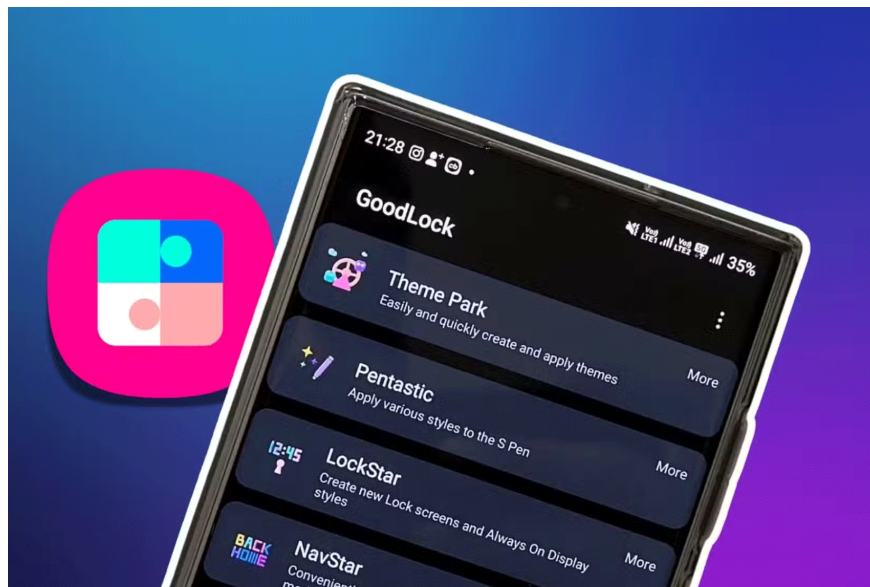


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1. Expand Good Lock



If you've used a Samsung phone, you'll know that Good Lock and its modules add a ton of powerful customization options to explore.

While useful, Good Lock doesn't come pre-installed on Galaxy phones. Instead, you have to download it from the Galaxy Store.

With One UI 7, Samsung has announced that they will make Good Lock available for download through the Play Store and expand its availability to all regions. They are also revamping almost all of the modules, including the main Good Lock app, to give them a new look.

Modules also add more customization options, like the ability to adjust home screen gestures, a more flexible Edge panel, and more.

2. Vertical app drawer

A small but useful change in One UI 7 is the introduction of a vertical app drawer. Samsung is the only major manufacturer that has stuck with a vertical, paginated app drawer on its phones.

Previously, you could use the Good Lock module to switch to a vertical app drawer, but they eventually removed this functionality.

3. Improved Camera app



Samsung has reorganized its Camera app with One UI 7, making it simpler and easier to use. All the main camera controls are now at the bottom, tucked away in an expandable menu. By default, you'll see Portrait, Photo, and Video modes, with other modes accessible from the More tab.

Finally, Pro Photo and Video modes have simplified controls for easier use. Samsung has also added a new zoom control in Pro Video mode to allow seamless zooming while recording video.

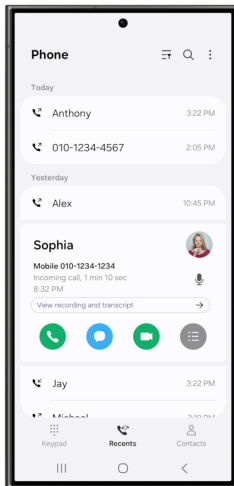
While there aren't any notable new features in the One UI 7 Camera app, the changes do improve one-handed usability, which is always a welcome improvement.

4. Smoother system animations



With One UI 7, Samsung is finally catching up to its competitors by offering smoother system animations than previous One UI releases. The new animations feel more streamlined and cohesive, adding a bit of polish to the entire UI.

5. Call recording



Call recording has been available on Galaxy devices in Europe, parts of Asia, and other regions for a long time. However, Samsung has never offered call recording on its Galaxy devices in the United States due to regional laws. One UI 7 changes that, bringing call recording to Samsung phones in the United States with a call recording feature.

Call recording functionality in One UI 7 will be available as part of Galaxy AI. The feature will support over 20 languages, including Chinese, English, French, German, Hindi, Korean, and Spanish.

6. Now Bar