

For the longest time, one of the most infuriating things about iOS has been the lack of customizability, especially for the Home Screen. However, Apple is changing this with [iOS 18](#), giving you more freedom to customize your iPhone's Home Screen to match your mood. You can now change app icon colors, arrange apps around the screen in new ways, and much more.



Keep reading, and we'll show you how to customize your iPhone Home Screen in iOS 18.

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How to customize your iPhone's Home Screen in iOS 18

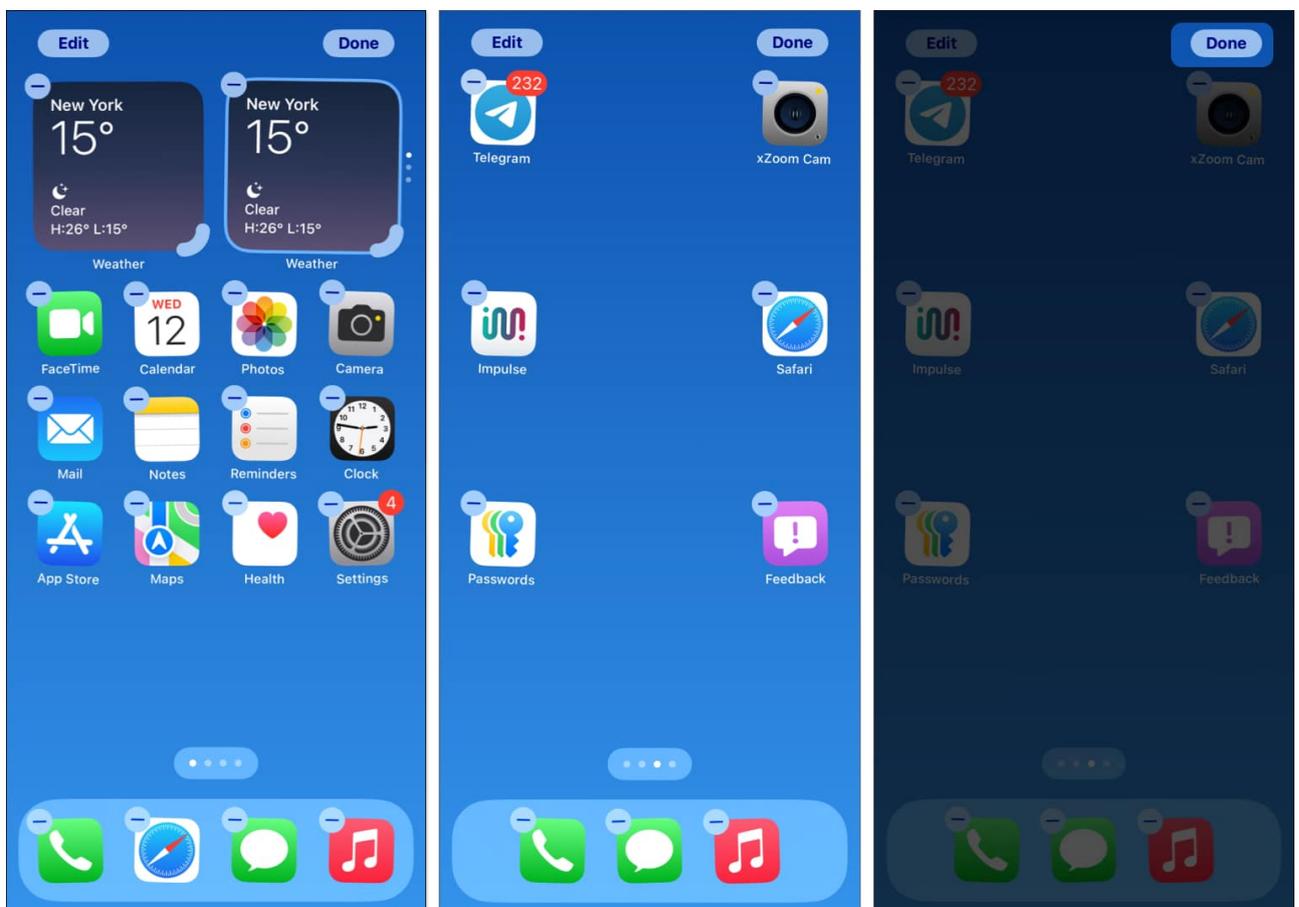
With iOS 18, Apple finally lets you place the app icons wherever you want on your iPhone's Home Screen. But that's not all. It also gives you the ability to change the look of the app

icons and even add some color to them. Let's take a look at each of these features one by one.

How to rearrange apps on the iPhone Home Screen

First up, with iOS 18, you no longer have to have all your apps aligned to the top. You can freely place them anywhere on the Home Screen, as per your preference. If you're using a custom wallpaper, you can place the app icons wherever you deem fit, ensuring that the wallpaper also looks good. Here's how.

1. Tap and hold on an empty space on your iPhone Home Screen until the apps start to jiggle.
2. Drag the app icons to any spot on the screen, depending on your preference. Place them at the bottom for easy reach, sides for a clean look, or center to match your wallpaper's vibe.
3. Tap **Done** when you're satisfied with the rearrangement of the apps to save the layout.

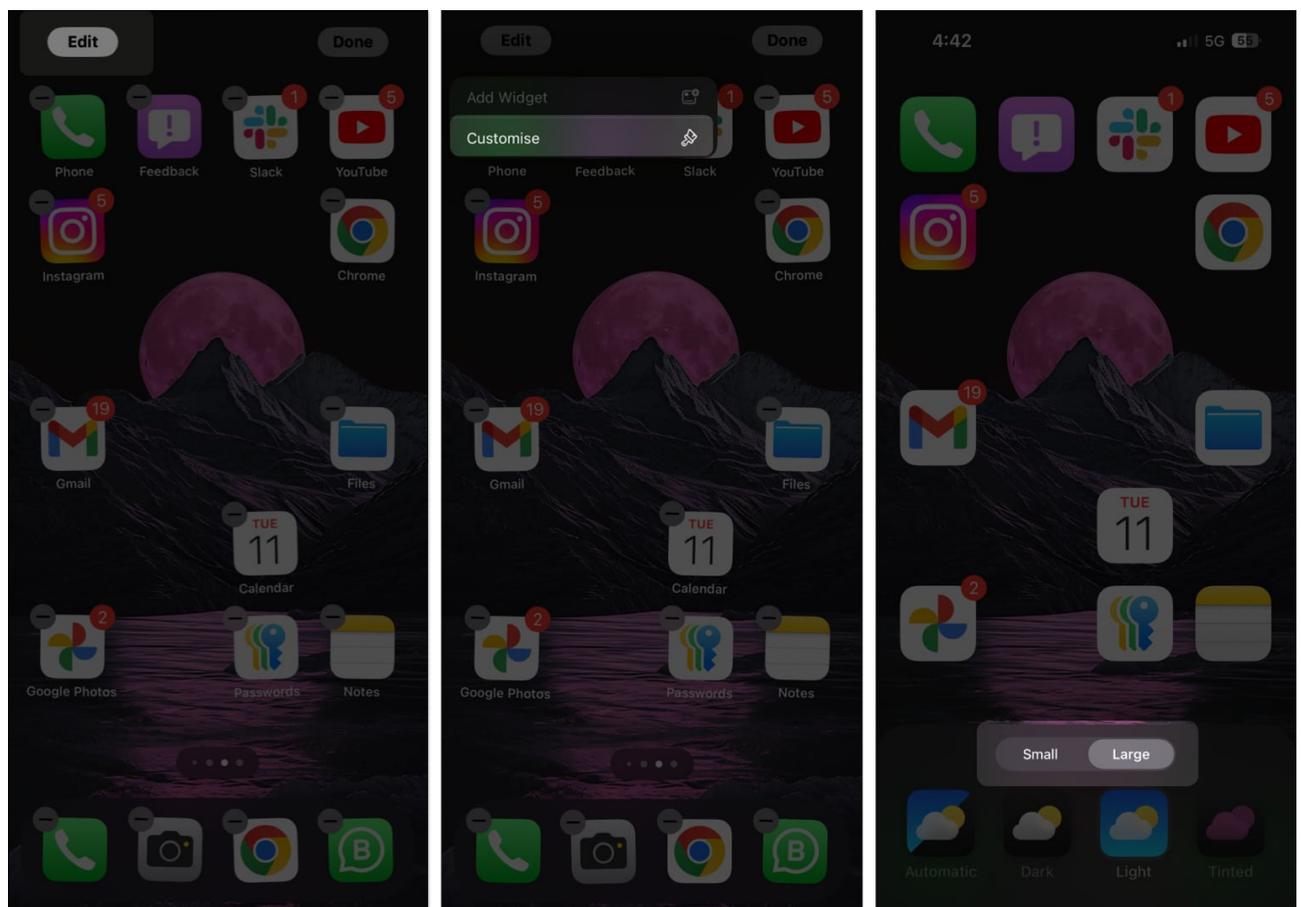


All your app icons should now appear in your preferred spot. If you want to rearrange the app icons again, repeat the same steps.

How to change app colors in iOS 18

In addition to letting you place app icons anywhere on your Home Screen, iOS 18 also gives you a couple of customization options. This includes applying a custom tint to match the wallpaper and hiding app icons for a cleaner Home Screen look. Here's how to use these options:

1. Put the app icons into jiggle mode by tapping and holding on to an empty space on your iPhone Home Screen.
2. Tap the **Edit** button in the top-left corner of the screen, and from the list of options that pops up, select **Customize**.
3. You can now choose your preferred app icon size between **Small** and **Large**. Opting for the **Large** icon size removes the app name below the icon.



4. You can also add a **theme to the app icons** based on whether you prefer Light or Dark Mode. Alternatively, you can set it to **Automatic**, and the icons will change on their own as time passes.



5. Additionally, iOS 18 also lets you add a custom color to the app icons. Just tap on **Tinted** and then select the color of your choice. You can also adjust its intensity in the bar below it.



Once you've completed the customization, tap anywhere on the Home Screen to exit the menu. Your changes will be saved in real time.

Video: iOS 18 Home Screen Customization - Ultimate Guide

Happy customizing...

Offering the freedom to customize the Home Screen is a much-welcome change in iOS 18. But while the ability to rearrange app icons is great, the Tinted color scheme isn't quite as appealing—many of the app icons end up looking a bit strange, and the overall result isn't very attractive.

Personally, I found myself using the Tinted option to turn every icon to a Monochrome setting, which makes it look better on the OLED panels. But what about you? Let us know if

you'll be using the Tinted option in the comments below.

FAQs

Can I revert to the default icons and layout if I don't like my changes?

Yes, you can [revert your Home Screen layout to default settings](#). Just navigate to **Settings > General > Transfer or Reset iPhone > Reset** and tap on **Reset Home Screen Layout**.

Can I use custom icons to replace app icons on my Home Screen?

Unfortunately, iOS 18 still doesn't offer a native way to set custom icons. However, you can [use Shortcuts to change app icons on your iPhone](#) easily.

Will changing the app icons affect my iPhone's performance?

Generally, no, it won't. Occasionally, your iPhone might need a moment to adjust to the new icons, which could cause brief hiccups. But once everything is set, your iPhone should run as smoothly as usual.

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