

How to use shortcuts on Apple Watch

The Shortcuts app on the Apple Watch lets you activate shortcuts directly from the watch. And just like any other shortcut that runs on your Apple Watch, you don't need to touch your iPhone.

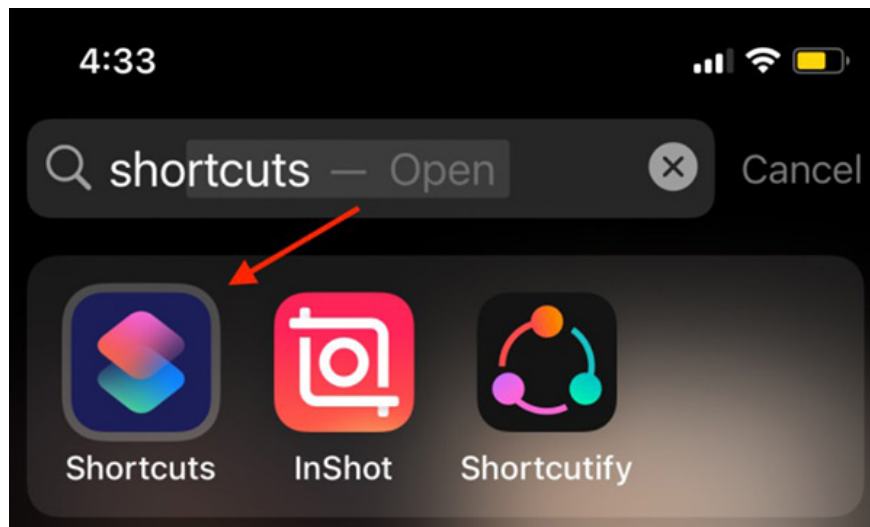
Apple Watch users running watchOS 7 or later can access the Shortcut app on the watch. It works perfectly with the iPhone app.

The Shortcuts app automatically categorizes the available shortcuts on the Apple Watch and switches to the clock. That way, you won't have to create a separate shortcut for the Apple Watch anymore.

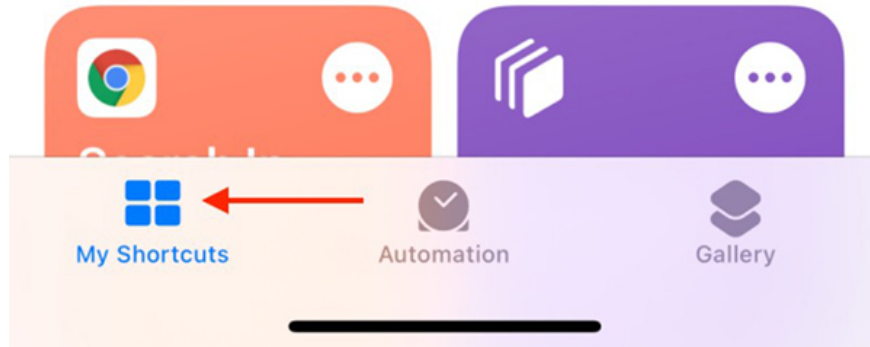
Shortcuts can be activated from the Shortcuts app and manually the complications on the watch face. But if you activate the shortcut from the watch face, you need to confirm it in advance by pressing the **Run** button that appears on the screen.

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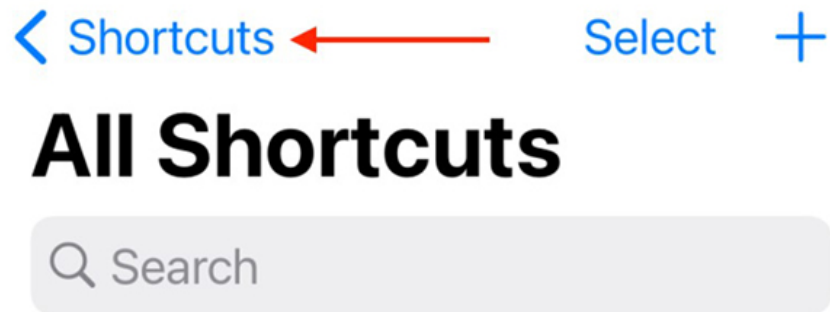
You can find all Apple Watch support shortcuts on a separate folder in your iPhone's shortcut library. To access this folder, open the Shortcuts app on the iPhone. Find apps directly and use Spotlight search.



Go to the **My Shortcuts** tab .



Click on **Shortcuts** on the left corner.



Select the **Apple Watch** folder .



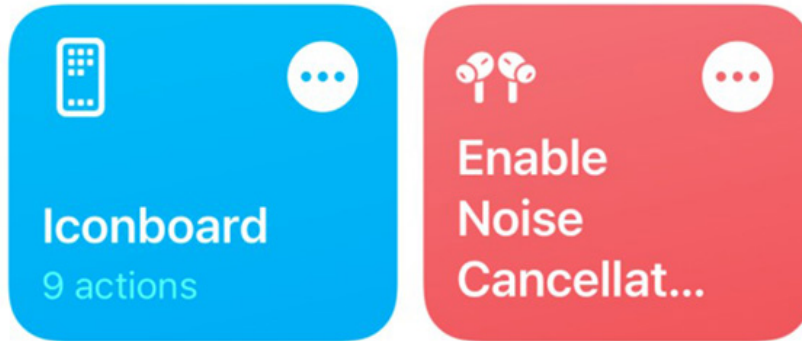
You can all the relevant Apple Watch shortcuts here.

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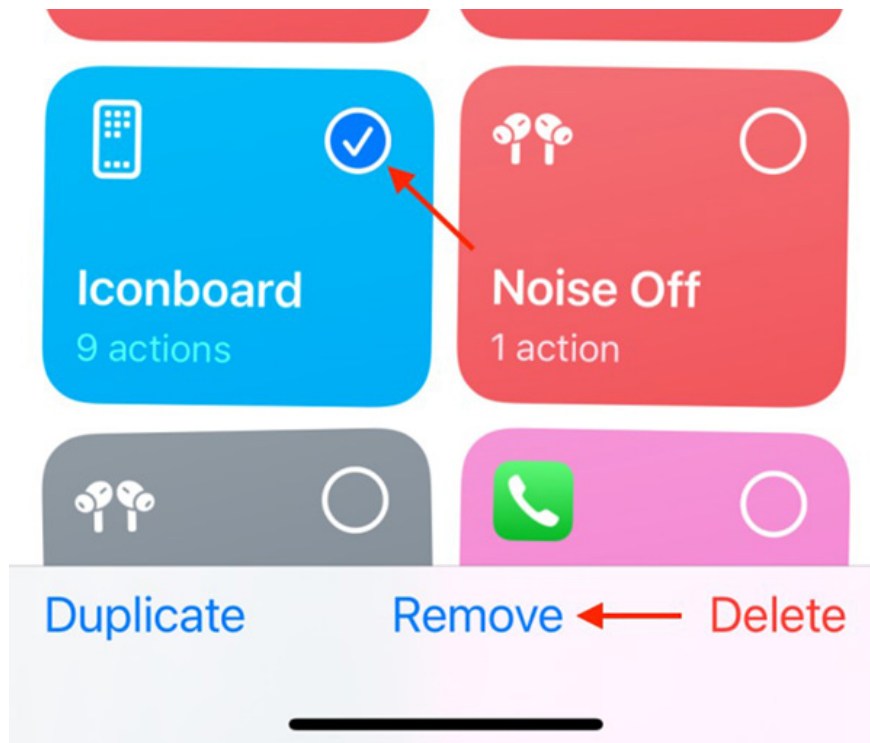


If you have multiple shortcuts, you'll find most of them supported on the Apple Watch. How to delete shortcuts on the Apple Watch folder is also quite easy.

Click the **Select** button from the top of the screen.



Select the shortcut you want to remove and click the **Remove** button from the toolbar below.



Select **Done** to save your changes.

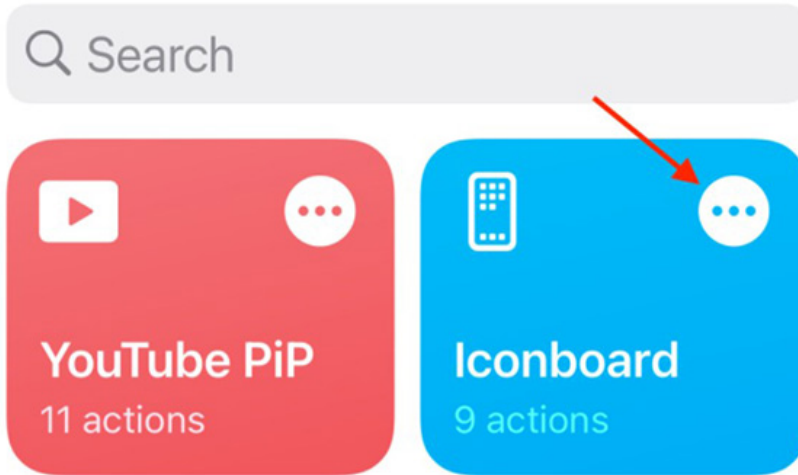
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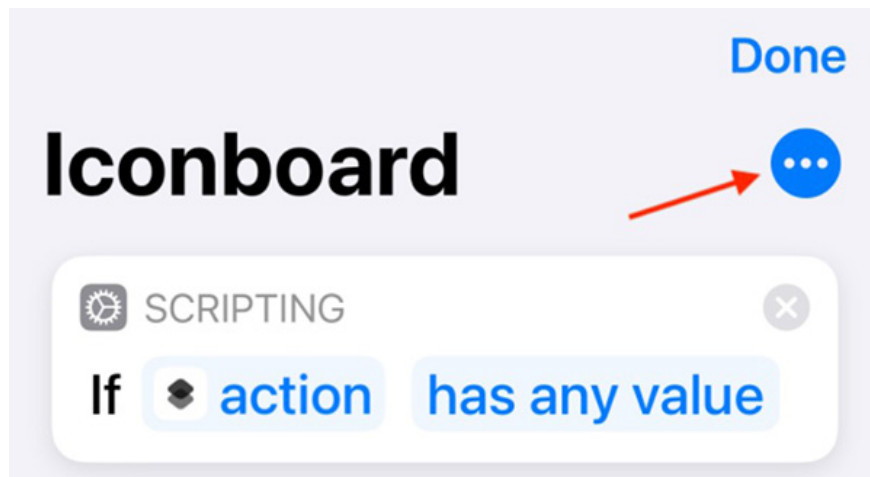
Adding a shortcut from iPhone to Apple Watch is just as easy.

Go to the **My Shortcuts** tab and find the shortcut you want to add to your Apple Watch. Then, select **the three-dot menu** in the upper right corner of the screen.

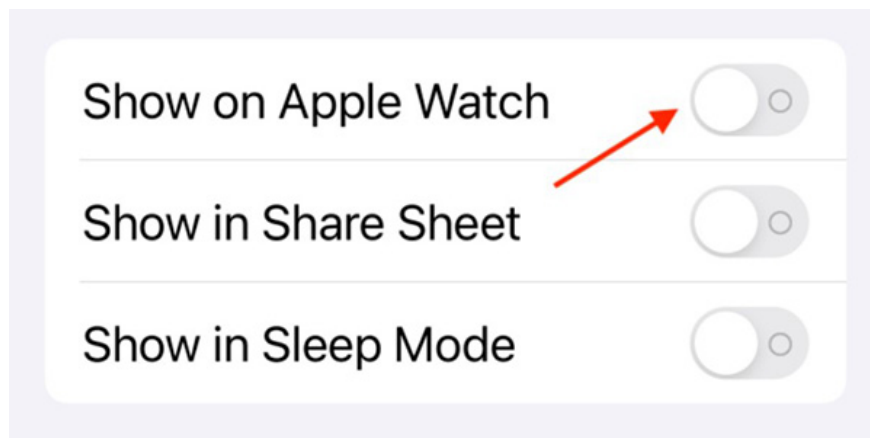
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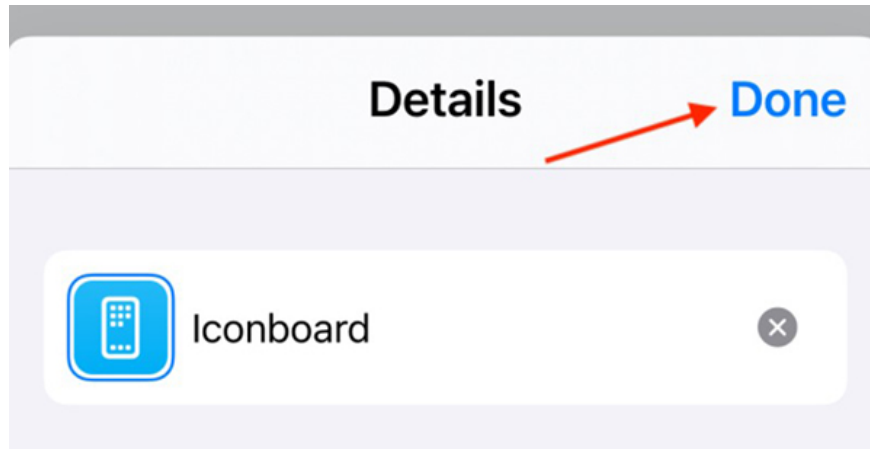
Here, tap **the three-dot menu** on the top right corner of the screen again.



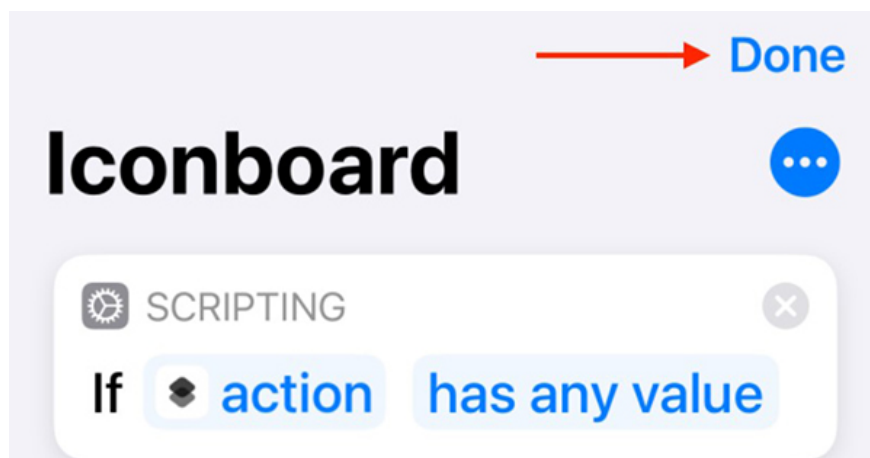
Click the button next to the **Show on Apple Watch option** .



Press the **Done** button to save the selection.



Continue to press **Done** from the shortcut to save.



Enable shortcuts on Apple Watch

Once the shortcuts are on the Apple Watch, now is the time to use them. This can be used in the Shortcuts app.

On Apple Watch, press the **Digital Crown** to view the Apps screen. Now open **the Shortcuts app**.



You will see a list of shortcuts on the clock. Use the **Digital Crown** to scroll down the list view. Click on a shortcut to run it.



If the shortcut has a simple action, it will run automatically. Conversely, if the shortcut requires input, you will be prompted to make a selection in the Shortcuts app itself.

Activate shortcut from watch face

The Shortcuts app is quite simple, but there is a faster way to enable shortcuts on the Apple Watch: to use complications on the watch face. Thanks to the new aspect ratio, you can add multiple complications to the same watch face.

You can create a watch face containing up to 8 shortcuts.

To add a shortcut (or even a Shortcuts app) like a complication, long-press on the watch face and select the **Edit** button .

Swipe left to enter the **Complications** section and select the options you want to change.



Use the **Digital Crown** to scroll down the list. Here, look for the item **Shortcuts** . You will see the first three shortcuts appear here. Click **Move** to see all these shortcuts.

You can now choose a shortcut to add to your watch face. To create a complication for the Shortcuts app, go to the bottom of the list and choose **Shortcuts** .



You can repeat these actions to add more complications. When done, press the **Digital Crown** twice to return to the main screen.



To activate the shortcut, tap on it from the main screen, followed by **Run**.



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