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One App. Multiple Conveniences! Download ValueClub app now! We test tons of tablets every year. Here are a few others we like, just not as much as our picks above. Photograph: Julian ChokkattuLenovo Tab Plus for \$272: There are a lot of cheap Android tablets on the internet, and I urge you to be careful with what you buy. If Amazon's Fire tablets don't interest you (see below), consider Lenovo's Tab Plus. I used it for a month for pure entertainment. The 11.5-inch screen is nice and big compared to a phone screen, yet it's portable enough for travel. The built-in kickstand is excellent and should be standard on all tablets. It's not the snappiest, but the performance was more than adequate. While the software is largely fine, on rare occasions, a few preinstalled apps caused full-screen ads to pop up on the screen (one was for "virus protection"). It's crazy that Lenovo would allow that kind of garbage to show up, but the easy fix is to uninstall all the bloatware.OnePlus Pad 2 for \$550: OnePlus is still selling the Pad 2, which is the 2024 tablet and predecessor to the current Pad 3. The 12.1-inch screen isn't as big, and performance is a small step below due to the Qualcomm Snapdragon 8 Gen 3 chipset inside. Still, that's plenty powerful to handle most apps and games. You'll have a hard time finding accessories (like the keyboard), but if the Pad 3 is too pricey, this one's not a bad buy.Samsung Galaxy Tab S9 FE Plus for \$550: The Galaxy Tab S9 FE is the "Fan Edition" version of the flagship Tab S9 series, meaning it makes some sacrifices for a more palatable price. It now has a successor—the Tab S10 FE series—but I haven't tested it yet. The S9 FE comes in a Plus and standard variant—I tested the former—and both include a stylus. I performed much better than the older Tab S7 FE tablet with fewer stutters. The 12.4-inch LCD screen is large and a rarity to find at this price in the Android world, but it's a bit tricky to comfortably hold, especially when browsing apps in bed. It has dipped to \$400, so try to catch it on sale. At \$550, you may as well buy the newer Tab S10 FE.Samsung Galaxy Tab S9 Series for \$576+: The 2023 Galaxy Tab S9 series (7/10, WIRED Recommends) consists of three tablets: the Tab S9, Tab S9+, and Tab S9 Ultra. They're all expensive, though prices have come down since their release (the Ultra is no longer available). The hardware is still excellent, and considering the newer Tab S10 series isn't dramatically different, the Tab S9 series is still worth a look. They sport superbright 120-Hz screens and IP68 water resistance, and Samsung includes the S Pen stylus.Honor MagicPad 2 for £400: This classy tablet is also not currently sold in the US. Quite similar to the OnePlus Pad 2 we recommend above, it boasts a truly gorgeous OLED display with impressive specs (3K resolution, 1,600 nits, 144-Hz refresh rate) that are generally unavailable at this price. Paired with the eight speakers, watching movies and gaming on this tablet is a pleasure. The stylus and keyboard are great (I love the handwriting and formula recognition), but they don't seem to be available in the UK. I found Honor's AI features, like Magic Portal, which gets good at predicting what you want to do, very useful, maybe more so on a tablet than a phone. Battery life is good, and charging is speedy (66 watts). The only real weakness here is the limited processing power, which can't match something like an iPad (though you will pay a lot more for an equivalent Apple device). —Simon HillTablet AccessoriesSatechi Aluminum Desktop Stand Photograph: SatechiTablets often don't come with kickstands or enough ports, so it's a good idea to snag a few accessories to enhance your experience. These are some of our favorite tablet accessories, many of which you can also find in our Best iPad Accessories guide.Satechi Aluminum Desktop Stand for \$45: This is my favorite tablet stand, so much so that I've taken it with me on trips. It packs down relatively well, and it is very stable—there's no wobbling around here. You can also adjust the angle quite a bit. It can handle huge sizes too—it worked perfectly with my 12.9-inch iPad Pro.Logitech K380 Pebble Bluetooth Keyboard for \$40: Want a simple Bluetooth keyboard for your tablet instead of spending half the price of your tablet on a keyboard case? I've used Logitech's K380 for years and it's functioned perfectly. It takes two AA batteries (that I've yet to replace (Logitech claims two years of use), and you can switch between three connected devices via Bluetooth. Photograph: Twelve SouthTwelve South StayGo Mini USB-C Hub for \$60: This works with iPads and other tablets just fine. You can either plug it in and keep it flush with the edge of a slate or use the included cord to keep it extended. You get a USB-C port you can use for pass-through charging, a USB-A, an HDMI, and a headphone jack.Lamicall Gooseneck Tablet Holder for \$20: I've used this on my bed frame to hold up various tablets for more than a year. The gooseneck requires a bit of finagling to get to the right position, and if you're constantly tapping the tablet, it will jiggle around. But it's a great hands-free way to watch movies. You can affix the clamp to any surface, like a desk or kitchen counter.Twelve South HoverBar Duo Mount/Stand for \$80: You can use this as a stand or as an arm mount, and Twelve South makes it really easy to switch between the two. That means you can easily affix your tablet to your bedside arm mount and then put it on the stand in your home office in the morning. Both are sturdy, and the arm mount is decently adjustable. Best of all, it doesn't wiggle around as much as the Lamicall above when you tap the screen.Anker Nano 3 30-Watt Charging Adapter for \$17: Most tablets charge at around 18 watts, so this 30-watt charger from Anker is more than capable. The plugs fold up, and it's pretty compact.Ugreen 145-Watt Portable Charger for \$70: This power bank is surprisingly compact considering its 25,000-mAh capacity. That's enough to recharge most tablets two or three times. It dishes out up to 145 watts, meaning it has plenty of power to recharge even a laptop. You can fast-charge with the USB-C ports and use the USB-A port on another device. There's a small LED that shows the battery's current charge.Power up with unlimited access to WIRED. Get best-in-class reporting that's too important to ignore for just \$2.50 \$1 per month for 1 year. Includes unlimited digital access and exclusive subscriber-only content. Subscribe Today. Tablets are better than ever, but that doesn't mean it's easy to find the best tablet for your needs. I know because I've been using and reviewing slates since the iPad debuted in 2010, and I regularly answer questions from readers and friends about which to buy. In general I recommend the M3 iPad Air as the best tablet for most because it's a premium iPad that offers many of the strengths (the high-end iPad Pro for hundreds of dollars less, so it's a real sweet spot of price to performance. But iPads can get expensive, and you don't need to pay Apple prices if you just want a cheap, reliable tablet for watching videos and surfing the web. If you're on a budget or need a durable tablet for a kid the Amazon Fire 7 is a serviceable slate that costs under a hundred bucks, so it's a great value. For the Android fans out there I heartily recommend the OnePlus Pad 3 because it's a bright, fast slate that rivals Apple's best iPads in terms of battery life and performance. I know because my team and I review all the major tablets that come out every year, so we get a chance to go hands-on with the competition. I have a few more recommendations and a lot more buying advice (not to mention hands-on reviews and test results) in this guide, so scroll on to learn more about the best tablets you can buy right now!The quick listIn a hurry? Here's a brief overview of the tablets on this list, along with quick links that let you jump down the page directly to a review of whichever tablet catches your eye.Load the next products... The best tablets you can buy Why you can trust Tom's Guide Our writers and editors spend hours analyzing and reviewing products, services, and apps to help find what's best for you. Find out more about how we test, analyze, and rate. The best tablet overall(Image credit: Tom's Guide)If it ain't broke, don't fix it. That's exactly what the M3 iPad Air epitomizes — changing nothing about the design or display, but seriously beefing up the internals with a new chip. And just like that, it is my new favorite tablet.On the face of it, you're getting more of the same, which is no bad thing. Both the 11-inch and 13-inch versions sport a thin, utilitarian aluminum design that I love, with a weight of 1.05 pounds that makes it a serious cinch to hold in one hand.For reading, watching, working and playing, that Liquid Retina display is sharp and vibrant — not as mesmerizing as the iPad Pro's OLED panel, but still impressive for all my episodes of Severance season 2.Meanwhile, it's what's happening under the hood that is making the biggest difference here. That M3 chip is delivering up to a 17% uplift in performance in our own testing, including a sharp increase in single-core speeds which assures everything feels fast and fluid to the touch (while also helping to keep those Apple Intelligence features all nice and zippy).Though it does take a hit on the battery life, you're still getting around the 10-hour mark as promised by Apple.Of course, there are some nits to pick with even our best tablet of the bunch. Frustratingly, this still doesn't pack Face ID support — seems perfectly placed for this iPad.And if you want to make the most of your new iPad Air, the peripherals are expensive. Starting at \$269 for the Magic Keyboard, you could easily start paying the same total price of a brand new M4 MacBook Air.But those are minor complaints about what I think is easily the best tablet for most people. M3 performance doesn't disappoint, the screen and speakers give you a great experience with all your movies and games, and the battery life feels reliable — all in a sleek, thin shell that will last you for a good, long while.See our full iPad M3 review.The best budget tablet(Image credit: Tom's Guide)Amazon's Fire tablets are some of the cheapest tablets you can buy, and the Amazon Fire 7 is the least expensive yet. It's not the best performer, but for the \$60 asking price (or \$75 if you want it without ads) there's no better budget tablet on the market.That low low asking price is the No. 1 reason why I think this is the best budget tablet, but there are other nice things we can say about the Fire 7. It's quite light and easy to carry since it weighs under a pound (9.9 ounces), and it lasted for nearly 11 hours in our battery tests — which is almost as good as our top pick, the iPad Air, which costs roughly 10x as much. Plus, it sports a microSD port which lets you slot in additional memory (up to 1TB) via microSD cards. That's a feature not even Apple's fanciest tablets can match.Now for the bad parts: this is a cheap tablet, and it feels like it. The slim, rounded plastic chassis doesn't feel as nice as the metal and glass you get on fancier tablets like the iPads, and the thick bezels around the screen make the slate feel chintzy. Worse, they surround a fuzzy 7-inch (1024 x 600 pixels) LCD screen which performed poorly in our display tests and has a resolution too low to support HD video. So if you want a cheap tablet for streaming movies and TV shows, I recommend saving up for the Amazon Fire HD 10. It costs twice as much as the cheap Fire 7, but it has a screen capable of displaying HD content at 1080p, which is the minimum you want for a quality viewing experience.The built-in cameras and speakers are also pretty poor, and you could do better with every other tablet on this list. But every other tablet on this list is also far more expensive than the Fire 7, and I think this sub-\$100 slate is a real value for folks who want a cheap tablet you don't mind breaking or losing. It's especially well-suited to being a child's first tablet, since it's easy to replace and runs all the apps on Amazon's App Store. Amazon's Android app selection is more limited than you get on a full Android tablet like the OnePlus Pad 2, but you still get most of the hits plus you can take advantage of Amazon's robust parental controls for FireOS.Read our full Amazon Fire 7 review.The best Android tablet(Image credit: Tom's Guide)The OnePlus Pad 3 is a high-end Android tablet that's just as good as anything Apple makes, and it costs hundreds of dollars less than the iPad Pro.I'm fond of this slate's unique curved design and I recommend it as the best Android tablet for most folks because it gives you a bright, 13.2-inch (3392 x 2400pixels) LCD screen with all-day battery life and plenty of power for a little more than an iPad Air.Though it's pricier than the original OnePlus Pad 2, it still delivers great value thanks to its speed, cameras and iPad Air-beating battery life.That's right: in our battery test, the OnePlus Pad 3 lasted 16 hours and 21 minutes on a full charge, which is hours longer than the iPad Air M3, the iPad Pro M4 and almost every other tablet on this list. That all-day battery life is handy to have in this tablet because its deeply rounded edges make it more comfortable to hold for long periods than any other slate on the list, and the massive 13MP camera on the back is good enough that you might be tempted to take pictures with your tablet.And while the iPad Air M3 and iPad Pro M4 are faster than the OnePlus Pad 3 in some of our tests, the OnePlus actually slightly outperforms them in some of our graphical tests.For those of you interested in getting work done on a tablet, the OnePlus Pad 3 is arguably a more effective productivity device than Apple's iPads, in part because Android is a more versatile operating system (so it's easier to move files around and run a wider variety of apps) but also because the OnePlus Pad 3's optional stylus and keyboard cover are cheaper than their iPad counterparts.So if you're aiming to build a productivity tablet setup on the cheap, the OnePlus Pad 2 paired with the OnePlus Pad 3 Smart Keyboard (\$199) and OnePlus Stylo 2 (\$99) will get you there for less money than Apple charges for the same kinds of accessories.Read our full OnePlus Pad 3 review.Best Windows tablet(Image credit: Tom's Guide)The Microsoft Surface Pro 11 is a Windows 11 tablet for users who want the versatility of Windows with the accessibility of a tablet, and it's the best yet thanks to the inclusion of Qualcomm's new Snapdragon chips.I recommend it as the best Windows tablet for most people because it's faster and better-looking than any competing Windows slate - and there aren't many to choose from. While Microsoft's Surface Pro tablets have been a bit boring for years, the Surface Pro 11 shakes things up with a new OLED display option and a new Snapdragon X chip under the hood. That Snapdragon chip pushes this tablet to new heights of speed and power efficiency, making it the fastest tablet on this list save for the iPad Pro M4. It also helps that this slate lasts just over 12 hours in our battery tests, which means you can carry it for a full day without worrying too much about plugging in.And while you can get by just fine with the base model (\$999) and its 13-inch LCD display, those who can afford to splurge by spending \$600 on upgrading to the OLED-equipped version should appreciate the additional vivacity and brightness of the display, which gets brighter than the iPad Air (2024) in our display tests.However, there are a few caveats to know before buying. While Microsoft is keen to talk up the Windows 11 AI features this tablet supports thanks to its Snapdragon chip, in our hands-on testing we didn't find them to be very valuable or useful save Live Captions, which uses AI to automatically display captions for any audio you're listening to in real-time. And while this Windows tablet screams out to be used as a productivity device, Microsoft will gouge you on peripherals in a very Apple-like way if you go that route. At time of review, for example, the detachable Surface Flex Pro keyboard cost an additional \$349 and the Surface Slim Pen 2 stylus cost another \$100, which means you're paying nearly another \$500 just to outfit this Windows tablet with the accessories that allow you to use it to maximum effect.Overall, though, this is the best Surface Pro tablet yet, and the best Windows 11 tablet on the market.Read our full review of the Microsoft Surface Pro 11.The best big-screen tablet(Image credit: Future)When you absolutely, positively need the biggest tablet possible, opt for the Samsung Galaxy Tab S10 Ultra.This is not only the tablet with the biggest screen but the best big-screen tablet, in my opinion, because it marries a gorgeous 14.6-inch AMOLED display with a speedy MediaTek Dimensity 9300+ chip that can run all your favorite Android apps. And despite the size of the screen this 1.6-pound slate doesn't feel heavy thanks to its elegant ultra-thin design, which is just a smidge thinner than an iPad Air.Of course, the size of the screen does make it feel a bit unwieldy and you'll generally want to use two hands or a stand when using the S10 Ultra. But what a screen it is: the 14.6-inch (2,960 x 1,848 pixels) AMOLED display on our review unit looks luscious in person, and our lab testing reveals it's actually more colorful and more color-accurate than either the iPad Air or the iPad Pro's mini-LED display. The Galaxy Tab S10 Ultra's AMOLED screen is also has an adaptive refresh rate capable of achieving up to 120Hz, which can make scrolling and gameplay feel smoother.Plus, the Galaxy Tab S9 Ultra comes with a stylus packed in for free, a nice touch Apple won't match with its iPads.However, there's one big drawback to having a tablet with an AMOLED screen this big: battery life. In our lab the Tab S10 Ultra lasted under 10 hours (9:22), which is fine for casual use but frustrating when you want to use this tablet on the go all day. Plus, it comes pre-installed with a bunch of Samsung apps, most of which are basically worthless if you don't already own other Galaxy devices.Read our Samsung Galaxy Tab S10 Ultra review.The most powerful tablet(Image credit: Tom's Guide)6. iPad Pro 2024 The best tablet for power users, periodAverage Amazon review:The 2024 iPad Pro was the first device to be braced with the cutting-edge Apple M4 chip, and that tiny titan under the hood makes it the most powerful tablet you can buy right now.That makes this the best tablet for folks who want the most raw power, and I know because we've put one through its paces in our testing lab. But the 2024 iPad Pro is more than just a powerhouse — this is Apple's top-tier premium tablet, and it has a lovely OLED display that makes everything you do on it look great. Plus, that Apple M4 chip helps it deliver the best battery life (13:13) of any tablet on this list save the OnePlus Pad 2, and it does it all in a slim, elegant chassis that weighs roughly a pound.Of course, it's hard to know why you'd want an iPad this fast when the iPad Air 2024 with its older M2 chip is still plenty fast enough to handle any app you can run on it. But it's not hard to know exactly how fast the iPad Pro (2024) is, because we put it through our benchmarking tests and this slate did better in our Geekbench CPU tests than any tablet on this list.In our display testing lab this slate also earned rave reviews, and while it's roughly on par with the Galaxy Tab S9 Ultra in terms of color accuracy the iPad Pro's tandem OLED display gets significantly brighter—up to 1,510 nits when viewing HDR content, which is luminous enough to hurt your eyes in a dim room. And if you want to use it outdoors, you can shell out an extra \$100 for a nano-texture glass coating that makes the screen less reflective.But you pay a steep price for this top-tier iPad, and it's just not worth it if you don't need all that speed and screen quality. While this is the best iPad for those who want the most power and best screen, it's not the best iPad for most people - that's still the iPad Air, which comes in the same sizes (11-inch and 13-inch) as the Pro yet costs far less.Read our full iPad Pro 2024 review.The best for writers(Image credit: Future)The ReMarkable Paper Pro is a tablet designed for readers and writers, and you can tell right away when you see its 11.8-inch e-paper display in action. Drawing a line across the screen with the ReMarkable Marker replicates the feeling of a pen on paper, but when you flip to a new page there's a noticeable delay as the Canvas Color display refreshes itself.That's why I think this is the best tablet for writers and readers, but not so much for everyone else: you sacrifice a lot of versatility and speed to enjoy the feeling of writing on on this color e-paper display. It feels great, too, because ReMarkable engineers have worked to fine-tune the 4,000+ levels of pressure sensitivity and reduce the lag between when you draw and when a line appears to mere milliseconds.But even so, in my testing I found that you can often notice a delay between when you paint a line or flip a page and when the action actually happens on-screen. You get used to it, but it's not much fun when you're used to the snappy responsiveness of the other tablets on this list.Bottom line: This is the best e-paper tablet for writers who want to jot down notes or mark up digital documents on a slate that makes it feel like you're writing on paper. The added backlight (a first for the line) is also nice to have, but the cost of this tablet (as much as an iPad Air) ensures it will remain a niche product for writers.Read our full ReMarkable Paper Pro review.The best small tablet(Image credit: Tom's Guide)The iPad mini 7 is Apple's tiniest iPad updated for 2024, and it's marketed at anyone who wants all the benefits of an iPad in a smaller, lighter tablet.We recommend it most often as the best tiny tablet for most folks because it really does deliver the full iPad experience in a smaller size, giving you easy access to everything you can do in iPadOS on a screen that's small enough for most people to hold in one hand. And if you are willing to give a child an iPad, this one is very easy for them to hold.It doesn't feel child-sized though, as in our lab testing the A17 Pro chip powering this tablet helped it deliver speeds that rival the iPad Air 2024, which is much further up on this list. And the battery life is great too, as it beat Apple's advertised 10 hours to last a full 10 hours and 34 minutes in our lab battery tests. Scroll down to our battery test comparison charts and you'll see that's one of the longer-lasting tablets on this list, though it can't quite last as long as the iPad Air or Google Pixel Tablet.There are some minor frustrations with this table that I don't want to gloss over, like the fact that the front-facing camera is on the narrow edge (so you have to hold the tablet like a clipboard when on video calls) and the fact that it doesn't support the Apple Pencil 2.But those are minor inconveniences with this otherwise excellent slate, which is easily the best tiny tablet you can buy right now.Read our full Apple iPad mini 7 review.Also testedWe test and review dozens of tablets every year, and even though they can't all make this list that doesn't mean they aren't good machines. There are also some really great slates that maintain their value over years, so we sometimes recommend them as good alternatives to the best tablets that are often sold at a discount.So while these tablets didn't quite achieve the level of excellence needed to be leaders of the pack, they're good alternatives you get used to it, but it's not much fun when you're used to the snappy responsiveness of the other tablets on this list.Bottom line: This is the best e-paper tablet for writers who want to jot down notes or mark up digital documents on a slate that makes it feel like you're writing on paper. 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