

How to enable virtual keyboard/touch keyboard on Windows 11

If you are running Windows 11 on a PC with a touch screen, the virtual keyboard will be a much-needed feature in case you want to use the device as a tablet.

Or when the physical keyboard suddenly breaks and you need an alternative. This article will show you how to enable the virtual keyboard on Windows 11

Enable virtual keyboard on Windows 11

In general, activating the virtual keyboard on Windows 11 is not complicated. By enabling an icon on the taskbar, you can display the touch keyboard at any time.

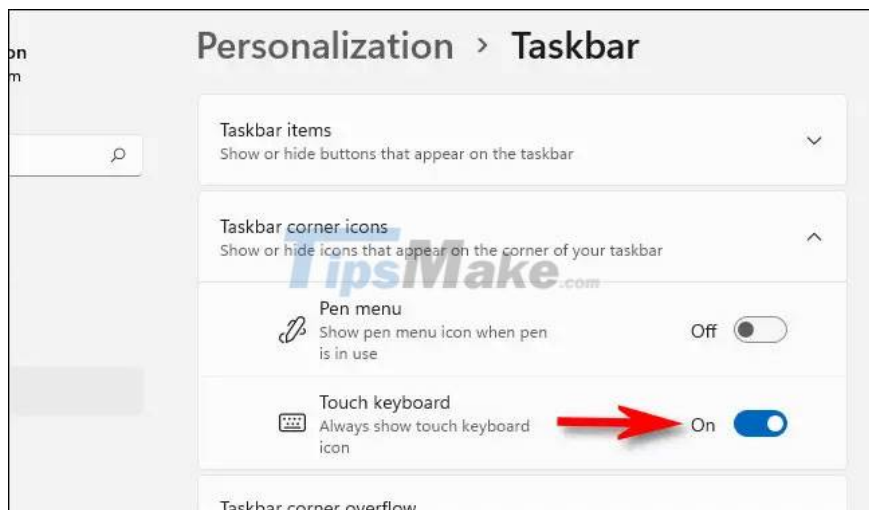
First, right click on an empty area of the taskbar and select ' **Taskbar Settings** '.



You will immediately be taken to **Personalization > Taskbar** in the Windows 11 Settings app. Here, click the ' **Taskbar Corner Icons** ' option to expand the settings menu.



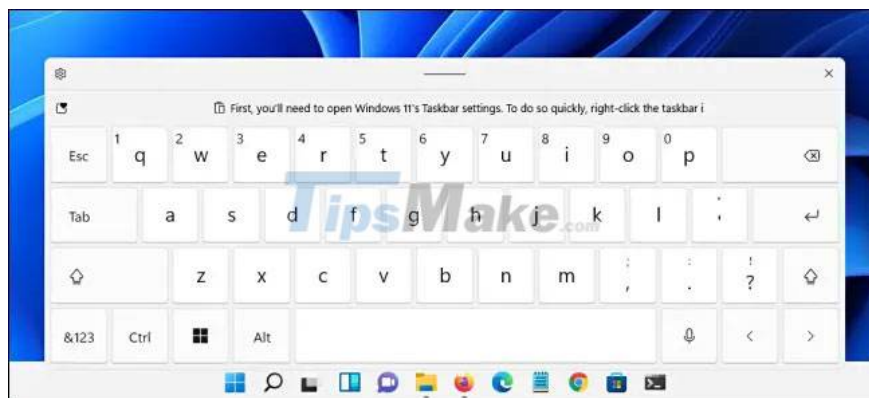
In the Taskbar Corner Icons menu, click the toggle next to the ' **Touch Keyboard** ' option to switch it to the ' **On** ' state.



Immediately, you will notice a small keyboard icon appear in the lower right corner of the taskbar.



If you click or tap this icon, a virtual keyboard will immediately appear in the area at the bottom of the screen, just above the taskbar.



With a touchscreen, you can directly tap on the keyboard to enter data — just like with a regular physical keyboard. Or you can also use the mouse pointer to click each key. Alternatively, you can also reposition the keyboard on your screen by tapping and dragging the "handle" icon in the center of the top of the keyboard window, just above the virtual keys.

When you're done typing and want to hide the keyboard, just tap the ' X ' button in the upper right corner. You can reopen this virtual keyboard at any time by tapping the keyboard icon in the taskbar again.

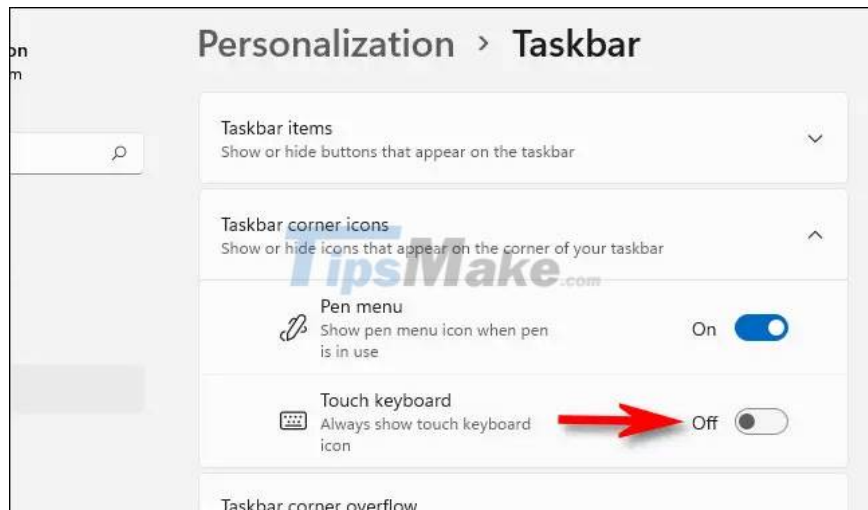
Turn off the virtual keyboard icon on the taskbar

If you have no need to use the virtual keyboard, or simply want to optimize your taskbar space, you can easily turn off the virtual keyboard icon.

First, right click on the taskbar and select ' **Taskbar Settings** '.



In **Personalization** > **Taskbar** , click the ' **Taskbar Corner Icons** ' item , then click the toggle next to the ' **Touch Keyboard** ' option to switch it to ' **Off** '.



Immediately, the keyboard icon in the far right corner of your taskbar will disappear

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