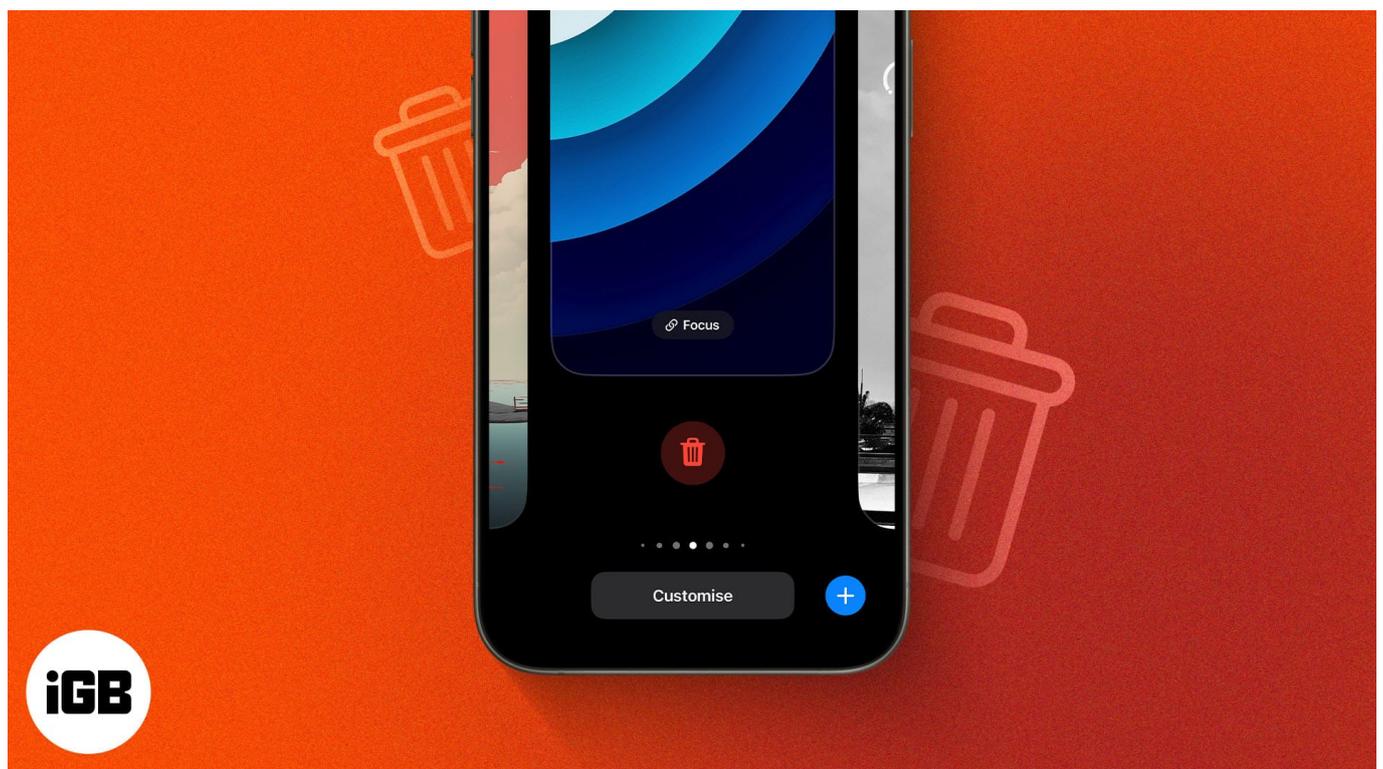Key Takeaways

- To delete a wallpaper on your iPhone, unlock your device with Face ID, but remain on the Lock Screen > Tap and hold the **Lock Screen** > Swipe up on a **wallpaper** > Select the red **trash icon**.
- If you want to preserve your existing lock screen widget layout and font customizations, you can choose to change the Lock Screen wallpaper on your iPhone instead of deleting it.
- To change a wallpaper, unlock your device with Face ID, but remain on the Lock Screen > Tap and hold the Lock Screen > Customize > Select Lock Screen > Tap the Photo Library icon > Select a new wallpaper.

Want to revamp your iPhone's wallpaper, but your wallpaper gallery's a mess? No worries! You can easily remove wallpapers you no longer use. This simple step will declutter your list and make room for your new favorites.

In this guide, we'll show you how to delete wallpapers on your iPhone. You'll also learn how to replace your Lock Screen wallpaper while keeping your widget layout and font customizations intact.
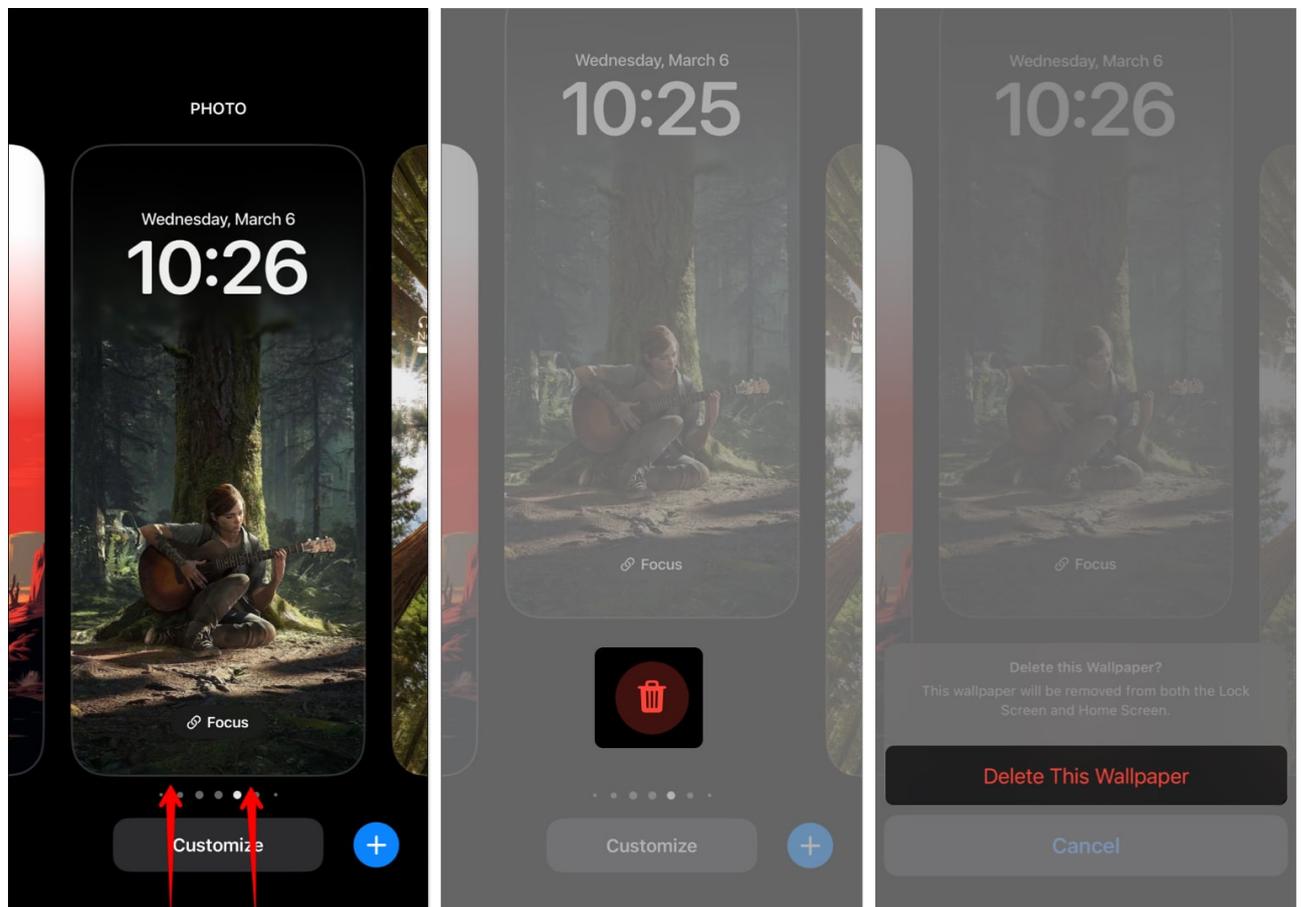
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If you have an iPhone running iOS 16 or later, you won't find the option to delete wallpapers that easily. Here's what you need to do.

1. Lock your iPhone, then **long press the Lock Screen**. Face ID or Touch ID will automatically unlock it for you.
2. Swipe left or right to **find the wallpaper** you want to delete.
3. Once you find a wallpaper you want to delete, **swipe up** on it.
4. Tap the **red bin icon** → Then, select **Delete This Wallpaper** to confirm your choice.

The above method can help you delete individual wallpapers from the Lock Screen. But what if you need to remove just one image from a Photo Shuffle album you are using?

How to delete Photo Shuffle wallpaper on iPhone

In that case, instead of entirely deleting the Photo Shuffle wallpaper, you can opt to delete specific pictures from it. Let me show you how.
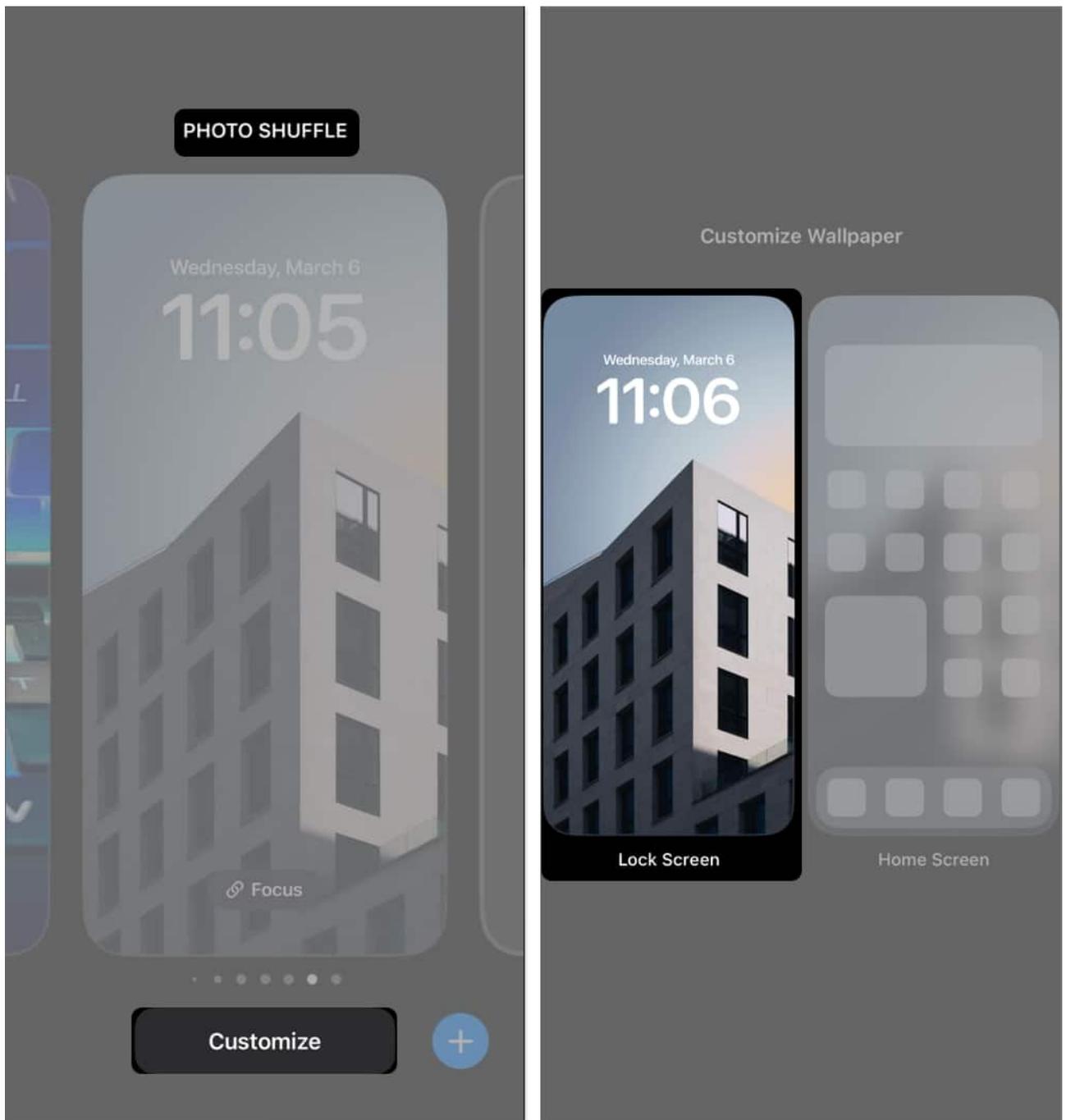
Note
This method below will only work for you if you've selected the Photo Shuffle pictures manually. If you choose a People album or a specific album for Photo Shuffle, you can only change the person or album.

1. **Tap and hold** an empty area of your iPhone Lock Screen to open the wallpaper gallery.
2. Swipe left or right to **find the phone shuffle album** you want to modify.
    ◦ On top of normal individual wallpapers, you will see PHOTO. On top of an album
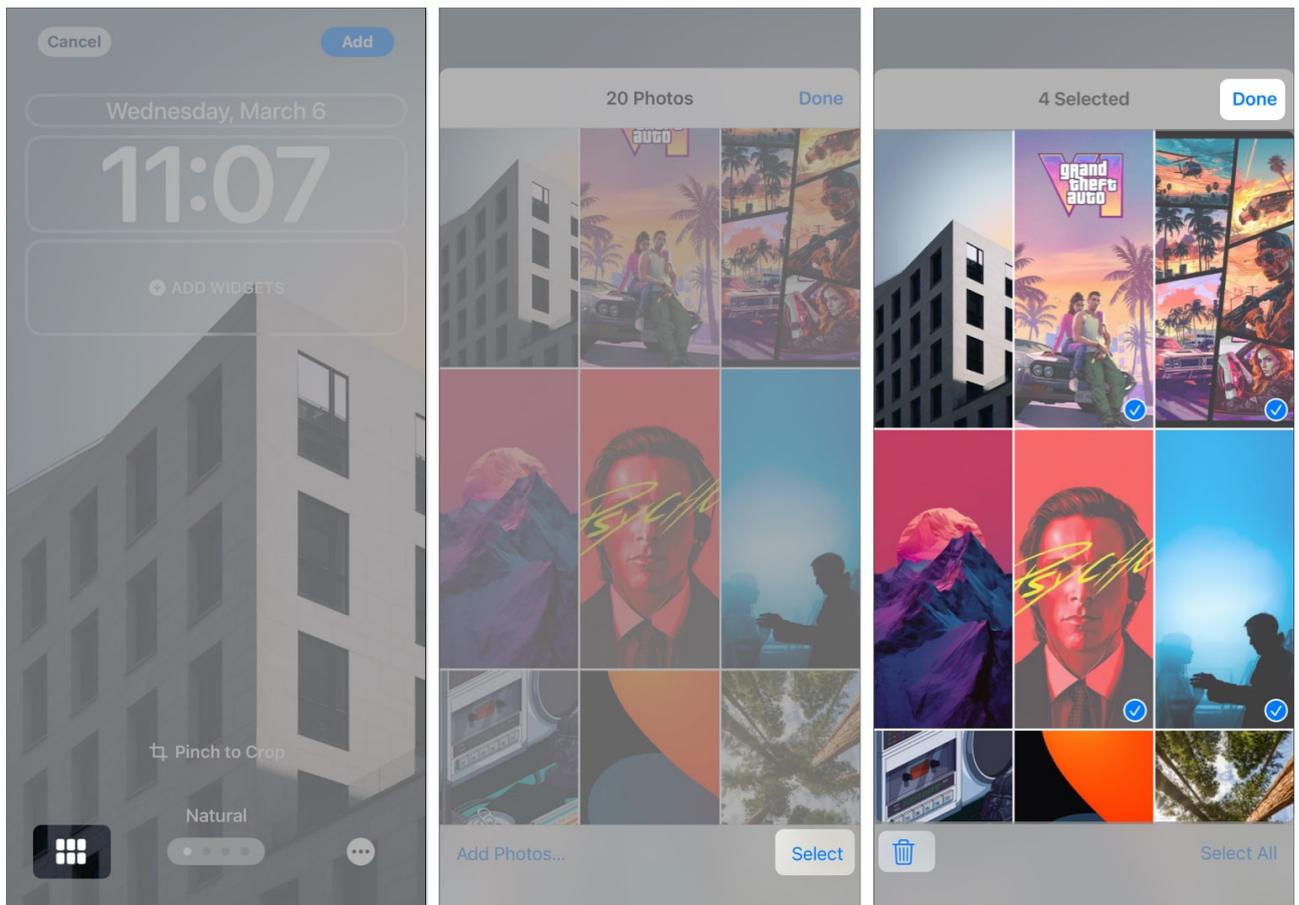
of wallpapers, you will see PHOTO SHUFFLE written on top.
3. Tap **Customize** under your Photo Shuffle wallpaper → Then enter the **Lock Screen window**.

4. From the bottom left of your screen, select the **Photo Shuffle icon**.
5. Tap **Select** at the bottom right → Then, **choose the photo(s)** you wish to delete.

6. Once you have selected the photo(s) you want to delete, tap the **Bin icon** at the bottom left.
7. Select **Done** at the top right to save changes and go back to your wallpaper gallery.

How to change a wallpaper on your iPhone

Instead of deleting a wallpaper, you can also change or replace the [Home Screen](#) and Lock Screen wallpapers. This way, you can easily remove the old wallpaper while still preserving your existing [Lock Screen customizations](#) and widget layout.
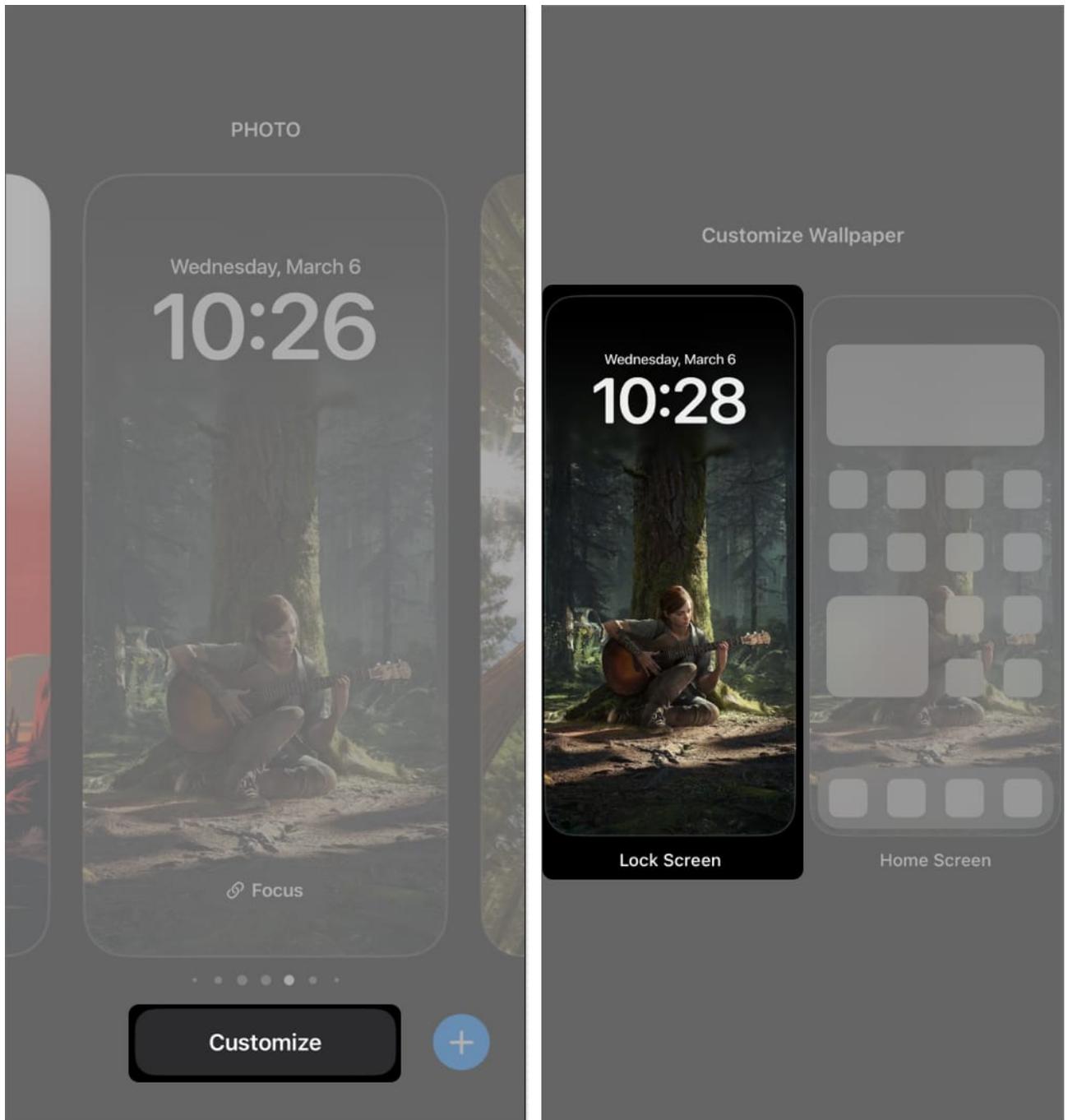
There are two ways to replace iPhone wallpapers: from the Lock Screen or using the Settings app. The steps for both are mentioned below.
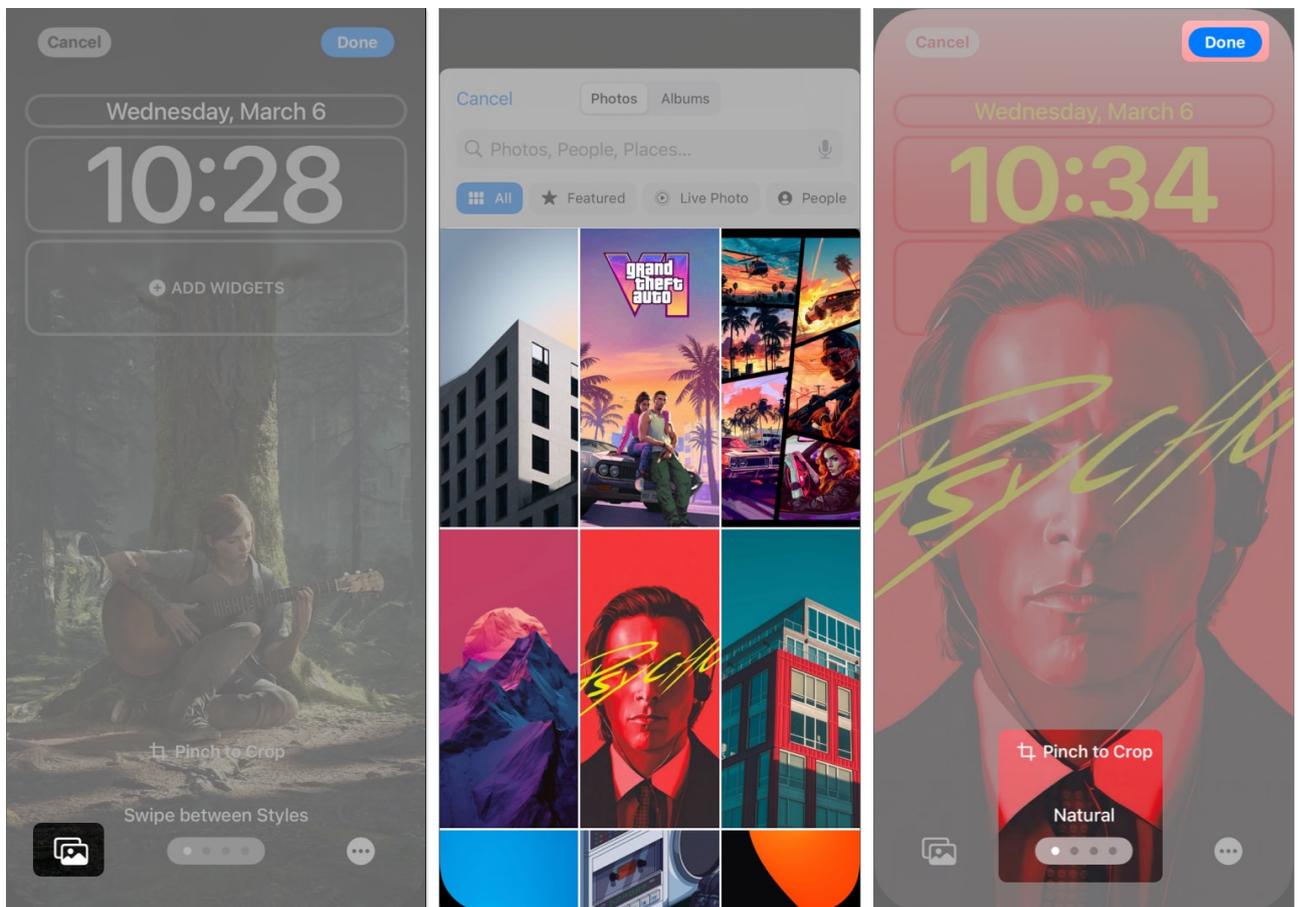
Change wallpaper from iPhone Lock Screen

The quickest way you can change wallpapers in iOS is from the Lock Screen. Here's how it

works:

1. **Tap and hold** an empty area of your Lock Screen to access the wallpaper gallery.
2. Swipe either left or right to **find the wallpaper** you want to replace.
3. Once you find a wallpaper you would like to replace, tap **Customize**.
4. Based on where you want to see the change, pick **Lock Screen** or **Home Screen**.
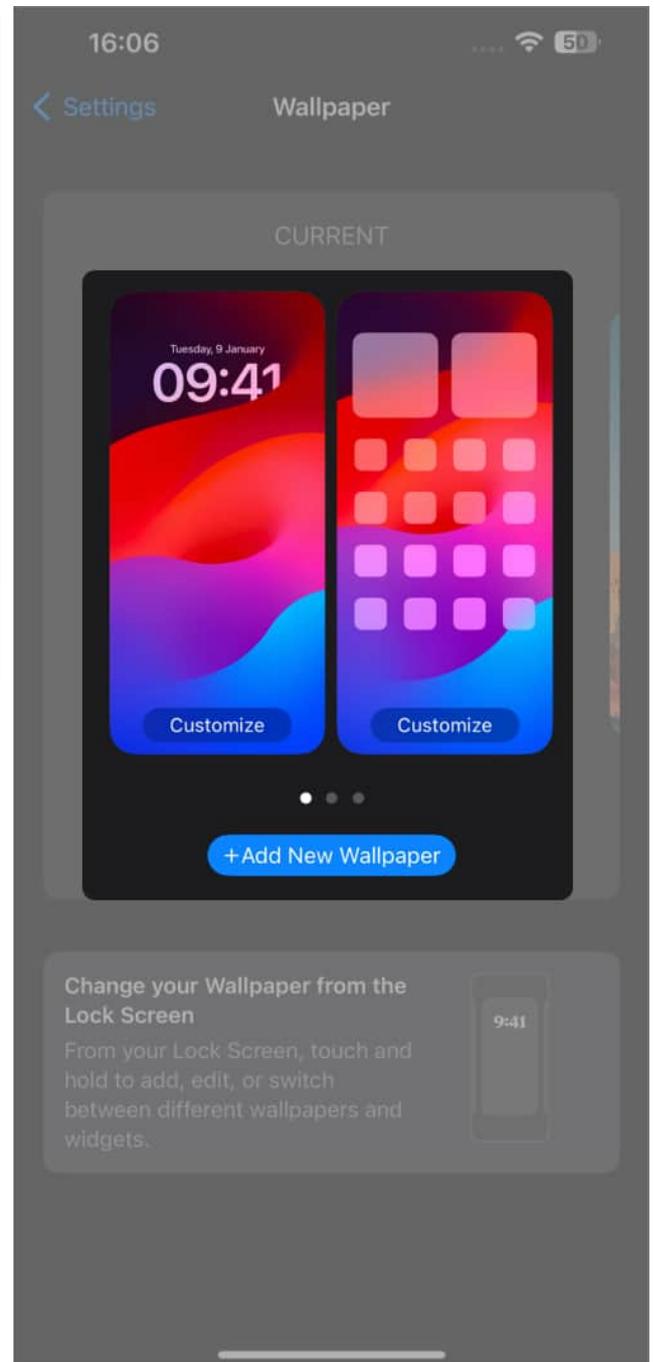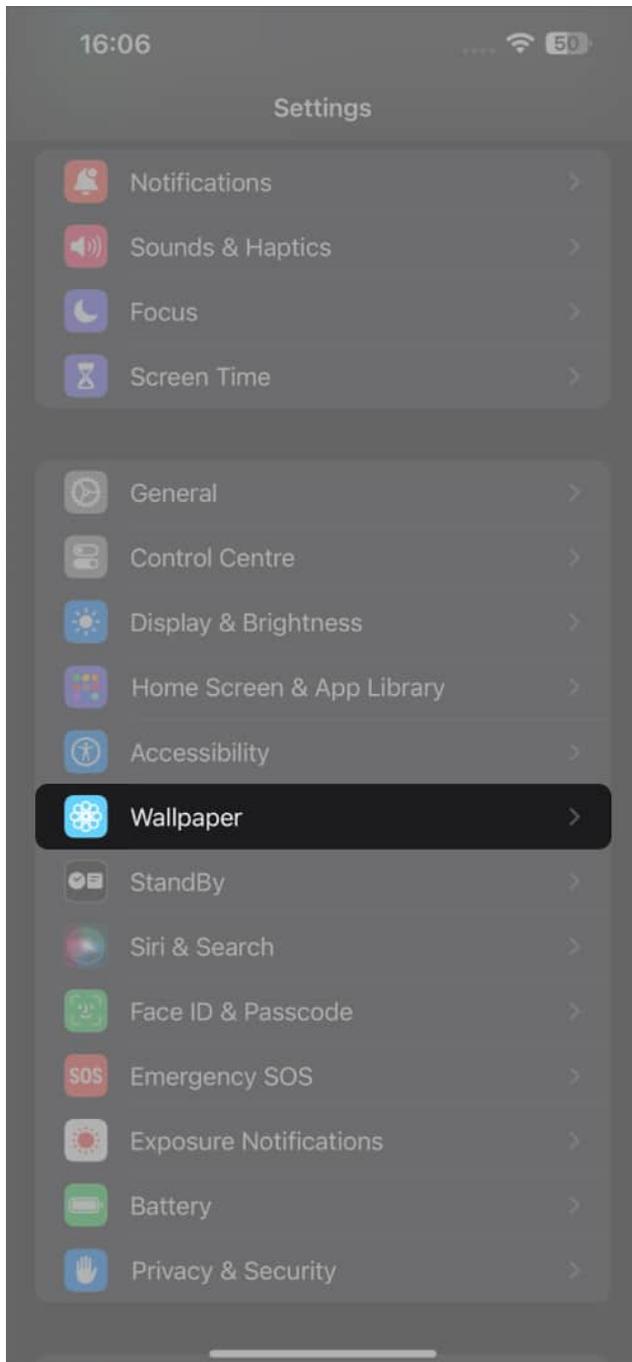
5. Now, tap the **Photo Library icon** from the bottom-left corner of the screen.
   *If you're changing the Home Screen wallpaper, tap the **Photo option**.*
6. **Select a wallpaper** you like and crop it as needed → Then, tap **Done**.
   You may swipe left or right to apply color filters to the new wallpaper.
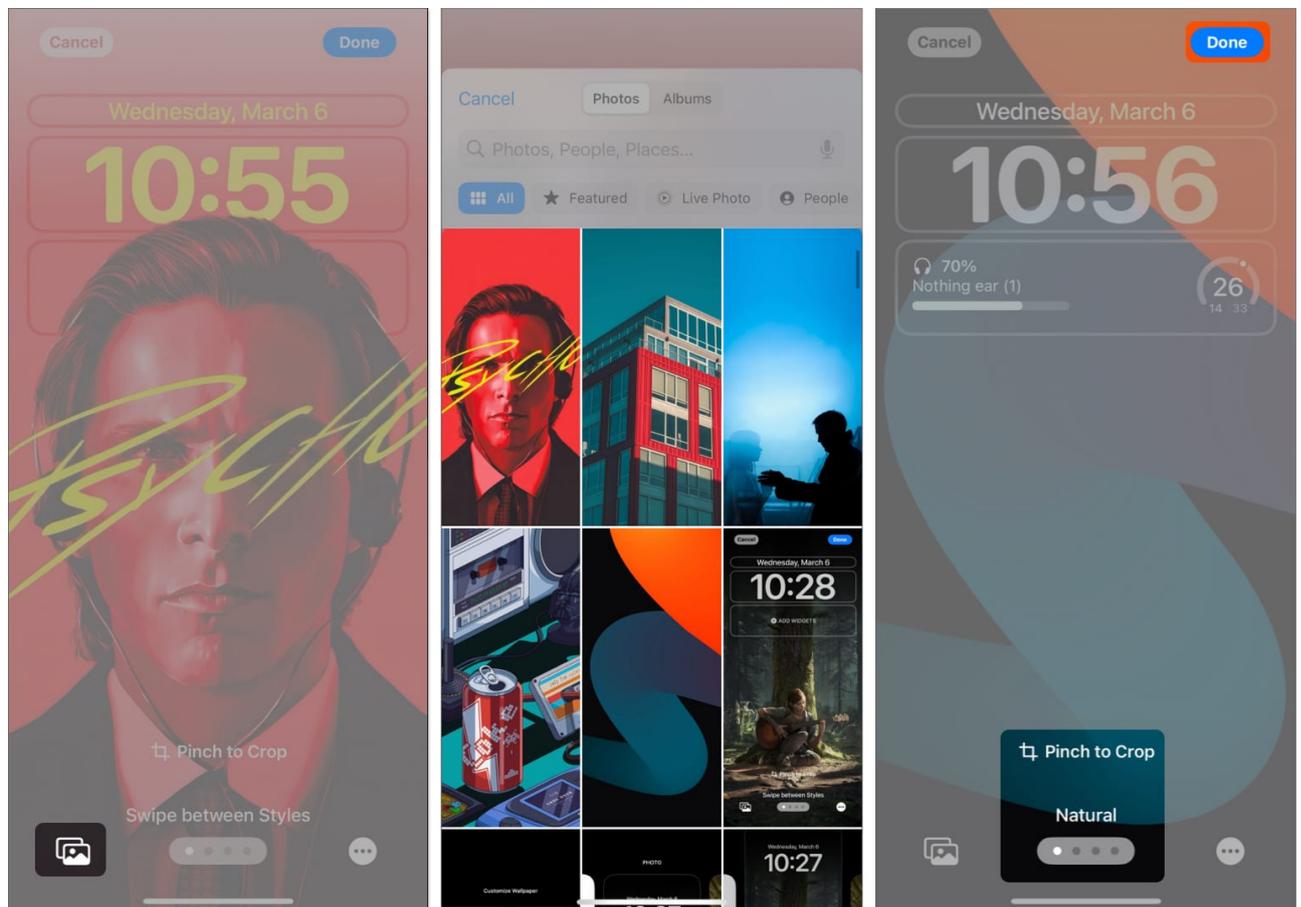
Change wallpaper from iPhone Settings app

Several iPhone users still aren't accustomed to changing wallpapers directly from the Lock Screen. If you're one such user, don't worry! You can do it from the Settings app.

1. Open the **Settings app →** Go to **Wallpaper**. Swipe left or right to arrive at the wallpaper combination you wish to modify.
2. Based on your preference, tap the **Lock Screen** or **Home Screen** window you want to replace.

3. Now, tap the **Photo Library icon** from the bottom-left corner of the screen.
   *If you're changing the Home Screen wallpaper, tap the **Photo option***.
4. **Select a wallpaper** you like and crop it as needed → Then, tap **Done**.
   You may swipe left or right to apply color filters to the new wallpaper.

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This way, you have changed the wallpaper of your iPhone.

Wrapping up…

Although the method of deleting or replacing wallpaper on iPhone has changed with iOS 16, the process isn't that intuitive. However, with the steps outlined above, you can quickly delete or change wallpapers on your iPhone.

Do you have any other questions about managing wallpapers or personalizing your iPhone? Share them in the comments!

Also read:

- [Best iOS 18 tips and tricks you should know!](#)
- [Depth Effect wallpapers for iPhone](#)
- [Best wallpaper apps for iPhone](#)