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iPhone 15 Pro Max

- 6.29" tall x 3.02" Wide x .32" depth
- 7.81 ounces
- Super Retina XDR display
6.7-inch (diagonal) all-screen OLED display
2796-by-1290-pixel resolution at 460 ppi
- 2000 nit Peak brightness
- Titanium design, ceramic Shield front
textured matte glass back
- Black Titanium, White Titanium,
Blue Titanium, Natural Titanium

iPhone 11 Pro Max

- 6.22" tall x 3.06" wide x .32" depth
- 7.97 ounces
- Super Retina XDR display, HDR Display
6.5-inch (diagonal) all-screen OLED Multi-Touch display
2688-by-1242-pixel resolution at 458 ppi
- 800 nit Peak brightness
- Stainless steel design, ceramic shield screen
matte glass back
- Gold, Space Gray,
Silver, Midnight Green

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iPhone 15 Pro Max

- A17 Pro chip
- 256 GB, 512 GB, 1 TB
- Triple 48MP Main-Ultra Wide, Wide, and Telephoto cameras
Telephoto: f/2.8 aperture
5x optical zoom in, 2x optical zoom out;
digital zoom up to 25x
- 5g Cellular
- Video playback-29 hrs; Audio playback-95 hrs
- Shipped with iOS13



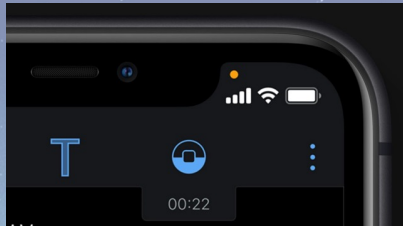
iPhone 11 Pro Max

- A13 Bionic chip
- 64 GB, 256 GB, 512 GB
- Triple 12MP main-Ultra Wide, Wide, and Telephoto cameras
Telephoto: f/2.0 aperture
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digital zoom up to 10x
- LTE Cellular
- Video playback-20 hrs; Audio playback-80 hrs
- Shipped with iOS17

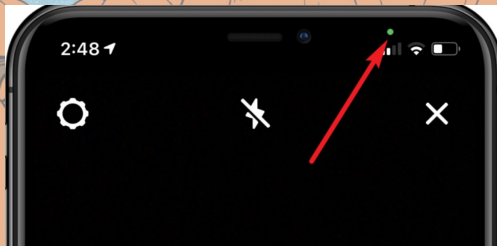
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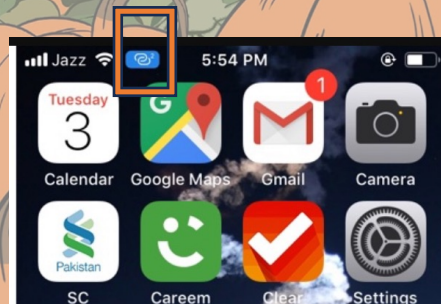
1. A small orange dot-an app is accessing your iPhone's microphone.



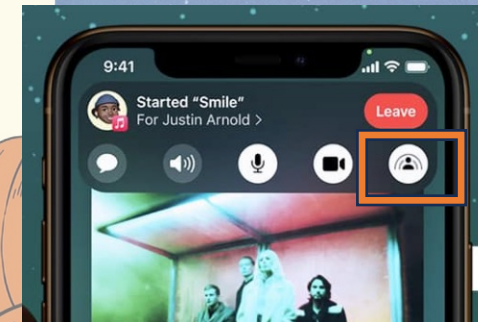
2. A small green dot indicates that the camera (and possibly the microphone as well) is being used.



3. If you see what looks like two links of a chain, your iPhone is linked to another iOS device and using it as a personal hotspot.



4. An icon that looks like a person in the middle of a circle with the Wi-Fi signal will appear if SharePlay is turned on. One that shows a person in front of a rectangular screen means your iPhone is currently sharing the screen via SharePlay.



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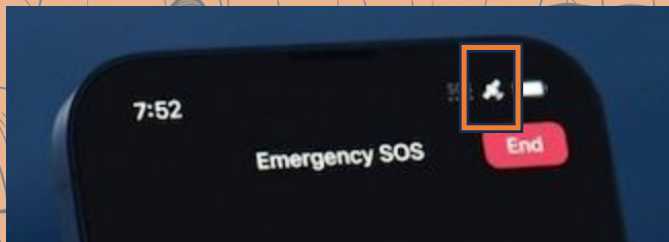
5. An "SOS" shows the iPhone doesn't currently have a cell signal but can make emergency calls using other carrier networks in the area.



8. 5G and 5G (UW)-These icons will tell you which 5G band of your carrier that you are using. 5G (UW) is your carrier's higher frequency version of 5G. This is a faster 5G network.



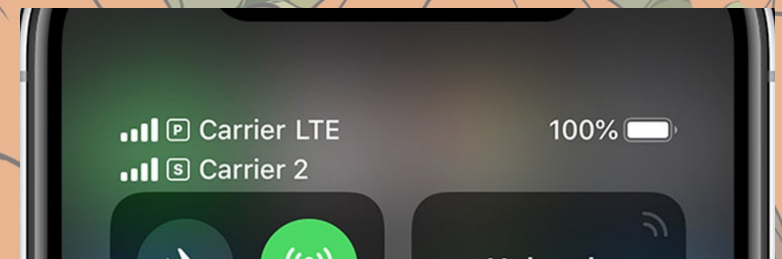
6. a satellite icon means no cell or Wi-Fi signal, but satellite-based Emergency SOS is available.



7. A blue rounded rectangle with an arrow in it indicates the iPhone is giving turn by turn directions



9. If you see multiple cellular strength icons, you are seeing the strength of cell signals for dual SIM models. The upper row of bars indicates the signal strength of the line you use for cellular data. The lower row of bars indicates the signal strength of your other line.



What do the Apple Watch buttons do? Click, double-click and hold.

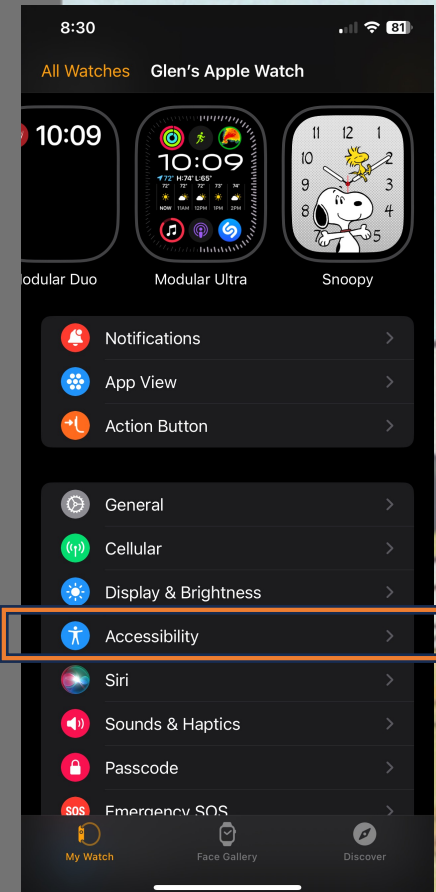
These diagrams from Cult of Mac will help you to operate your Apple Watch



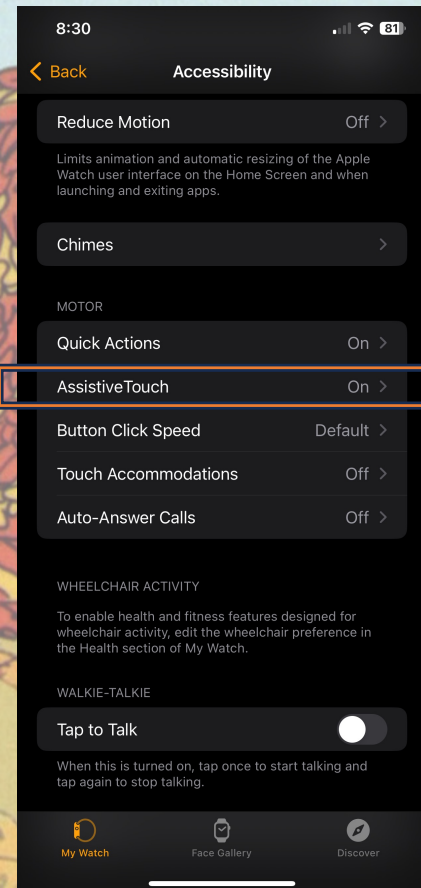
Turn on Pinch and Clench Gesture on Apple Watch

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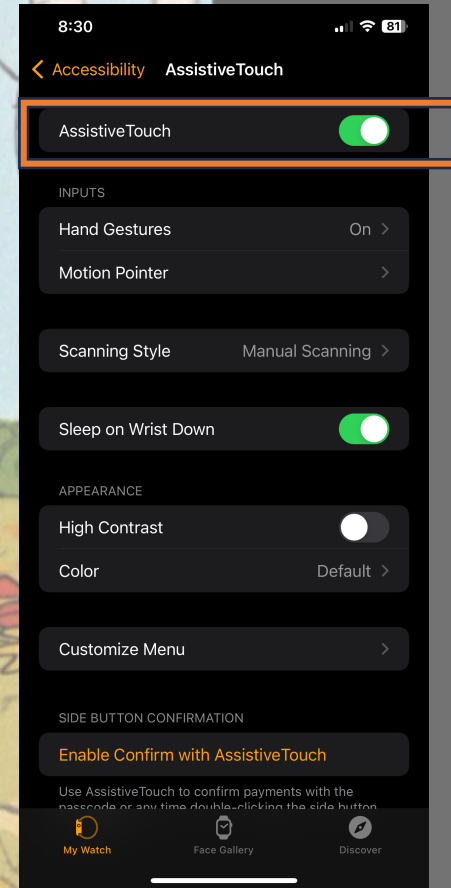
1. Open the Watch app on your iPhone or you can do this on your watch.
2. Swipe down and choose Accessibility



3. Scroll down and tap on Assistive Touch



4. Toggle Assistive Touch to on



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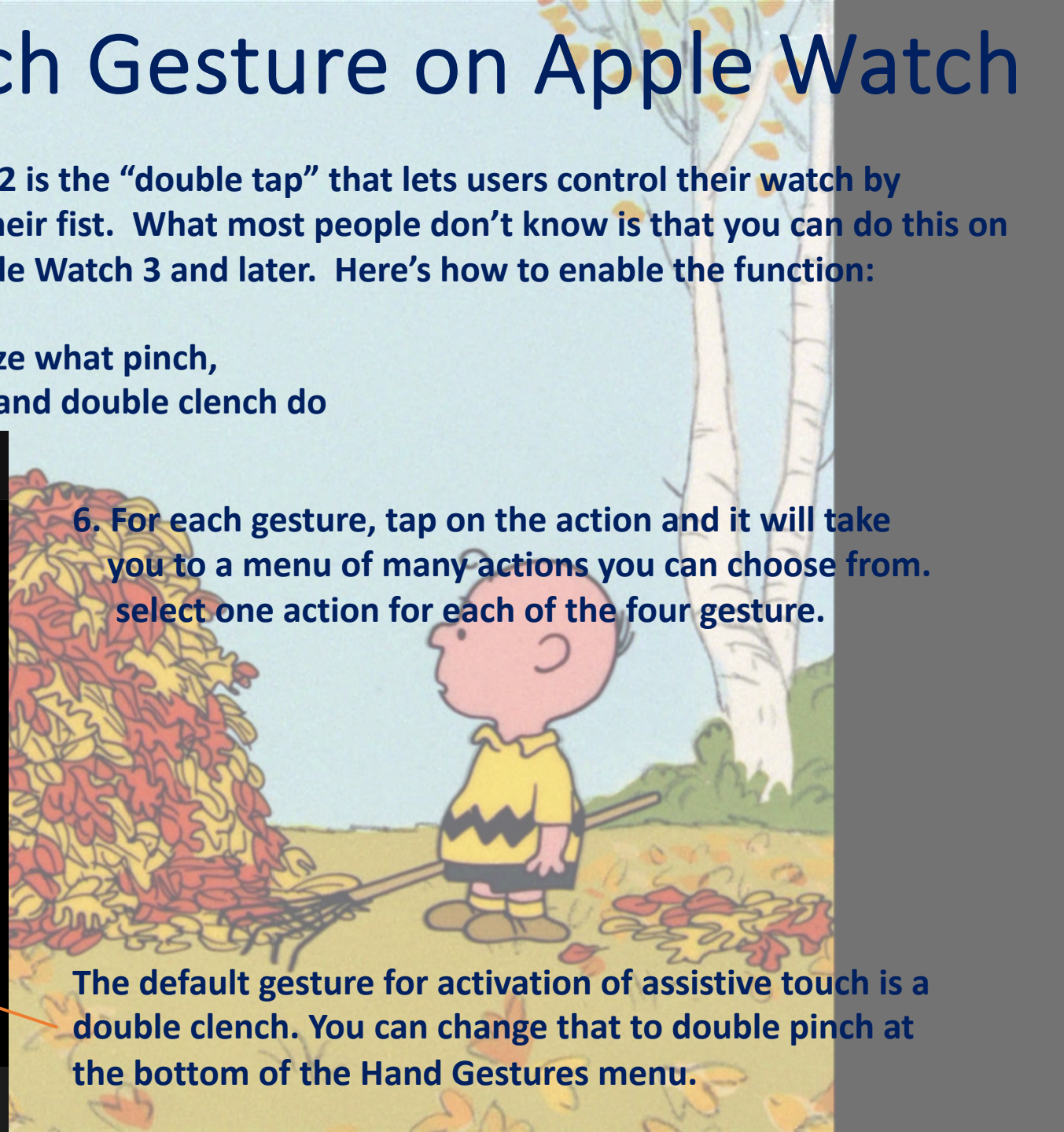
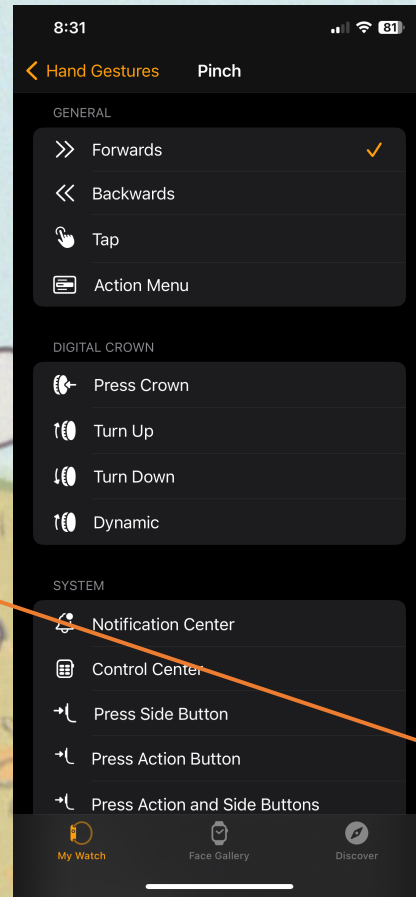
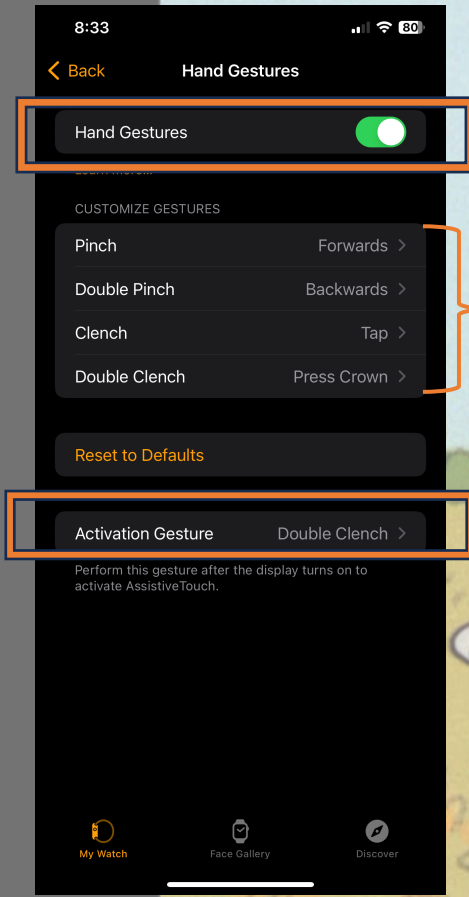
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4. Tap “Hand Gestures”, and toggle those on at the top

5. Next you will customize what pinch, double pinch, clench, and double clench do

6. For each gesture, tap on the action and it will take you to a menu of many actions you can choose from. select one action for each of the four gesture.

The default gesture for activation of assistive touch is a double clench. You can change that to double pinch at the bottom of the Hand Gestures menu.



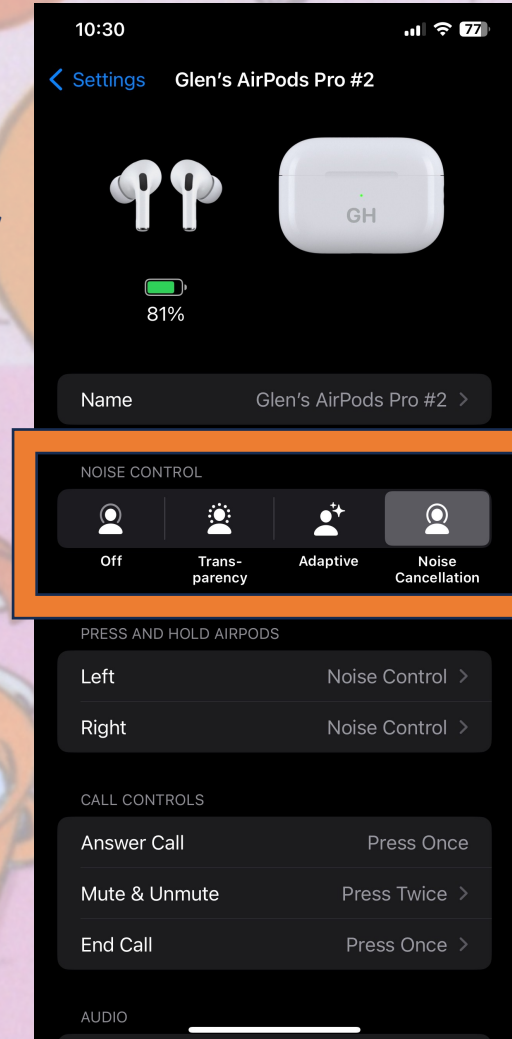
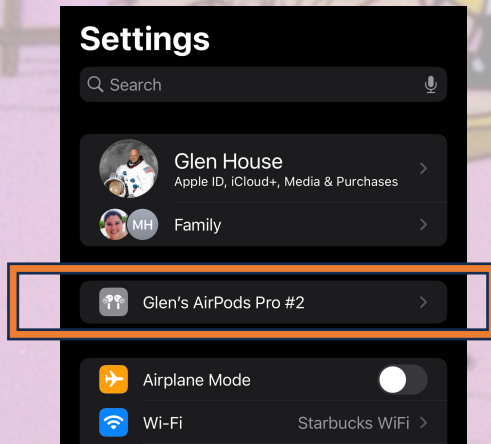


AirPods Pro 2 Adaptive Audio in iOS 17

With iOS 17 and the AirPods Pro 2, there is a new audio feature called Adaptive Audio. It dynamically blends the Transparency and Active Noise Cancellation modes together to tailor the noise control as you move between different environments and interactions. The purpose of Adaptive Audio is that loud or distracting noises like machinery, cars, etc., are automatically reduced so you're not hearing them much, but sudden loud noises like a car horn or siren will be heard. This mode will reduce the noise cancelling somewhat, but not fully.

There are two ways to activate and control your audio mode:

1. Open Settings.
2. Tap on [your name]'s AirPods Pro.
3. Under "Noise Control," tap Adaptive



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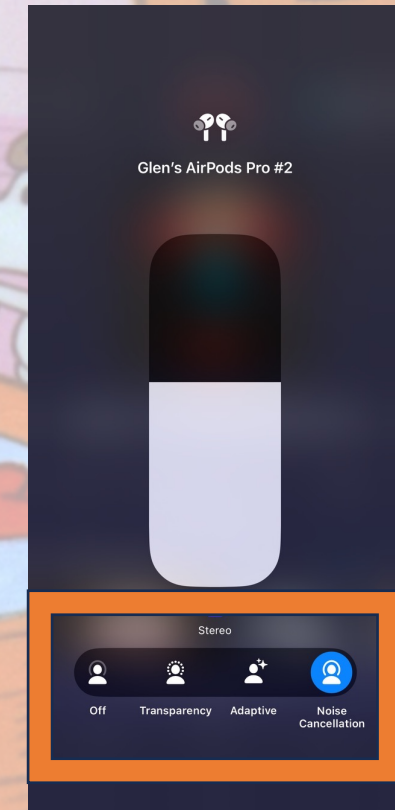
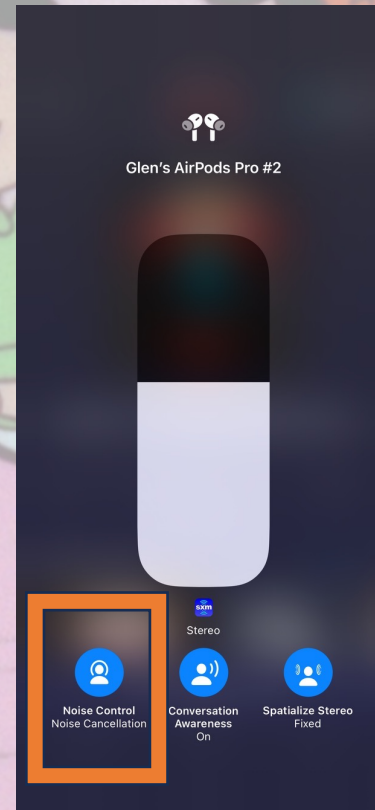
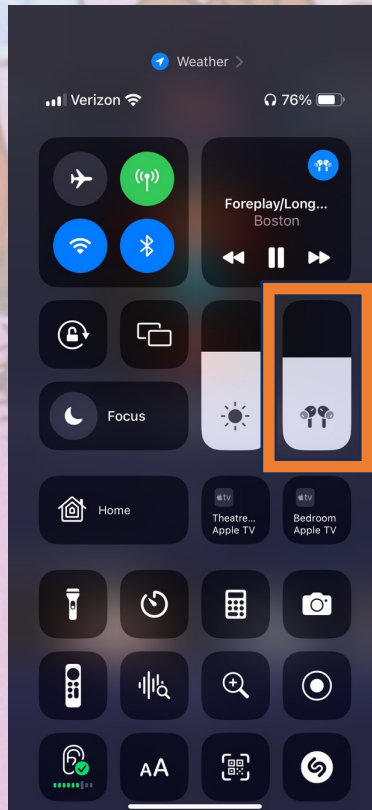
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1. Bring up the Control

2. Long press on the AirPods Pro volume slider.

3. Tap the Noise Control button.

4. Select Adaptive.





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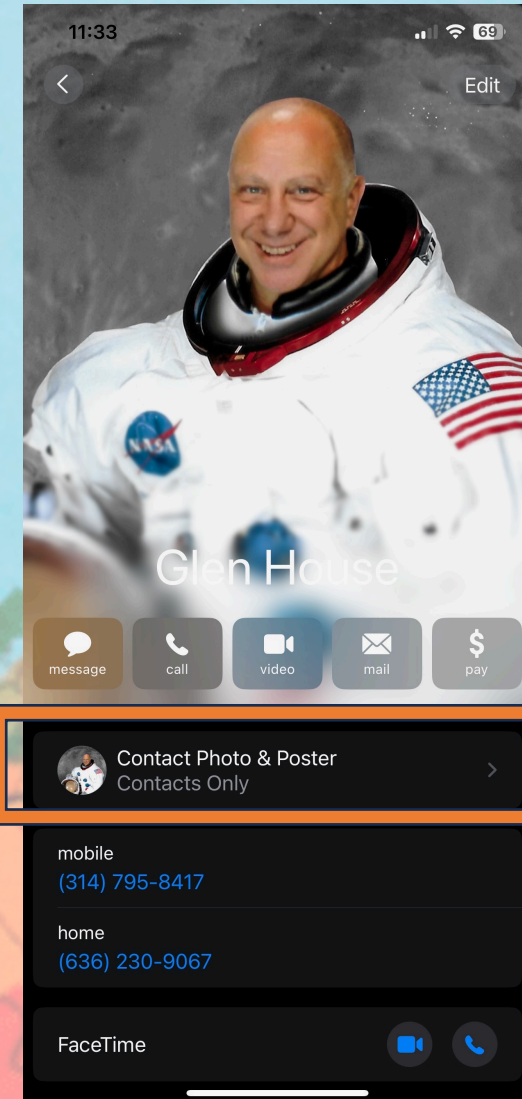
1. Contact Poster

Contact posters are a cool new feature that lets you customize how your contact card looks to other people. If you call someone and they have your contact info in their address book, your Contact Poster appears on their screen.

If you bring two iPhones together, they will automatically pop up a contact sharing interface. Tapping on the popup shows a person's contact information and their Contact Poster.

You can choose the phone number and email address that you want to share with someone on the other end, and if someone is already in your Contacts app, it updates contact information. In addition, NameDrop works between two iPhones running iOS 17, and between an iOS 17 iPhone and an Apple Watch running watchOS 10. Here's how to set it up:

1. Open the Contacts app and tap on your own name.
2. Tap the Contact Photo & Poster option.

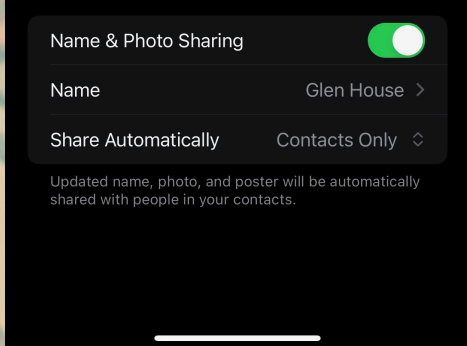
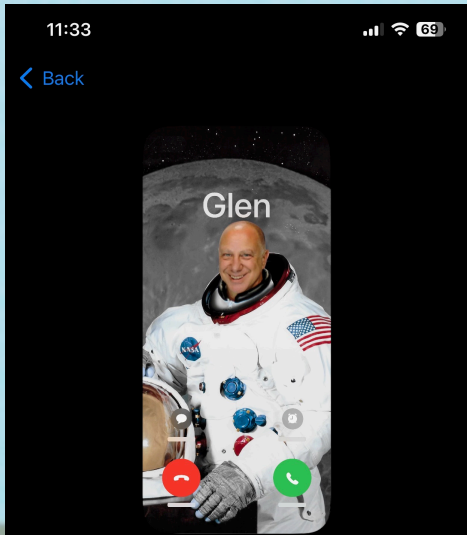




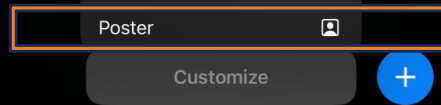
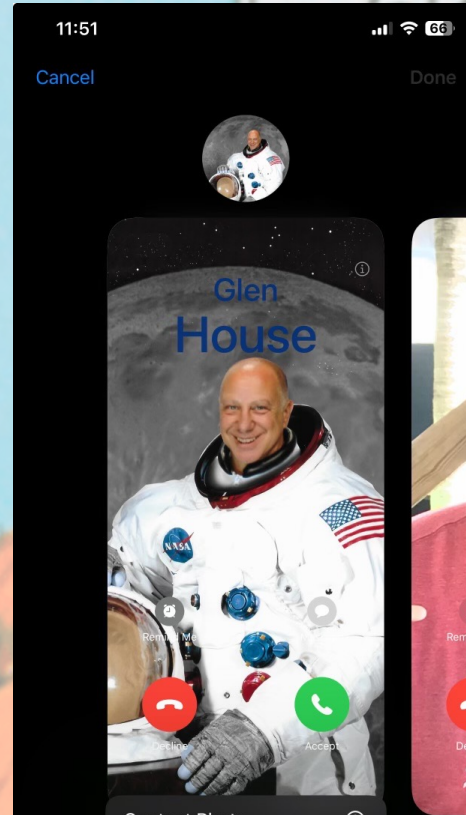
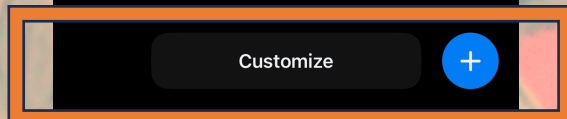
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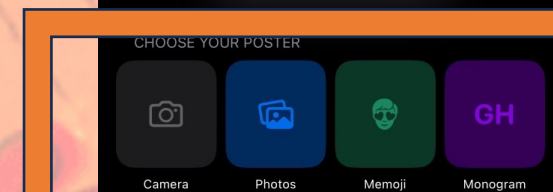
3. Tap Edit, then tap Customize.



4. Tap on Poster



5. Use the buttons at the bottom of the screen to take a photo, choose a photo you want to use from your library, pick a Memoji, or add a simple Monogram of your initials.





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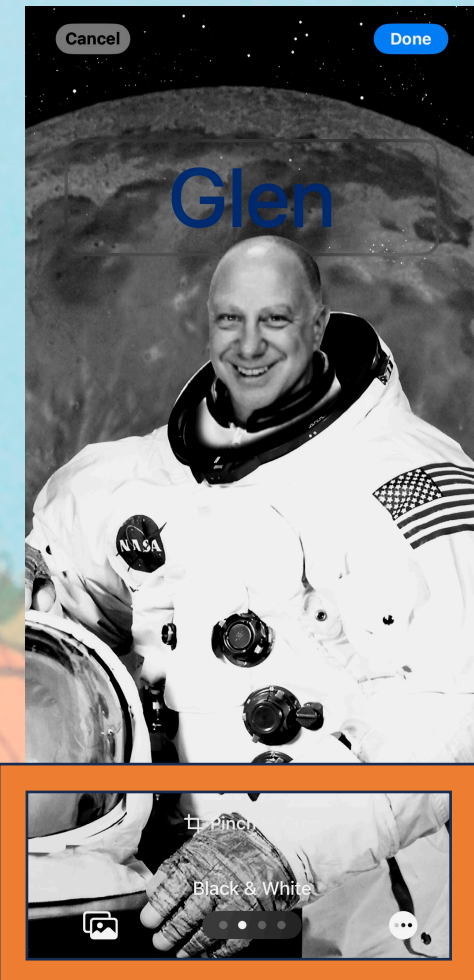
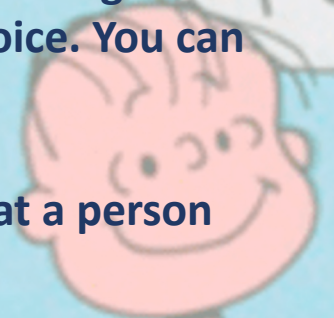
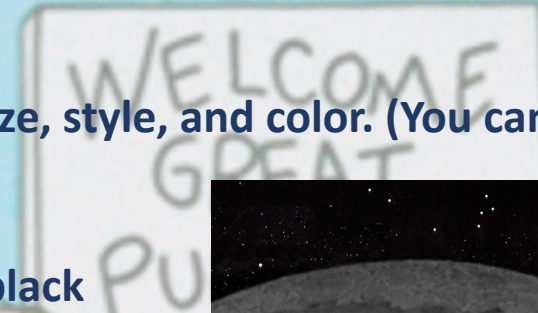
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Besides the image you choose to use, you can customize the font size, style, and color. (You can't change your name here- that has to be done by changing your contact information.)

Swipe across the poster to preview a selection of filters, including black and white, duotone, and color wash in the color of your choice. You can also pinch to crop your photo.

When you're happy with the look, tap Done to preview what a person sees when you call them. If you still like it, tap Continue.

Your Contact Poster and Contact Photo is complete. Contact Posters can be shared with your contacts automatically, or you can be prompted to share with anyone who calls you so no one sees your custom imagery without your permission.





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2. Share Contact Details With NameDrop

In iOS 17, there's a new AirDrop feature that lets you exchange contact information between two iPhones next to one another. It's called NameDrop, and here's how it works.

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3. StandBy

StandBy is a new Lock Screen mode in iOS 17 that activates when an iPhone is charging and positioned on its side. Think of it as a smart display for glanceable information that can be viewed at a distance when your device is charging on a desk, or nightstand. If you charge your iPhone at night, StandBy will be in the red low light mode that you might have seen on the Apple Watch. StandBy mode is available on all iPhone models that support iOS 17, but can only use the always-on feature on iPhone 14 Pro models and later. Here's how to use it:



To use StandBy when enabled, your iPhone needs to be locked and charging. The iPhone needs to be locked, fixed in a horizontal (landscape) orientation, propped up and not laying flat. This means that either a charging stand that puts the phone in this position or a way to prop up the phone on it's side is necessary.

To enable StandBy mode go to Settings and then to "StandBy." Once in the StandBy screen, toggle StandBy on. The default is supposed to be on, but check on this to make sure.



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The logo for iOS 17, featuring the number '17' in white on a rounded square background with a gradient from orange to purple.

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4. Live voicemail

In iOS 17, Live Voicemail allows you to read transcripts of voicemails as they are being left in real time. When you get a voicemail, you can see what the caller is saying in real time. As you're reading along and before the call ends, you can answer the phone to talk to the caller. Think of how answering machines worked back in the day, except this will allow you to see the words instead of listening.

A screenshot from a video titled 'iOS 17 What's New'. The video has a red-to-purple gradient background. At the top, there is a white sign that says 'WELCOME'. Below it, the text 'iOS 17 What's New' is displayed in white with a thin underline. In the center, the words 'Live Voicemail' are written in white inside a dark purple rounded rectangle. At the bottom, a URL is shown in a white box, and the website 'www.TheMacU.com' is listed at the very bottom.

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5. Video Messages

In iOS 17, when you FaceTime someone and they don't answer, you can leave a video or audio message. The type of message you can leave depends on the call method you used. If you are using FaceTime video, you can leave a video message, and if you are using FaceTime audio, you can leave an audio message.

Make sure you have this feature enabled.

You can check by going to Settings >

Phone > Live Voicemail. Make sure it's

toggled on. Now to use the feature.

Start by using FaceTime to call someone.

If they don't answer, you'll see a "Record

Video" option, which will allow you to

create a message. Record your message

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preview of your video, and the option to

re-record if it didn't turn out well. Here's

an example of how to leave a video

message:





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6. Apple Maps New Features

In iOS 17, Apple Maps has two new features that can be very useful. The first one is the ability to download maps for offline use. Offline maps can be useful when you can't always rely on a network being available or perhaps, you're traveling abroad or to a rural area. Here's how to use this feature:

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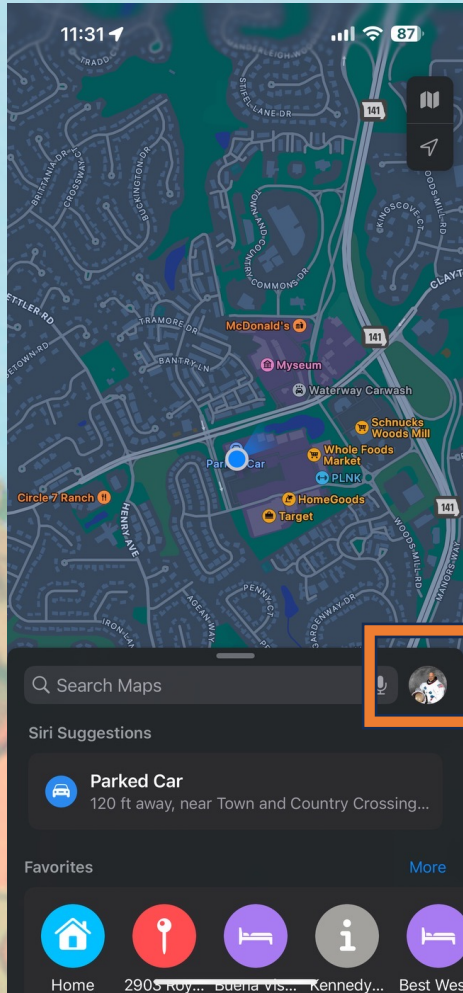


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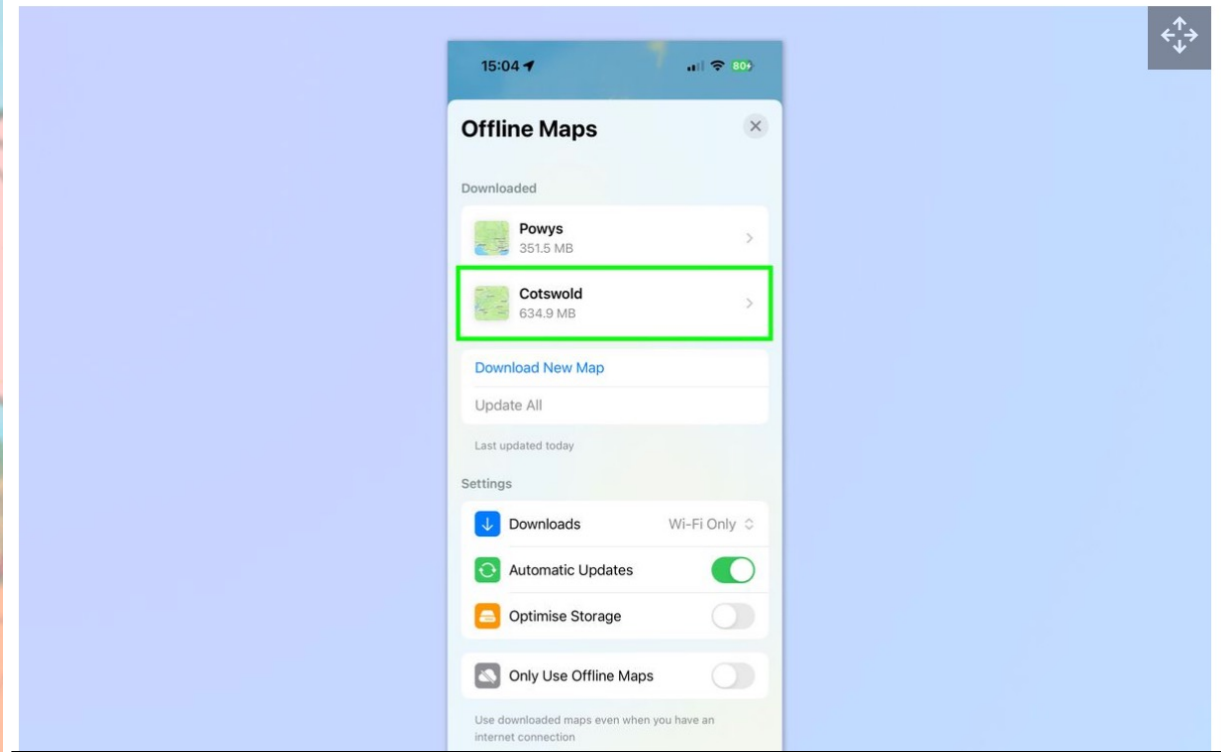
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To access your saved offline maps do the following:

1. In Maps, click on your profile picture (lower right of Maps)



1. In the Offline Maps Menu, tap an Offline Map



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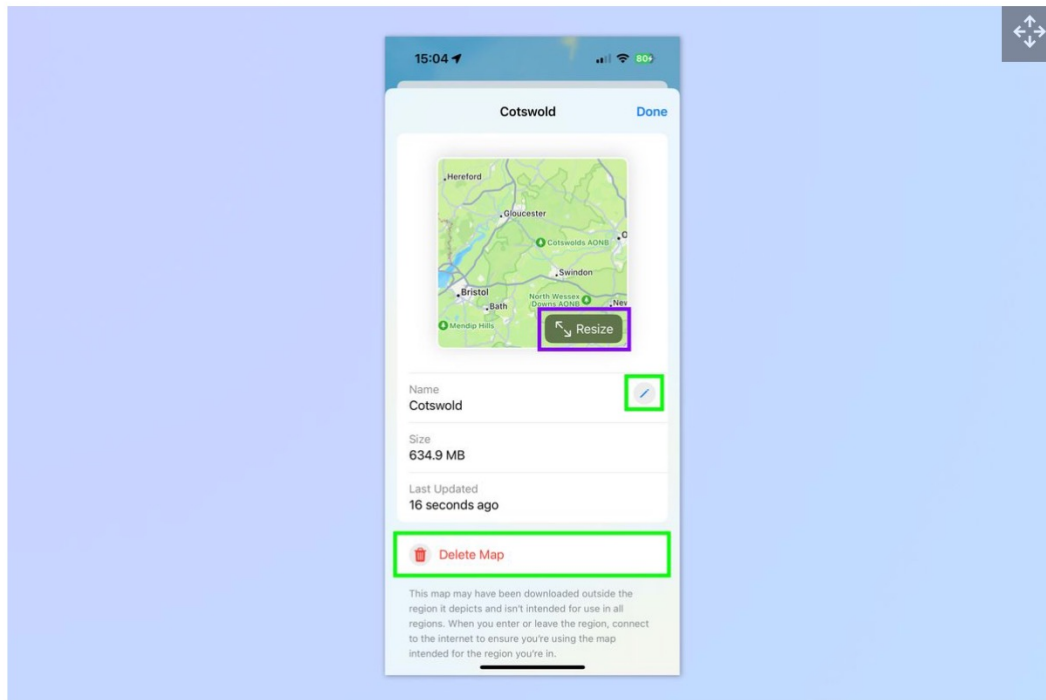


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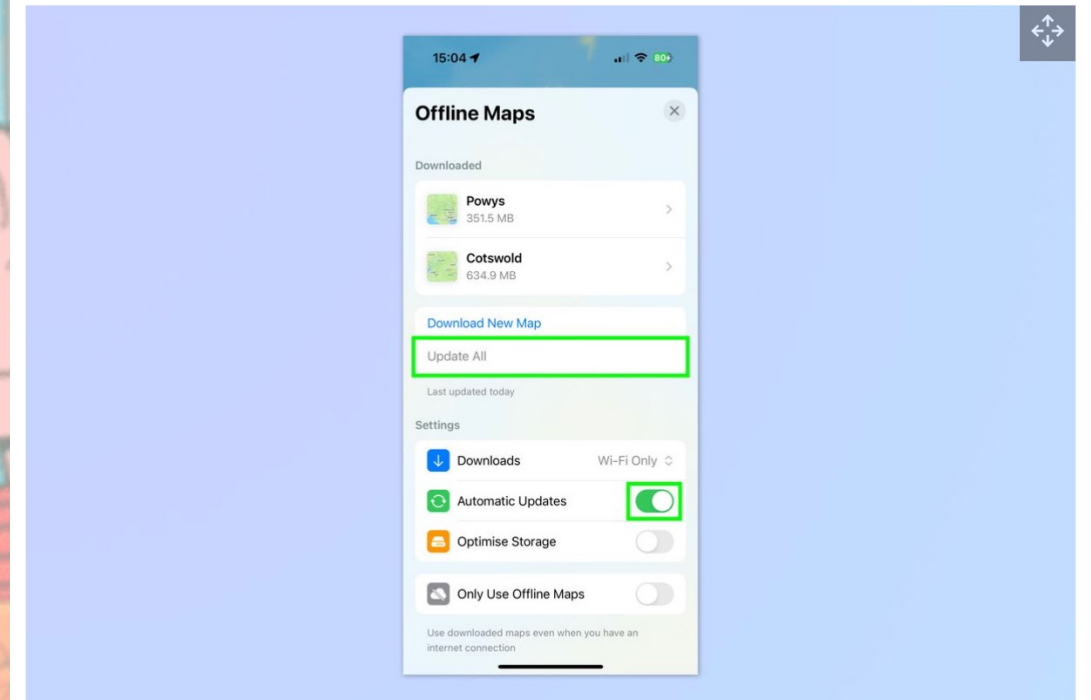
2. Resize, rename or delete the map



(Image: © Future)

Tap Resize to change the size of the map — useful for shrinking a map's size and therefore the storage space it takes up. **Tap the pencil icon** to rename the map. And **tap Delete Map** to delete the map altogether.

3. Update all maps



(Image: © Future)

From the Offline Maps menu, **tap Update All** to ensure all your offline maps are fully up to date. Obviously, this requires an internet connection. Make sure you also **toggle on Automatic Updates** for this to happen automatically.

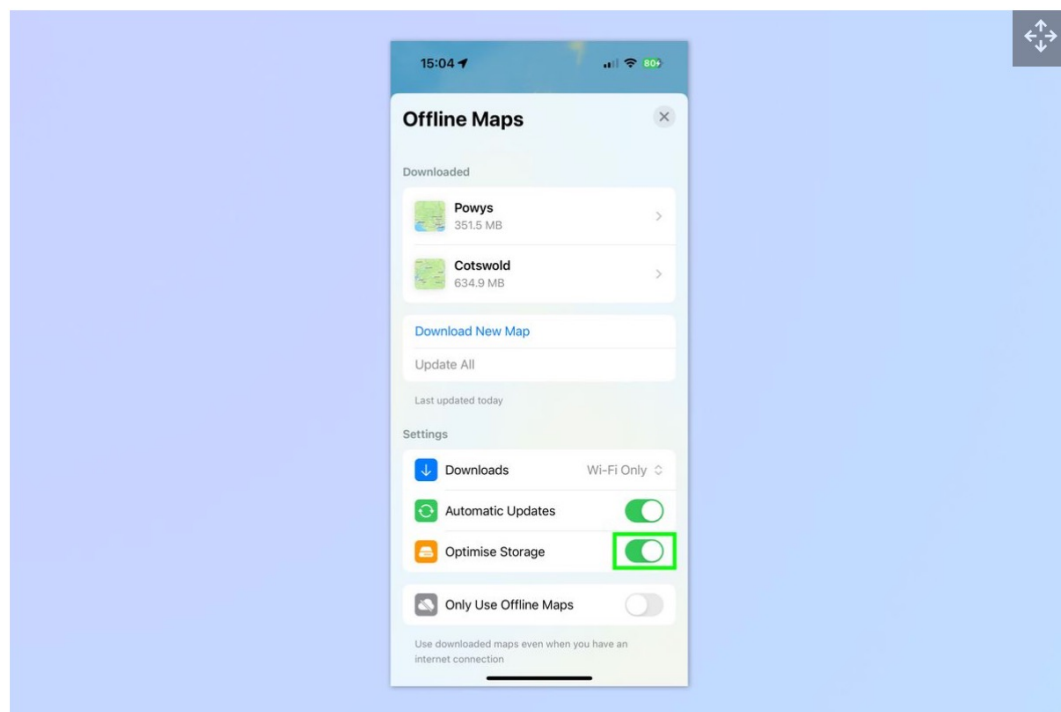


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4. Toggle on Optimize Storage



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From the Offline Maps menu, **toggle on Optimize Storage** to ensure that your maps aren't taking up any unnecessary space.



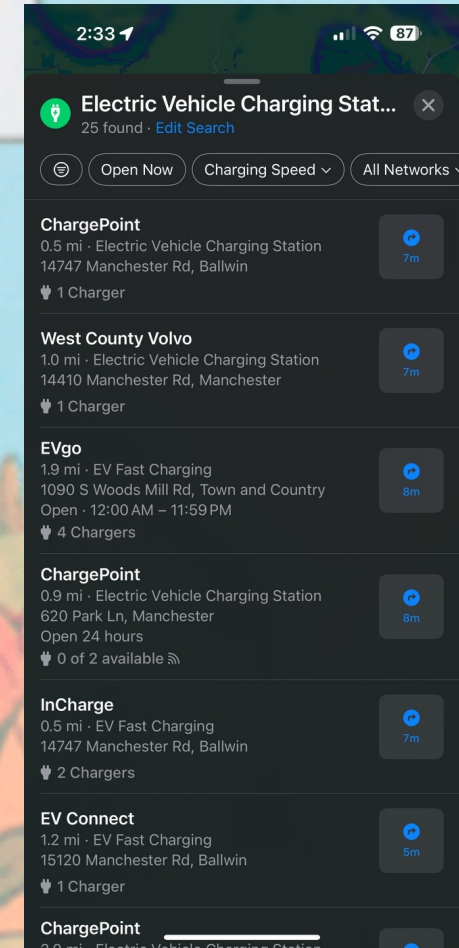
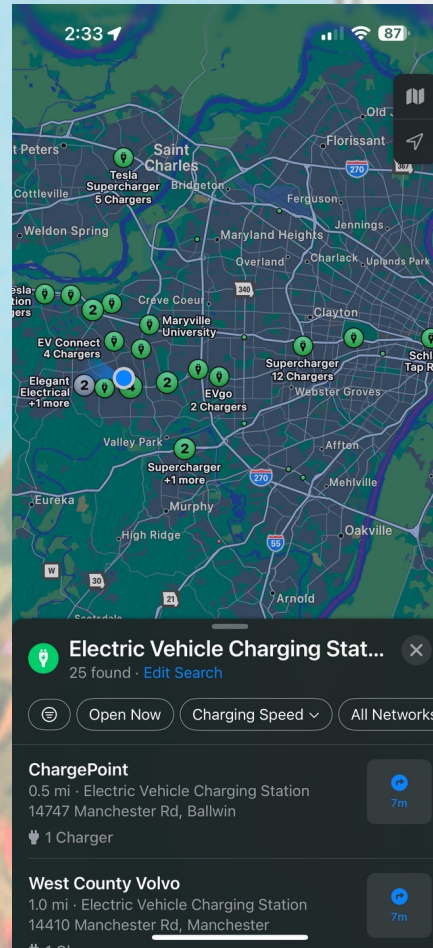
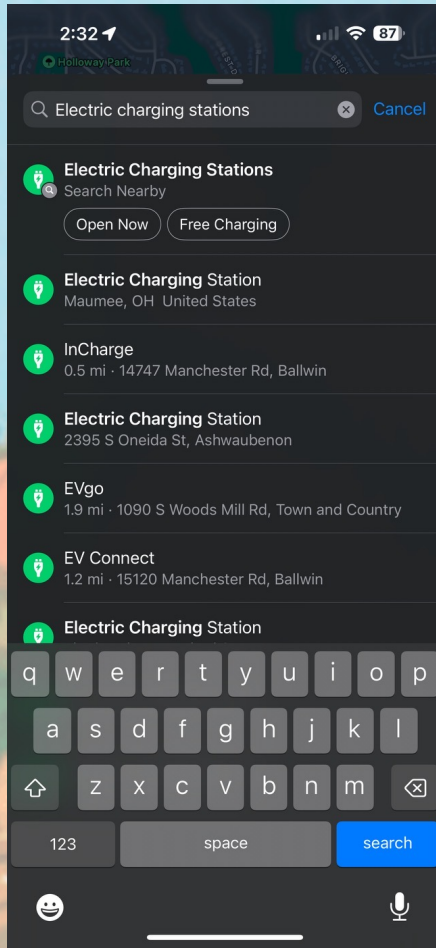


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Apple Maps also allows you to search for charging stations if you need to charge your electric car.

1. Search for "Electric charging stations."
2. Results will show a map of the area
3. Scroll up for results. Press on any of the Map links for directions.



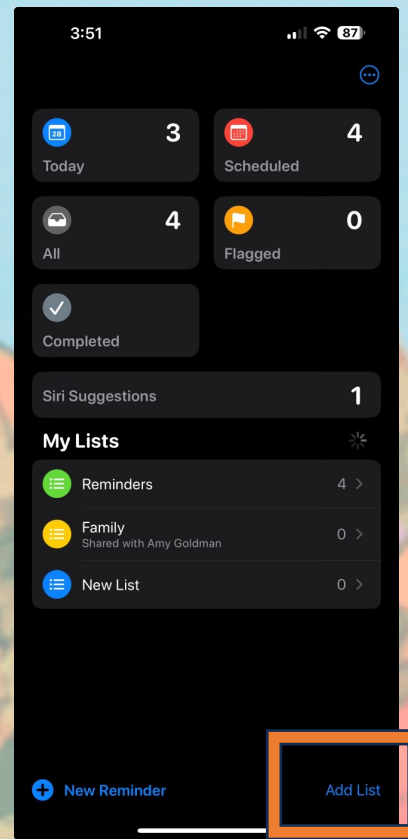


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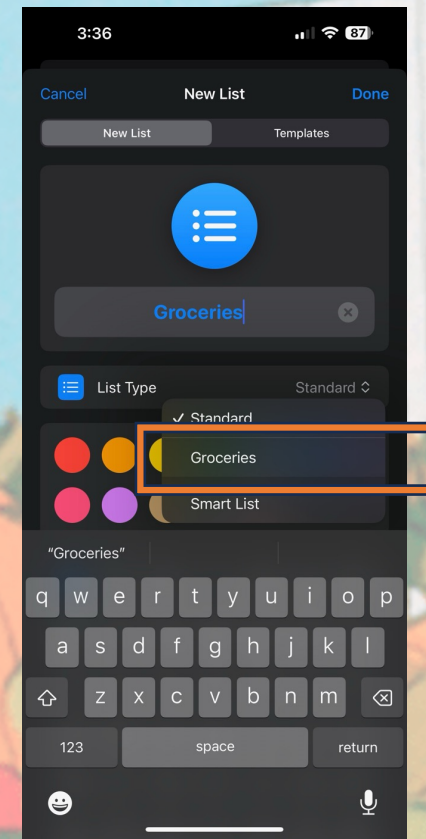
7. Convert a List in Reminders into a Groceries List

Apple has added a list function to the Reminders app to help you make a sorted grocery list. When you create a list with the new "Groceries" list, you can add foods and have them automatically organized by category. This makes it easy to find what you're looking for at the grocery store without running back and forth. The category types in Reminders include Produce, Breads & Cereals, Frozen Foods, Snacks & Candy, Meat, Dairy, Eggs & Cheese, Bakery, Baking Items, Household Items, Personal Care & Health, and Wine, Beer & Spirits.

1. To create a grocery list go to the Reminders app and tap "Add List."



2. Give your list a name, and if you want, give it a color and icon. Then tap "List Type" and choose Groceries and then tap Done.

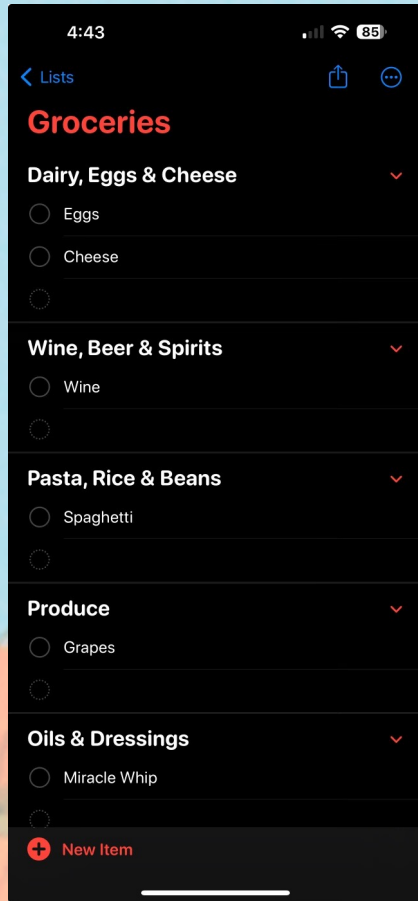




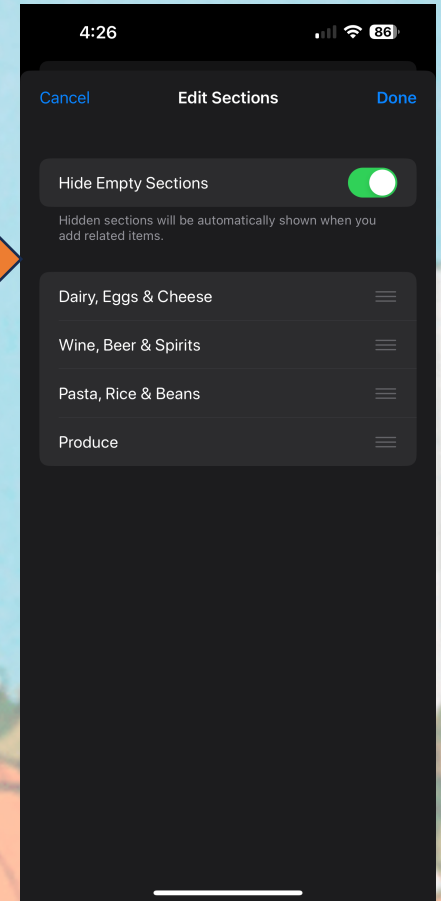
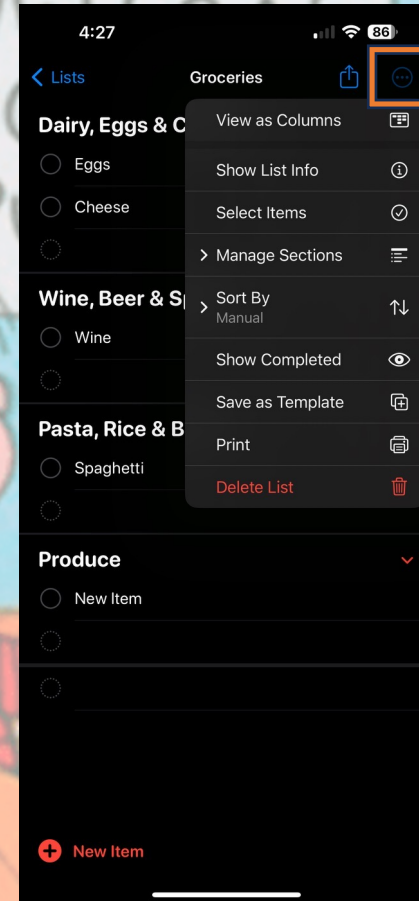
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3. Start adding items to your grocery list. As you add items they will automatically be put into specific categories. If the iPhone doesn't recognize where an item should go, it will be uncategorized. It will recognize specific brands. For example, if you put, "Miracle Whip" it will know to how to categorize this



You can further organize your categories and list by clicking on the circle with the three dots in the upper right of the screen. This will allow you edit categories and create new ones. You can change how the lists sorts, etc.



4. When you finish, tap done. Your list, it should be organized by items that are found in the same area of the store, making your shopping trip much easier.

To be continued at the November meeting