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Images stored on your iPhone have different file types, such as HEIC, JPEG, PNG, etc. Most of these file formats are compatible with all major platforms, but there are many instances when you might need to convert a photo to PDF. So, in this guide, I'll show you 6 methods to convert photos to PDF on your iPhone.



Why would you need to convert a picture to PDF?

First, let's consider why you might need to convert a photo to a PDF. Here are some reasons.

- **Ease of sharing:** PDF files are universally compatible across many devices and operating systems. So, sharing images in PDF format eliminates any compatibility issues or errors when trying to view an image.
- **Preserve Image Quality:** Converting a picture to a PDF can maintain the original resolution and quality, ensuring that the image does not become pixelated or lose clarity when shared or printed. This is useful, for instance, when sharing images through messaging apps like WhatsApp that compress image files and reduce their original quality.
- Preserve Layout: Similar to image quality, PDFs can maintain the layout of images to

look the same across devices and be easily printed. This can be important when sharing or printing edited images with additional elements like text added to them.

- **Reduce File Size:** Converting images to PDF can compress the file size while retaining quality and layout. This makes it more convenient to store or send large files via email or other platforms.
- **Security:** PDFs can be password-protected, which adds an extra layer of security. This is great when sharing sensitive or confidential images.
- **Combine multiple images:** You can combine multiple images into a single PDF document, making it easier to organize, view, and present related images together.
- Annotation and editing: PDF viewers often provide tools for adding comments, annotations, or text to images, making it easier to collaborate and share feedback.

How to convert a photo to PDF on iPhone with Print option

The Print option from the <u>Share Sheet on the iPhone</u> or iPad lets you print files and images directly without an app. When printing images, it converts photos into PDF before it sends them to the printer. Here's how you can do it!

- 1. Open **Photos** \rightarrow Tap **Select**.
- Choose the **photos** you want to convert into a PDF.
 Selecting more than one will create a single PDF file containing all the selected images.
- 3. Tap **Share** \rightarrow Choose **Print**.



- 4. You will see a preview of the PDF with each photo on a single page. Tap and hold **the page** to see the Preview → Tap **the image once more** to see the share icon.
- 5. Tap the **Share button** and send it to others via messaging apps or email, or **Save to Files**.



How to convert picture to PDF using the Files app

The Files app on iPhone is great for saving images into PDF files and <u>editing PDFs</u>. Your converted PDFs will be saved in your iCloud Drive and synced across your other devices.

- 1. Open Files.
- 2. Long-press the image \rightarrow Quick Actions \rightarrow Create PDF.

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To convert multiple images to PDF

- 1. Launch **Files** \rightarrow Tap the **More (...) button** \rightarrow Choose **Select**.
- 2. Select **the images** you want to convert into PDF.
- 3. Tap **More (...)** at the bottom right \rightarrow **Create PDF**.



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The new PDF file will be saved in the same folder as the images.

How to convert images to PDF with the Books app

Another convenient way to convert your images into PDF files is via Books, as explained below:

- 1. Open **Photos** \rightarrow Select the **pictures** \rightarrow Tap **Share**.
- 2. Swipe through the apps \rightarrow Select **Books**.



- 3. Doing so immediately converts the images into a PDF document that opens in the Books app. However, the file is also automatically saved into the Books app. To share or send it, do the following.
- 4. Head to Books.
- 5. Tap **More (...)** under the file \rightarrow **Share PDF**.



6. Choose how you want to **share** your file and **send** it.

How to convert a picture to a PDF using an iOS Shortcut

Creating a shortcut will save you much time if you frequently convert photos to PDFs. The process is quite straightforward:

- 1. Open **Shortcuts** \rightarrow Tap the **Add** (+) button.
- 2. Select **New Shortcut** \rightarrow Tap **Rename**.



- 3. Type in a new **name** for your shortcut \rightarrow Select **Done**.
- 4. Tap Add Action \rightarrow Choose Photos app \rightarrow Tap Select Photos.



5. Tap the **downward arrow** and toggle on **Select Multiple** to convert multiple images into PDF.



6. Tap the search bar below \rightarrow Go to the Categories tab \rightarrow Select Media \rightarrow Tap Convert Image.



- 7. Now, tap **JPEG** and replace it with **PDF**.
- 8. Again, tap the **search bar** \rightarrow Go to the **Apps tab** \rightarrow Select **Files**.



9. Choose **Save File** \rightarrow Select **Done**.



To run the Shortcut:

- 1. Launch **Shortcut** \rightarrow Tap the **shortcut** you made.
- 2. Select the **photos** you want to convert \rightarrow Tap **Add**.
- 3. Choose the **folder** where you want to save your PDF document \rightarrow Tap **Open**.

This will create individual PDFs for each photo you selected.

How to convert a photo to a PDF on an iPhone using a third-party app

If you don't want to use the methods explained above, you can also use third-party apps to convert pictures to PDFs. There are many free image-to-PDF converters that you can download from the App Store. I recommend the following:

- <u>PDF Converter</u>
- <u>Photo to PDF Converter Scanner</u>
- Photos PDF

The process for all these apps is similar. You simply have to open the app and select the photos you want to convert.

However, some apps may place a watermark on the generated PDF and require you to upgrade to a paid version to remove it.

How to convert iPhone photos to PDF files online

Lastly, you can also use some websites to convert your images to PDFs for free. For instance, Adobe offers a <u>free image-to-PDF converter</u>, which allows you to quickly convert your PNG, JPG, GIF, or TIFF files to PDF format.

Other online image-to-PDF converters you might want to check out include:

- <u>HiPDF</u>
- <u>SmallPDF</u>
- <u>PDF Converter</u>

Video: How to Convert a Photo to PDF on iPhone and iPad

Wrapping up...

Now, you know all the different ways to convert pictures to PDFs on your iPhone or iPad. If

you still have questions, leave me a comment below, and I'll help you out.

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