THE 15 BEST IPHONE HACKS & TIPS FOR 2023

iPhone Packs Many Great Features, by Unlocking the Hacks and Tricks hiding in Your Smartphone

NOTE: These hacks work on all iPhone models unless otherwise indicated.

01 - Charge Your Battery Faster in Airplane Mode

To charge your iPhone's battery as quickly as possible?
Put it in Airplane Mode first.

Airplane Mode turns off many features of the phone.
including cellular and Wi-Fi networking.
battery to do and it charges faster.

Just remember to turn Airplane Mode off when you're done charging.

To use Airplane Mode: Open **Control Center** and tap the airplane icon.

02 - Closing Apps Doesn't Save Battert Life

If you may have heard that quitting apps helps your iPhone battery last longer, (think Again)

This is Not True.

Closing apps can free up your Phone's memory and may increase performance but it does not increase Battery usage time.

03 - Make a Light Blink as a Notification

Want to get notifications of new texts, incoming calls, or other useful information without looking at your iPhone screen or listening for sounds?

With this hack, you can make the camera flash on the back when you receive a new notification.

Just follow these steps:

03 - Make a Light Blink as a Notification - Continued

1. Tap **Settings**.
2. Tap **General** (skip this step on iOS 13 and up).
3. Tap **Accessibility**.
4. Tap **Audio/Visual.**
5. Tap **LED Flash for Alerts**.
6. Move the slider to on/green. Also, move the **Flash on Silent** slider to on/green.

04 – Take a Photo with the Volume Button

Tapping the on-screen camera button isn't the only way to take photos.

There's actually a much easier way to **take photos quickly**, without looking at or tapping the screen.

Once the Camera app is open, **click the volume up button** and your phone snaps a photo.
This even works with headphones that have inline remotes.

TIP: *Some models can take photos with the volume down button, too*.

05 – Let Siri Help you Take Photos

Did you know Siri can make taking photos faster?

Siri can't actually capture the photo, but it can open the Camera app to the setting that you ask for.

You just need to tap the camera button (or click the volume button).

Here's what to do:
Activate Siri (hold down the Home or Side button, depending on your model) and ask Siri to take a photo or video. Your options are:

05 – Let Siri Help you Take Photos - continued

- **"Hey Siri, take a photo" (you can also say "picture")**
- **"Hey Siri, take a square photo"**
- **"Hey Siri, take a panoramic photo"**
- **"Hey Siri, take a video"**
- **"Hey Siri, take a slow-motion video"**
- **"Hey Siri, take a tap-lapse video"**
- **"Hey Siri, take a selfie."**

When you have the image you want, **tap the camera or volume button.**

Note: *The selfie feature requires iOS 10 and up*

06 – Type your Commands to Siri Instead of Speaking them

Siri is great, but you can't speak to Siri and get answers out loud in every situation (speaking may not be an option).

In those cases, you can use Siri if you have **Type to Siri** turned on.

This trick lets you access Siri and give it commands by typing. Here's what to do:

06 – Type your Commands to Siri Instead of Speaking them

1. Tap **Settings**.
2. Tap **General** (skip this step on iOS 13 and up).
3. Tap **Accessibility**.
4. Tap **Siri**.
5. Move the **Type to Siri** slider to on/green.
6. Now, activate Siri, and a keyboard appears to let you type your command. You can also speak using the microphone icon.

Note: This hack works on all iPhone models running iOS 11 and up.

07 – Use a Hidden Dark Mode

Dark modes are popular feature for people who often use their devices in the dark.

When you enable dark mode on your iPhone, the interface switches to dark colors that are easier on the eyes in low-light situations (they're also helpful for people with color blindness).

While the iPhone doesn't offer a true dark mode, this trick gets you petty close:

07 – Use a Hidden Dark Mode

1. Tap **Settings**.
2. Tap **General**.
3. Tap **Accessibility**.
4. Tap **Display Accommodations**.
5. Tap **Invert Colors.**
6. Pick either **Smart Invert** (which switches some on-screen colors to Dark Mode) or **Classic Invert** (which switches all colors).

You can toggle the dark mode on and off easily.

Note: This hack works on all iPhone models running iOS 11 and up.

08 – Add a Virtual Home Button to your Hoe Screen

Note: - iPhone X or newer, you might miss the old hardware Home button.

If you have another model, you might want the options and functionality of adding a virtual Home button to your screen.

This is a great hack because it provides fast access to features that otherwise require gestures or multiple taps. To enable this virtual Home button:

08 – Add a Virtual Home Button to your Hoe Screen

1. Tap **Settings**.
2. Tap **General** (skip this step on iOS 13 and up).
3. Tap **Accessibility**.
4. Tap **Touch** (only do this on iOS 13 and up).
5. Tap **AssistiveTouch**.
6. Move the slider to on/green.

09 – Hidden Shortcuts for your Favorite Apps

If you have an iPhone with a 3D Touch screen or an iPhone 11 and up, there are shortcuts to common features of some of your favorite apps hidden in the app icons.

To access them, hard-press an app icon.

If the app supports this feature, a menu pops out from the icon with a set of shortcuts.

Tap the one you want and you'll jump into the app and into that action.

10 – Make Far Away Icons Easier to Reach

As iPhone screens get bigger, reaching icons in the far corner opposite your hand gets harder.

The iOS includes a feature called **Reachability** that pulls the top icons down toward the bottom of the screen to make them easier to tap.

Here's how:
1. Tap **Settings**.
2. Tap **General** (skip this step on iOS 13 and up).
3. Tap **Accessibility**.
4. Tap **Reachability** (only do this on iOS 13 and up).
5. Move the slider to on/green.

10 – Make Far Away Icons Easier to Reach

1. On iPhones with a Home button, gently double-tap (but don't click) the Home button.
2. On the iPhone X and up, swipe down from the indicator line (just above the task bar) at the bottom of the screen.
3. The contents of the screen move down.
4. Tap the item that you want and the screen goes back to normal. If you've changed your mind, tap anywhere else on the screen to cancel.

11 – Shake to Undo Typing

If you're typing a note, a text message, or some other text and decide you want to erase what you've just written, you don't need to use the delete button on the keyboard.

If you have this hack enabled, all you need to do is **shake your iPhone** to delete your writing. Here's what to do:

11 – Shake to Undo Typing

1. Tap **Settings**.
2. Tap **Accessibility**.
3. Tap **Touch** (on iOS 13 and up only).
4. In the **Interaction** section, tap **Shake to Undo**.
5. Move the slider to on/green.

Then, whenever you've just typed something you want to get rid of, shake your phone and tap **Undo** in the pop-up window.

12 – Equalize Music Volume With One Touch

Have you notice that the music on your phone is recorded at different volumes?

Old songs are usually quieter, newer songs louder. This can mean that you have to change the volume all the time.

Heres a trick that makes all of your music play at the same level. It's called **Sound Check** and it's built into iOS.

It checks the volume on all of your music, finds an average, and then applies that to all of your music by default. Here's how to enable it:

12 – Equalize Music Volume With One Touch

1. Tap **Settings**.
2. Tap **Music**.
3. Scroll down to **Sound Check**
4. Move the **Sound Check** slider to on/green.

5. You may want to adjust the EQ setting on what you want your music to sound like

13 – Measure Spaces Using Augmented Reality

Your iPhone has **a built-in Level** you can use to straighten pictures or shelves.

Did you know that it also has an app called Measure that allows you to **measure distances on your iPhone using augmented reality**?

Here's what you need to do:

13 – Measure Spaces Using Augmented Reality

1. Tap the **Measure** app to open it.
2. Position your iPhone camera so that it's facing a flat surface.
3. Tap the **+** icon to start measuring.
4. Move the iPhone so that the on-screen measure also moves.
5. When you've measured the space, tap the **+** again to show the measured distance.

14 – Search on Home Screen

How to remove the Search button on iOS 16
1. Open the Settings app
2. Tap Home Screen
3. Under search, toggle off Show on Home Screen

15 – How to move the Safari address bar from the bottom of the screen to the top

1. Open Settings.
2. Scroll to the **Safari** section and tap on that.
3. On the Safari settings page find the Tabs area. By **default in iOS 15**, the 'Tab Bar' setting is activated, which means the address bar will be at the bottom of the window.
4. Tap on the 'Single Tab' option to move the address bar back to the top of the browser window.

Bonus – How to enable the Back Tap Feature on your iPhone

1. Open the Settings app
2. Tap on Accessibility.
3. Tap on Touch.
4. Scroll to the end and tap on Back Tap.
5. You have Double Tap and Triple Tap. You can set actions for one of them or both. Tap on Double Tap.

Choose your preferable action

Tap on <Back Tap to go back, and set an action for Triple Tap as well.

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