

Create Your Own Lock Screen Image

Including a phone number to call if your iPhone is found

1. Choose a phone number you will want to have the finder call in case your iPhone is lost - NOT your own as you won't have your own phone if it's lost!
2. Choose a photo in the Photos App that you want to use as your Lock Screen image.
3. Tap to select that image in Photos, then tap on the screen background until you see just the image and black screen around it if it doesn't fill your screen.
4. Zoom in until you have the image filling your screen and positioned as you would like it to look for a Lock Screen, then take a screenshot.
5. Once that screenshot has been saved into your Photos Library, go to the screenshot instead of the original image, and tap on its Share button and select USE AS WALLPAPER (to see a preview of the final position/look).
6. Do not click the Set button yet, click the cancel button, and return to the screenshot in Photos.
7. On the screen shot, tap EDIT and adjust darkness, color, contrast etc.
8. Then tap the MARK-UP button (upper Right in Edit mode, looks like a pen point).
9. Do not touch the tools or the image here or you may leave marks on your image from the markup tools. Instead, click on the + button in the lower edge (right) and select the Text tool from the resulting popup menu.

10. This will create a text block in black in the very center of your image, reading “TEXT”. Move this Text block to the best location to be seen clearly, then tap on it and adjust the size to fit the text you’ll insert. If you need to change the color for contrast, use the color buttons at the bottom. Of the screen while the text is selected
11. With the text highlighted/selected, use the keyboard to enter “If found, call (XXX) XXX-XXX” (the phone number you want people to call, e.g., your spouse/partner or whoever can more likely be reached immediately when/if someone finds your phone and calls the number). Note the Return key on the Keyboard may be useful to put your text on multiple lines.
12. Then tap on the DONE buttons repeatedly until you’re back on the Photo screen and not in Edit mode.
13. Use the SHARE button (box with up=arrow) and choose USE AS WALLPAPER. Choose SET LOCK SCREEN (not Home Screen, since you don’t want this screen behind your App icons while you’re using your phone).
14. Check your lock screen to make sure everything is where you want it. If not, repeat the process adjusting for any changes you want to make. You may need to pick a different photo if there are serious problems, or go back to the original photo and do a new Screen Shot to work on if you need things repositioned under the Lock Screen’s immovable text and buttons.

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