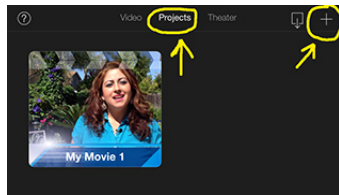
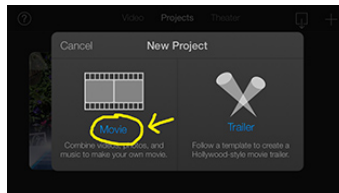


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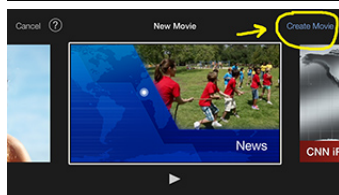


TO START A PROJECT...

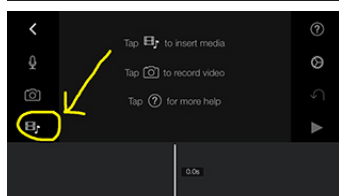
Open iMovie, make sure “Projects” is highlighted, then touch the “+” symbol to create a new project.



Select “Movie”.

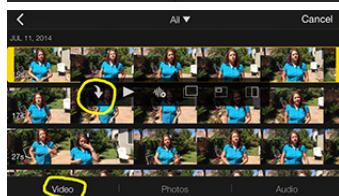


A number of templates will appear. (I like the News template for updates and recap videos). Choose the template you want to use, then touch “Create Movie.”

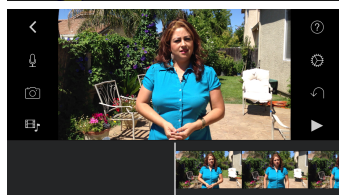


TO ADD VIDEO CLIPS TO YOUR PROJECT

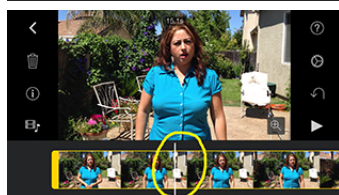
This is what your new project will look like when it opens. Now, you need to add clips to the project. Touch the film/musical note symbol.



After you touch the film/musical note symbol, the screen will present you with your video clips. The newest is always at the top. (You can also switch to Photos or Audio to browse and import digital still photos or production music.)



This is what the screen will look like after you have imported your first clip. You can continue importing all the clips you want to use in the project.

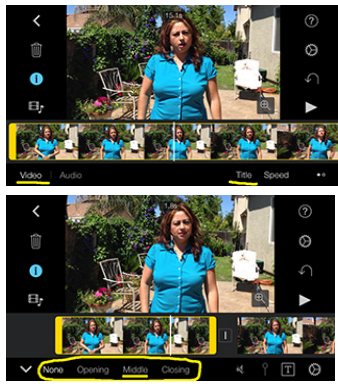


See the vertical white line? That acts as a reference point as you play or scan through a clip. Touch the white triangle “play” symbol to begin playing the project. You can also **SPLIT A CLIP** into two pieces by touching the clip to highlight it, then swiping down on the white line.



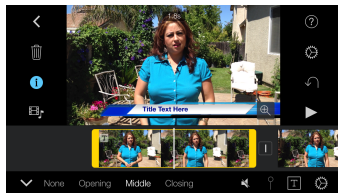
ADDING A TITLE

To add a title to a clip, first locate the clip you want to put the title on and touch it to highlight it. (Highlighted clips have yellow borders). The title will appear for the entire clip. You might need to split a longer clip into two pieces to better control how long the title stays on screen.



Next, touch the word Video then touch the word Title.

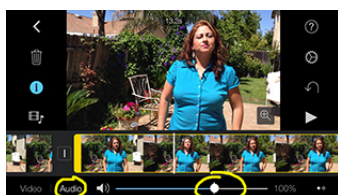
This screen will appear, and you'll see the words "None", "Opening", "Middle" and "Closing." These describe different styles of titles. Pick one that you like. If you don't see one you like, click on the "T" (text) symbol to reveal more title choices.



When you've found the title style you like, click on it to type in the text you want to see on screen.

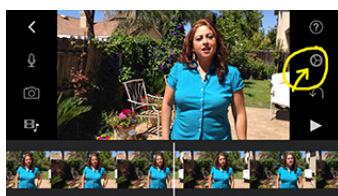


The keyboard will pop up and allow you to type.



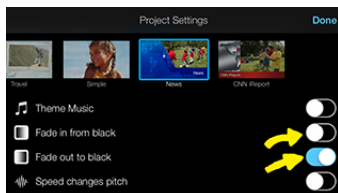
HOW TO ADJUST THE LOUDNESS OF YOUR CLIP

Touch the word "Audio" and a volume slider will appear. Slide it right or left to boost or reduce the audio level of the clip. You can adjust the level of each clip in your video.



HOW TO MAKE YOUR VIDEO FADE IN OR OUT

To make your video fade in from black or fade out to black at the start or end, click on the gear icon.



After you touch the gear icon, this screen will open. Swipe the switches with your finger to turn fade in/fade out on or off. You can also turn on theme music that is provided with each of the iMovie templates. But there is another way to add audio that will be explained later.



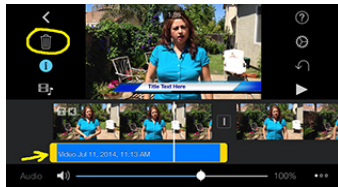
HOW TO ZOOM IN ON A VIDEO CLIP

To zoom in on a video clip, highlight a clip then touch the magnifying glass icon. You can then pinch the image with your fingers to zoom in or out or reposition the shot.

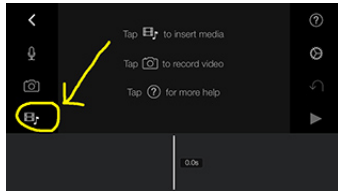


HOW TO DETACH AN AUDIO TRACK FROM A VIDEO CLIP

Touch "Audio," then touch the two small periods on the lower right side of the screen. Another audio menu will slide in. Touch the word Detach.

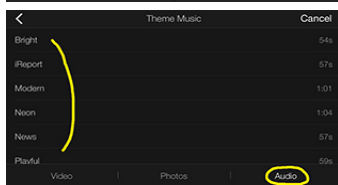


This is what you'll see after detaching the audio. You can highlight the audio & hit the trashcan to discard the audio, or highlight the video and hit the trashcan to discard the video. You may want to ditch the video if you plan to insert new images or B-roll but still use the audio track. Or, you may want to trashcan the audio if you want to replace it with new narration.



HOW TO ADD NEW AUDIO, SUCH AS MUSIC

To add new audio, such as music from your device, touch the film/musical note icon, then touch the word "Audio."



Touch the word "Audio", and you will see various music options pop up. Theme music is the audio that comes with iTunes. You will also see iTunes playlists or other audio that you already have on your device.



HOW TO SAVE OR UPLOAD YOUR COMPLETED VIDEO

Return to the main page using the small white arrow in the upper left corner. Click on the play button to watch your video, or on the icon to the right of that (box with an arrow) to upload the video or save it to your Camera Roll.

Click the Facebook icon to upload your video to Facebook.

Click the YouTube icon to upload your video to YouTube.

(Note: you must previously have connected your Facebook and YouTube accounts to iMovie for this to work).

Or, hit Save Video to save it to your Camera Roll. For Camera Roll saving, I recommend you save it as a 720p HD file. For YouTube, if you're on WiFi, upload it as 720p HD. If you're at an event, you might want to choose a non-HD quality to upload it so as not to burn through your data plan. Use 540p or 360p in that case.

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list of iMovie features. Rather, this is a quick reference guide to the most common issues in case you get stuck!