

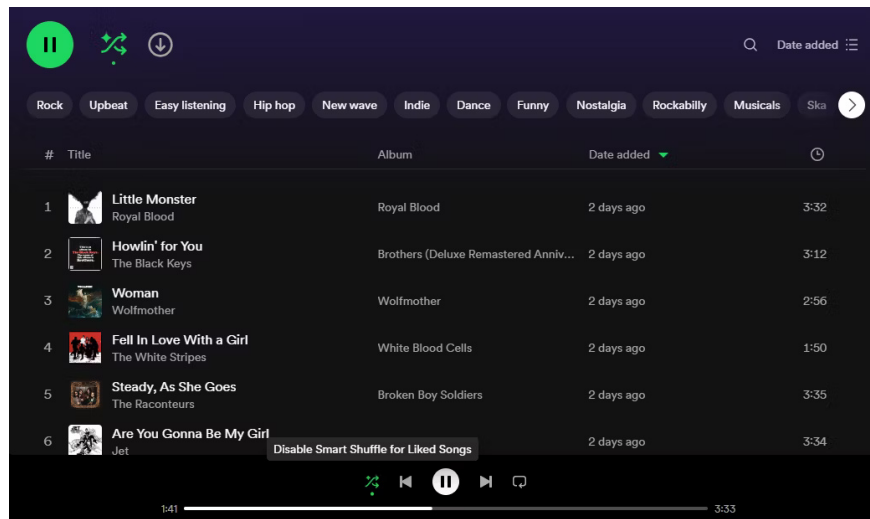
10 hidden Spotify features everyone should know

Since its inception, Spotify has gained and lost many features. And while you might miss some of the features that Spotify has removed, there are plenty of hidden Spotify features that you may not have heard of or be familiar with.

These are all useful features of Spotify that you should use.

1. Enable Smart Shuffle on Spotify playlist

Everyone knows you can shuffle playlists on Spotify, but did you know you can add additional songs using Smart Shuffle? This feature allows Spotify to play additional songs it believes are suitable for playlists, providing an easy way to discover new music.



On the desktop, simply click the **Shuffle** button and you will be given the option to upgrade to Smart Shuffle. Select that option and Spotify will add song recommendations to your queue.



MUO ROCKS

Dave Parrack

26min



Add to this playlist



Hard Knock Life (Ghetto Anthem)

LYRICS E JAY-Z



After You

LYRICS Pulp



Where the Drumz At

Smart Shuffle recommendations added to Queue.



Hard Knock Life (Ghetto Anth...
JAY-Z



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On mobile, just click the **Shuffle** button twice. The first activates the standard shuffle function, while the second activates the Smart Shuffle function. You'll know it worked because you'll get a pop-up notification and the icon will change.

2. Use a sleep timer

If you want to gradually fall asleep while listening to music or podcasts, you can set Spotify to stop playing after a specific amount of time. Spotify's sleep timer is available for Android and iOS, and you can set the timer for a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 1 hour.

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PLAYING FROM PODCAST
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Sleep timer

5 minutes

10 minutes

15 minutes

30 minutes

45 minutes

1 hour

End of episode

How to set up a sleep timer on Spotify:

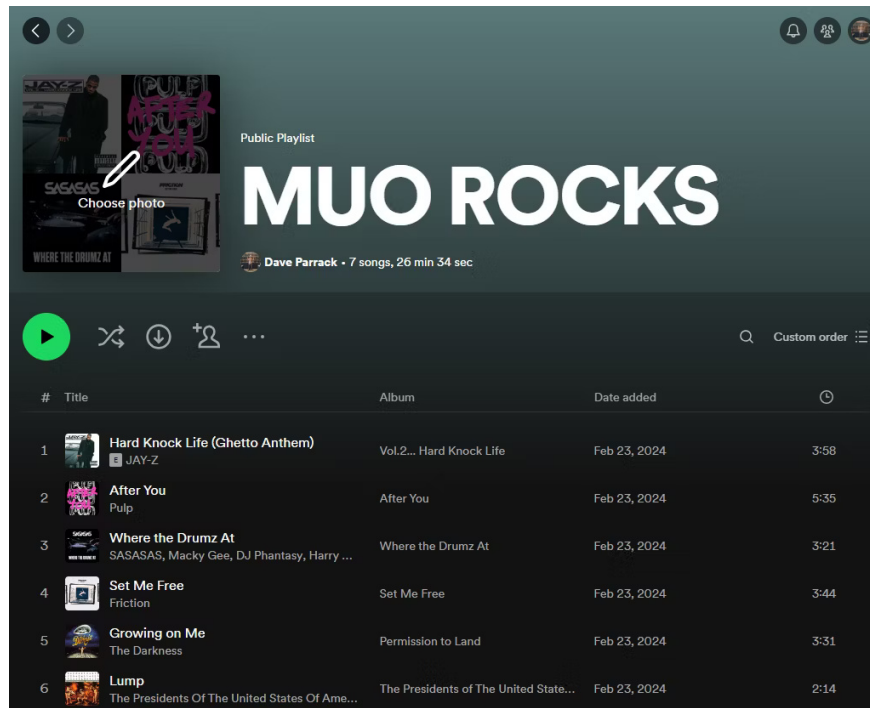
1. Go to the song, podcast, or audiobook (you can listen to audiobooks for free on Spotify) that's currently playing and tap the Stopwatch icon at the bottom right of the screen.
2. **The Sleep Timer** menu will appear so you can choose the time you want to set.
3. Choose when Spotify will stop playing.

Note : If you are listening to a podcast and the time is increasing, you will see the **End of episode option.**

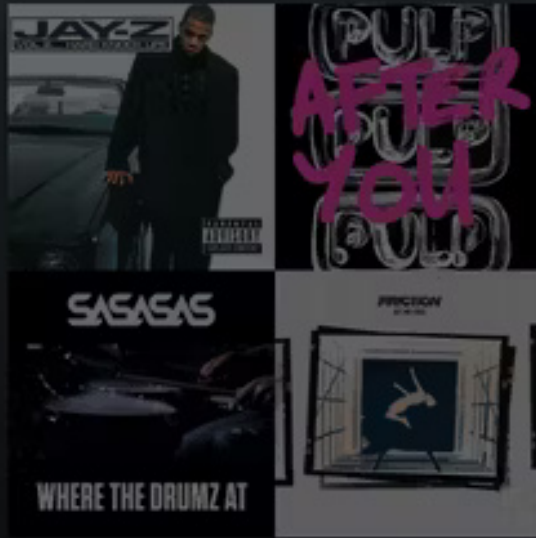
3. Change playlist cover art

By default, Spotify creates playlist covers using album art from the songs you've added to that playlist. However, you can easily customize the cover to be anything you want. For best results, we recommend using images that are 300x300 pixels.

You can change the cover of one of your playlists on desktop or mobile.



To change your playlist image on the desktop, select one of your playlists and hover over the cover image. Click on the **Choose photo** option and set a new cover photo.



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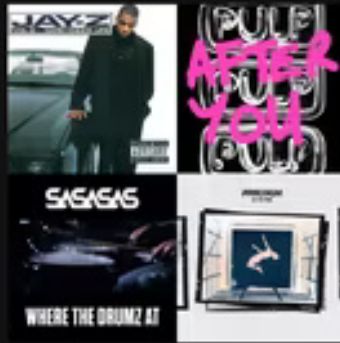
by Dave Parrack • Public playlist

- Add to this playlist
- Edit playlist
- Delete Playlist
- Download
- Add to queue
- Start a Jam
- Add to other playlist



Edit Playlist

Save



Change image

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Add description

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Hard Knock Life (Ghetto Anthem)
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Dave Parrack • JAY-Z
- ⊖
After You
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Dave Parrack • Pulp
- ⊖
Where the Drumz At
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Dave Parrack • SASASAS, Macky Gee, DJ P...
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Set Me Free
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Dave Parrack • Friction
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Growing on Me
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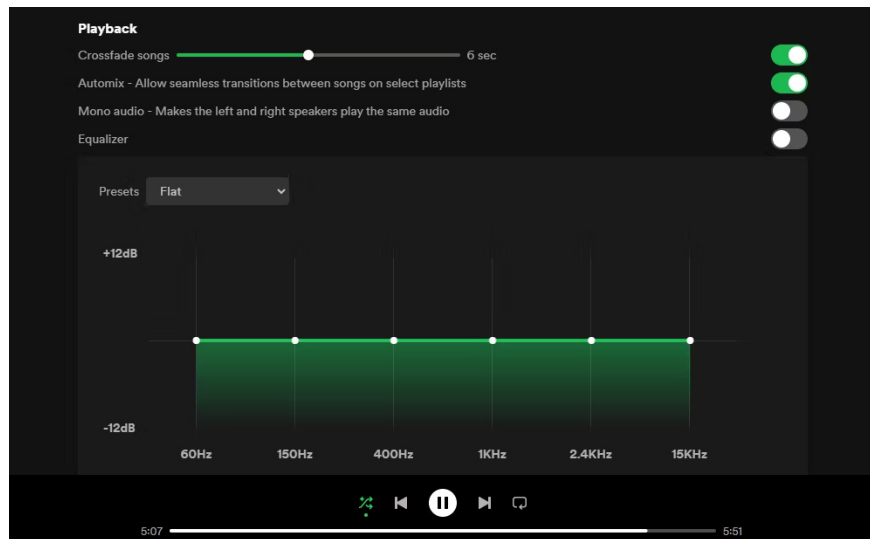
Dave Parrack • The Darkness
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Lump
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To change your playlist image on mobile, select one of your playlists and click the three vertical dots to open the menu. Click **Edit Playlist > Change Image** . You can take a photo or select a photo from your device.

Note : You can only change the cover for playlists you created yourself, but not playlists created by others, including Spotify itself .

4. Enable Crossfade on Spotify for smoother transitions

You may remember how fading sounds sound on old songs or albums. If you want to evoke some nostalgia or simply want smoother transitions between songs, turn on the Spotify feature called Crossfade.



On Spotify for desktop, click your profile icon and select **Settings** . Then scroll down to **Playback** and enable **Crossfade** . You can set the alternating effect between 1 and 12 seconds. Experiment to find the level of crossfade that's right for you.



Settings

Playback

Offline mode

When you go offline, you'll only be able to play the music and podcasts you've downloaded.



Crossfade

Allows you to crossfade between songs

Off  12 s

Gapless

Allows gapless playback



Automix

Allow seamless transitions between songs on selected playlists.



Show unplayable songs

Show songs that are unplayable.



Normalise volume

Set the same volume level for all tracks



Volume level

Adjust the volume for your environment. Loud may diminish audio quality. No effect on audio quality in Normal or Quiet.

Loud 

Mono Audio



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Device Broadcast Status



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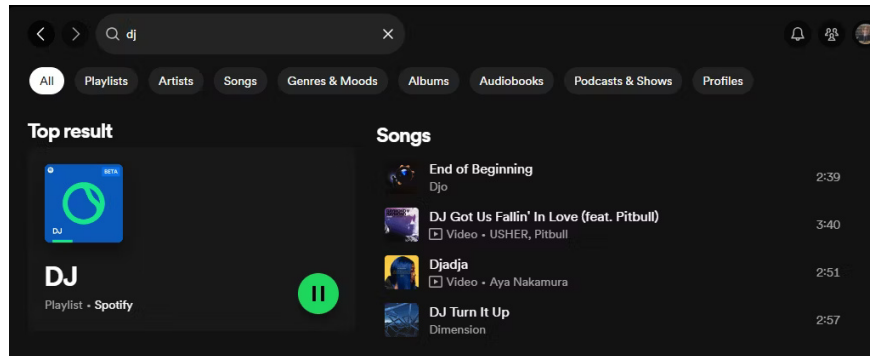


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If you're using a mobile device, all you need to do is tap the **Settings** icon in the upper right corner, select **Playback** , and adjust **Crossfade** as desired.

5. Use AI DJ for a new experience

Spotify's AI DJ brings artificial intelligence to your music streaming experience. Unfortunately, it's not available in all territories yet, but it's worth using if you have access.



Whether on desktop or mobile, just find **DJ Playlist** and click on it. The AI DJ will then introduce itself and start playing music it thinks you will like. If you can't see the DJ on your home screen, just search for "DJ" or "AI DJ" to see it.

6. Create an In a Bottle Playlist for next year

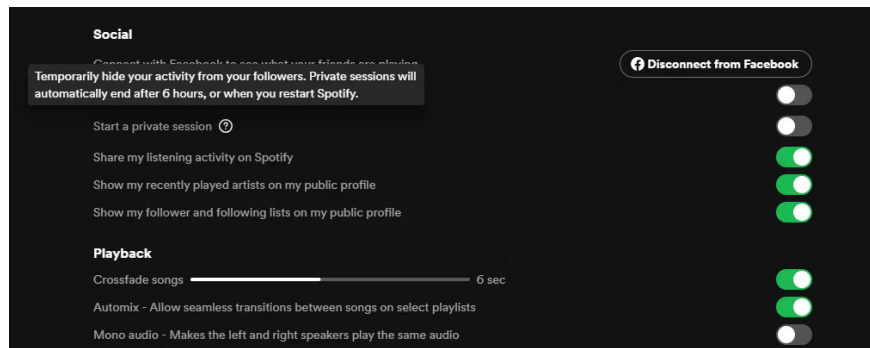
Now you can create a Playlist In a Bottle that acts like a Spotify time capsule. If you create one now, it will be available to open in a year.



To get started, visit Spotify's Playlist In a Bottle website and follow the instructions. You'll need to choose the container for your playlist, then answer a few questions to choose which songs you'll place inside that playlist. Then all you need to do is wait 12 months before opening it.

7. Start a private session on Spotify

There may be situations where you want to listen to music without letting your friends see what you're listening to. That's when the Private Session feature becomes extremely handy.



If you're using Spotify on your computer, go to **Profile > Settings > Social** . There, enable **the Start a private session to listen anonymously** option .



Privacy and social

Followers & following

Show your follower and following lists on your profile



Private session

Temporarily hide your listening activity from your followers. Private sessions will automatically end after 6 hours.



Listening activity

Share what I listen to with my followers on Spotify



Recently played artists

Show my recently played artists on my public profile



Blocked users

Jam

Tap and join

Turn on Bluetooth and bring your phones together to join the Jam

Activate



All Along the Watchtower

Jimi Hendrix



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On mobile, click **Profile Picture** > **Settings and Privacy** , then scroll down to **Privacy and Social** . Click on that and enable the **Private Session** slider .

8. Share podcasts with timestamps



Share

Edit

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steve-dave!**

WALT FLANAGAN - BRYAN JOHNSON - BRIAN QUINN
Two Comic Book Men and an Impractical Joker, Uncensored.

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Spotify

Share from 1:36



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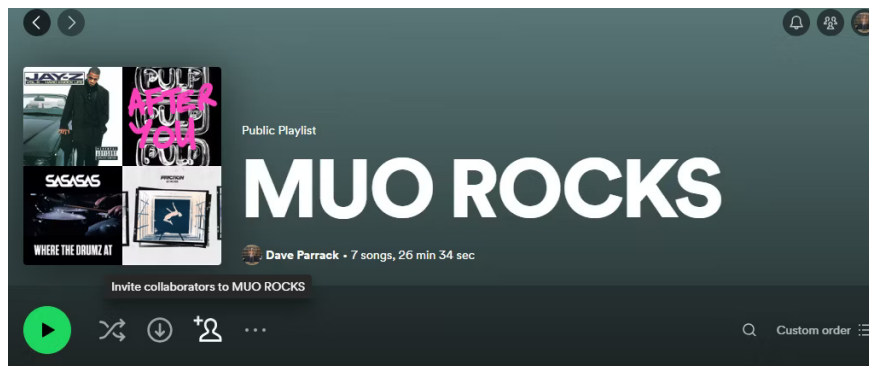
Post



Instead of sharing a two-hour podcast and mentioning which parts you found interesting, use Spotify's timestamp. Pause the podcast and tap the **Share** button . Then, enable **the Share from** feature above the rest of the sharing options and send the link. The Timestamp feature is available on the Spotify mobile app for Android and iOS.

9. Create collaborative playlists with friends

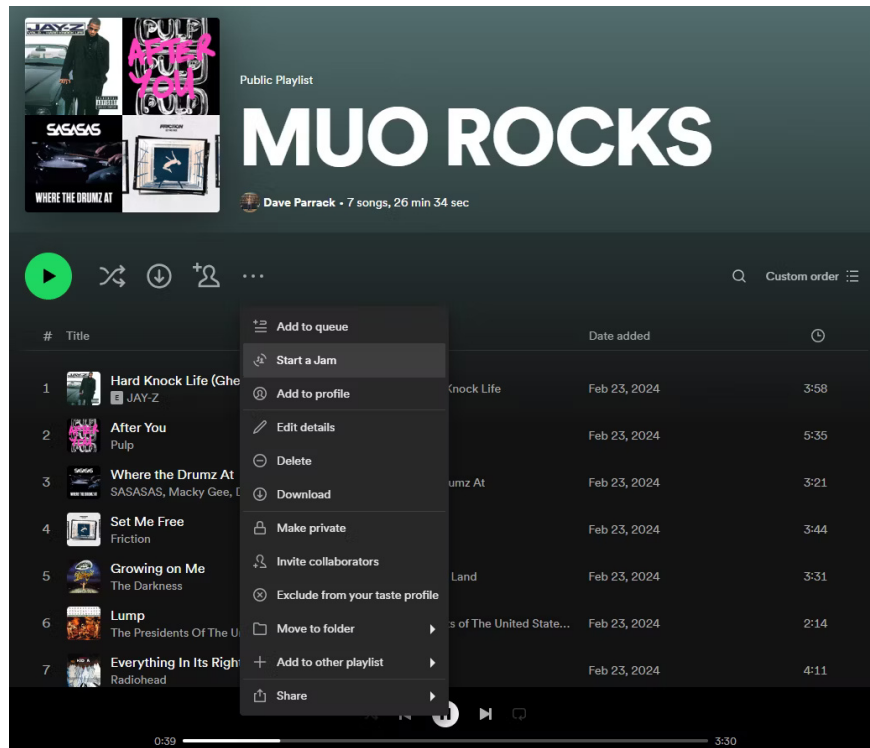
Are you bored of creating Spotify playlists yourself? Thankfully, you don't have to create them alone. Instead, you can invite collaborators to playlists and create playlists with others. And this is a fun feature whether you have the same music tastes or like wildly different genres.



Whether on desktop or mobile, open a playlist (new or existing) and click a person's avatar with a plus sign next to it. This generates a link that you can share with others. And if they accept the collaboration invitation, they can add the song to that playlist.

10. Use Jam Session for group listening

If you're attending a party or other social gathering that requires multiple people to choose music, Spotify's Jam Session feature is worth it. In short, it allows multiple people to control what music is playing and queue. And you can choose to start a jam by sharing a link, tapping your Bluetooth-enabled phone, or by scanning a QR code.




On the desktop, play a song or open a playlist, then click the three horizontal dots. You'll see the option to **Start a Jam** , and once selected, you can invite your friends to join you.

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Current device

This phone

 Start a Jam

Select a device



On mobile, play a song or open a playlist, then click the **Devices** icon at the bottom right of the Now Playing screen. You'll see the option to **Start a Jam** , and once selected, you can invite your friends to join you.

Now that you know more about some of Spotify's lesser-known features, the only thing left to do is check them out and see if they improve your listening experience. Just note that some of these features are only available on Spotify's mobile app and not on the desktop app or web player.

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