

# Quick Start

## HANDWRITING

Start writing by touching the paper area with your finger or stylus (with the pen tool  selected)



To change pen style, tap on a style button up top.  
(or touch and hold for more options)



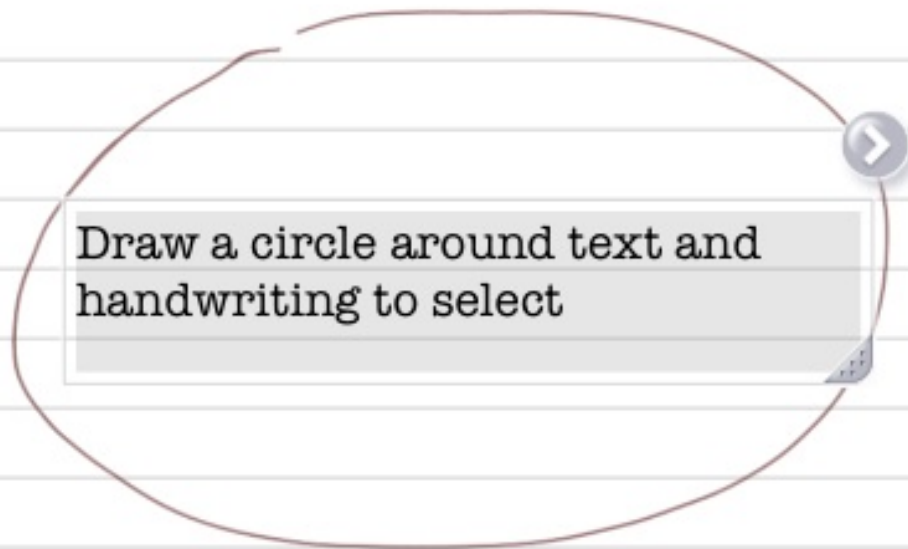
To erase a word, cross over it back and forth  
or scrub it like :



(Turn on the Gestures in the Settings.)

(I am terribly sorry for my handwriting. I've tried my best :-))

# Moving around



Once selected, drag inside the selection to move.

Pinch in with two fingers to zoom in; touch down with two fingers simultaneously to scroll.



Tap on these arrows up top to change page.  
(or on the numbers to jump to a page)

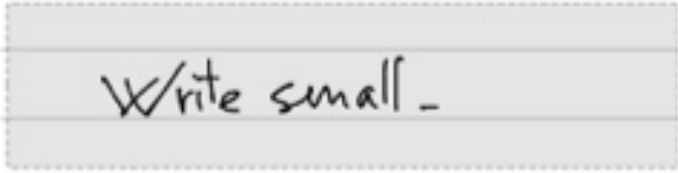
Hint: Tap on the disclosure button on the top right of the selection to explore options.

Hint: To rotate a selection, group it first.

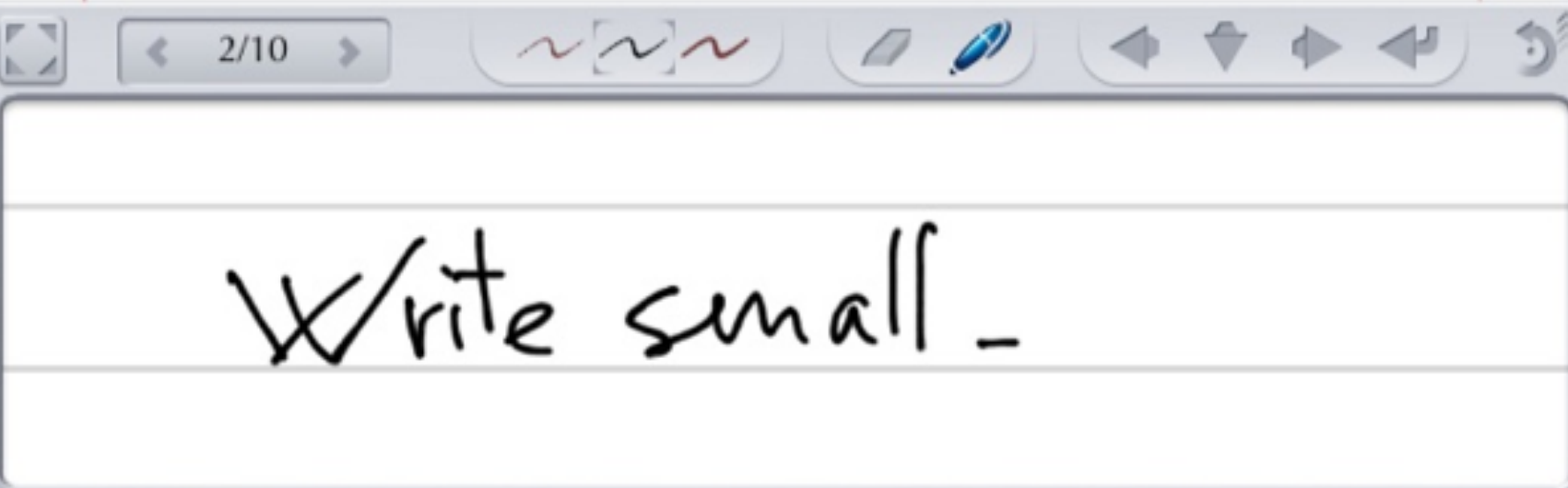
# Closeup Writing

Close-up writing allows writing small letters with a big finger or stylus.

TOUCH and HOLD anywhere in the paper area to start close-up writing.



Write small \_

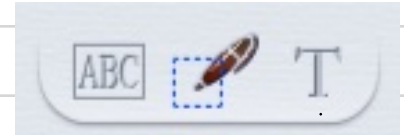


Write small \_

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

[http://bit.ly/np\\_videos](http://bit.ly/np_videos)

# Type



Want to type instead? Tap here to switch modes.  
(or touch and hold for more options)



This tool is for whole page text.



This is for text boxes which you can move around.

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

# Recording

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

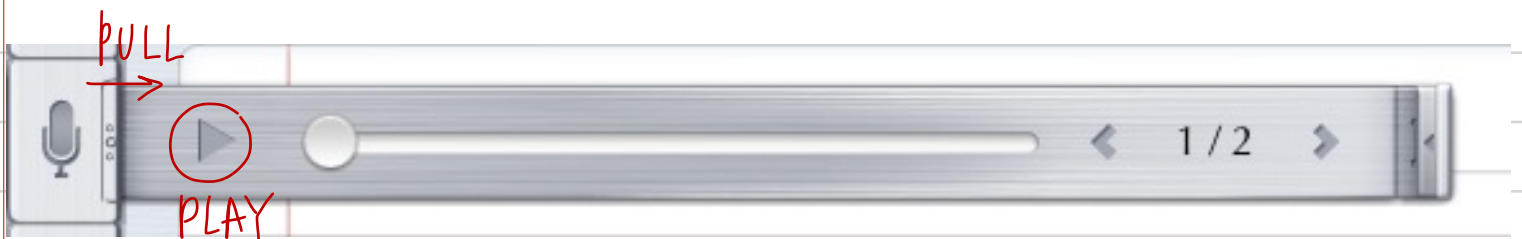


Tap on the recording button on the vertical toolbar while in landscape mode to start recording. Tap on it again to stop.



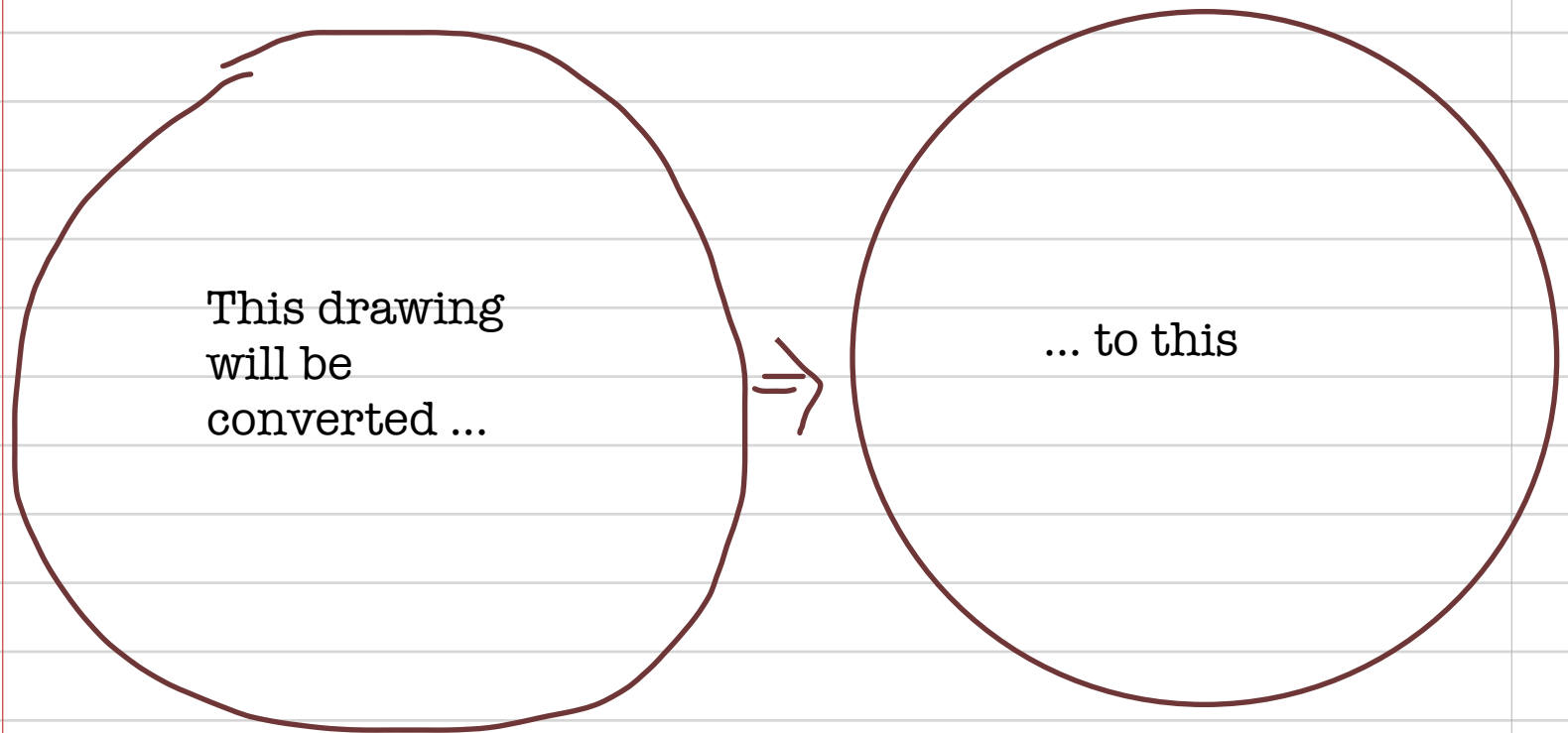
While in portrait mode, swipe from the left edge of your iPad to reveal the toolbar.

Playing back your recording inside the notebook is also possible.



# Shapes

Draw a big enough shape. It will be automagically converted to a perfect shape.



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

You can fill your shapes, too.



# *Images & PDFs*

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Also use the tool button up top to insert images from your Photo Library.

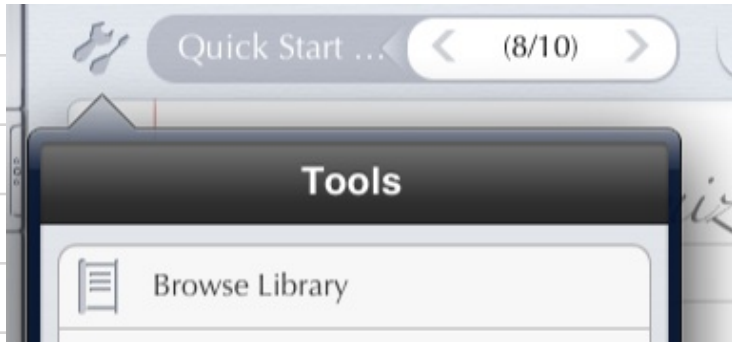
Insert images from the Web:

- Swipe the vertical toolbar from left to right to reveal the Web browser.
- Browse to a Web page with images.
- Touch and hold on an image until it pops out and drag/flick it over to the paper area.

Import a PDF file from other apps (e.g. Mail) by touching and holding on the file icon until the "Open in ..." popover appears (after the file is done loading).

# Notebooks Organization

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



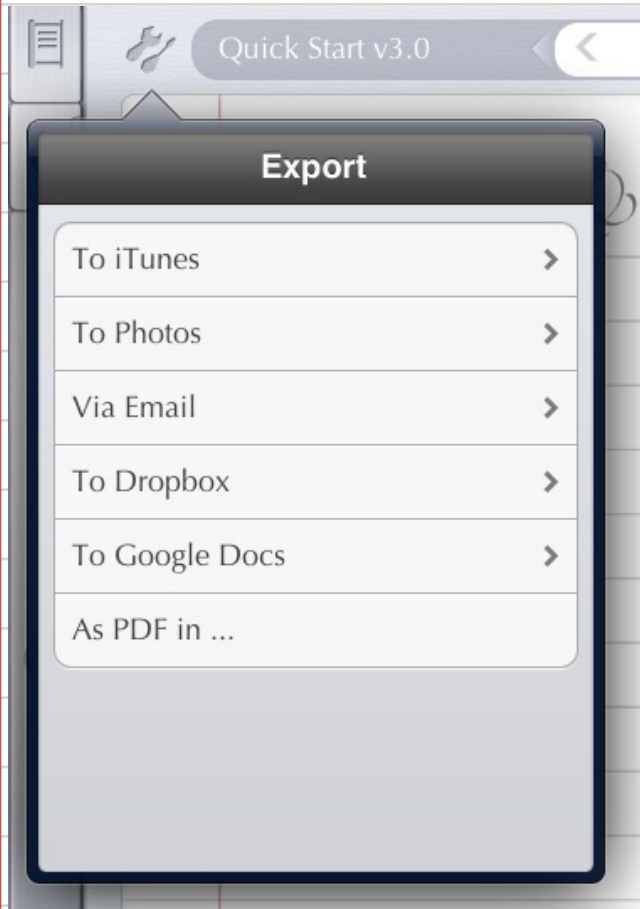
Start browsing your notebook library with the tool button up top or the library button on the vertical bar.



While in the Library panel, tap on the Edit button in the bottom to move/copy/re-arrange notebooks/pages.



# Export & Backup



Tap on the tool button for all export options.



Tap on the Settings button on the vertical toolbar to reveal Dropbox backup options.

Turn on "Automatic Backup/Restore" and all your notes will be backed up to Dropbox automatically.

More help ...

There are too many features to cover them all in this "Quick" Start Guide. This should just get you started.


To fully utilize Notes Plus, please visit our website:

<http://notesplusapp.com>

and email support questions to:

[support@notesplusapp.com](mailto:support@notesplusapp.com)

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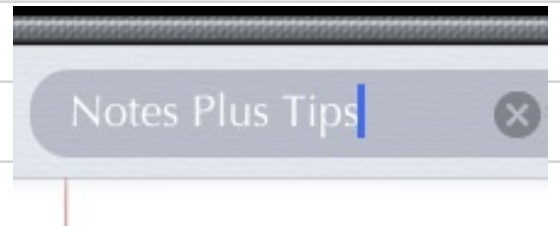
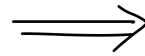
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## More (hidden) hints...

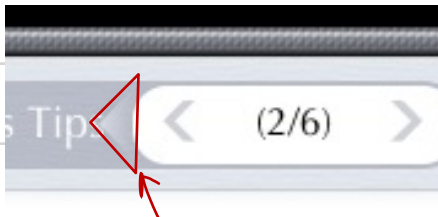
### Changing titles inside a Notebook



Tap on it and you can change the Notebook title from inside the Notebook itself!

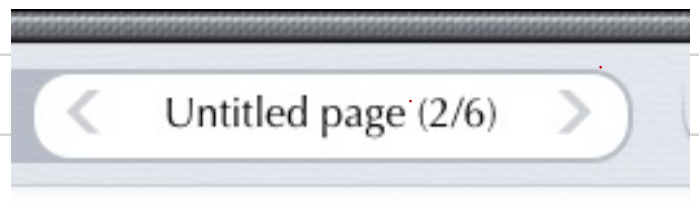


Well, that was easy, right? Same goes for page titles...

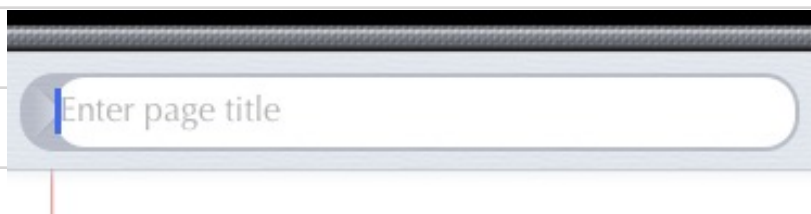


...except that they're a little trickier!

See the little arrow? Well, swipe towards the direction it's pointing at, and you'll get this



Now simply tap on the title and you'll get this

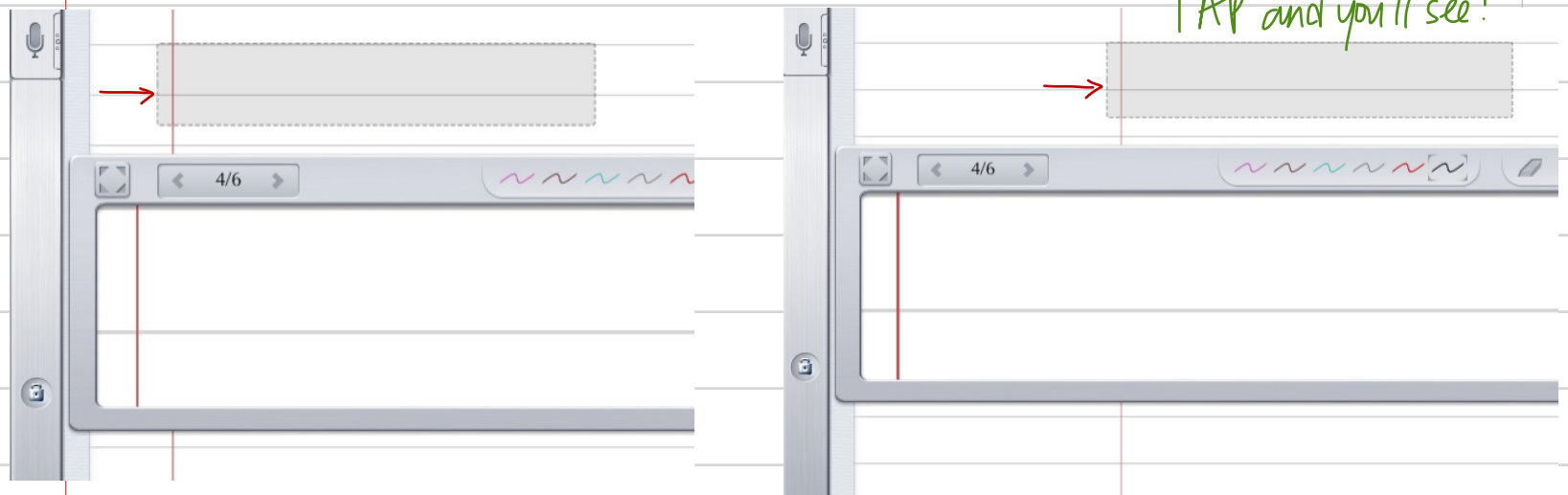


— Top Margin —

## — 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.



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



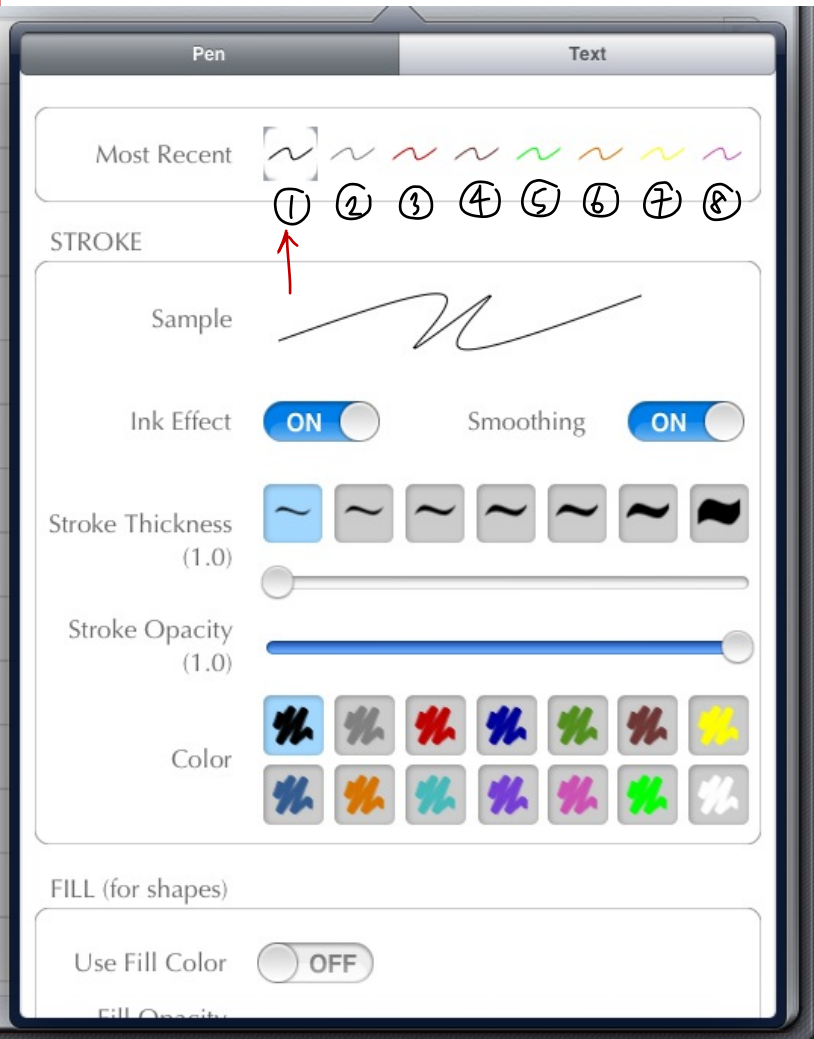
Go to **Page Settings** in the Tools window and change the numbers on either side to 0 if you want the left or right margin to be gone.

The same can be done for the Top and Bottom margins if you want lines to continue to the bottom of the page like right here.  
(or top)

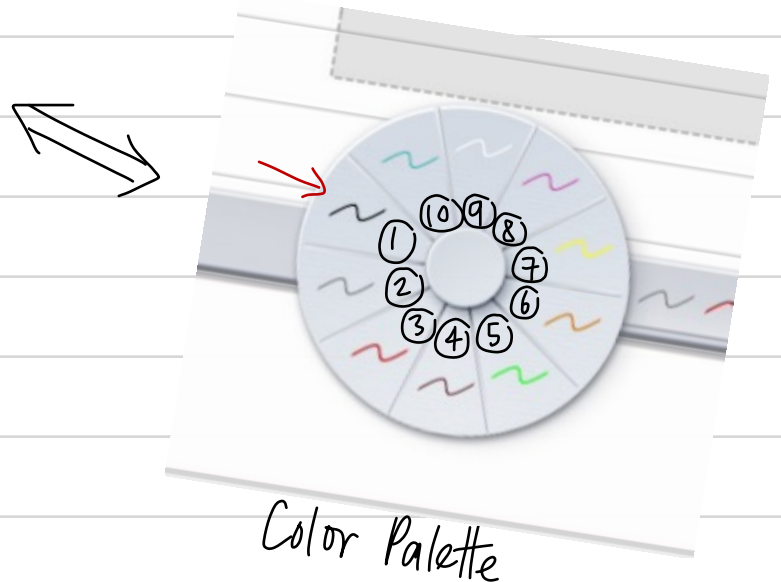
— No bottom margin —

# Color Palette

If you enter close-up mode, you can access up to 10 different colors in your Color Palette!



Palette window



Color Palette

**But did you know that the colors in your Color Palette are the mirror image of your 'Most Recent' colors in your Palette window?**



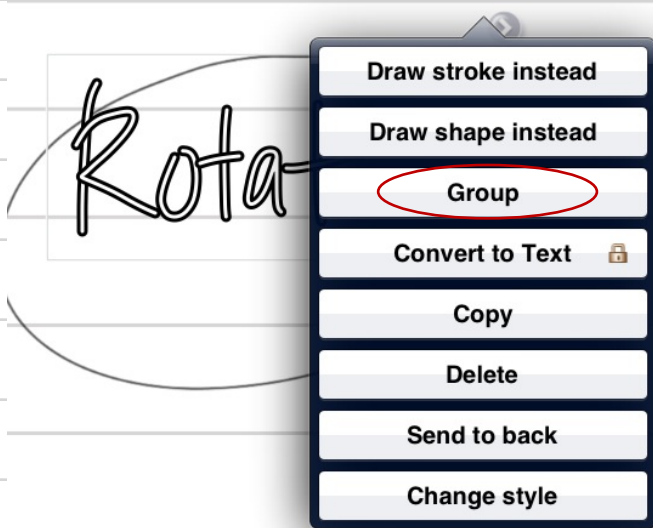
In other words, whenever you choose a new stroke color, size and opacity, then exit the Palette window, that customized color will insert itself into spot ①. The color that was previously in spot ① will be pushed to spot ② and so on...

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

## — Text Rotation —

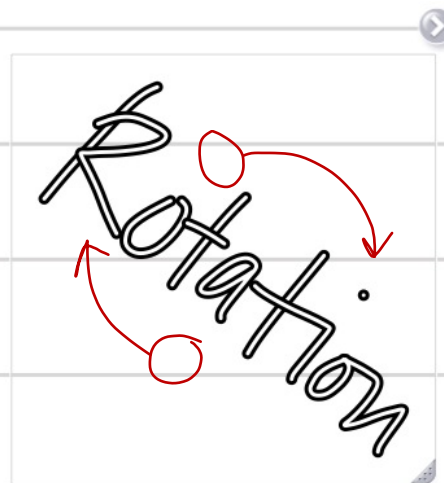
**Have you ever wanted to rotate a word the way you can rotate an image or a textbox, but thought you couldn't? Well, you can!**

Only if your word consists of more than one stroke though.



Simply circle-to-select your word and tap the 'Group' option in the selection menu.

Now go ahead and use two fingers to rotate your selection!



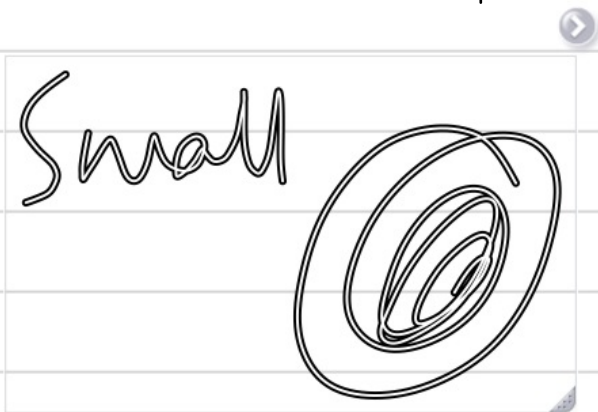
## — Resizing Limitations —

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 expand it.



Now you can resize the word to your desired size. Then you can get rid of the rest.



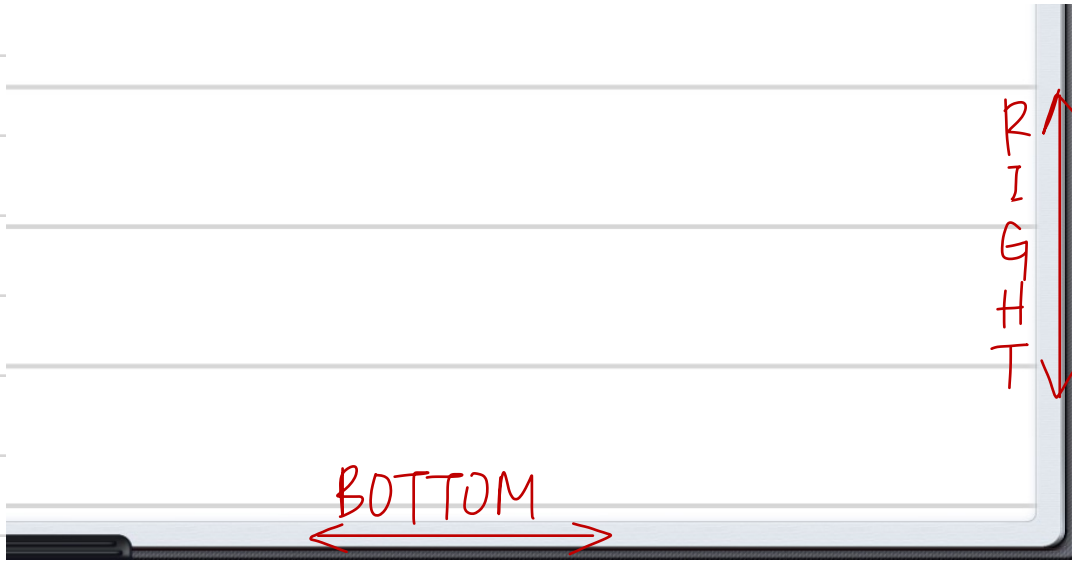
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And if you want to make a selection smaller than the allowed size, it's the same principle; just add something next to the designated word, shrink it and then get rid of the additional stroke.

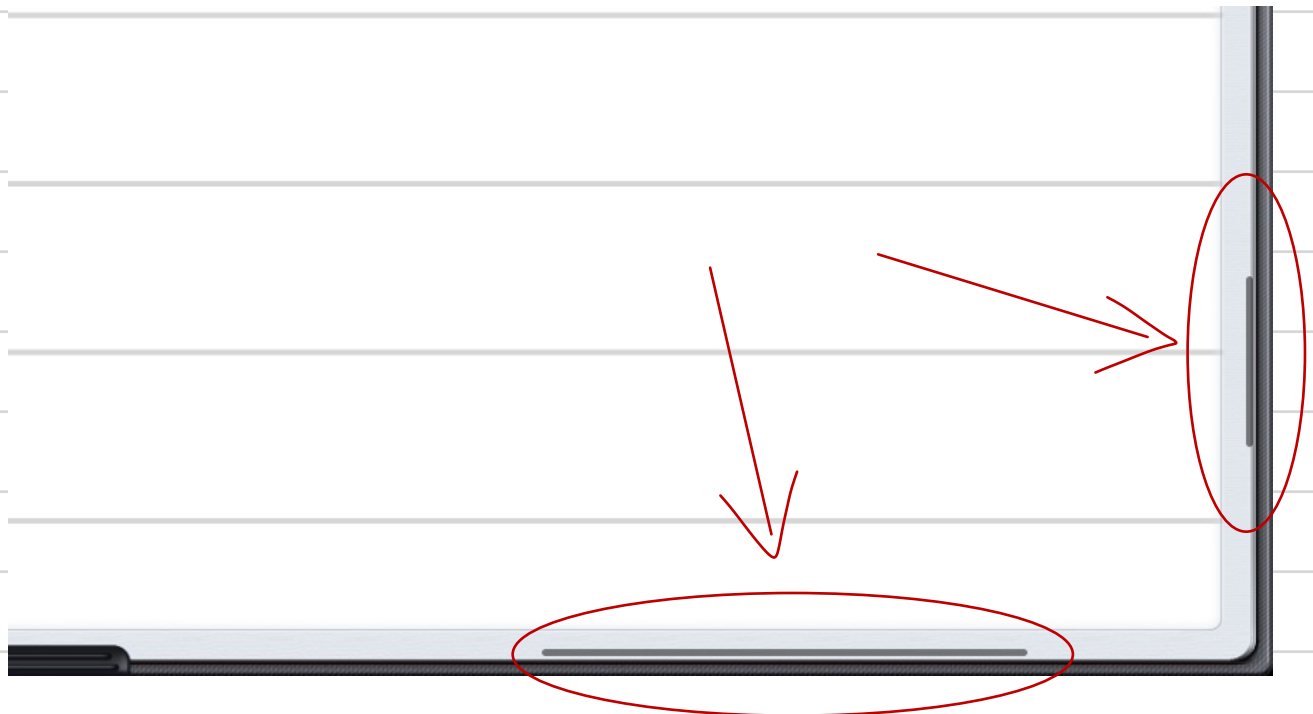


# *Panning with ONE finger/ Stylus*

You're no good at dragging the page around with two fingers? Or you want to use your stylus as much as possible to avoid fingerprints?



If you swipe up/down on the **right** bevel or left/right on the **bottom** bevel, you'll notice that scrolling bars will appear on the silver bevels and the page will glide effortlessly.




N.B. Rapidly flicking accelerates the page's movement.



Hello fellow Notes Plus user (or prospective user),

These are simple hints/workarounds that can be obvious for some and not so much for others. If you already knew about the several points aforementioned, then you have an advantage over others. If you didn't, then you just learned something new! I'm not claiming that I know the app better than any other user but these are personal observations along with some suggestions from other users (credit's not all mine) that I deemed worth sharing! I hope this can help some of you understand Notes Plus (better)! And maybe you'll come to love it the way I do. ☺ So, ENJOY!

Loyal Notes Plus user & tester,  
  
March 2012

Thanks for your interest!

### NOTE:

This is no replacement of Viet's Quick Start Guide, and some of the workarounds are only meant for temporary use, until the app is riden of certain limitations. Some of them are design flaws, but Viet will do all he can to solve them in the future. My only purpose for writing this up is to help out the Notes Plus Community. I will take care of updating these pages as the app undergoes changes.