

the Strategist You're Probably Not Using One of the Best iPhone Features

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Despite being introduced with the iPhone 12 lineup in 2020 and included in every iPhone since, MagSafe still feels like an **underutilized** part of the iPhone ecosystem. This circular array of magnets built into the back of the iPhone lets compatible accessories latch onto the device with a strong magnetic connection and makes phone use not only more convenient in many ways but also provides an easy way to customize your iPhone.

With MagSafe, you can charge your phone without having to plug anything in, or you can slap a bunch of accessories onto the back of your device without having to commit to one case. Those accessories can be a battery pack, a slim wallet, a kickstand, or a grip that makes your big phone easier to hold.

I've bought, returned, tested, and clung on to dozens of MagSafe accessories and have spent countless hours over the last five years testing tech products ranging from tablets and their accessories to laptops and smartwatches, all of which has taught me what separates the good from the bad. Some accessories have weak magnets that won't stay firmly on your phone, while others might have dual functions that make using your phone just a little more enjoyable. Below, you'll find all the ones that have made the cut.

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An eye-catching (and nostalgic) MagSafe case



Spigen Classic C1 MagFit
Designed for iPhone 16

While you can connect MagSafe accessories directly to the back of your iPhone, there are cases that have built-in magnets to reinforce the connection, so you can protect your phone while still sticking an accessory or two onto the back. (If you use a case without MagSafe compatibility but still want to use a MagSafe charger like the ones below, you have to remove the case every time you want to charge your phone, which is very inconvenient.) I like this case from Spigen that makes the phone look like a classic iMac for a fun dose of nostalgia. It comes in four colors — tangerine, Bondi blue, ruby, and

graphite — and is rugged enough to provide solid protection.

A classic iPhone case



For a more subtle MagSafe-friendly case, I recommend this one from Smartish. I've been using some variation of it since the iPhone X. It looks good, comes in nice colors, and it's not too bulky.

Smartish iPhone 16 MagSafe Case

A PopSocket with some flexibility



I love PopSockets, but my biggest frustration with them has always been that I have to commit a different one to each case I use (slim case for nights out, rugged case for hikes and bike rides), and that gets costly. PopSocket's PopGrip for MagSafe solves that problem: Slap it on any MagSafe-compatible case and it'll stay firmly connected, but it comes off and can follow you from case to case. It comes in a couple of different versions, including one with a built-in wallet, and you can replace the plain-looking PopSocket portion with a more exciting one that better suits your style.

PopSockets PopGrip for MagSafe

A good leather-free wallet replacement



Moft MagSafe Wallet

If you've got limited pocket space or you just like to minimize what you keep on you at any given time, a MagSafe wallet allows you to store a few cards and your ID without needing to take up extra pocket space. Moft's snap-on phone stand and wallet — which is made with vegan leather — works great. It can only hold three cards, but that's enough if I'm just meeting up with friends for dinner or running errands. There's also a stand built into the back that lets you prop your phone up in portrait mode. You can use it for FaceTime calls, but I mostly use it to play Marvel Snap without needing to hold my phone the whole time; it works great for both.

A fancy leather wallet



Mujjo Full Leather Magnetic Wallet

Moft's case is great, but it's a bit difficult to get your cards in and out of it. Mujjo's wallet, which is made of actual leather, doesn't have a kickstand, but it does make accessing your cards easier than Moft's. In addition to the slot at the top of the wallet, there's a small opening at the bottom that lets you push the cards out of the top slot, and there is another opening on the back of the wallet that serves the same purpose if it isn't attached to your phone. It comes in three colors (blue, black, and brown) and has rubberized strips on the back that make it more slip-resistant when attached to your phone.

A battery pack that keeps on going



EcoFlow Rapid Power Bank

This is my personal favorite [portable charger](#). It's about the size of a deck of cards, so it travels well, and has enough juice to recharge an iPhone 16 Pro Max. Since it's MagSafe compatible, you can slap it right on the back of your phone, and it has a kickstand so you can watch a video hands-free while it charges. It even has a built-in USB-C cable, in case you need to charge another device, like your [wireless earbuds](#).

A wireless charger



It's probably the most obvious use case for a MagSafe accessory: charging your phone without needing to plug anything in. But it's also one of the most convenient for me since I hate having to fumble around for my charger and find the slot on my phone in the dark right before going to bed. Anker's MagGo wireless charger is cheaper than Apple's MagSafe charger, and the cable is half a meter longer. But as great as wireless charging is, if you need to give your phone a quick boost before leaving, a wired connection is faster.

A travel-size wireless charger

I don't travel without Twelve South's tiny wireless charger, which can charge my iPhone and Apple Watch (or AirPods) using a single cable. It has two weighty pucks — one for the iPhone and one for the Apple Watch — that fold together to fit in a [backpack](#) or [carry-on](#).

A wireless charger for all your devices

This three-in-one charger is a one-stop shop for charging all your portable Apple devices. The iPhone charger is a lollipop-shaped stand that has an adjustable viewing angle. In front of that is an Apple Watch charger that flips out when you need it, and behind the phone charger there's a second charging pad you can use for wireless earbuds or another phone.

A notepad that follows you everywhere

I use the app [Drafts](#) to capture all my thoughts while I'm away from my desk, but also like this magnetic folio that holds a notebook and pen right on the back of an iPhone. It has a slot for a tiny notebook, plus another slot for papers you've already written on and one for business cards.

A case that turns your phone into a BlackBerry

The Clicks Keyboard has been my [favorite way to type](#) on my iPhone since I put it on my iPhone 15 Pro Max last year. Its keys — which feel just like the ones on an old-school BlackBerry — are clicky and satisfying to type on. After a few days with it, you'll wonder how you got by tapping on glass.

A case that turns your phone into a Kindle

If you're going to read on a screen, I recommend doing it on an [e-ink](#) device like a [Kindle](#) or [Kobo](#). Not everyone agrees, however; some people simply prefer reading on their phones. That doesn't mean you can't get some of the benefits of an e-reader on

your phone, though. This case uses MagSafe to hold your iPhone in the middle and has grips on both sides that make it feel like you're holding a Kindle. It also has an NFC chip built in that you can configure to open your reading app of choice whenever you drop your phone into the case.

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