of the following:

- *Resize any window:* Drag from the corner marked with a dark curve, or, if you have a mouse or trackpad, drag from any corner or edge of the window.
- *Move a window to the Recent apps list:* Tap $\cdots$ at the top of the window, then choose Minimize.
- *Move a window:* Drag from the top of the window.
- *Enlarge a window:* Tap $\cdots$ at the top of the window, then choose Enter Full Screen.

 **Tip:** To get more screen space to work in (on supported models), go to Settings  > Display & Brightness, tap Display Zoom, then select More Space. This option increases the pixel density so you can view more content in your apps, which is useful when working in multiple windows in Stage Manager or [Split View](#).

Switch between apps

With Stage Manager, you can switch apps by tapping another app in the Recent apps list, or tapping an icon in the Dock.

When you switch to another app, the app or group you've been working in moves left to the Recent apps list and is replaced by the one you tapped.

You can also do any of the following to switch apps:

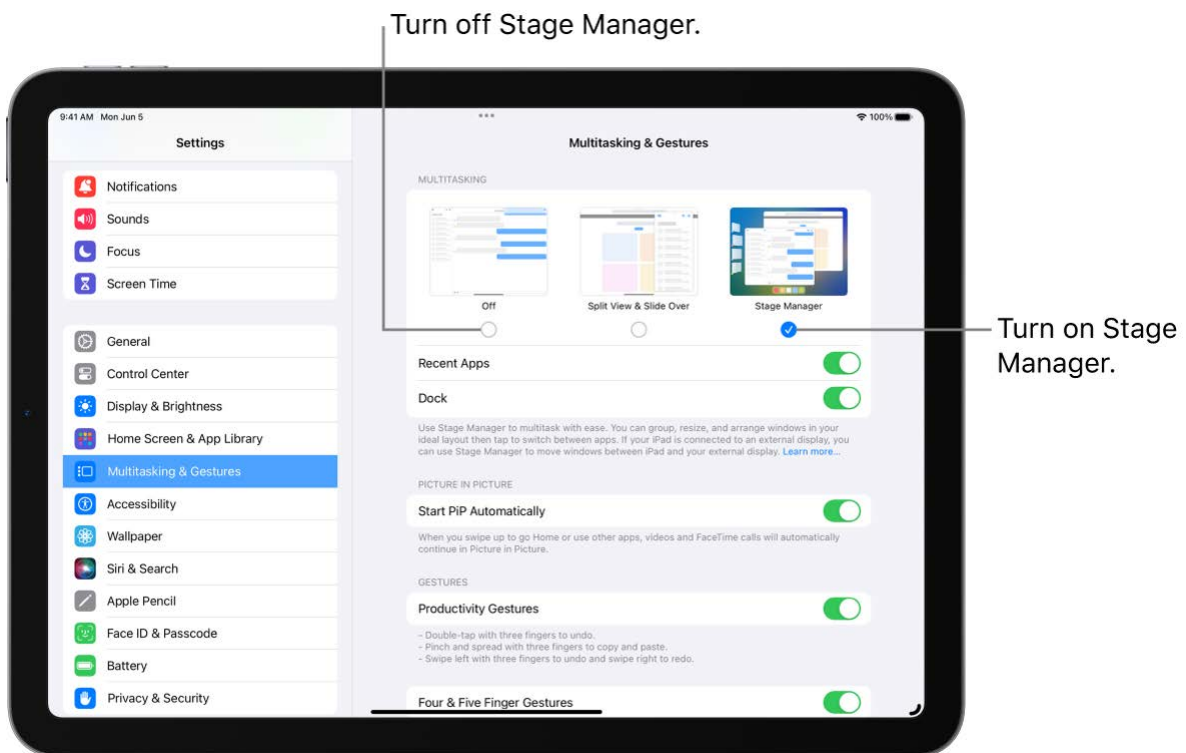
- Swipe up from the bottom of the screen, then pause in the center of the screen to see the recent apps and groups.
- Swipe left or right with one finger along the bottom edge of the screen. (On an iPad with a Home button, perform this gesture with a slight arc.)
- Swipe left or right with four or five fingers.

See [Switch between apps on iPad](#).

Hide or show the recent apps list

Do one of the following:

- Open Control Center, touch and hold , then tap the checkmark on the left side of the image.
- Go to Settings  > Multitasking & Gestures, tap the checkbox below Stage Manager to turn it on, then turn Recent Apps on or off.



 **Tip:** If the recent apps list auto-hides when you move a window too close to it, you can make it reappear by swiping from the left edge of the screen.

Close a window

Tap ⋮ at the top of the window, then choose Close.

If the window is part of a group of apps, it disappears from the group.

Move an app to an external display

If your iPad (supported models) is connected to an external display, you can work across both screens—just drag apps and windows between the screens and arrange them in a way that works best for you.

To move apps between displays, do any of the following:

- Drag from the top of the app window to move it from one display to another.
 - Drag the icon of the app you want to move.
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Access features from the iPad Lock Screen

The Lock Screen, which shows the current time and date and your most recent notifications, appears when you turn on or wake iPad. From the Lock Screen, you can see notifications, open Camera and Control Center, get information from your favorite apps at a glance, and more.

You can personalize your Lock Screen by choosing a wallpaper, showcasing a favorite photo, changing the font of the time, adding widgets, and more. See [Create a custom iPad Lock Screen](#).



Access features and information from the Lock Screen

You can quickly access the features and information you need most from the Lock Screen, even while iPad is locked.

- *Open Camera:* Swipe left. (See [Take photos with your iPad camera.](#))
- *Open Control Center:* Swipe down from the top-right corner. (See [Use and customize Control Center on iPad.](#))
- *See earlier notifications:* Swipe up from the center. (See [View and respond to notifications on iPad.](#))
- *View more widgets:* Swipe right. (See [Add, edit, and remove widgets on iPad.](#)) You can interact with widgets on the Lock Screen and the Home Screen to perform tasks—for example, tap an item in the Reminders widget to check it off, or tap the Play button in the Podcasts widget to play an episode.
- *Start drawing and taking notes:* (on [supported models](#)) Tap Apple Pencil on the Lock Screen. Whatever you create is [saved in Notes](#).
- *Control media playback:* Use the playback controls (Now Playing) on the Lock Screen to play, pause, rewind, or fast-forward media playing on your iPad. (See [View and control Live Activities on the Lock Screen.](#))

To choose what you can access from the Lock Screen, see [Control access to information on the iPad Lock Screen](#).

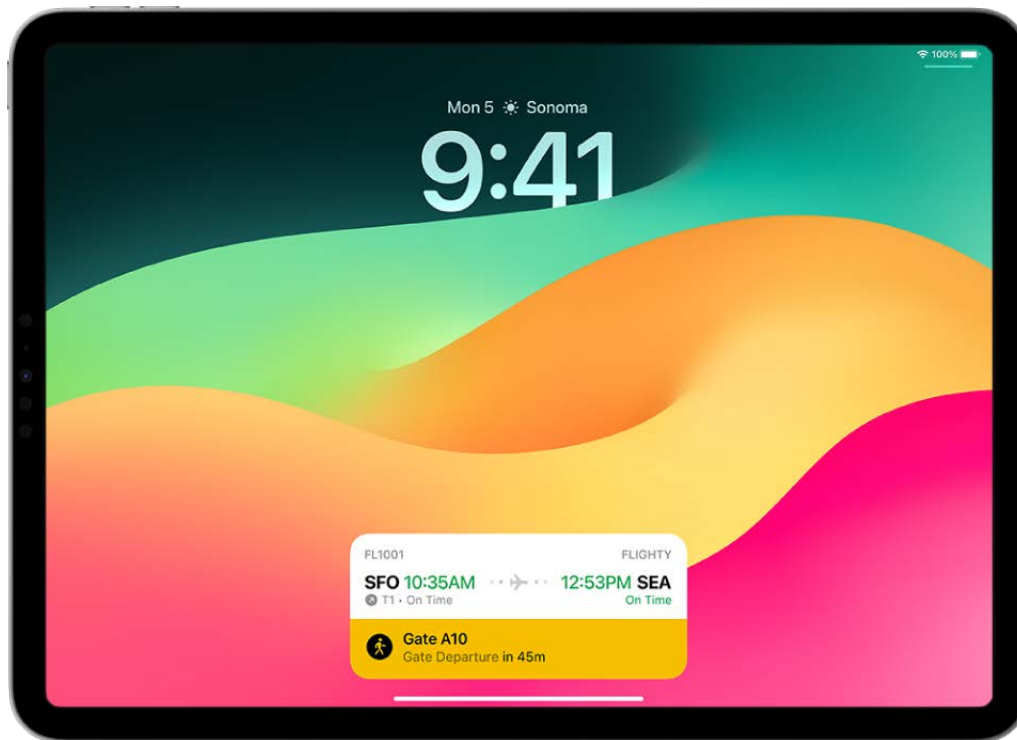
Show notification previews on the Lock Screen

1. Go to Settings  > Notifications.
2. Tap Show Previews, then tap Always.

Notification previews include text from Messages, lines from Mail messages, and details about Calendar invitations. See [View and respond to notifications on iPad](#).

View and control Live Activities on the Lock Screen

You can view Live Activities on your Lock Screen—including live sports updates, order updates, timers, flight tracking, and media playing—so you can follow along right on your Lock Screen.



When you play music, a movie, or other media on your iPad, you can use the playback controls in Now Playing on your Lock Screen to play, pause, rewind, and fast-forward.

You can also control media playback on a remote device (such as your Apple TV or HomePod) from your iPad Lock Screen.

Perform quick actions on iPad

On the Home Screen, in Control Center, and in apps, you can see previews, open quick actions menus, and more.

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- In Photos, touch and hold an image to preview it and see a list of options.
 - In Mail, touch and hold a message in a mailbox to preview the message contents and see a list of options.
 - On the Home Screen, touch and hold an app icon briefly to open a quick actions menu. If the icons start to jiggle, tap Done at the top right or press the Home button (on an iPad with a Home button), then try again.
 - Open Control Center, then touch and hold an item like Camera or the brightness control to see options.
 - On the Lock Screen, touch and hold a notification briefly to respond to it.
 - When typing, touch and hold the Space bar with one finger to [turn your onscreen keyboard into a trackpad](#).
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Search with Spotlight on iPad

On iPad, you can search for apps and contacts, content in apps like Mail and Messages, and even text in your photos using Live Text. You can check stock and currency information, and find and open webpages, apps, and images in your photo library, across your system, and on the web.

When you search for an app, app shortcuts for your most likely next action appear within the Top Hit. (For example, a shortcut to the Favorites album appears when you search for Photos.)

You can search from anywhere on iPad—even the Lock Screen—and choose which apps you want to include in search results. Search offers suggestions based on your app usage, and updates results as you type.

Choose which apps to include in Search

1. Go to Settings  > Siri & Search.
 2. Scroll down, tap an app, then turn Show App in Search on or off.
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Search with iPad

1. Swipe down from the middle of the Home Screen or the Lock Screen.
 2. Enter what you're looking for in the search field.
 3. Do any of the following:
 - *Initiate your search:* Tap Search or Go.
 - *Open a suggested app:* Tap the app.
 - *Take quick action:* Start a timer, turn on a Focus, find the name of a song with Shazam, run any shortcut, and more. Search for an app's name to see shortcuts available for the app, or create your own using the Shortcuts app.
 - *Check a suggested website:* Tap it.
 - *Get more information about a search suggestion:* Tap it, then tap one of the results to open it.
 - *Start a new search:* Tap  in the search field.
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Turn off Location-Based Suggestions

1. Go to Settings  > Privacy & Security > Location Services.
 2. Tap System Services, then turn off Suggestions & Search.
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Search in apps

Many apps include a search field or a search button so you can find something within the app. For example, in the Maps app, you can search for a specific location.

1. In an app, tap the search field or button  (if there is one).

If you don't see a search field or button, swipe down from the top.

2. Type your search, then tap Search.
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Add a dictionary

On iPad, you can add dictionaries, which can be used in searches.

1. Go to Settings  > General > Dictionary.
 2. Select a dictionary.
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Get information about your iPad

View overall storage availability and storage used per app

Go to Settings  > General > iPad Storage.

See the Apple Support articles [How to check the storage on your iPhone and iPad](#) and [Manage your iCloud storage](#).

See battery usage

Go to Settings  > Battery to see the elapsed time since iPad was charged as well as battery usage by app. You can also display battery level as a percentage and turn Low Power Mode on or off. See [Charge the iPad battery](#).

View cellular usage

Go to Settings  > Cellular Data. See [View or change cellular data settings on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).

See more information about iPad

Go to Settings  > General > About. The items you can view include:

- Name
- iPadOS software version
- Model name
- Part and model numbers. To the right of Model, the part number appears. To see the model number, tap the part number.
- Serial number
- Network (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)
- Number of songs, videos, photos, and apps
- Capacity and available storage space
- Carrier (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)
- Cellular Data Number (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)
- Wi-Fi and Bluetooth® addresses

- IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)
- ICCID (Integrated Circuit Card Identifier, or Smart Card) for GSM networks (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)
- MEID (Mobile Equipment Identifier) for CDMA networks (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)
- Modem firmware

To copy the serial number and other identifiers, touch and hold the identifier until Copy appears.

To see Legal & Regulatory information (including legal notices, and license, warranty, and RF exposure information) and regulatory marks, go to Settings > General > Legal & Regulatory.

View or turn off diagnostic information

Go to Settings  > Privacy & Security > Analytics & Improvements.

To help Apple improve products and services, iPad sends diagnostic and usage data. This data doesn't personally identify you, but may include location information.

View or change cellular data settings on iPad (Wi-Fi + Cellular models)

You can activate cellular data service on iPad, turn cellular service on or off, and set which apps and services use cellular data. With some carriers, you can also change your data plan.

Supported models can connect to 5G networks. See the Apple Support article [Use 5G with your iPad](#).

Note: For help with cellular network services and billing, contact your wireless service provider.

If iPad is connected to the internet using the cellular data network, an icon identifying the cellular network appears in the [status bar](#).

If Cellular Data is off, all data services—including email, web browsing, and push notifications—use Wi-Fi only. If Cellular Data is on, carrier charges may be incurred. For example, using certain features and services that transfer data, such as Messages, could result in charges to your data plan.

Note: Wi-Fi + Cellular models don't support cellular phone service—they support cellular data transmission only. To make phone calls on iPad, [use Wi-Fi Calling and an iPhone](#).

Add a cellular plan to your iPad

If you previously set up a cellular plan, go to Settings  > Cellular, tap Add a New Plan, then follow the onscreen instructions.

If you haven't set up a plan, see [Set up cellular service on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).

View or change your cellular data account

Go to Settings  > Cellular Data, then tap Manage [account name] or Carrier Services.

Choose cellular data options for data usage, performance, battery life, and more

To turn Cellular Data on or off, go to Settings  > Cellular.

To set options when Cellular Data is on, go to Settings > Cellular > Cellular Data Options, then do any of the following:

- *Reduce cellular usage:* Turn on Low Data Mode, or tap Data Mode, then choose Low Data Mode (depending on your iPad model). This mode pauses automatic updates and background tasks when iPad isn't connected to Wi-Fi.
- *Turn Data Roaming on or off:* Data Roaming permits internet access over a cellular data network when you're in a region not covered by your carrier's network. When you're traveling, you can turn off Data Roaming to avoid roaming charges.

Depending on your iPad model, carrier, and region, the following option may be available:

- *Turn LTE on or off:* Turning on LTE loads data faster.

On models that support 5G, you can do the following:

- *Enable Smart Data mode to optimize battery life:* Tap Voice & Data, then choose 5G Auto. In this mode, your iPad automatically switches to LTE when 5G speeds don't provide noticeably better performance.
 - *Use higher-quality video and FaceTime HD on 5G networks:* Tap Data Mode, then choose Allow More Data on 5G.
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Set up a Personal Hotspot to begin sharing the cellular internet connection from iPad

1. Go to Settings  > Cellular, then turn on Cellular Data.
2. Tap Set up Personal Hotspot, then follow the instructions in [Share your internet connection from iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular\)](#).

Set cellular data use for apps and services

Go to Settings  > Cellular Data, then turn Cellular Data on or off for any app (such as Maps) or service (such as Wi-Fi Assist) that can use cellular data.

If a setting is off, iPad uses only Wi-Fi for that service.

Note: Wi-Fi Assist is on by default. If Wi-Fi connectivity is poor, Wi-Fi Assist automatically switches to cellular data to boost the signal. Because you stay connected to the internet over cellular when you have a poor Wi-Fi connection, you might use more cellular data, which may incur additional charges depending on your data plan. See the Apple Support article [About Wi-Fi Assist](#).

Lock your SIM card

If your device uses a SIM card for cellular data, you can lock the card with a personal identification number (PIN) to prevent others from using the card. Then, every time you restart your device or remove the SIM card, your card locks automatically, and you're required to enter your PIN. See [Use a SIM PIN for your iPhone or iPad](#).

Choose iPad settings for travel

When you travel with iPad, choose settings that comply with airline requirements. Some airlines let you keep your iPad turned on if you switch to airplane mode. By default, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth® are disabled in airplane mode—you can't make or receive FaceTime calls or use features or accessories that require wireless communication, but you can listen to music, play games, watch videos, and use other apps that don't require internet access.

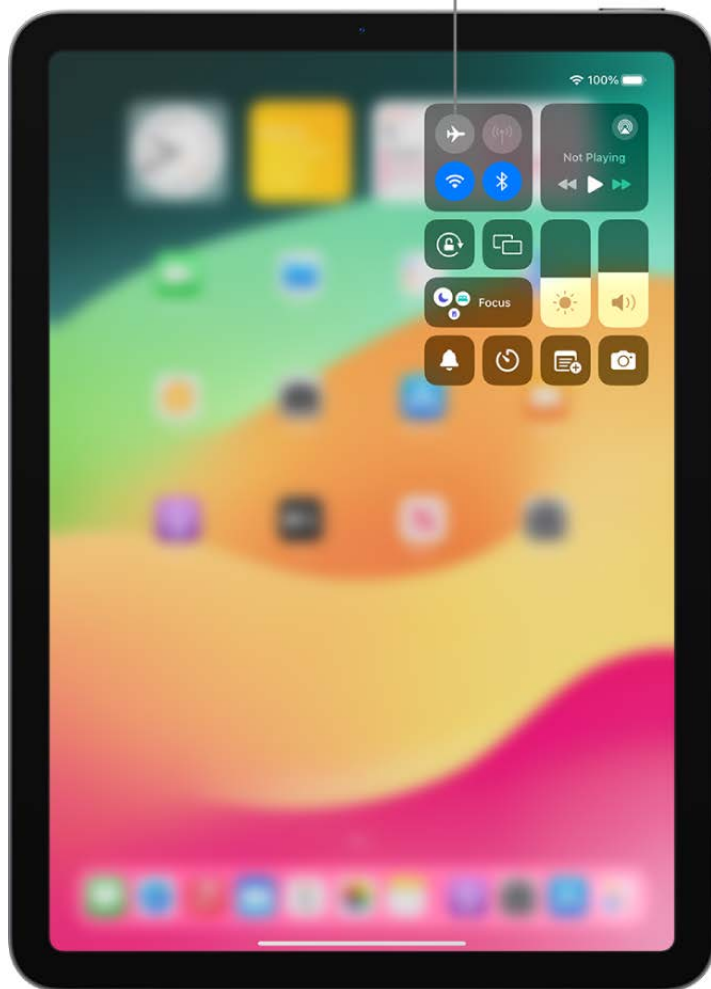
To choose settings that minimize cellular charges when you travel (Wi-Fi + Cellular models), see [View or change cellular data settings on iPad \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).

When you travel abroad, you may be able to sign up for cellular service with a carrier in the region you're visiting, right from your iPad (available on Wi-Fi + Cellular models with Touch ID or Face ID). See [Connect iPad to a cellular network \(Wi-Fi + Cellular models\)](#).

Turn on airplane mode

Open Control Center, then tap ✈️.

Turn on airplane mode.

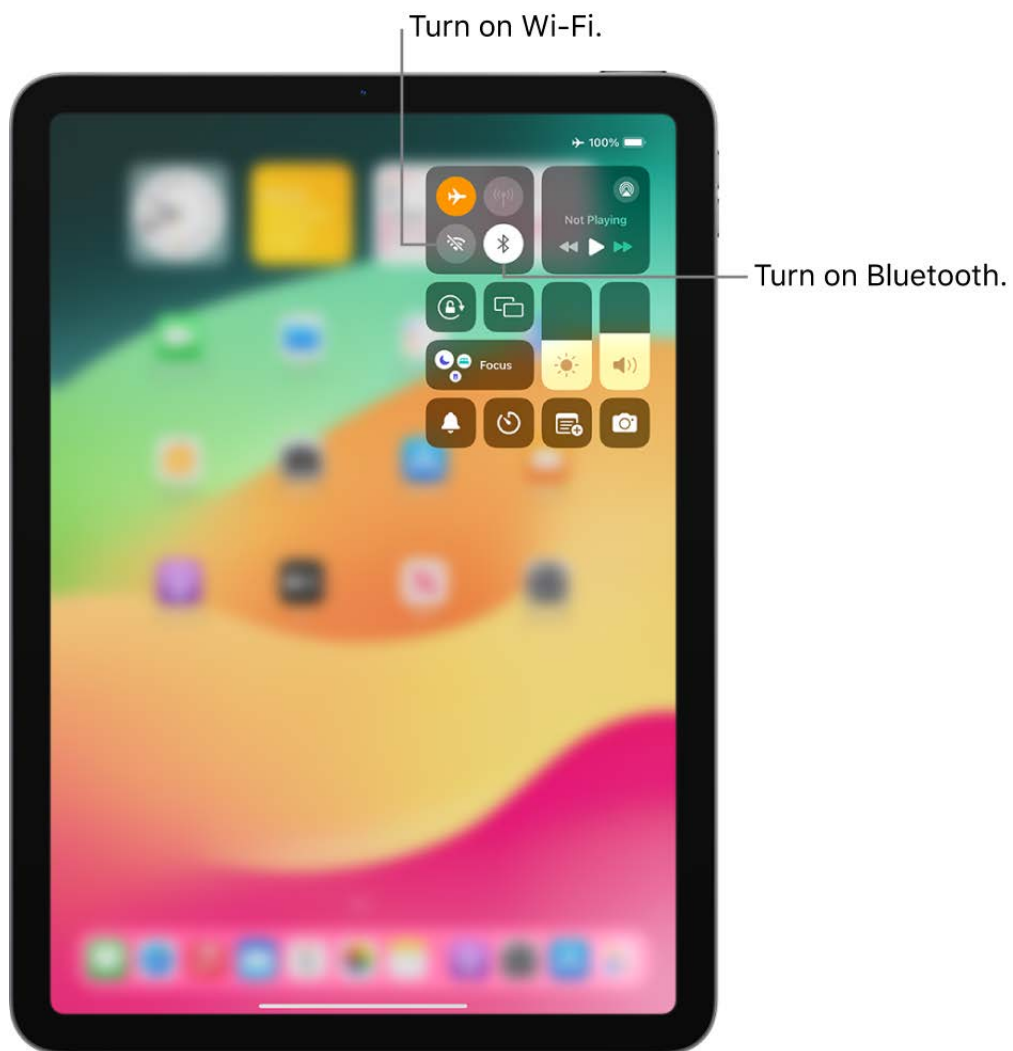


You can also turn airplane mode on or off in Settings . When airplane mode is on, the Airplane Mode icon ✈️ appears in the status bar at the top of the screen.

Turn on Wi-Fi or Bluetooth while in airplane mode

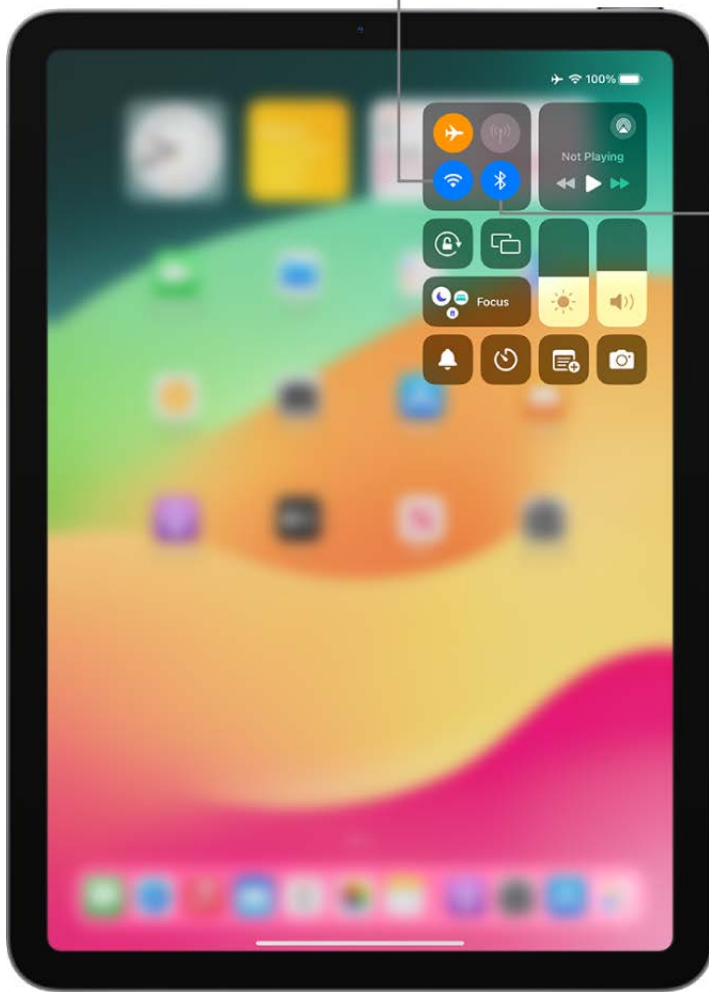
If your airline allows it, you can use Wi-Fi or Bluetooth while in airplane mode.

1. Open Control Center, then turn on airplane mode.
2. Tap  to turn on Wi-Fi or  to turn on Bluetooth.



If you turn on Wi-Fi or Bluetooth while in airplane mode, it may be on the next time you return to airplane mode. To turn off Wi-Fi or Bluetooth while in airplane mode, open Control Center, then tap  or .

Turn off Wi-Fi in
airplane mode.



Turn off Bluetooth
in airplane mode.

Personalize your iPad

Change or turn off iPad sounds

In Settings , change or turn off the sounds iPad plays when you get a call, text message, email, reminder, or other type of notification.

To temporarily silence incoming calls, alerts, and sound effects, [turn on Do Not Disturb](#).

Set sound options

Set options for alert tones and ringtones, and ringer and alert volumes.

1. Go to Settings  > Sounds.
2. Drag the slider to set the volume for the ringer and alerts.
3. Tap Ringtone and other options to select sounds for the ringtone and alert tones.

You can also change the sounds iPad plays for certain people. Go to Contacts , tap a person's name, tap Edit, then choose a ringtone and text tone.

Silence iPad

To temporarily silence incoming calls, alerts, and sound effects, open Control Center, tap Focus, then tap Do Not Disturb.

 **Tip:** If you're not receiving incoming calls and notifications when you expect them, open Control Center, then check whether Do Not Disturb is on. If the Do Not Disturb button  is highlighted, tap it to turn off Do Not Disturb. (When Do Not Disturb is on, its icon also appears in the status bar.)

Create a custom iPad Lock Screen

You can personalize your Lock Screen by choosing a wallpaper, showcasing a favorite photo, changing the font of the time, adding widgets, and more.

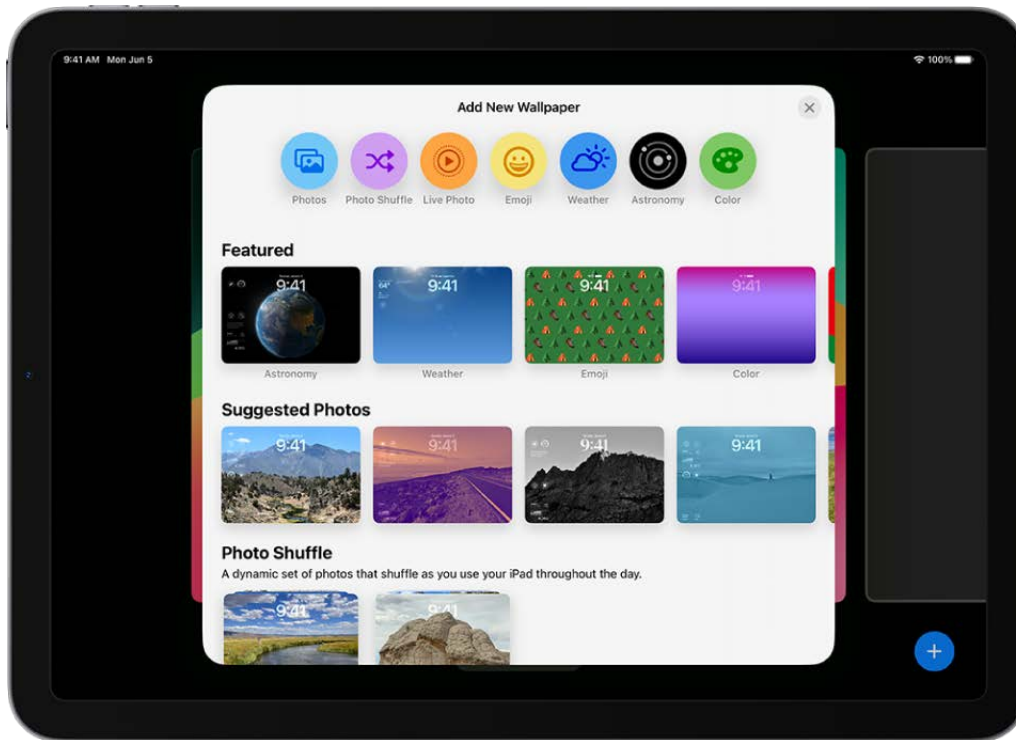
You can create more than one Lock Screen, [switch between Lock Screens](#), and even link a Lock Screen to a Focus. So, for example, you could set a specific Lock Screen for when you're working.

Personalize a new Lock Screen

1. Touch and hold the Lock Screen until Customize and  appear at the bottom of the screen.

If they don't appear, touch and hold the Lock Screen again, then enter your passcode.

2. Tap  to create a new Lock Screen, or to make changes to a Lock Screen, swipe to the screen you want to change, tap Customize, then tap Lock Screen.



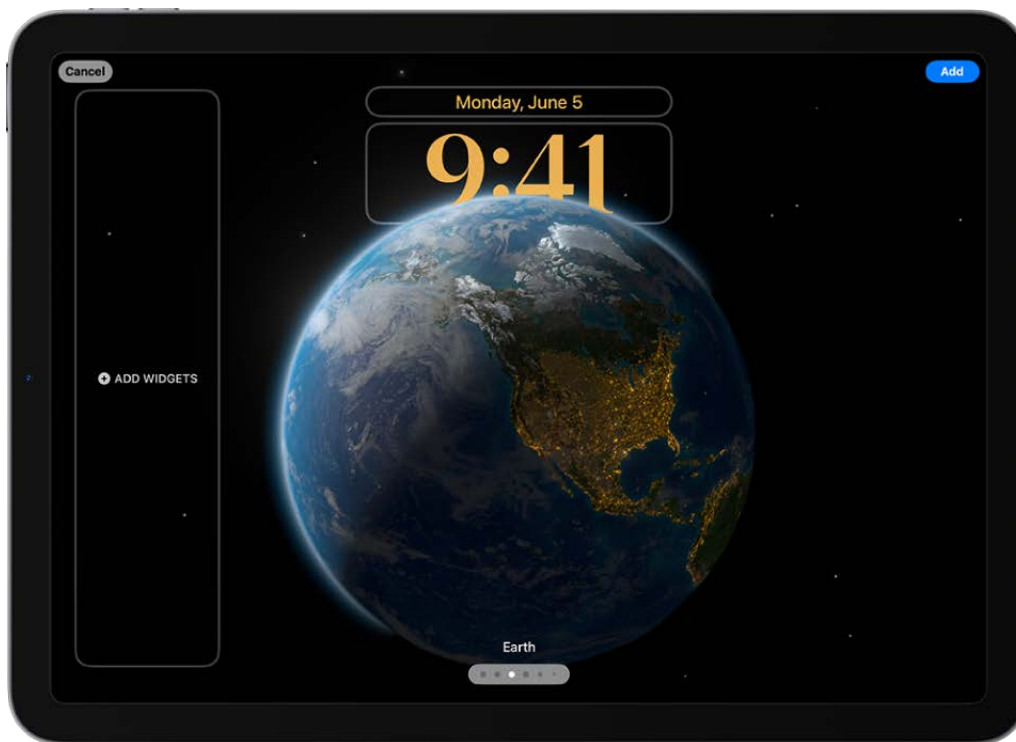
3. If you're creating a new Lock Screen, tap one of the wallpaper options to select it as your Lock Screen.

If you choose Photos or Photo Shuffle, see [Customize your Lock Screen photo](#).

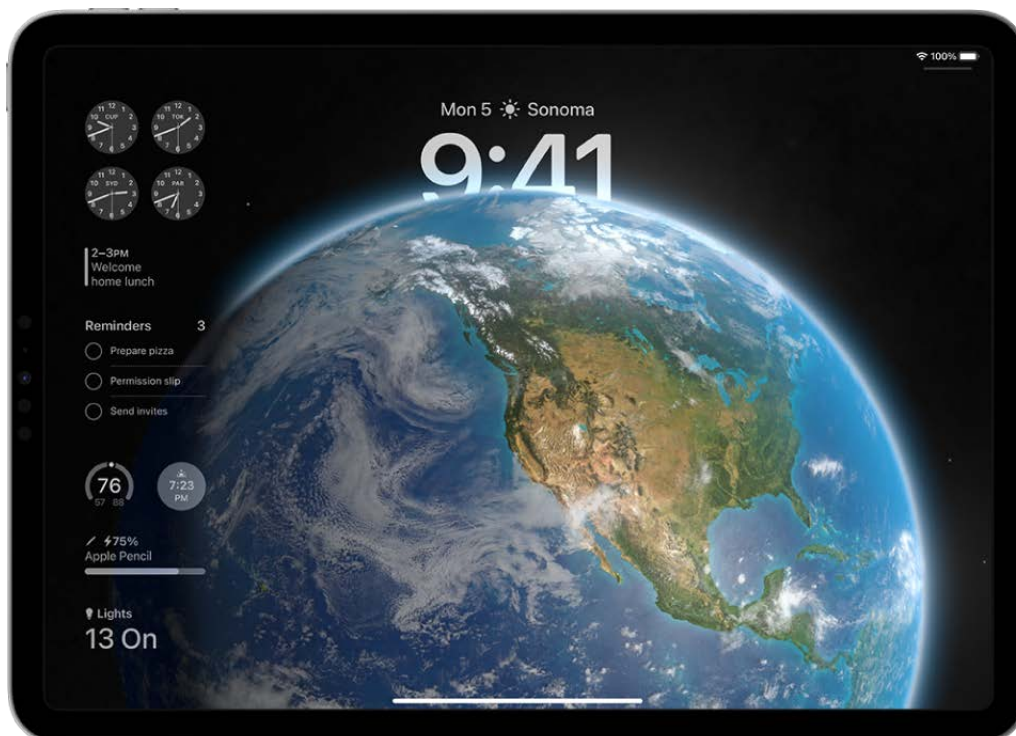
4. Tap the time to change the font, color, and style.

Drag the slider to make the font heavier or lighter (available for solid fonts). To change the time, see [Change the date and time on iPad](#).

5. To add widgets that include information such as today's headlines, the weather, and calendar events, tap Add Widgets or the date. In landscape orientation, tap Add Widgets on the left side to add widgets on the left side of the screen. In portrait orientation, tap Add Widgets below the time. You can also add widgets above the time. (See [Add, edit, and remove widgets on iPad](#).)



6. Tap Add or Done, then tap Set as Wallpaper Pair or Customize Home Screen.
 - *Choose whether to use the wallpaper on both the Lock Screen and the Home Screen:* Tap Set as Wallpaper Pair.
 - *Make further changes to the Home Screen:* Tap Customize Home Screen. Tap a color to change the wallpaper color, tap  to use a custom photo, or select Blur to blur the wallpaper so the apps stand out.



Customize your Lock Screen photo

If you choose a photo for your Lock Screen, you can reposition the photo, change the photo style, and more.

Do any of the following:

- *Reposition your photo:* To reposition your selected image, pinch open to zoom in on it, drag the image with two fingers to move it, then pinch closed to zoom out.
- *Change the photo style:* Swipe left or right to try different photo styles with complementary color filters and fonts.
- *Create a multilayered effect:* If you have a photo that supports layering—like an image with people, pets, or the sky—tap  at the bottom right, then choose Depth Effect.

Note: The multilayered effect is available on supported models. Layering may not be available if the subject is too high or too low, or if it obscures too much of the clock.

- *Create a motion effect with a Live Photo:* If you select a Live Photo that can be translated into slow motion, tap  at the bottom left to play the Live Photo when the device wakes up.
- *Set the shuffle frequency:* If you choose Photo Shuffle, you can preview the photos by tapping , and you can set the shuffle frequency by tapping  and then selecting an option below Shuffle Frequency.

 **Tip:** Alternatively, you can add a photo directly from your photo library to your Home Screen and Lock Screen. In the Photos app , tap Library, select a photo, then tap . Scroll down and select Use as Wallpaper, tap Add, then choose whether to show it on both your Home Screen and Lock Screen.

Link a Focus to your Lock Screen

Focus helps you concentrate on a task by minimizing distractions. You can set up a Focus to temporarily silence all notifications, or to allow only specific notifications (ones that apply to your task, for example). By linking a Focus to your Lock Screen, your Focus settings apply whenever you use that particular Lock Screen.

1. Touch and hold the Lock Screen until the Customize button appears at the bottom of the screen.
2. Tap Focus near the bottom of the wallpaper to see the Focus options—for example, Do Not Disturb, Personal, Sleep, and Work.

Note: If you don't see Focus near the bottom of the wallpaper, go to Settings  and [set up a Focus](#).

3. Select a Focus, then tap .

See [Set up a Focus](#).

Edit or change your Lock Screen

After you create a custom Lock Screen, you can make changes to it.

1. Touch and hold the Lock Screen until Customize and  appear at the bottom of the screen.

If they don't appear, touch and hold the Lock Screen again, then enter your passcode.

2. Swipe to the screen you want to change, tap Customize, then tap Lock Screen.
 3. Tap the time to change the font, color, and style.
 4. To add widgets that include information such as today's headlines, the weather, and calendar events, tap Add Widgets or the date. (See [Add, edit, and remove widgets on iPad](#).)
 5. Tap Add or Done, then tap Set as Wallpaper Pair or Customize Home Screen.
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Switch between Lock Screens

You can create multiple custom Lock Screens and switch between them throughout the day.

1. Touch and hold the Lock Screen until the Customize button appears at the bottom of the screen.
2. Swipe to the Lock Screen you want to use, then tap it.

Note: If a Lock Screen links to a specific Focus, switching from that Lock Screen to another also switches your Focus. See [Link a Focus to your Lock Screen](#).

Delete a Lock Screen

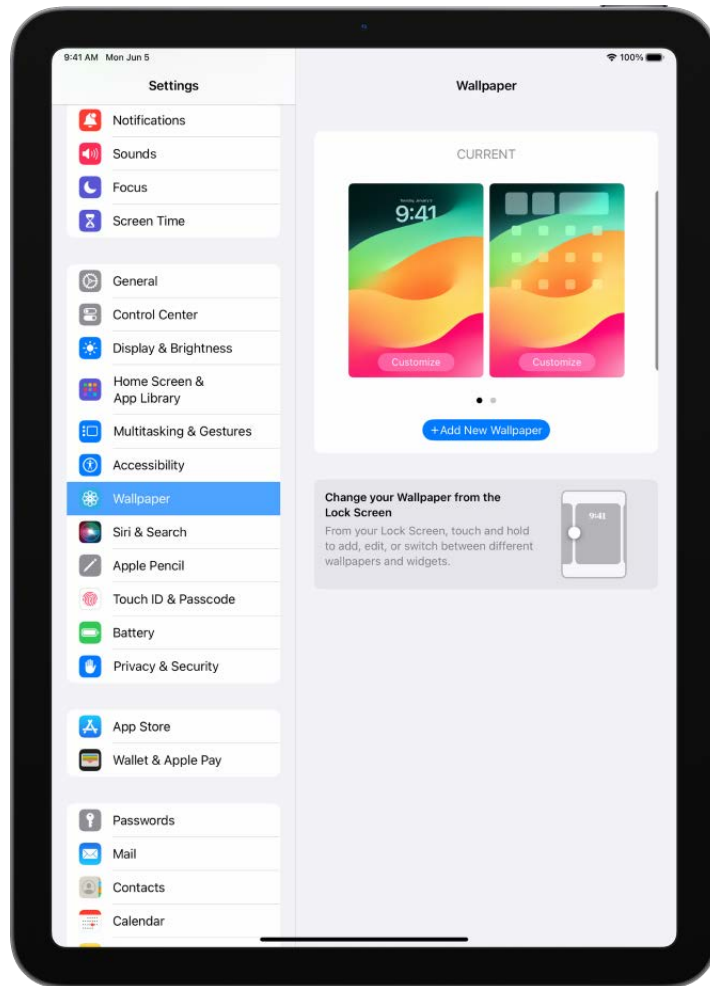
You can delete Lock Screens you no longer need.

1. Touch and hold the Lock Screen until the Customize button appears at the bottom of the screen.
 2. Swipe to go to the Lock Screen you want to delete, swipe up on the screen, tap , then tap Delete This Wallpaper.
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 **Tip:** You can switch your Lock Screen automatically by linking a Lock Screen to a Focus, then switching to that particular Focus, which can be automated as well. (See [Link a Focus to your Lock Screen](#).)

Change the wallpaper on iPad

On iPad, choose an image or photo as wallpaper for the Lock Screen or Home Screen. You can choose from dynamic and still images.



Change the wallpaper

1. Go to Settings  > Wallpaper > Add New Wallpaper.

The wallpaper gallery appears.

2. Do any of the following:
 - Tap a button at the top of the wallpaper gallery—for example, Photos, Photo Shuffle, Live Photo, and so on—to design your wallpaper with a photo, an emoji pattern, a picture of your local weather, and more.
 - Choose wallpaper from one of the featured sets (Collections, Astronomy, Weather, and so on).
3. If you're adding a Photo or Photo Shuffle to your wallpaper, see [Customize your Lock Screen photo](#) to customize your photo.
4. Tap Add, then choose one of the following:
 - Set as Wallpaper Pair
 - Customize Home Screen

 **Tip:** You can set your wallpaper to change automatically by creating a [personal automation](#) in the Shortcuts app. Set a schedule for your automation, then add the Set Wallpaper action to your automation. (See the [Shortcuts User Guide](#)).

Adjust the screen brightness and color on iPad

On iPad, you can make your screen dimmer or brighter (dimming the screen extends battery life). You can also adjust the screen color and brightness manually or automatically with Dark Mode, True Tone, and Night Shift.

Adjust the screen brightness manually

To make your iPad screen dimmer or brighter, do one of the following:

- Open Control Center, then drag the brightness bar  up or down.
- Go to Settings  > Display & Brightness, then drag the slider.

Adjust the screen brightness automatically

iPad adjusts the screen brightness for current light conditions using the built-in ambient light sensor.

1. Go to Settings  > Accessibility.
2. Tap Display & Text Size, then turn on Auto-Brightness.

Turn Dark Mode on or off

Dark Mode gives the entire iPad experience a dark color scheme that's perfect for low-light environments. With Dark Mode on, you can use your iPad while, for example, reading in bed, without disturbing the person next to you.

Do any of the following:

- Open Control Center, touch and hold , then tap  to turn Dark Mode on or off.
- Go to Settings  > Display & Brightness, then select Dark to turn on Dark Mode or select Light to turn it off.



Schedule Dark Mode to turn on and off automatically

You can set Dark Mode to turn on automatically at night (or on a custom schedule) in Settings.

1. Go to Settings  > Display & Brightness.
2. Turn on Automatic, then tap Options.
3. Select either Sunset to Sunrise or Custom Schedule.

If you choose Custom Schedule, tap the options to schedule the times you want Dark Mode to turn on and off.

If you select Sunset to Sunrise, iPad uses the data from your clock and geolocation to determine when it's nighttime for you.

Turn Night Shift on or off

You can turn on Night Shift manually, which is helpful when you're in a darkened room during the day.

Open Control Center, touch and hold , then tap .

Schedule Night Shift to turn on and off automatically

Schedule Night Shift to shift the colors in your display to the warmer end of the spectrum at night and make viewing the screen easier on your eyes.

1. Go to Settings  > Display & Brightness > Night Shift.
2. Turn on Scheduled.
3. To adjust the color balance for Night Shift, drag the slider below Color Temperature toward the warmer or cooler end of the spectrum.
4. Tap From, then select either Sunset to Sunrise or Custom Schedule.

If you choose Custom Schedule, tap the options to schedule the times you want Night Shift to turn on and off.

If you select Sunset to Sunrise, iPad uses the data from your clock and geolocation to determine when it's nighttime for you.

Note: The Sunset to Sunrise option isn't available if you turned off Location Services in Settings  > Privacy & Security, or if you turned off Setting Time Zone in Settings > Privacy & Security > Location Services > System Services.

Turn True Tone on or off

On supported models, True Tone automatically adapts the color and intensity of the display to match the light in your environment.

Do any of the following:

- Open Control Center, touch and hold , then tap  to turn True Tone on or off.
 - Go to Settings  > Display & Brightness, then turn True Tone on or off.
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Customize the text size and zoom setting on iPad

You can increase the size of the text on your iPad display, make the text bold, and magnify the screen with Display Zoom.

Increase the text size on iPad

1. Go to Settings  > Display & Brightness.
 2. Tap Text Size.
 3. Drag the slider left or right to change the text size.
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Make the text bold on iPad

1. Go to Settings  > Display & Brightness.
 2. Turn on Bold Text.
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Magnify the entire iPad screen

On supported models, you can magnify the iPad screen with Display Zoom.

1. Go to Settings  > Display & Brightness.
 2. Tap Display Zoom, then tap More Space.
 3. Tap Done, then tap Use More Space.
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Change the name of your iPad

You can change the name of your iPad, which is used by iCloud, AirDrop, your Personal Hotspot, and your computer.

1. Go to Settings  > General > About > Name.
 2. Tap , enter a new name, then tap Done.
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Change the date and time on iPad

The date and time visible on the Lock Screen are set automatically based on your location. If you want to change them—for example, when you're traveling—you can adjust them.

1. Go to Settings  > General > Date & Time.
 2. Turn on either of the following:
 - *Set Automatically*: iPad gets the correct time over the network and updates it for the time zone you're in. Some networks don't support network time, so in some countries or regions, iPad may not be able to automatically determine the local time.
 - *24-Hour Time*: (not available in all countries or regions) iPad displays the hours from 0 to 23.
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To change the default date and time, turn off Set Automatically, then change the date and time displayed.

 **Tip:** To change the font color and style of the clock on the Lock Screen, see [Create a custom iPad Lock Screen](#).

Change the language and region on iPad

You choose the language and region of your iPad during setup. If you travel or move, you can change the language or region.

1. Go to Settings  > General > Language & Region.
2. Set the following:
 - The language for iPad.
 - Your preferred form of address. (Choose feminine, masculine, or neutral. Turn on Share with All Apps so all apps personalize how they address you. Available for some primary languages, for example, Spanish.)
 - The region.
 - The calendar format.

- The temperature unit (Celsius or Fahrenheit).
 - The measurement system (metric, US, or UK).
 - The first day of the week.
 - Live Text (text you can select in images to copy or take action on).
3. To add a keyboard for another language, go to Settings > General > Keyboard > Keyboards, then tap Add New Keyboard.
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Customize the Home Screen

Organize your apps in folders on iPad

You can organize your apps into folders to make them easier to find on your Home Screen pages.

Create folders

1. Touch and hold any app on the Home Screen, then tap Edit Home Screen.

The apps begin to jiggle.

2. To create a folder, drag an app onto another app.
3. Drag other apps into the folder.

You can have multiple pages of apps in the folder.

4. To rename the folder, touch and hold it, tap Rename, then enter a new name.

If the apps begin to jiggle, tap the Home Screen background and try again.

5. When you're finished, tap Done.

To delete a folder, tap the folder to open it, then drag all the apps out of it. The folder is automatically deleted.

Note: Organizing your apps on the Home Screen doesn't affect the organization of apps in the [App Library](#).

Move an app from a folder to the Home Screen

You can move an app from a folder to a Home Screen page to make it easier to find and open.

1. Go to the Home Screen page with the folder that contains the app, then tap the folder to open it.
 2. Touch and hold the app until the apps begin to jiggle.
 3. Drag the app from the folder to the Home Screen.
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Reset the Home Screen and apps to their original layout

1. Go to Settings  > General > Reset.
2. Tap Reset Home Screen Layout.

Any folders you've created are removed, and apps you've downloaded are alphabetically ordered after apps that came with your iPad.

Add, edit, and remove widgets on iPad

What are widgets?

Widgets are a way to view current information at a glance—today's headlines, weather, reminders, battery levels, and more. You can view widgets in Today View and add them to your Home Screen or Lock Screen to keep this information at your fingertips.

You can interact with widgets on the Home Screen and Lock Screen without opening the app—you can take action on the widgets for Music, Podcasts, Safari, Home, Contacts, and more. For example, tap  on the Music or Podcasts widget to play a selection.

Add a widget to your Home Screen

1. Go to the Home Screen page where you want to add the widget, then touch and hold the Home Screen background until the apps begin to jiggle.
2. Tap **+** at the top of the screen to open the widget gallery.
3. Scroll or search to find the widget you want, tap it, then swipe left and right through the size options.

The different sizes display different information.

4. When you see the size you want, tap Add Widget.
5. While the apps are still jigging, move the widget where you want it on the screen, then tap Done.

Note: You can also **add widgets to your Lock Screen**. To learn how, see [Personalize a new Lock Screen](#).

You can keep widgets on your Home Screen.



 **Tip:** A Smart Stack (with dots next to it) is a set of widgets that uses information such as the time, your location, and activity to automatically display the most relevant widget at the appropriate time in your day. You can add a Smart Stack to the Home Screen, then swipe up and down through it to see the widgets it contains.

To learn how to add a widget to your Lock Screen, see [Personalize a new Lock Screen](#).

Interact with widgets

You can perform tasks on widgets on your Home Screen or Lock Screen. Tap an item in the Reminders widget to check it off, tap the Play button in the Podcasts widget to play an episode, or tap the Home widget to turn on your living room lights—all without opening an app.

Edit a widget on your Home Screen

You can customize most widgets right from your Home Screen so they display the information you want to see. For example, you can edit a Weather widget to display the forecast for your location or a different area. Or you can customize a Smart Stack to rotate automatically through its widgets based on your activity, your location, the time of day, and so on.

1. On your Home Screen, touch and hold a widget to open the [quick actions](#) menu.
2. Tap *Edit Widget* (or tap *Edit Stack*, if it's a Smart Stack), then choose options.

For a Smart Stack, you can turn Smart Rotate or Widget Suggestions off or on, drag a widget from the Smart Stack to the Home Screen, or remove a widget by tapping the minus sign (–) in the upper-left corner.

When you turn on Widget Suggestions, suggested widgets for apps you already use automatically appear in your Smart Stack at the right time based on your past activity. An option lets you add the widget to your stack so it's always there when you need it.

3. Tap Done.
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Remove a widget from your Home Screen

1. Touch and hold the widget to open the quick actions menu.
 2. Tap Remove Widget (or Remove Stack), then tap Remove.
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View widgets in Today View

To view widgets in Today View, swipe right from the left edge of the Home Screen, then scroll up and down.

Note: If the widgets don't appear when you swipe right on the Lock Screen, see [View widgets in Today View and Search when iPad is locked](#).

View widgets in Today View and Search when iPad is locked

1. Go to Settings , then, depending on your model, tap one of the following:
 - Face ID & Passcode
 - Touch ID & Passcode
 - Passcode
 2. Enter your passcode.
 3. Turn on Today View and Search (below Allow Access When Locked).
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Move apps and widgets on the Home Screen on iPad

You can change the layout of your Home Screen—move apps and widgets around or drag them to other Home Screen pages, temporarily hide Home Screen pages, change where new apps get downloaded, and more.

 **Tip:** You can move all your apps and widgets related to a particular [Focus](#) (your Work Focus, for example) onto one Home Screen page, and make that page accessible during that Focus.

Move apps and widgets around on your iPad

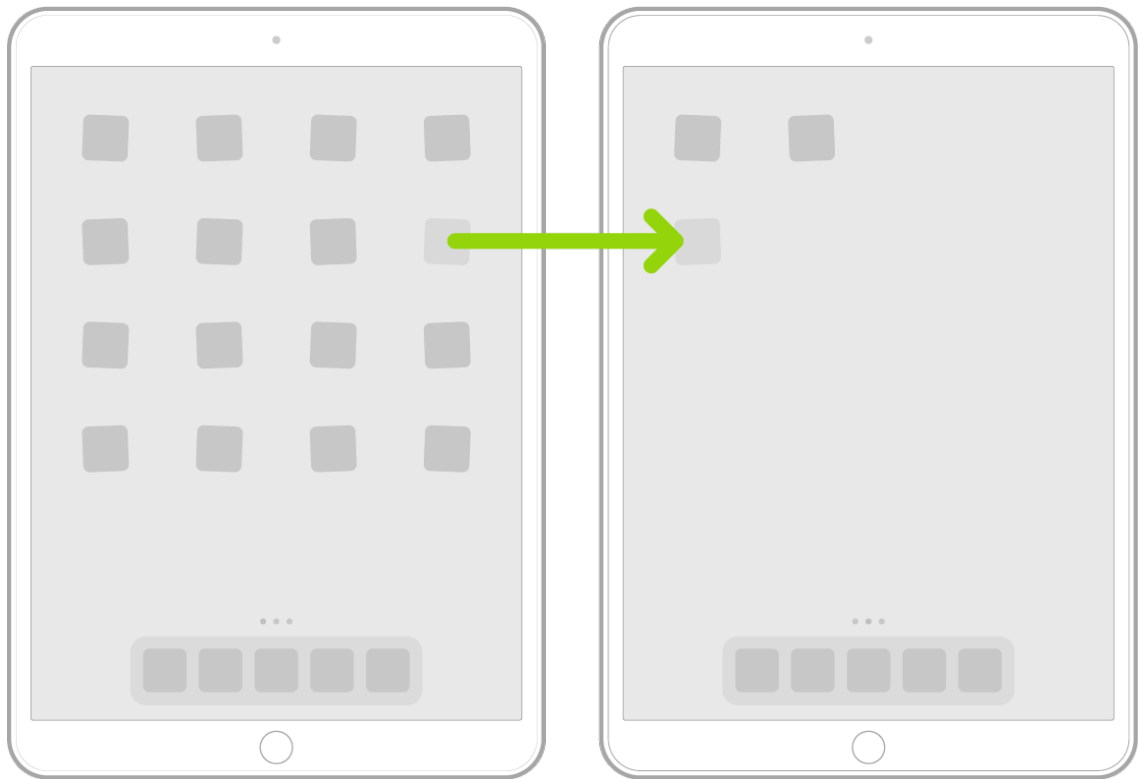
1. Touch and hold any app or widget on the Home Screen, then tap Edit Home Screen.

The items begin to jiggle.

2. Drag the app or widget to one of the following locations:

- Another location on the same page
- Another Home Screen page

Drag the app to the right edge of the screen. You might need to wait a second for the new page to appear. The dots above the Dock show how many pages you have and which one you're viewing.



 **Tip:** You can also drag an app to the Dock at the bottom of the screen.

3. When you're finished, tap Done at the top right.

Reset the Home Screen and apps to their original layout

1. Go to Settings  > General > Transfer or Reset iPad.
2. Tap Reset, tap Reset Home Screen Layout, then tap Reset.

Any folders you've created are removed, and apps you've downloaded are arranged alphabetically after apps that came with your iPad.

Remove apps from iPad

You can easily remove apps from your iPad. If you change your mind, you can download the apps again later.

Remove apps

Do any of the following:

- *Remove an app from the Home Screen:* Touch and hold the app on the Home Screen, tap Remove App, then tap Remove from Home Screen to keep it in App Library, or tap Delete App to delete it from iPad.
- *Delete an app from App Library and Home Screen:* Touch and hold the app in App Library, tap Delete App, then tap Delete. (See [Find your apps in App Library on iPad.](#))

If you change your mind, you can [redownload apps](#) you've deleted.

In addition to deleting third-party apps, you can delete the following built-in Apple apps that came with your iPad:

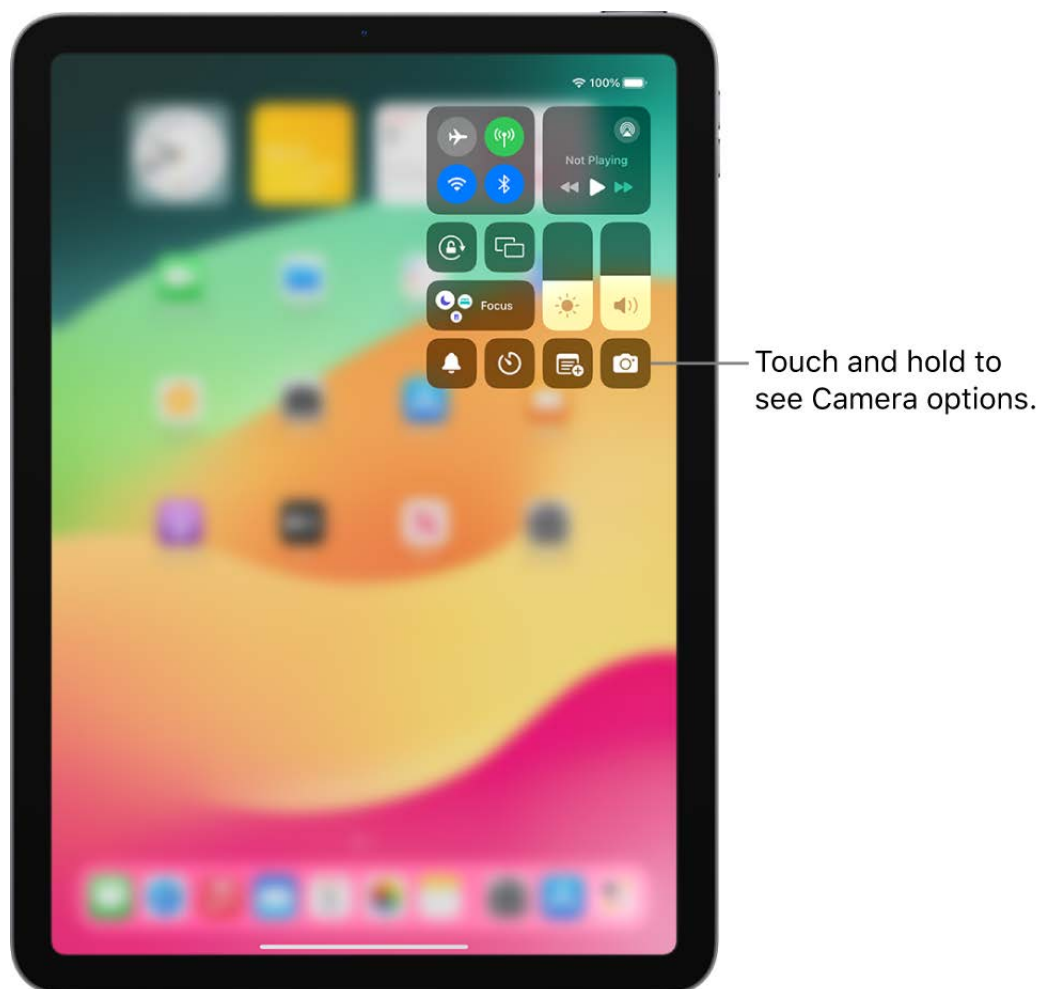
- [Books](#)
- [Calendar](#)
- [Clock](#)
- [Contacts](#) (Contact information remains available through Messages, Mail, FaceTime, and other apps. To remove a contact, you must restore Contacts.)
- [FaceTime](#) (In iPadOS 17.4 or later, if you remove the FaceTime app from your iPad, or if you removed it in an earlier version of iPadOS before updating to iPadOS 17.4, you won't be able to make or receive FaceTime calls or join SharePlay sessions on your iPad unless you [redownload the app](#). See [Make FaceTime calls on iPad.](#))
- [Files](#)
- [Find My](#) (Removing this app doesn't turn off location sharing or Find My for your device—it just removes the ability to view locations in the Find My app on that device.)
- [Freeform](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Home](#)

- [iTunes Store](#)
- [Magnifier](#)
- [Mail](#)
- [Maps](#)
- [Measure](#)
- [Music](#)
- [News](#)
- [Notes](#)
- [Photo Booth](#)
- [Podcasts](#)
- [Reminders](#)
- [Shortcuts](#)
- [Stocks](#)
- [Tips](#)
- [Translate](#)
- [TV](#)
- [Voice Memos](#)
- [Weather](#)

Note: When you delete a built-in app from your Home Screen, you also delete any related user data and configuration files. Removing built-in apps from your Home Screen can also affect other system functionality.

Use and customize Control Center on iPad

Control Center on iPad gives you instant access to useful controls—including airplane mode, Do Not Disturb, a flashlight, volume, screen brightness—and apps.



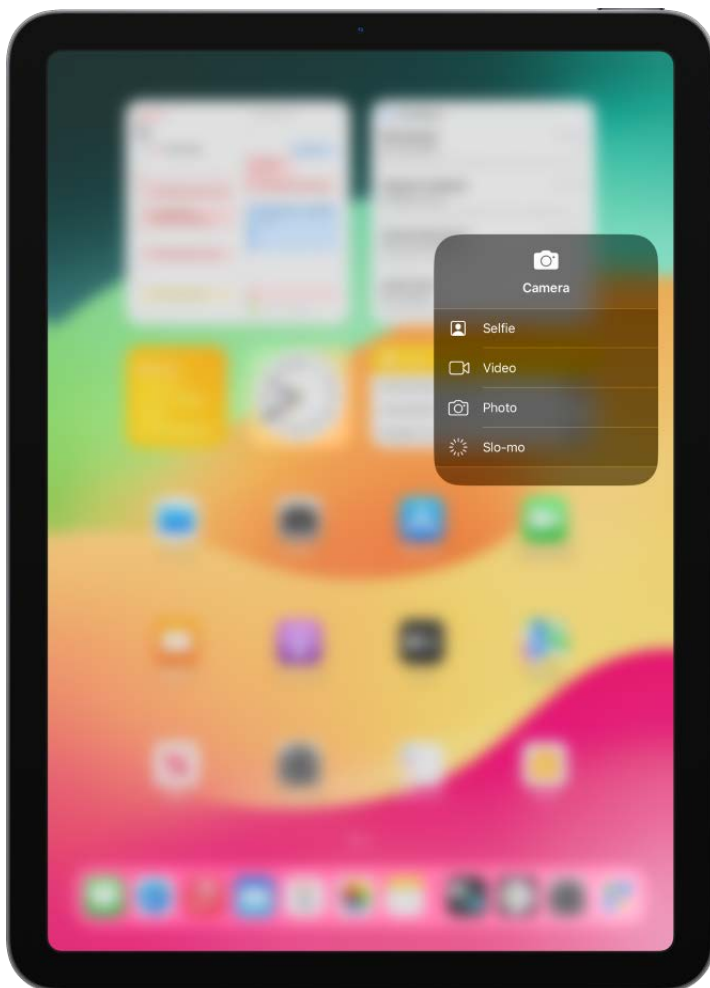
Open Control Center

Swipe down from the top-right edge; to close it, swipe up from the bottom.

Access more controls in Control Center

Many controls offer additional options. To see available options, touch and hold a control. For example, you can do the following in Control Center:

- Touch and hold the top-left group of controls, then tap  to open the AirDrop options.
- Touch and hold  to take a selfie, record a video, take a photo, or take a slow motion video.



Add and organize controls

1. Go to Settings  > Control Center.
2. To add or remove controls, tap  or  next to a control.
3. To rearrange controls, touch  next to a control, then drag it to a new position.

Temporarily disconnect from a Wi-Fi network

In Control Center, tap ; to reconnect, tap it again.

To see the name of the connected Wi-Fi network, touch and hold .

Because Wi-Fi isn't turned off when you disconnect from a network, AirPlay and AirDrop still work, and iPad joins known networks when you change locations or restart iPad. To turn off Wi-Fi, go to Settings  > Wi-Fi. (To turn on Wi-Fi again in Control Center, tap .) For information about turning Wi-Fi on or off in Control Center while in airplane mode, see [Choose iPad settings for travel](#).

Temporarily disconnect from Bluetooth devices

In Control Center, tap ; to allow connections, tap the button again.

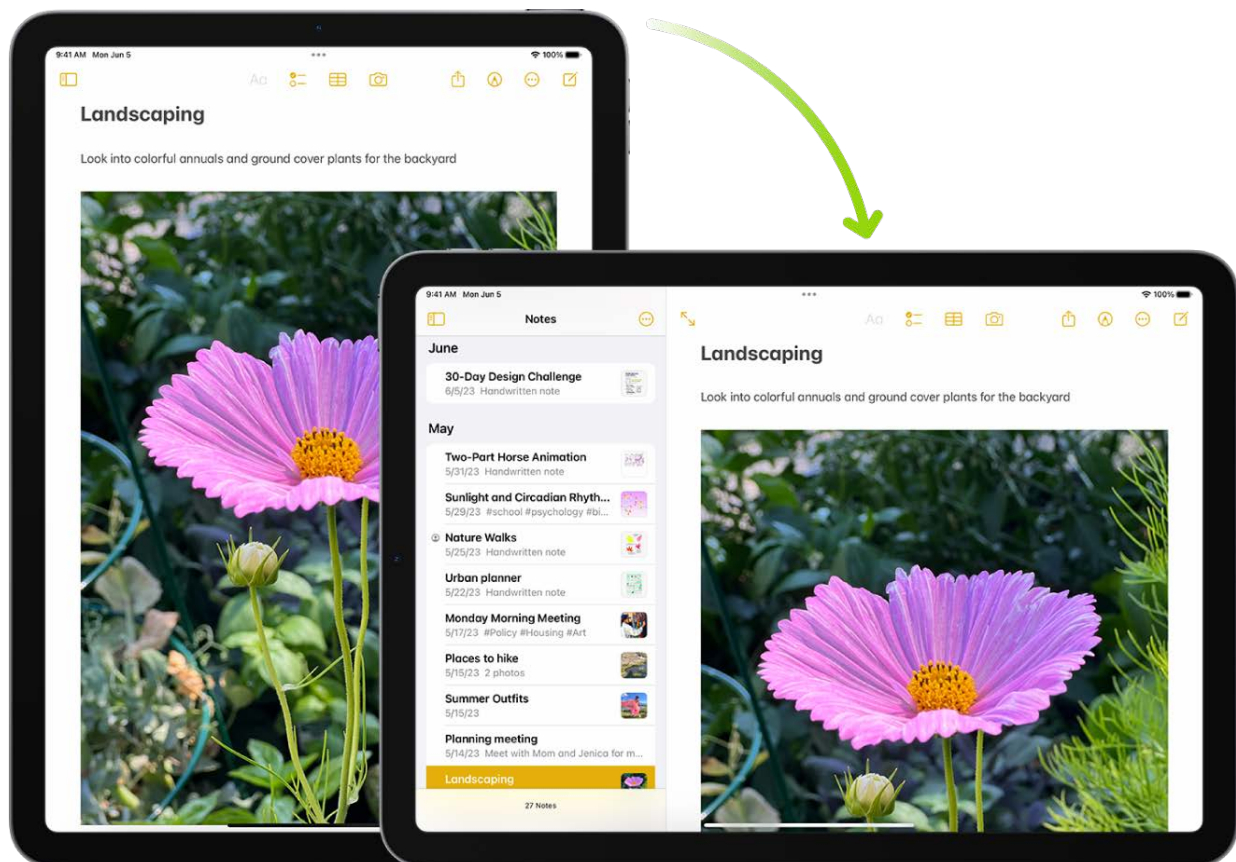
Because Bluetooth® isn't turned off when you disconnect from devices, location accuracy and other services are still enabled. To turn off Bluetooth, go to Settings  > Bluetooth, then turn it off. To turn on Bluetooth again in Control Center, tap . For information about turning Bluetooth on or off in Control Center while in airplane mode, see [Choose iPad settings for travel](#).

Turn off access to Control Center in apps

Go to Settings  > Control Center, then turn off Access Within Apps.

Change or lock the screen orientation on iPad

Many apps give you a different view when you rotate iPad.



Lock or unlock the screen orientation

You can lock the screen orientation so that it doesn't change when you rotate iPad.

Open Control Center, then tap .

When the screen orientation is locked,  appears in the status bar.

Set up Focus, notifications, and Do Not Disturb

View and respond to notifications on iPad

Notifications help you keep track of what's new—they let you know if you missed a call, if the date of an event moved, and more. You can customize your notifications so you see only what's important to you.

Note: While you're using an app, you might be asked how you want to receive notifications from it—immediately, not at all, or in a [scheduled summary](#). You can [change this setting](#) later in Settings > Notifications.

Find your notifications in Notification Center

Unless you have notifications silenced with a [Focus](#) or [Do Not Disturb](#), iPad displays notifications as they arrive. If you don't read one right away, it's saved in Notification Center so you can check it later.

To see your notifications in Notification Center, do any of the following:

- *On the Lock Screen:* Swipe up from the middle of the screen.
- *On other screens:* Swipe down from the top center. Then you can scroll up to see older notifications, if there are any.

To close Notification Center, swipe up from the bottom with one finger, or press the Home button (on supported models).

Respond to notifications

When you have multiple notifications in Notification Center or on the Lock Screen, they're grouped by app, which makes them easier to view and manage. Notifications from some apps may also be grouped by organizing features within the app, such as by topic or thread. Grouped notifications appear as small stacks, with the most recent notification on top.

Do any of the following:

- *To expand a group of notifications to see them individually:* Tap the group. To close the group, tap Show Less.
- *To view a notification and perform quick actions if the app offers them:* Touch and hold the notification.
- *To open a notification's app:* Tap the notification, then tap Open.

- *To respond to a notification when iPad is locked:* Touch and hold the notification.
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Schedule a notification summary

You can reduce distractions in your day by scheduling your notifications to be delivered as a summary—you choose which notifications to include in the summary and what time you want to receive it.

The notification summary is personalized to you and intelligently ordered by priority, based on your current activity, with the most relevant notifications at the top. The summary is especially useful because it allows you to engage with notifications on your own time. You can take this even further by using [Focus](#) to filter notifications while you concentrate on an activity.

1. Go to Settings  > Notifications > Scheduled Summary, then turn on Scheduled Summary.
2. Select the apps to include in your summary.
3. Set a time for your summary. If you want to receive another summary, tap Add Summary.
4. Tap A to Z below Apps in Summary, then make sure the apps you want to include in your summary are turned on.

Note: If an app you want to include in your Notification Summary doesn't appear in the A to Z list, you may need to turn on Allow Notifications for the app. Go to Settings > Notifications, tap the app, then turn on All Notifications. See [Change notification settings on iPad](#).

View, dismiss, clear, and mute notifications

When notifications appear on your iPad, do any of the following:

- *Handle a notification you receive while using another app:* Pull it down to view it, then swipe up to dismiss it.
- *Clear notifications:* Swipe left on a notification or group of notifications, then tap Clear or Clear All.
- *Mute notifications for an app:* Swipe left on the notification or group of notifications, tap Options, then tap an option to mute the app's notifications for an hour or a day. This sends them directly to Notification Center and prevents them from appearing on the Lock Screen, playing a sound, lighting up the screen, or presenting a banner.

To see and hear these notifications again, swipe left on a notification in Notification Center, tap Options, then tap Unmute.

- *Turn off notifications for an app or notification group:* Swipe left on a notification or group of notifications, tap Options, then tap Turn Off.
- *Change how an app displays notifications:* Swipe left on a notification, tap Options, then tap View Settings. See [Change notification settings](#) to learn about the settings you can change.
- *Clear all your notifications in Notification Center:* [Go to Notification Center](#), tap , then tap Clear.
- *Silence all notifications:* Turn on Do Not Disturb. See [Turn on or schedule a Focus on iPad](#).

When you haven't used an app for a while, Siri suggests that you turn off notifications for that app.

Show recent notifications on the Lock Screen

You can allow access to Notification Center on the Lock Screen.

1. Go to Settings , then, depending on your model, tap one of the following.
 - Face ID & Passcode
 - Touch ID & Passcode
 - Passcode
2. Enter your passcode.
3. Turn on Notification Center (below Allow Access When Locked).

Change notification settings on iPad

In Settings , choose which apps can send notifications, change the alert sound, set up location-based alerts, allow government alerts, and more.

Change notification settings

Most notification settings can be customized for each app. You can turn app notifications on or off, have notifications play a sound, choose how and where you want app notifications to appear when your device is unlocked, and more.

1. Go to Settings  > Notifications.
2. To schedule a notification summary, tap Scheduled Summary, then turn on Scheduled Summary. (See [schedule a notification summary](#).)

3. To choose when you want most notification previews to appear, tap Show Previews, select an option—Always, When Unlocked, or Never—then tap < at the top left.

Previews can include things like text (from Messages and Mail) and invitation details (from Calendar). You can override this setting for individual apps.

4. Tap an app below Notification Style, then turn Allow Notifications on or off.

If you turn on Allow Notifications, choose when you want the notifications delivered—immediately or in the scheduled notification summary—and turn Time Sensitive Notifications on or off.

For many apps, you can also set a notification banner style and turn sounds and badges on or off.

5. Tap Notification Grouping, then choose how you want the notifications grouped:

- *Automatic*: The notifications from the app are grouped according to organizing criteria within the app, such as by topic or thread.
- *By App*: All the notifications from the app are grouped together.
- *Off*: Turn off grouping.

To turn off notifications selectively for apps, go to Settings > Notifications > Siri Suggestions, then turn off any app.

When you use Focus, it delays the delivery of notifications on iPad to prevent interruptions. You can schedule a time to receive a summary of the notifications you missed. See [Schedule a notification summary](#).

Set up or turn off location-based alerts

Some apps use your location to send you relevant alerts based on where you are. For example, you might get a reminder to call someone when you get to a specific place or when you leave for your next location.

If you don't want to see these types of alerts, you can turn them off.

1. Go to Settings  > Privacy & Security > Location Services.
2. Turn on Location Services.
3. Tap an app (if any appear in the list), then choose whether you want to share your location while using that app.

See the Apple Support article [About privacy and Location Services](#).

Receive Web Push notifications from web apps

You can receive standard Web Push notifications from a web app when you [add its website icon to your Home Screen](#). Web Push notifications can keep you informed of activity in the app. After you subscribe for push notifications within the web app, the app can send you notification alerts and badges similar to the ones you get from other apps on your iPad.

Set up a Focus on iPad

Focus is a feature that helps you concentrate on a task by minimizing distractions. When you want to concentrate on a specific activity, you can customize one of the provided Focus options—for example Work, Personal, or Sleep—or [create a Custom Focus](#). Focus can temporarily silence all notifications—or allow only specific notifications (ones that apply to your task, for example)—and let other people and apps know you're busy. See [Allow or silence notifications for a Focus on iPad](#).

Likewise, you can [customize a Home Screen page](#) that has only apps related to a Focus and make that your Home Screen during your Focus. iPad also suggests Home Screens with apps and widgets that are relevant to the Focus you're setting up.

 **Tip:** To quickly silence all notifications, open Control Center, tap Focus, then turn on Do Not Disturb.

Set up a Focus

When you set up a Focus, you can select apps and people you want to receive notifications from. For example, you can set up a Work Focus and allow only notifications from your coworkers and the apps you use for work.

1. Go to Settings  > Focus, then tap a Focus—for example, Personal, Sleep, or Work.

For the Focus you select, you can set up the options described in the steps below, but you don't have to set up all of them.