Organize Your iPhone: Icons and Folders

Your new iPhone is very customizable. In this chapter we will show you how to move icons around and put your favorite icons just where you want them. You’ve got up to 11 pages of icons to work with, and you can adjust the look and feel of those pages so it suits your tastes.

Like a Mac computer or an iPad, the iPhone has a **Bottom Dock**, where you can put the icons for your favorite apps. iPhones come with four standard icons in the Bottom Dock, but you can replace these with other icons for your favorite apps to always have available at the bottom of your screen. In the new operating system, iOS4, you can even move an entire folder of apps to the Bottom Dock.

**TIP:** You can also move or delete icons using iTunes on your computer. Check out our “iTunes User Guide” in Chapter 30 for more information.
Moving Icons to the Bottom Dock—Docking Them

When you turn your iPhone on, you’ll notice the four icons locked to the Bottom Dock: Phone, Mail, Safari, and iPod.

Suppose you decide you want to change one or more of these for apps you use more often. Fortunately, moving icons to and from the Bottom Dock is easy.

Starting the Move

Press the Home button to get to your Home screen. Now, touch and hold any icon on the Home screen for a couple of seconds. You’ll notice that all the icons start to shake.

Just try moving a couple of icons around at first. You’ll see that when you move an icon down, the other icons in the row move to make space for it.

Once you have the feel for how the icons move, you are ready to replace one of the Bottom Dock icons. While the icons are shaking, take the icon you wish to replace from the Bottom Dock and move it up to an area covered by other icons. If you move it to a large blank area, it will jump back to the dock.

NOTE: You can have up to four icons in the Bottom Dock, so if you already have four there, you will have to remove one to replace it with a new one.

Suppose you want to replace the standard iPod icon with your App Store icon. The first thing to do is just hold the iPod icon and move it up a row—out of the Bottom Dock, as shown in Figure 7-1.