INTERESTING TASKS TO DO WITH YOUR IPHONE

TURN YOUR PHONE INTO A TAPE MEASURE

The iPhone's Measure app uses augmented reality and the device's camera to calculate everything from ceiling heights to room dimensions – handy for those DIY tasks that require a quick decision. And good news for parents, Apple also points out that you can use it to measure a person's height: the digital equivalent of etched markings on the wall.

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DON'T GET STUCK ON HOLD WITH COMPANIES

Some companies now offer a callback service so you don't have to stay on hold for ages, but if they don't, you can use your phone to do the same thing. The Hold Assist feature, available on iPhones running iOS 26, gives you a notification when it hears a human voice on the other end of the line, so you can get back to work safely in the knowledge you won't miss your turn.

FALL ASLEEP FASTER

People spend money on white noise machines and then cart them around in their suitcase when they are traveling. But it's possible to achieve the same benefit with your iPhone. Simply go to the accessibility section in your device's settings, then tap on audio & visual. You can then turn on a variety of sounds, from white noise to ocean waves to crackling fire, to lull you to sleep.
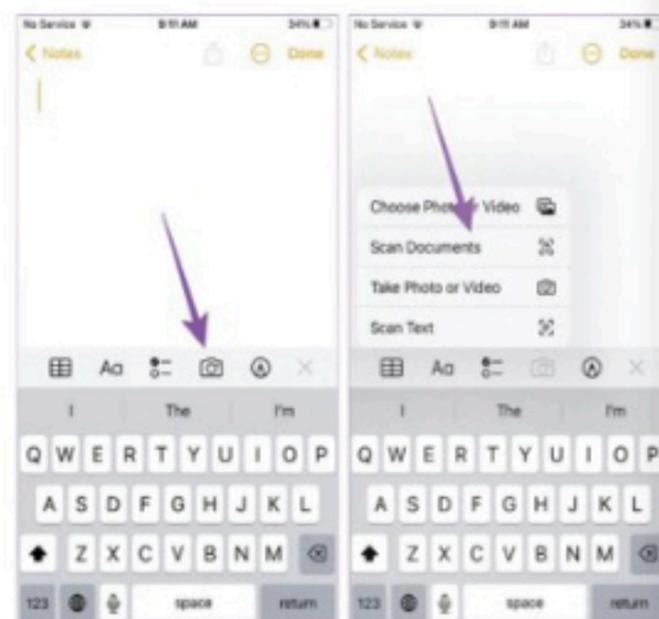
LIVE TRANSLATE MENUS, SIGNS, AND HANDWRITING

On a foreign holiday and not sure what to eat or where to go? Live translation capabilities on the iPhone mean that it need not all be Greek to you. A combination of image recognition and live translation tools can identify foreign symbols and transpose English-language translations over the top of them, so you should never end up with an unexpected surprise for dinner.

HANG PAINTINGS STRAIGHT

Ever hung a picture and noticed it wasn't quite straight? Your phone can help you out without having to fiddle around all the time! The iPhone has a built-in level that you can find in the measurement app.

Just place your phone on the top edge of a frame or shelf, and it'll tell you if it's level, even to a tiny degree. Plus, it's super handy for leveling bookshelves, curtain poles, and even fixing a wobbly table leg!

SCAN DOCUMENTS

When you're buying a house or getting a mortgage, you'll likely need to sign contracts. Some companies offer digital signing, but if you're more comfortable with pen and paper, you can still do it using your device. The Notes app on an iPhone can help you turn a photo into a usable scan by highlighting the corners of a document when you hover your camera over it.

TURN PHYSICAL PHOTOS INTO ANIMATED MEMORIES

Those family photos tucked away in shoe boxes can come alive! Just scan them into your iPhone, then your photos can automatically be grouped by people, places, and dates, and stitched together into short "memories" with music and transitions. Some tools even add gentle motion effects to still images, turning them into mini films instead of just snapshots.