iPad Split Screen (iPadOS 26)

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How to Use Split Screen on Your iPad

Before You Start

Your iPad lets you use apps in two different ways:

- **Full Screen Apps:** each app takes up the entire screen
- **Windowed Apps:** apps appear in movable, resizable windows (similar to a computer)

You can switch between these.

Step 1: Turn On the Window Options

1. Open **Settings**
2. Tap **Multitasking & Gestures**
3. Choose one of the following:
    - **Full Screen Apps**
    - **Windowed Apps** (recommended for split screen)

If you pick **Windowed Apps**, you'll be able to resize and move apps like on a Mac or PC.

Step 2: Open the "Traffic Light" Window Menu

Whenever an app is open:

1. **Swipe down from the top of the app window**

2. A small set of buttons will appear. This is the **traffic light menu**:

    - **Red:** Close the app
    - **Yellow:** Minimize the app
    - **Green:** Resize the app window

Step 3: Use the Green Button to Change Window Size

1. Tap the **Green ( ) button** to resize the app

2. OR **Tap & Hold** the green button

3. You will now see several layout options, such as:
    - Left side of screen
    - Right side of screen
    - Smaller floating window
    - Larger window
4. Tap the option you want

5. The active app will automatically move and resize to that position

This is how you create a **split screen** setup.

Step 4: Open Another App in Split Screen

After resizing the first app:

1. Swipe up slowly from the bottom to try to show the **dock**
    - Note: This is now **more difficult** in the new iPadOS. Don't worry, it may take a couple tries.
2. Tap another app from the dock
3. The new app will appear in its own window
4. Position it using:
    - The **traffic light menu**, or
    - Dragging the window with your finger

Important Notes

Some apps do *not* support resizing

If an app refuses to change into a smaller window, it's because the developer has not enabled that feature yet.

It's now easier to multitask

You can:

- Have **multiple browser windows** open
- Place them **side-by-side**
- Rearrange them using the **green resize button**

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