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TIPS, TRICKS AND FIXES FOR YOUR APPLE PRODUCTS

iOS 18

With iOS 18, Apple overhauled the Home Screen, introducing design changes that allow for more customization and personalization. You can put icons where you want, change their size, and give them new colors, plus you can hide apps and swap out your Lock Screen buttons.

Rearranging Icons

With iOS 17, if you added a new app to your Home Screen, it would automatically go to the next open spot. With iOS 18 Apple stuck with a grid system so you can move app icons within the grid locations, but an icon can now be placed anywhere in the grid with empty space around it.



In iOS 18, you can choose where to put it. You can have app icon-sized spaces between apps, full empty rows, and full empty columns. You can't put icons and widgets in places with uneven spacing because of the invisible grid limitation, so keep that in mind.

You can now put a single app in the middle of a page, have a row of apps at the top and a row of apps at the bottom, create a column of apps, and more. Apple created this design to allow you to place apps and widgets around wallpapers and arrange them into more useful layouts.

Here's how to move your icons:

- Long press on the Home Screen or on an app page to initiate wiggle mode not on an ICON.
- Move apps into the desired positions.
- Tap on Done when finish in the upper right corner of the screen



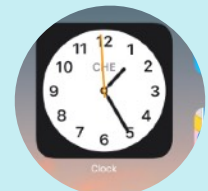
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You can make your app icons bigger in iOS 18 by removing the app names. With app names in place, Apple needs space to display them, but removing them opens up a lot of area for a larger icon and/or folder size. Changing the app size does not change the number of apps that are visible, it simply removes the text and uses up that empty space.

With larger icons, you still get a maximum of six icon rows with four icons each, the same that you're limited to when icon names are turned on. To change icon size, follow these steps:

- Long press on the Home Screen or an app page but not on an ICON
- Tap on "Edit."
- Tap on "Customize."
- Choose Small to turn on app names, or Large to turn them off.
- Tap anywhere on the screen to exit edit mode



Note that this setting is universal, so you cannot have small icons on one app page and large icons on a different app page.

Change Widget Size

You can change the size of widgets directly from the Home Screen without having to go into the customization options. Widgets in wiggle mode now have a white rounded bar in the corner, which you can drag to make them larger or smaller.

- Long press on the Home Screen or an app page to get into wiggle mode but not on an ICON.
- Use a finger to resize the widget to be smaller or larger. When finished tap Done.

You are limited to the minimum and maximum size available with any given widget. For example, the Battery widget can be the size of four app icons, six horizontal app icons in two rows, or a square shape that's four icons wide by four icons tall. When you resize the Battery widget, you are limited to those size options, but you don't need to go into the full widget settings to change the size.

Widgets are still added to your Home Screen and app pages in the same way, though some of the labeling has shifted. Long press and tap on "Edit," then choose the "Add Widget" option. It's now one more tap than it was before due to the new customization options.

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