

# How to Create iPhone Clipboard History with Shortcuts App

Luckily, using the Shortcuts app, you can give your iPhone a proper clipboard history.

By default, your iPhone only remembers the last text or image you copied, so anything copied before that will be immediately deleted. Luckily, you can give your iPhone a proper clipboard history using the Shortcuts app.

## Build clipboard history with Notes and Shortcuts apps

Since the clipboard is something that people use every day, many people start looking for alternatives. The simplest thing you can do is paste everything you copy into a note, whether it's a link, a piece of text, or even an image. That way, you'll have a running list of what you've copied throughout the day.

But doing this manually is impractical. It interrupts whatever you're doing, and most of the time you'll forget to do it. After some experimentation, some people have figured out how to automate the process so that whatever they copy gets pasted into a note with ease. That's where the Shortcuts app comes in.

Apple's Shortcuts app lets you create custom automations that chain together different actions. In this case, it's the perfect solution. You can set up a shortcut to take whatever's on your clipboard and add it directly to a note in the Notes app.

The principle is simple: Copy something, activate the shortcut, and it will be saved in your running "clipboard history" note. You only need to set it up once, and the benefits are huge.

1. Open the Notes app and create a new note with a title similar to **Clipboard History** .
2. Launch the Shortcuts app and tap the plus icon to create a new shortcut.
3. Search for **Clipboard** and select **Get Clipboard** .
4. Search for **Append to Note** and select it.
5. **Tap on the Note** option and select the note you just created for the clipboard.
6. Rename the shortcut to **Clipboard History** and press **Done** .

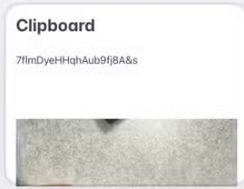
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# Notes

✿ 1 Note

## Today



Clipboard  
10:03 AM

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# All Shortcuts

Search

- Convert Burst To GIF
- Video to GIF
- Shoot a GIF
- New Note with Date
- Start Pomodoro
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## Starter Shortcuts

- Take a Break
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Append to Note



Get clipboard



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Clipboard

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Search Actions








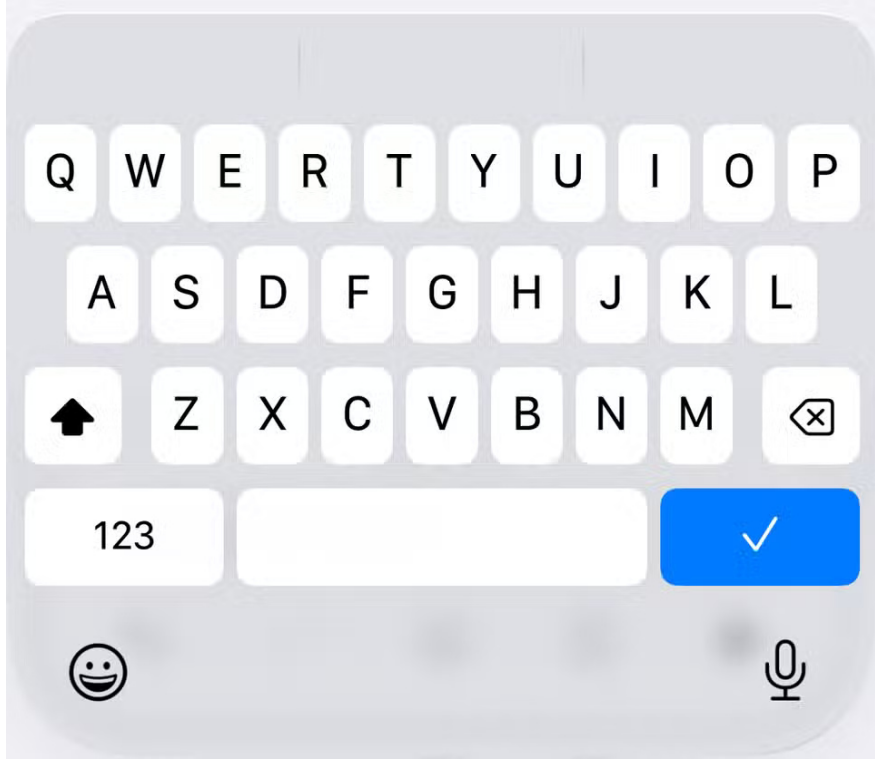
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 Clipboard History 

 Get clipboard 

 Append  Clipboard to    
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And that's it! You now have an automated feature that can automatically paste your most recently copied text or image into your notes.

## Easy shortcut activation

Creating a shortcut to save your clipboard is great, but the real magic happens when it's easy to activate. Luckily, you don't have to copy the content and open the Shortcuts app every time to get it to work.

There are a few ways to make this process smoother. You can put the clipboard shortcut on your home screen or even your lock screen, add it to Control Center, or map it to the Action button if your iPhone has one. All of these make it easier to activate the shortcut, but the most convenient way is to use Back Tap .

Back Tap lets you trigger actions by double or triple tapping the back of your iPhone. It feels completely natural in everyday use—you copy something, tap the back of your iPhone, and the shortcut runs instantly. No need to open an app or dig through menus.

1. **Open the Settings** app and go to **Accessibility > Touch > Back Tap** .
2. Select **Double Tap** or **Triple Tap** .
3. Scroll through the list of actions and tap your **Clipboard History shortcut**.

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## Touch

Tap or Swipe to Wake



Wake and unlock iPhone when you tap the display or swipe up from the bottom edge of the Lock Screen.

Shake to Undo



If you tend to shake your iPhone by accident, you can disable Shake to Undo to prevent the Undo alert from appearing.

Vibration



When this switch is off, all vibration on your iPhone will be disabled, including those for earthquake, tsunami and other emergency alerts.

Prevent Lock to End Call



Prevent the side button from ending the current call.

Call Audio Routing

Automatic >

Call audio routing determines where audio will be heard during a phone call or FaceTime audio.

Back Tap

On >

Double- or triple-tap the back of your iPhone to perform actions quickly.

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## Back Tap

Double Tap

Screenshot >

Triple Tap >

Show Banner



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## Triple Tap

Scroll Down

Scroll Up

## Shortcuts



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What's a shortcut?

Once set up, you're ready to go. Copy a text or image, double-tap the back of your iPhone, and it'll instantly appear in your notes.

The great thing about this setup is that your clipboard history only contains the items you actually want to keep, not everything you copy. Plus, you can sync notes via iCloud , so anything saved on your iPhone is instantly accessible on your iPad or Mac.

There are a number of Android features that users wish Apple would bring to the iPhone, but clipboard history is at the top of that list. It's one of those features that once you start using it, you can't imagine life without it.

By combining the Notes app, Shortcuts, and Back Tap, you can set up a workflow that allows anything you copy to be instantly saved to a note. If you've ever been frustrated by the lack of a clipboard history on your iPhone, this workaround is a total game changer.

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