



iPhone/iPad VoiceOver

Home Screen Gestures

Here are some simple gestures to access features from your home screen.

Some Apple devices no longer have a Home button, changing the way you interact with your Home screen, including launching Siri and opening your Accessibility shortcuts, Control Center, and Notification Center. Using Home screen gestures comfortably just takes practice. **Try them out!**

Tip: The following instructions are for the iPhone. However, they are very similar whether you're using an iPhone or an iPad.

Tip: If your device has a Home button, check out the workshop on Home button gestures instead.

Launching Siri

1. Hold down the **side button** (or **Power** button on an iPad), which is the long button on the right side of your device, until you hear the “ding” of the Siri **audio cue**. Then speak your request.

Tip: You can also activate Siri by saying, “Hey Siri” and then make your request.

Accessibility Shortcuts

2. Press the **side (Power) button** three times, quickly, to open your **Accessibility** shortcuts.
3. Swipe to the shortcut you want and double tap to open it.

Tip: If you've only set one Accessibility shortcut, pressing the side button three times will toggle the shortcut on and off.

Tip: Accessibility shortcuts are a great way to quickly turn on and off your most frequently used accessibility features. To learn more about setting these shortcuts, check out the workshop on setting shortcuts.

4. Close your **Accessibility** shortcuts by touching the **Cancel** button near the bottom of the screen, and then single-finger double tap anywhere on your screen.

Close Apps

5. Slide or drag your finger halfway up the screen from the very bottom edge.
6. When you feel a **vibration** and hear an **audio cue**, stop dragging up the screen. Lift your finger to close the app and return to the **Home** screen.

App Switcher

7. To open your app switcher, slide your finger up from the very bottom edge of your screen until you feel the **second vibration** and hear a **second audio cue**. Lift your finger.

Tip: To see all your recently opened apps, just swipe through them as you normally would.

8. To close your app switcher, drag your finger from the bottom edge until you feel the **first vibration**. Lift your finger to return to the **Home** screen.

Control Center

9. To open the **Control Center**, slide or drag your finger down from the top edge of your screen until you feel the **first vibration** and **audio cue**. Lift your finger.
10. To close the **Control Center**, use the close app gesture: drag your finger up from the bottom edge. Lift your finger to return to the **Home** screen.

Notifications

11. To open **Notifications**, drag your finger down until you feel the **second vibration** and **second audio cue**. Lift your finger.
12. To close **Notifications**, use the close app gesture again: drag your finger up from the bottom edge. Lift your finger to return to the **Home** screen.

Now you have some simple home screen gestures that can make navigating your device easier. Try another workshop out to maximize how you use your device.

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