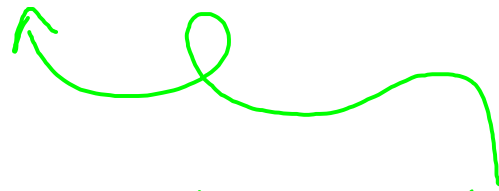


Remember?



To turn the page, tap on this arrow...

Quick Start

Notes Plus 3.0

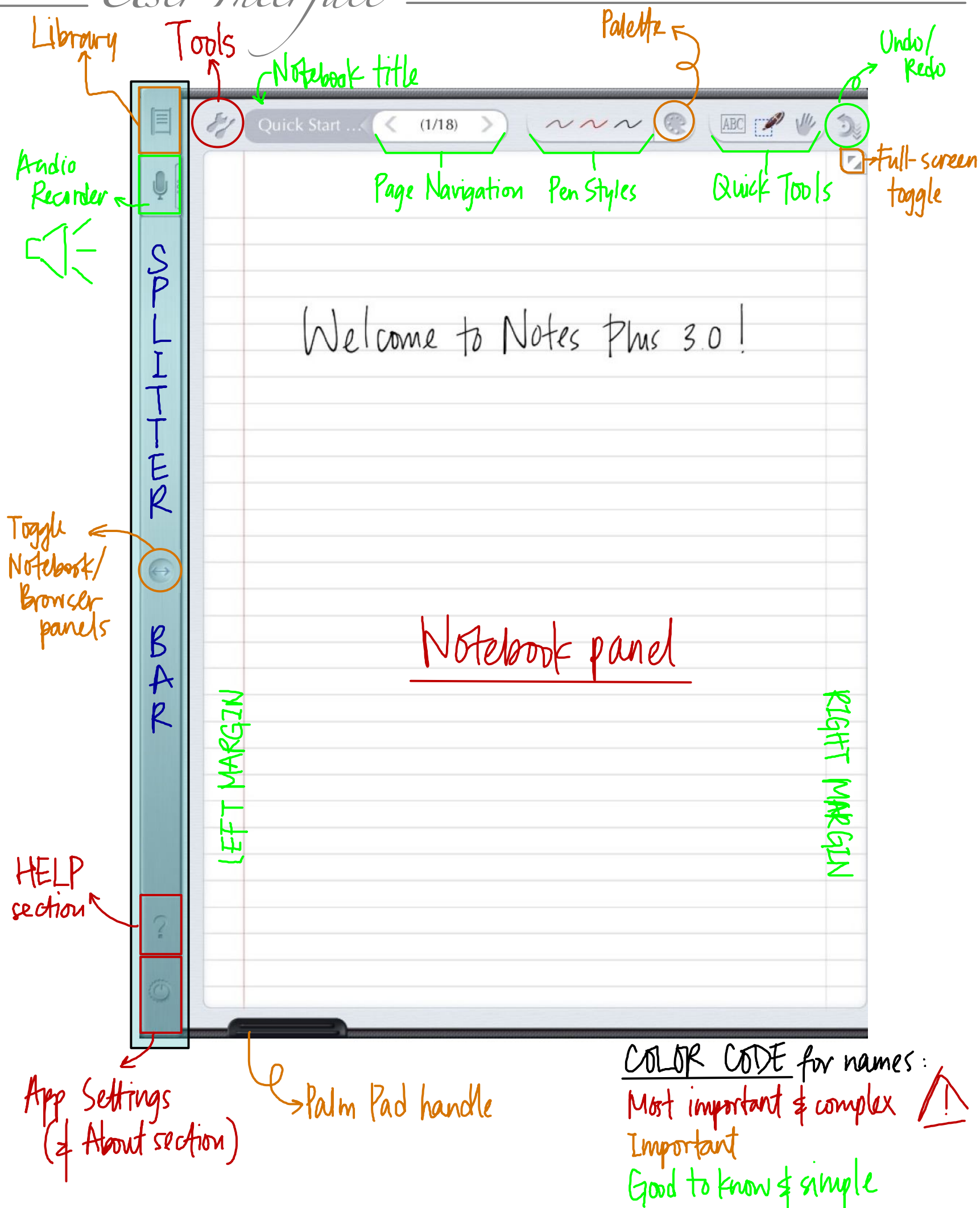
OR



... quickly flick the page up.

[Keep your iPad in Portrait mode for a better overview!]

User Interface



Handwriting

Select the Pen tool and immediately start writing on the page with your finger/stylus.



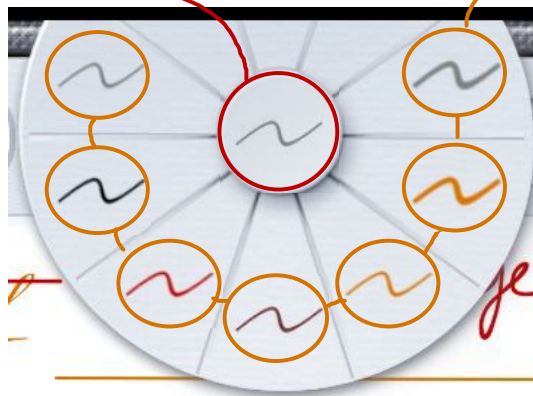
Configure pen styles as well as HIGHLIGHTERS



TO CHANGE PEN STYLE,
TAP ON A DIFFERENT STYLE SLOT

LONG-PRESS FOR MORE OPTIONS

CURRENT
color



Most Recent colors
(inside Palette)



Eraser size and offsets can be configured in the App Settings,

as well as the Deletion & Scrubbing gestures.

(crossing back
& forth)

(scrubbing
in zigzags)



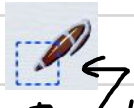
Long-press

OR
Swipe down on

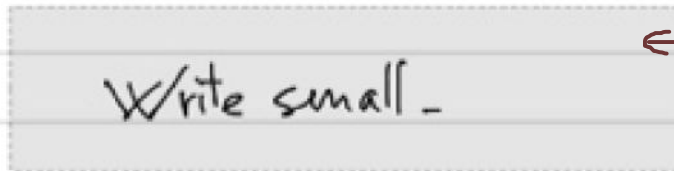
the Undo button to bring up Redo.

Close-Up Writing

Close-up writing allows big writing to appear small if you're writing with a finger or stylus.

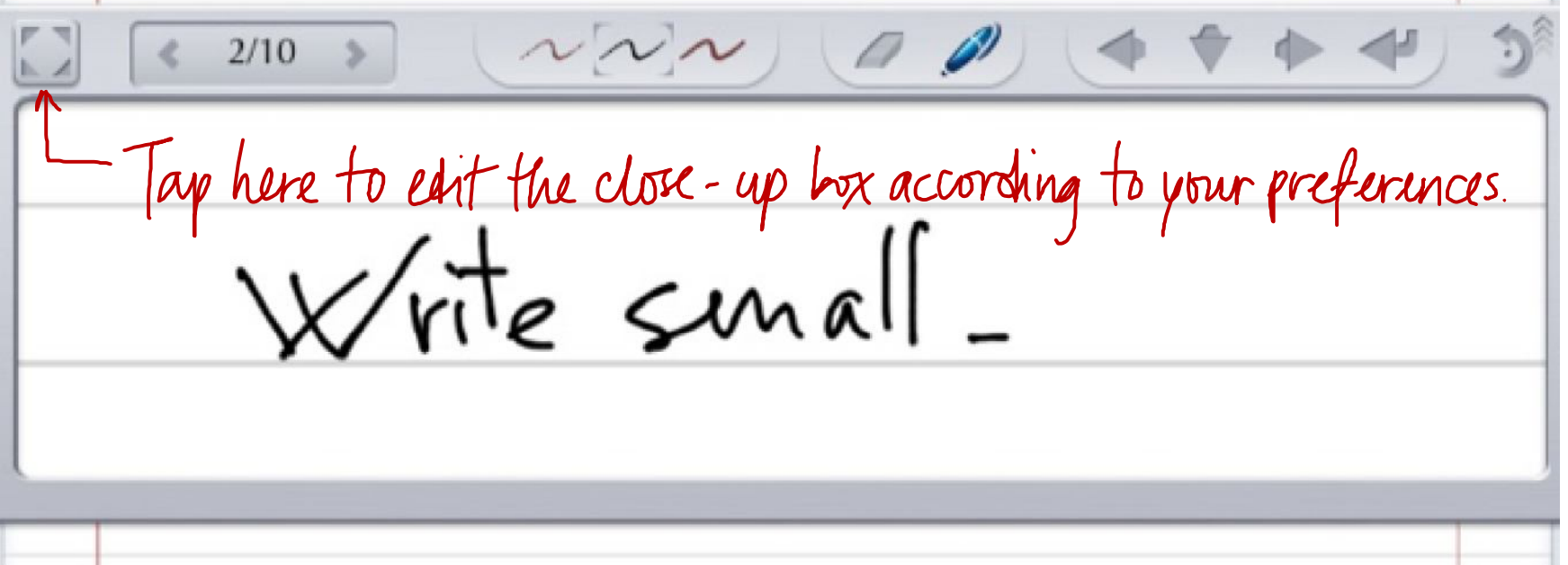


With the Pen tool selected,
long-press anywhere on the page to enter close-up mode.



DRAG THIS AREA TO
FREELY MOVE THE
CLOSE-UP BOX

Tap anywhere outside of the grey dotted box to exit close-up mode.

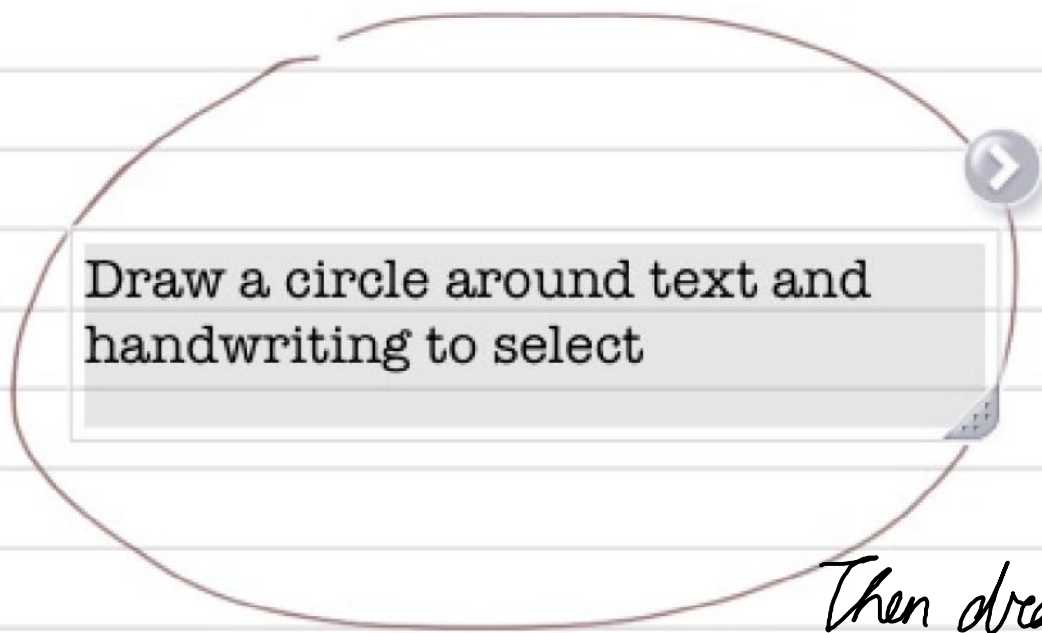


[This area below acts as a **Palm Pad**.]

The best way to learn about close-up writing is to watch the video tutorial here:

http://bit.ly/np_videos

Moving around



Then drag the selection with one finger to move it.

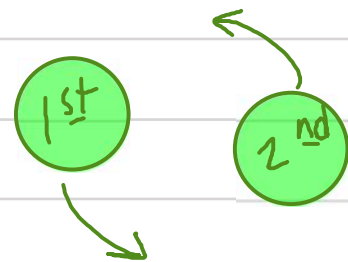
TAP OUTSIDE OF IT ONCE YOU'RE DONE.

Hint: Tap on the arrow in the top right corner of the selection to access the context menu and explore more options.

When the Pen tool is selected, use **2 fingers** to:

- zoom in/out
- pan
- rotate a selection

as shown →

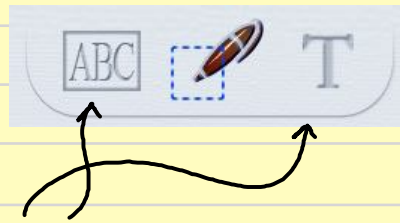


Hint: To rotate a selection, group it first. That way, you can rotate handwritten text as well.



Other than the Page Navigation arrows, you can tap on the Page Number to jump to a specific page.

Typing



Want to type instead? Tap here to switch tools.
(or long-press for more options)



This tool is for whole-page text.



This one is for text boxes, which you can move around.

When using the Text tools, the Pen styles will switch to Text styles --> that you can also customize inside the Palette.



Try out our Handwriting Recognition module as an in-app purchase for \$1.99! (check our website for more info)

Hint: Don't worry about saving. The app will do it automatically for you.

Recording

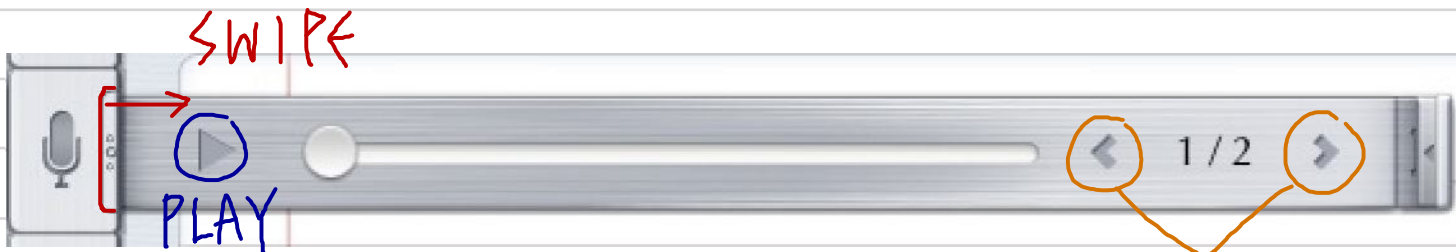
(Yes, you can record audio while taking notes.)

In **Landscape** mode, tap on the mic button on the **Splitter bar** to start **recording**. The icon will blink **red** while the app is **recording**. Tap on it again to stop.



In **Portrait** mode, remember to reveal the **Splitter bar** by tapping / dragging the partial circle to the right first. Then you can **record** just like in Landscape mode.

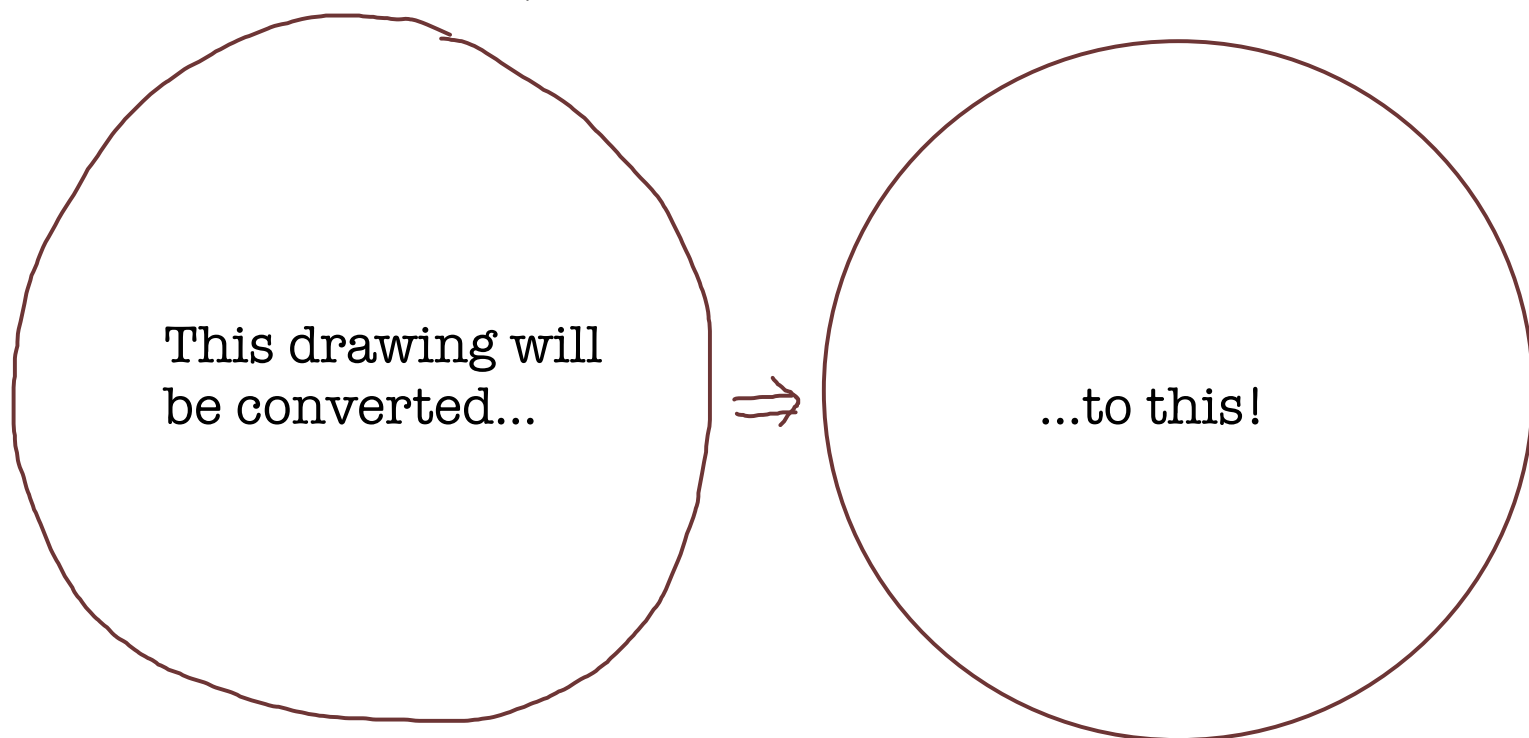
Playing back your recording inside the notebook is also possible. The recordings are linked to the pages of the notebook in which they were recorded.



Switch between recordings

Shapes

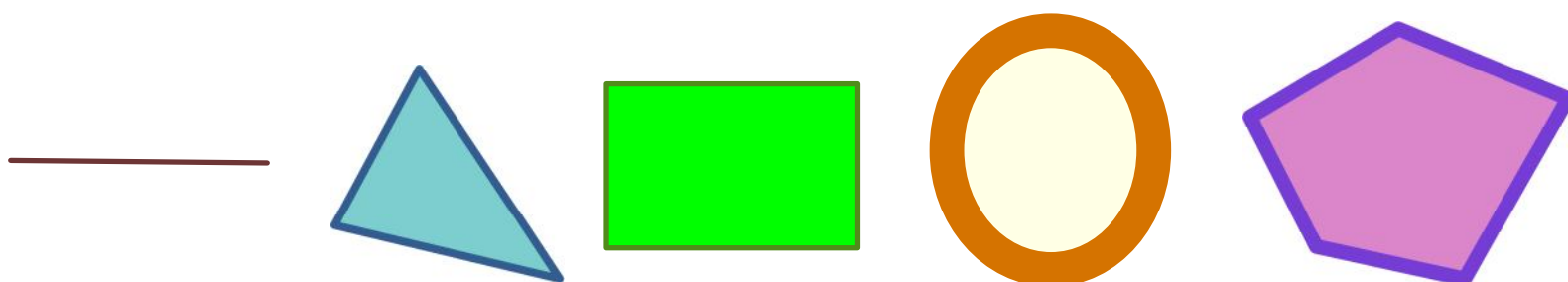
Draw a big enough shape (threshold can be determined in *App Settings*) and it will automatically be converted to a perfect shape.



Don't like "shape detection"? Tap on the **Tools** button up top and "insert shapes" instead. (or simply disable it in the **App Settings**)



You can give your shapes a fill color, too. Just enter the *Palette* to customize it.



Images & Pictures

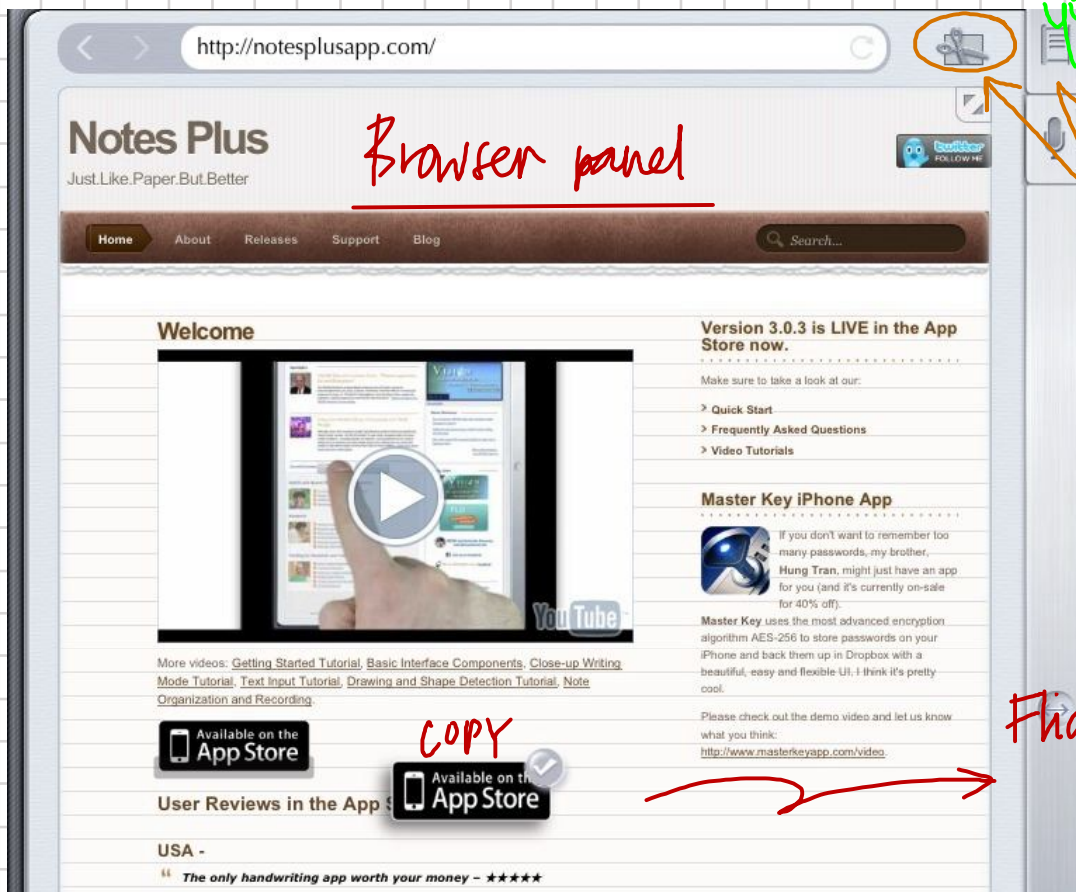


Also go into Tools to insert images from your Photos Library or to take a picture with your built-in camera (iPad 2 and 3).

To insert images from the Web:

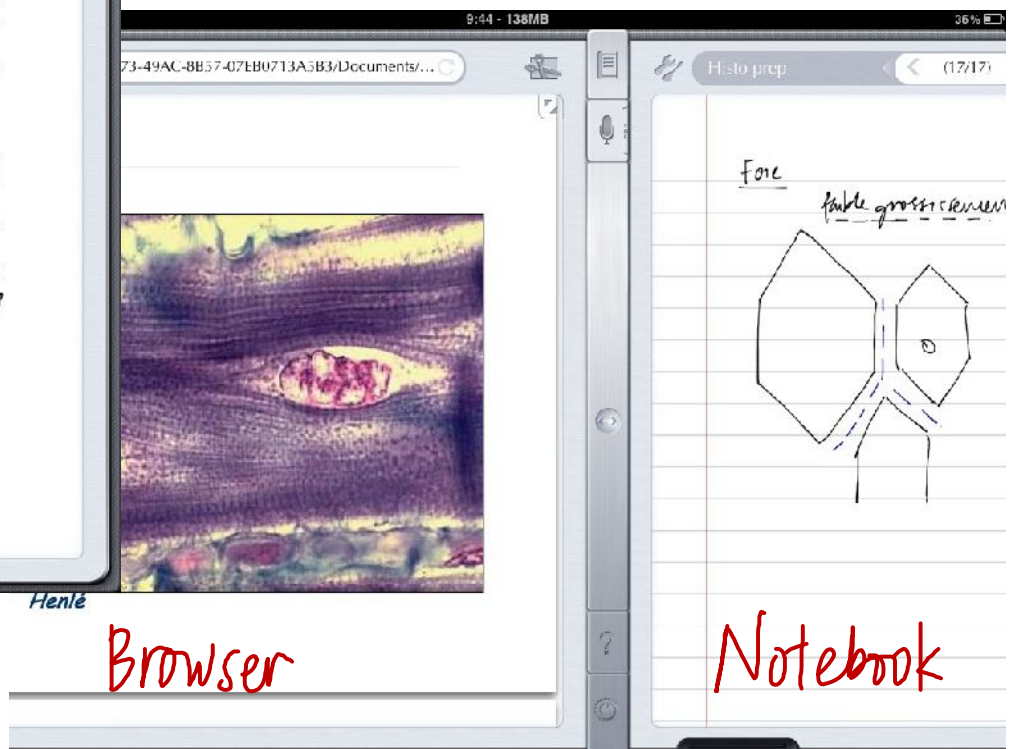
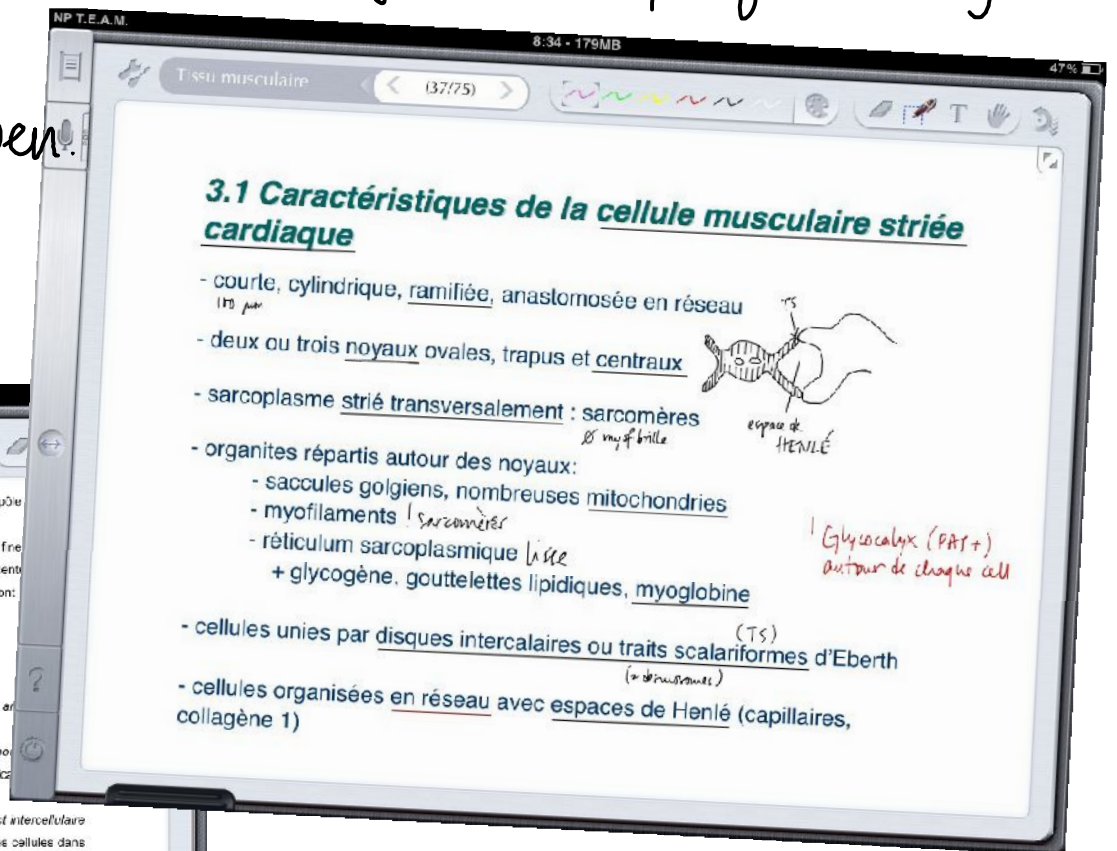
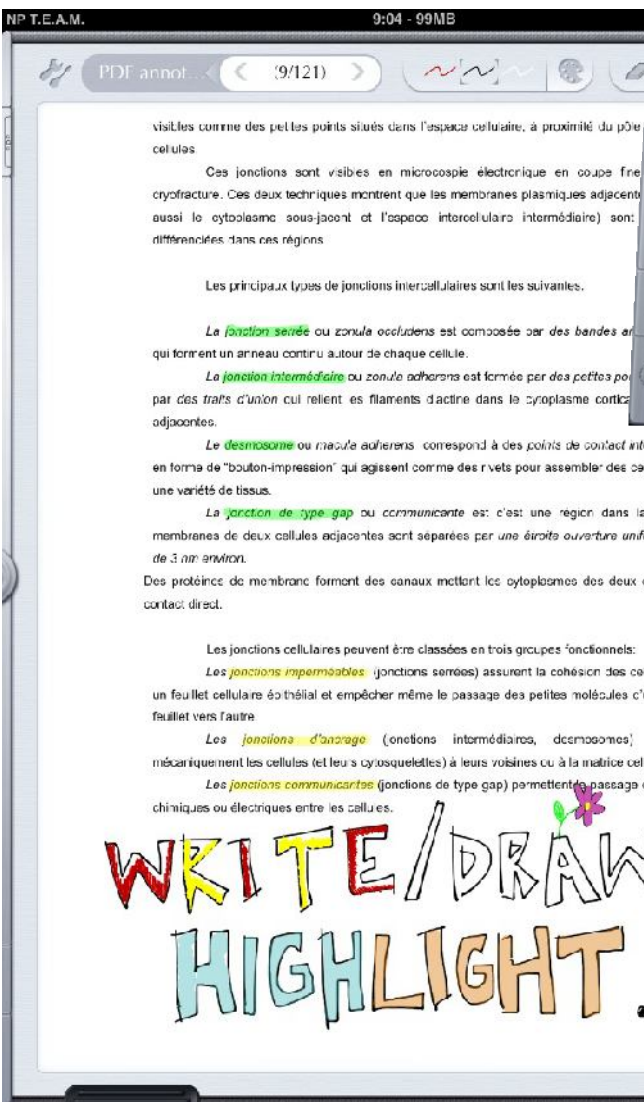
- Drag the Splitter bar from the left to the right to reveal the Browser panel!
- Browse to the page containing the wanted picture.
- Long-press on the picture until a copy of it pops out.
- Drag / Flick it over to the Notebook panel.

You also have the option to copy your own selection by using the Capture tool.



Hint: You can annotate right on top of pictures by making use of the "Send to back" feature in the Context menu. (➡ arrow)

Import a PDF file from other apps (e.g. Mail) by long-pressing the PDF icon until the "Open in" menu pops open.



TAKE NOTES
on the right

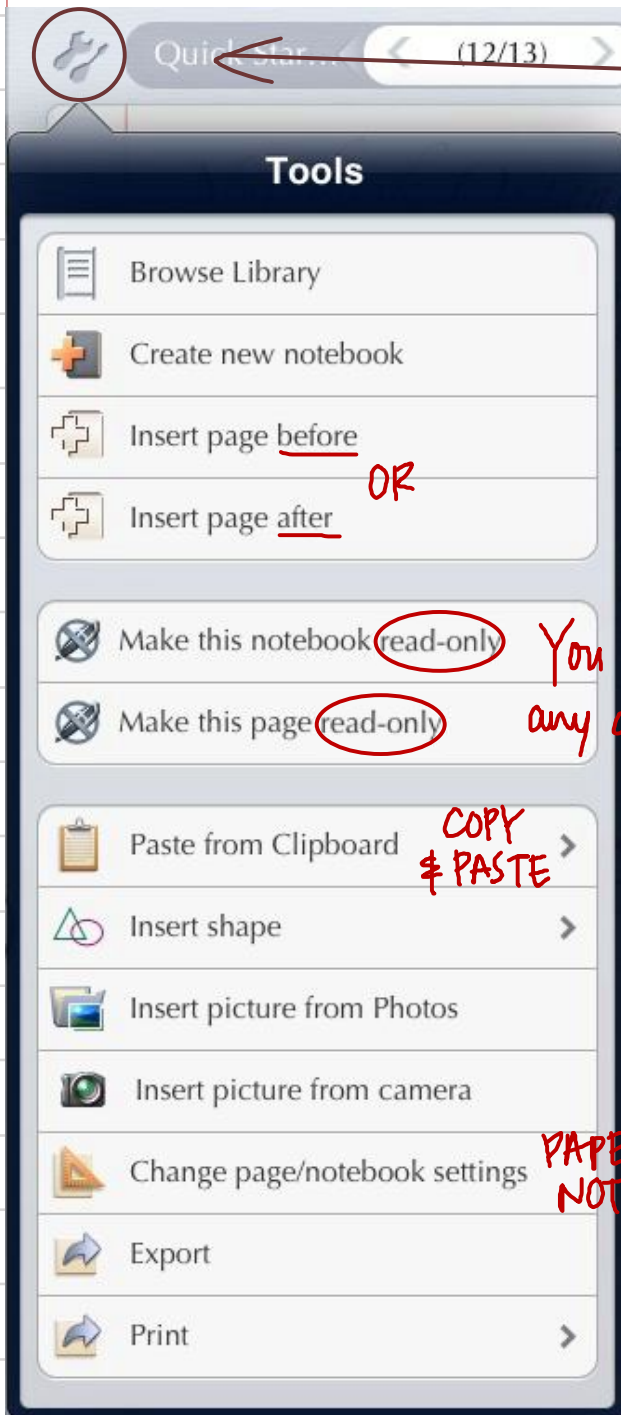
Browser

WHILE

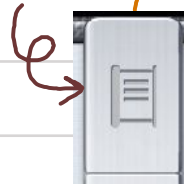
consulting a **PDF**
on the left

Notebook Organization

You can have as many notebooks as you'd like; each notebook can have as many pages as it needs. Notebooks can be organized in folders and subfolders of different levels.



Start browsing your Notebooks library by going to the **Tools** or by tapping the **Library** button on the **Splitter bar**.



You won't be able to make any changes to the notebook/page.

As you can see, there are MANY actions to perform inside a notebook, so try them out!

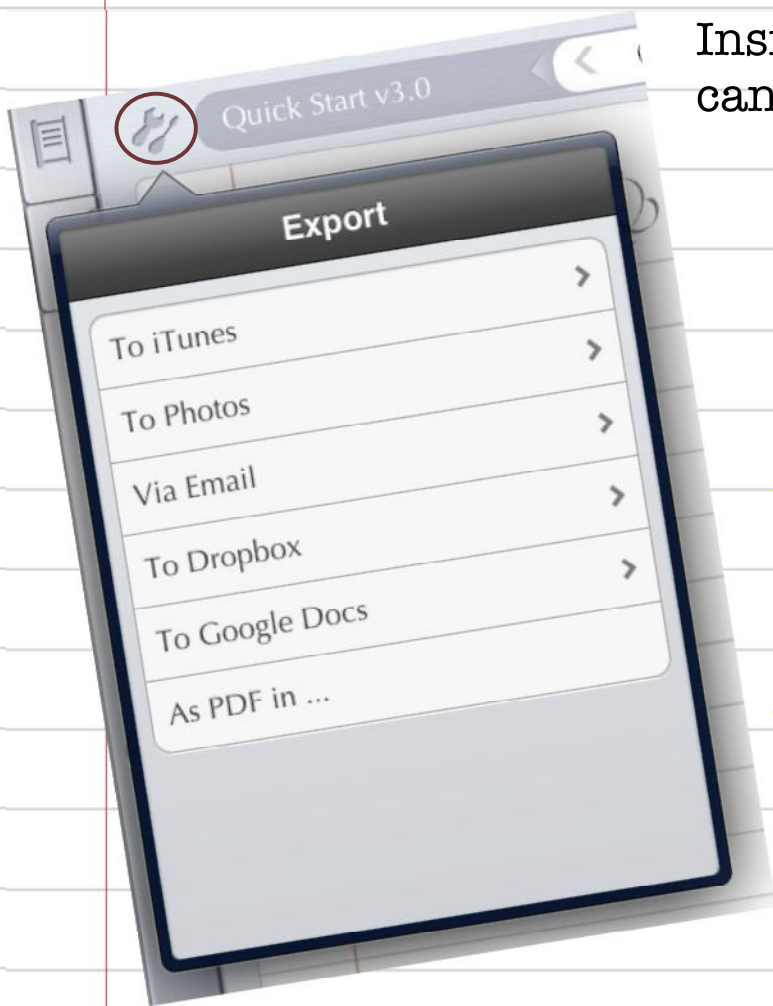
PAPER BACKGROUNDS,
NOTEBOOK COVERS, ...

While in the **Library** panel, tap the **Edit** button at the bottom right to move/copy/delete pages/notebooks.



Tap on this icon to password-protect your folders.

Export & Backup



Inside the Tools menu, you can find all export options.



Go to the **App Settings** to customize **Dropbox** and **Google Docs** backup options. (Other services will be supported later)

Turn on "**Automatic Backup and Restore**" for your whole folder structure to be mirrored in your **Dropbox** folder. (**Notes Plus** has to be kept open to enable syncing.)

Hint: Whenever you close Notes Plus from your background apps, Dropbox syncing will start over from the beginning.

A few advices...

- * When **importing a PDF file**, please check your Notebooks library to make sure the spinning wheel on the file has disappeared before making any changes to it. This way, you can prevent PDF pages from appearing blank.
- * The **iOS 5 Multitasking Gestures** might interfere with your note-taking when you rest your palm down. Unfortunately, Apple doesn't allow apps to internally disable them. Therefore, for a better note-taking experience, please turn them off in your iPad Settings when using Notes Plus.
- * If you encounter any **lagging** while using Notes Plus, try freeing your memory by closing all background apps to reduce the lagging. [double-press Home button / swipe up with 4 fingers (Multitasking Gestures), hold app icon until it wiggles, tap red minus to close app]
- * **Empty your trash** regularly and try not to overload your pages with too much writing if you notice that performance is often slow (especially on iPad 1). Also keep recordings around **30 minutes** for optimal performance.
- * The **background flashing** issue encountered on iPad 3 is a mistake on Apple's side. Right now, only workarounds can be thought of to try solving it, but the ultimate fix will have to come from Apple.

Sorry for these inconveniences; we're still constantly working on improving performance on all 3 iPads. Thank you for your patience and support!

More help ...

There are too many features to cover them all in this "Quick" Start Guide. This should contain all main features of the app.
(A User Guide is being worked on!)

If you have trouble using **Notes Plus**, please visit our website:

<http://notesplusapp.com>



where you can find a Support section with Video tutorials
and **Frequently Asked Questions**.

If you can't find an answer to your question, email us at:



support@notesplusapp.com

We will try our very best to assist you!

NOTE: All this information can be found in the **HELP** section.
(? on Splitter bar)

Check out our forum
if you're curious about
the app's progress!

Minnesota, May 2012

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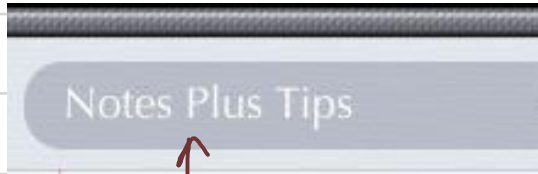
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<http://notesplusapp.com/forums/beta-testing>

The following is a complementary document. You can skip it if you want.

More (hidden) hints...

Renaming titles inside a Notebook

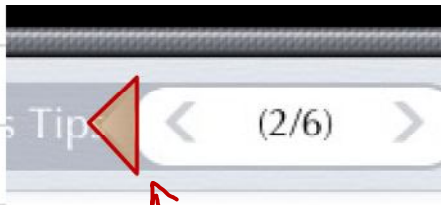


Tap on the Notebook title to rename it when inside a notebook.



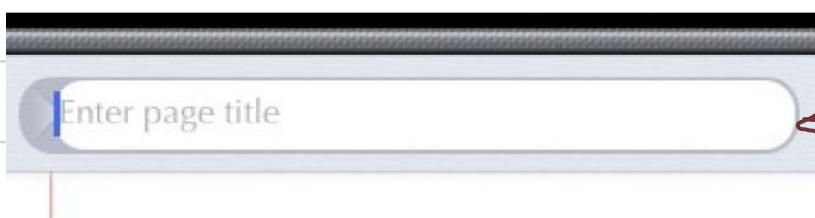
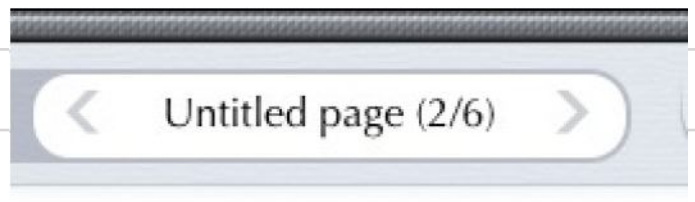
Well, that was easy, right? Same goes for page titles...

...except that they're a little trickier!



See the "hidden" little arrow?

Well, swipe towards the direction it's pointing at, and you'll get this.



Now tap on it and you can rename the Page title.

Top margin

Margins and their secrets...

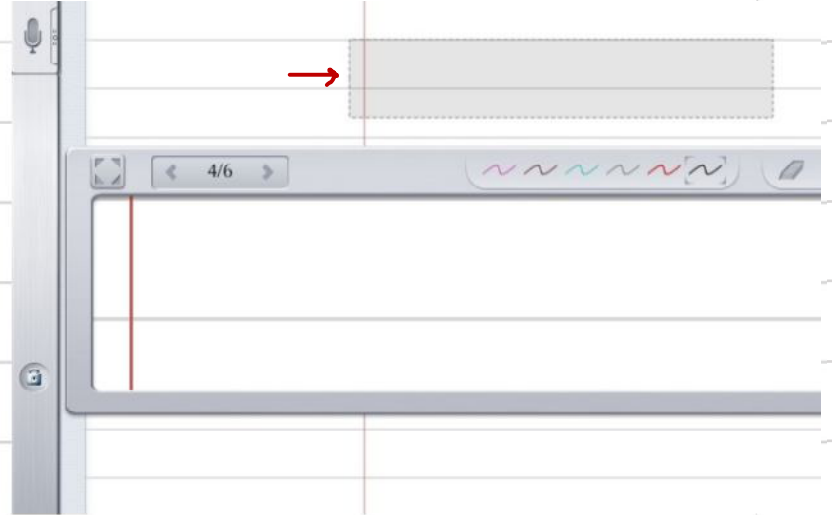
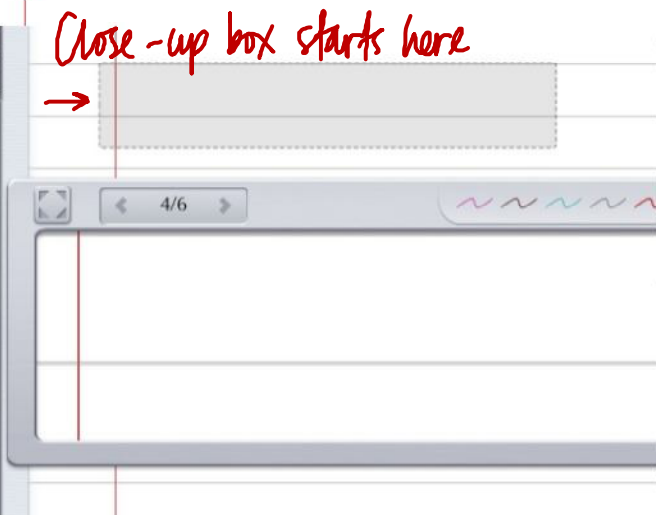
← What's the advantage of margins? →

The close-up box always automatically carriage-returns to where the left margin is positioned.



TAP to try it!

Close-up box starts here



Don't like the margins and want to get rid of them? Simple workaround.



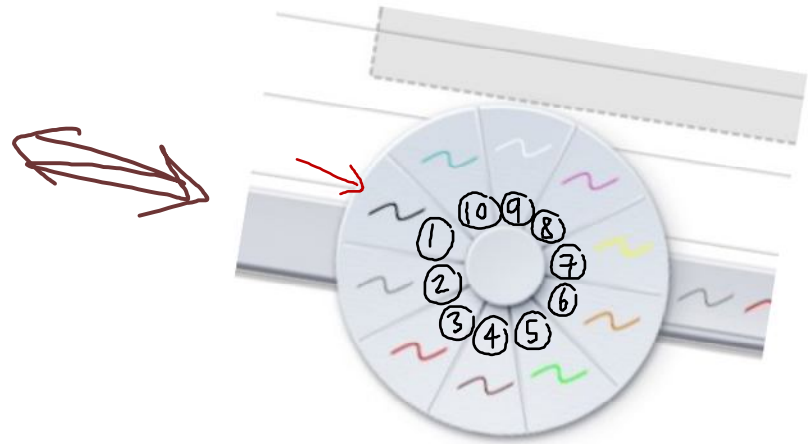
Go to "Change page/notebook settings" in the Tools menu and set your margins to 0 if you want the vertical lines to be gone.

The same can be done for Top & Bottom Margins if you want your lines to continue to the very bottom (or top) of the page.
✓ as shown here below

NO Bottom Margin

Quick Palette

If you enter close-up mode, you can choose between 10 different colors in your Quick Palette!



Quick Palette

Palette menu

But did you know that the colors in your Quick Palette are the mirror image of your 'Most Recent' colors in your Palette menu?



In other words, whenever you choose a new stroke color, size and opacity, then exit the Palette menu, that customized color will insert itself into spot ①. The color that was previously in spot ① will be pushed to spot ②, and so on...

If you understand the concept, changing the colors of your Quick Palette should now be a piece of cake!

Resizing Limitations

Frustrated because you can't resize a selection to a smaller size than it already is? Or your selection is too small and you can't make it bigger? This is a workaround for you.

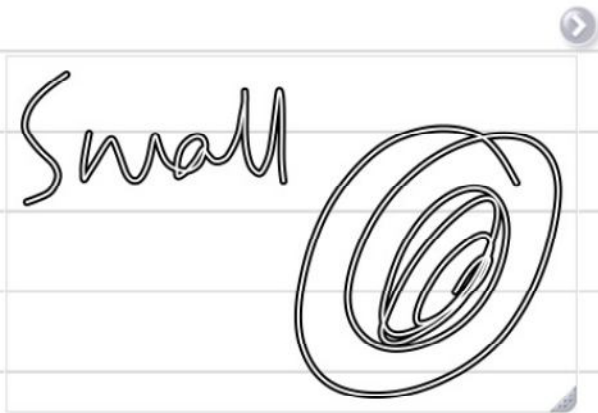
This selection is too small to be resized.



So, draw something next to it to increase its size.



Now you can resize your selection to the desired size.



And then get rid of the unnecessary addition.



And if you want to make a selection smaller than the allowed size, it's the same principle; just draw something next to the designated word, shrink it and then get rid of the additional stroke.

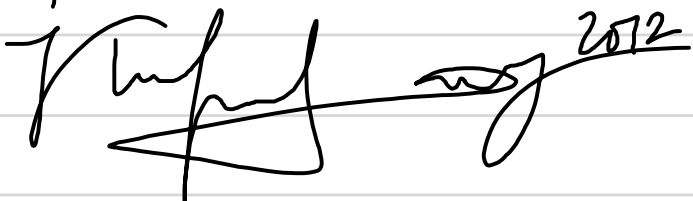
Hello fellow Notes Plus user (or prospective user)!

These are just a few additional hints that I wanted to share with the Notes Plus community until the User Guide is finalized. Some of the workarounds were suggested by other testers, so credit's not all mine. Eventually, the app will be improved so that these workarounds won't be needed anymore. So, stay tuned!

I only hope that this helped you understand Notes Plus a little better. And maybe one day, you'll come to love it the way I do!

Hope you ENJOY using the app!
and

Thank you for your interest!

Loyal Notes Plus user & tester
 2012

P.S. Any feedback on the Quick Start is appreciated! Your opinion matters to us.