

How to Download and Use WhatsApp

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What is it?

WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send messages or make calls to other WhatsApp users while you're connected to Wi-Fi or cellular data.

If you have a limited data plan, using WhatsApp may incur additional charges to your phone bill if you are not connected to Wi-Fi. Shut off WhatsApp when using cellular data to avoid additional data charges.

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How to Download WhatsApp

1. It's free to download from your phone's app store.

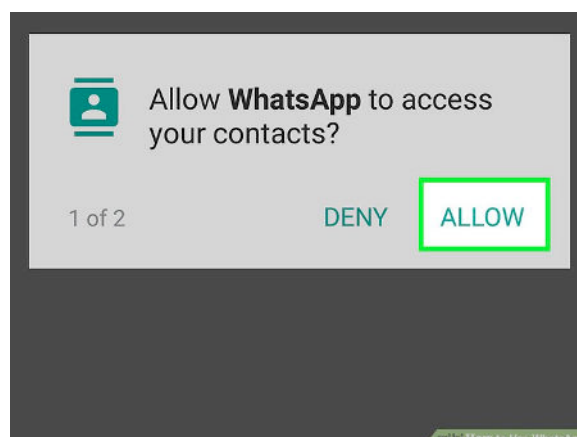


2. **Open WhatsApp.** Tap **OPEN** in your phone's app store, or tap the green and white WhatsApp app icon.

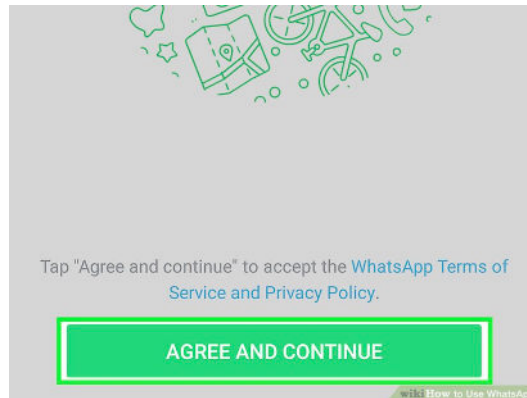


3. **Tap OK when prompted.** This will allow WhatsApp to access your contacts. You may also have to allow WhatsApp to send notifications by tapping **Allow**.

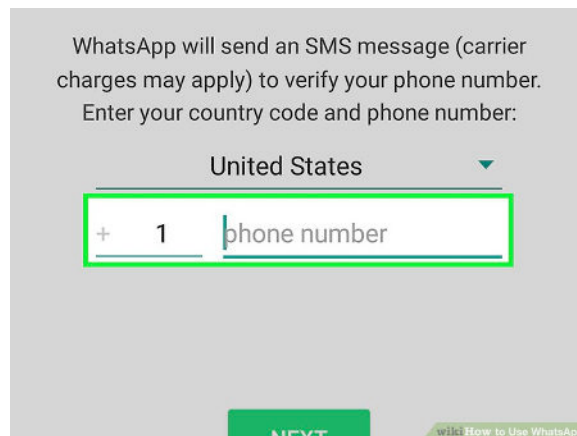
On Android, you'll tap **ALLOW** here.



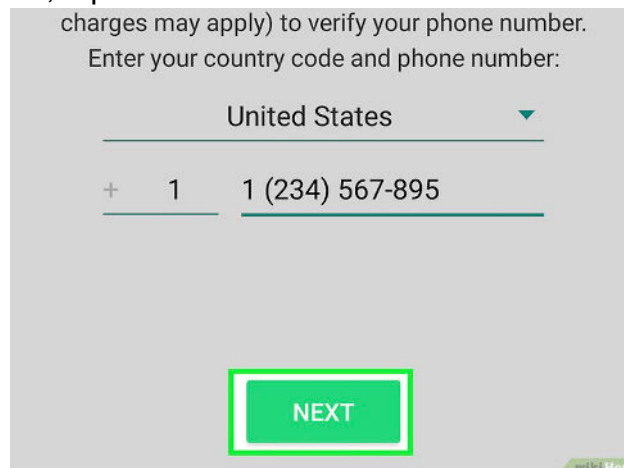
4. **Tap Agree & Continue.** It's at the bottom of the screen.
- On Android, you'll tap **AGREE AND CONTINUE**.



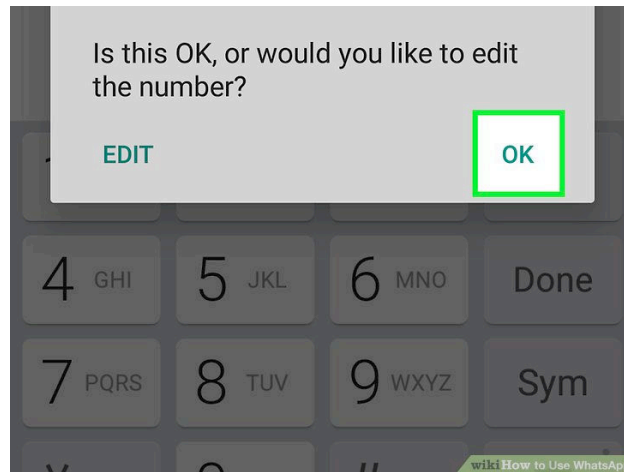
- 5 . **Type in your phone number.** You'll enter this in the text field in the middle of the page.



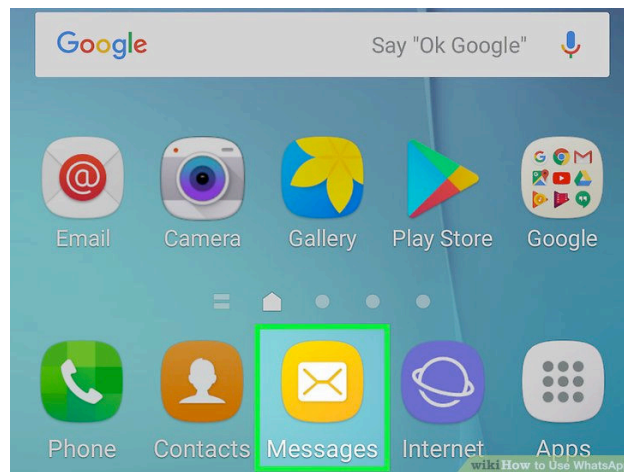
6. **Tap Done.** It's in the top-right corner of the screen.
On Android, tap **NEXT** at the bottom of the screen instead.



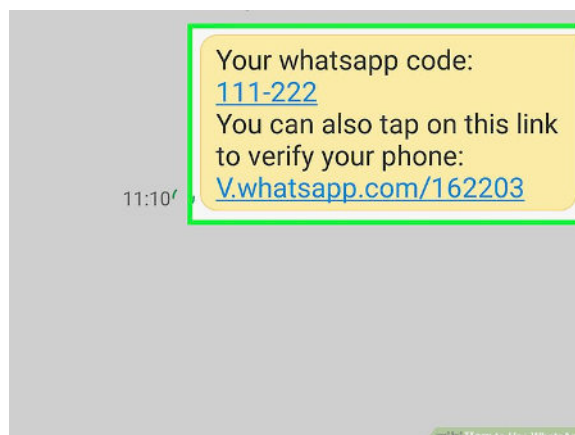
7. **Tap OK when prompted.** Doing so will prompt WhatsApp to send a text message with a verification code.



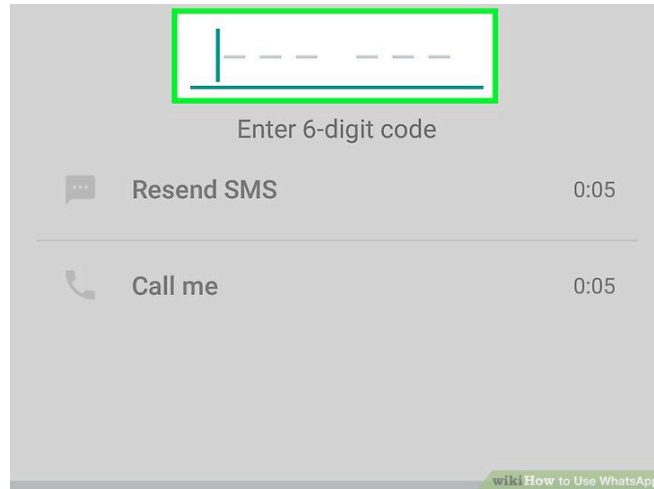
8. **Open your phone's messages.** This should be the app where you send and receive messages.



9. **Tap the message from WhatsApp.** It will say "Your WhatsApp code is [###-###]. You can also tap on this link to verify your phone:" followed by a link.

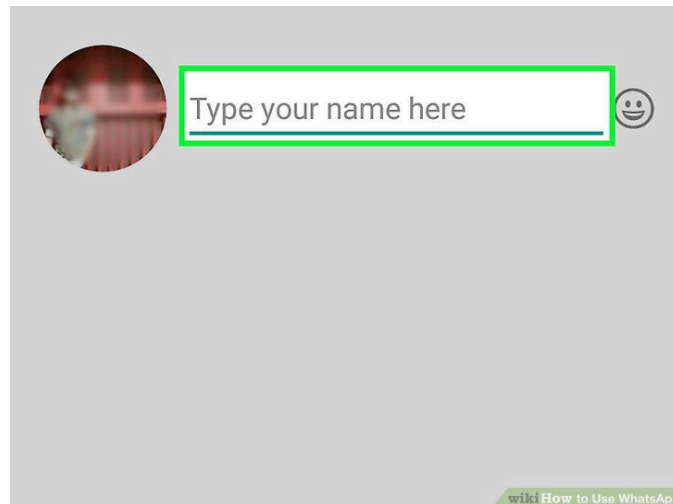


10. **Enter your code in the field provided.** As long as you don't mistype, this will confirm your phone's identity and redirect you to the account creation page.

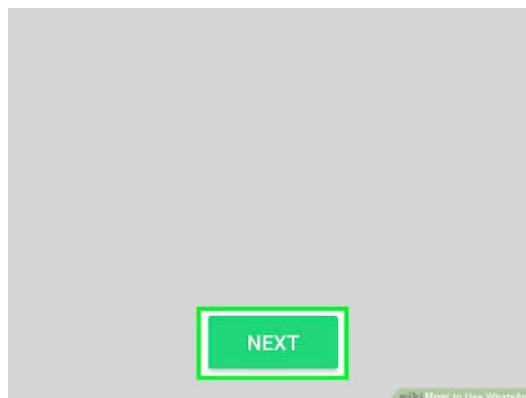


11. **Enter your name and a photo.** While the photo is optional, adding one will help confirm your identity to other contacts. If you've downloaded WhatsApp before, you'll first have an option to [restore your chat history](#).

You can also tap **Use Facebook Info** to use your Facebook picture and name.



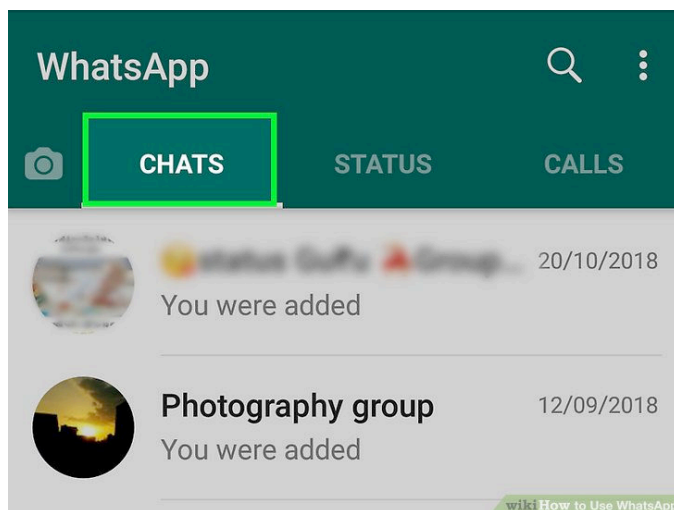
12. **Tap Next to continue.** You are now ready to send a message with WhatsApp.



Sending a Message

1. Tap **Chats**. It's a tab at the bottom of the screen.

- On Android, you'll tap the **CHATS** tab at the top of the screen.

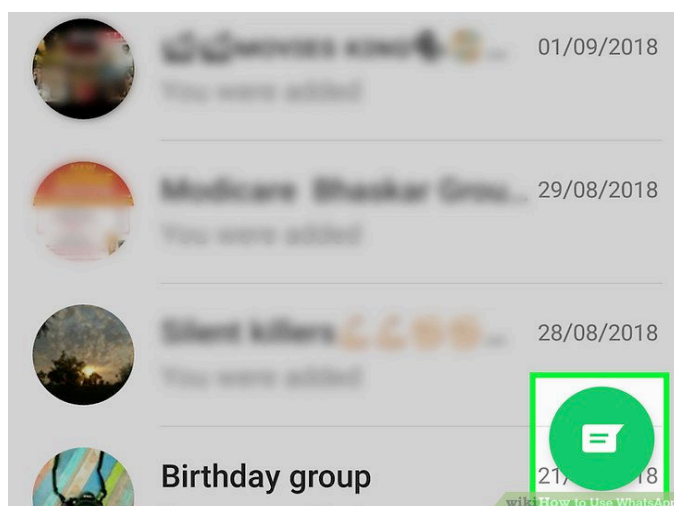


2. Tap the "New Chat"

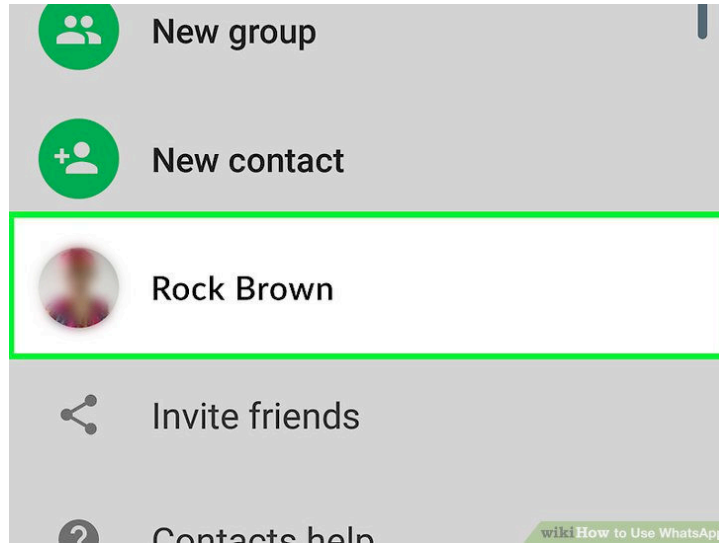


icon. This option is in the top-right corner of the screen.

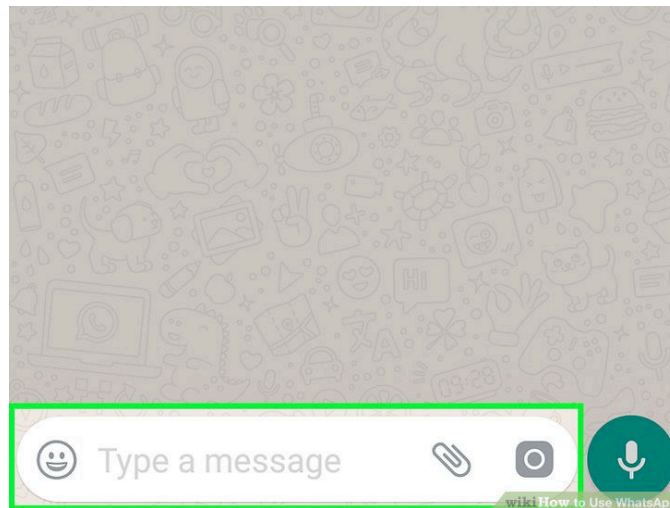
On Android, tap the white speech bubble on a green background in the bottom-right corner of the screen.



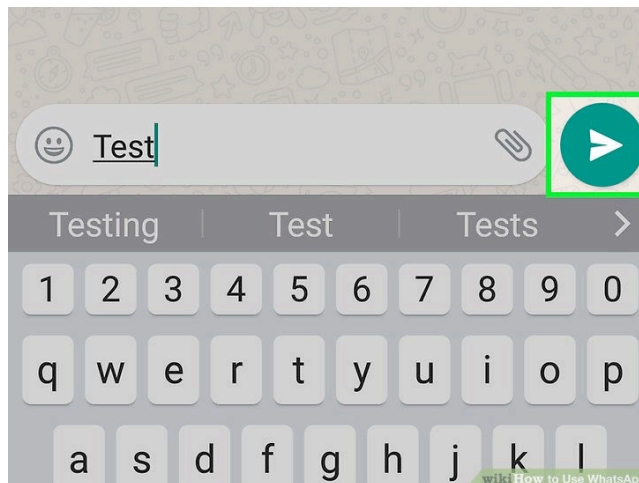
3. **Select a contact.** Tap the name of a contact with whom you want to chat. Doing so opens a chat with them.



4. **Tap the chat box and type the message you want to send.**

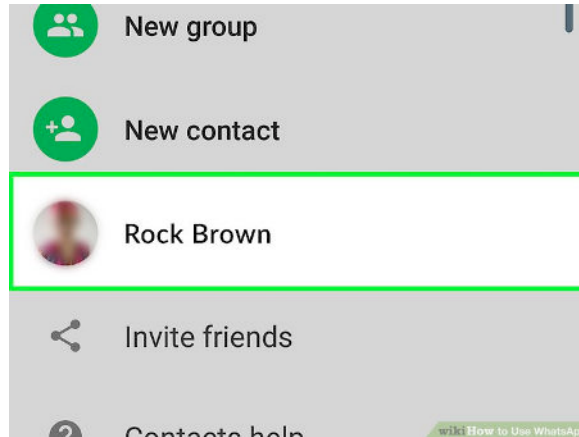


6. **Send your chat.** Tap the "Send"

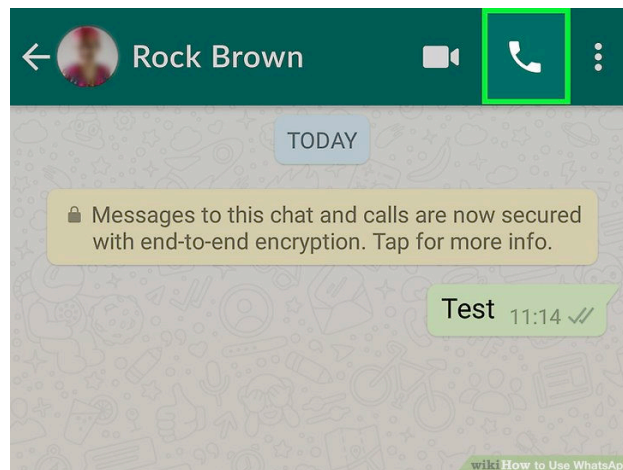


Making an Audio or Video Call

1. **Select a contact.** Tap the contact whom you want to call to open a chat with them. You can't make an audio or video call to more than one contact at a time.



2. **Tap the "Call" icon.** It's a phone-shaped icon in the upper-right side of the screen. Doing so will call your contact through WhatsApp.



3. **Switch to a video call.** Once the call connects, you can switch to a video call by tapping the video camera icon at the top of the screen. You can also lead with a video call by tapping it instead of the phone icon.

