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## iOS 18 ICONS

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

You can rearrange app icons and widgets on your Home Screen and app pages with space between them, providing a wealth of new layout options.



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

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.

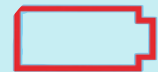
You can put a single app in the middle of a page, have a row of apps at the top and a row of apps at the bottom, create a column of apps, and more. Apple created this design to allow you to place apps and widgets around wallpapers and arrange them into more useful layouts. Here's how to move your icons:

- Long press on the Home Screen or on an app page to initiate wiggle mode.
- Move apps into the desired positions.
- Tap on done.



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### Increase Icon Size

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 folder size. Changing the app size does not change the number of apps that are visible, it simply removes 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.
- Tap on "Edit."
- Tap on "Customize."
- Choose Small to turn on app names, or Large to turn them off.

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

### Dark Mode Icons

Apple's built-in apps have both Light and Dark color options in iOS 18, which allows you to change the color of your icons when you have **Dark Mode** turned on. The Dark icons are all redesigned with a black background rather than a white or colored background, which makes them blend in better with the Dark Mode setting.

You can turn on Dark icons independently of having Dark Mode enabled, so you can leave Light mode on while using the Dark icon option. You can also set icons to an automatic mode, which means they'll change color depending on whether Dark Mode or Light Mode is active.

Right now, it's only Apple's apps that have a Dark option, but third-party developers will presumably also be able to include two color options for their icons in iOS 18.

To go along with the Dark Mode icons, Apple also introduced a toggle that makes your wallpaper darker. Here's how to change your icon and wallpaper color:

- Long press on the Home Screen or an app page.
- Tap on "Edit."
- Tap on "Customize."
- Select Automatic, Dark, Light, or Tinted, an option described below. This is also the interface used to change app icon size, and darken your wallpaper (the sun icon).

The wallpaper option makes your chosen wallpaper a bit darker in color, dimming bright shades when enabled. Tapping toggles Light and Dark modes, with Light being your standard wallpaper color.

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