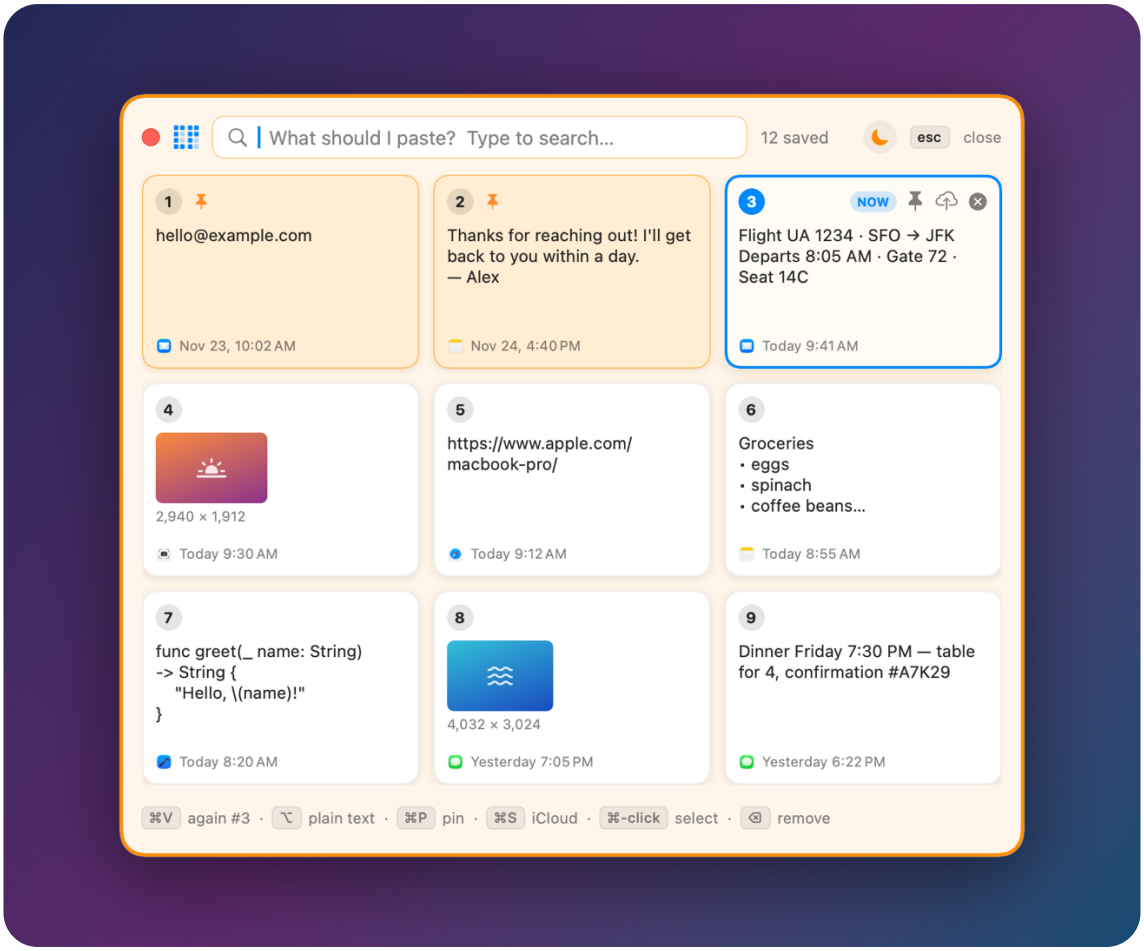
ClipPastry

See your clipboard. Choose what to paste.

A free Mac app · by Manish Arora



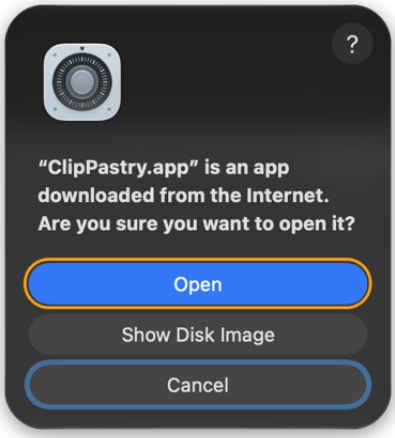
Download: **clippastry.com**

macOS 14 Sonoma or later · Apple-silicon and Intel Macs

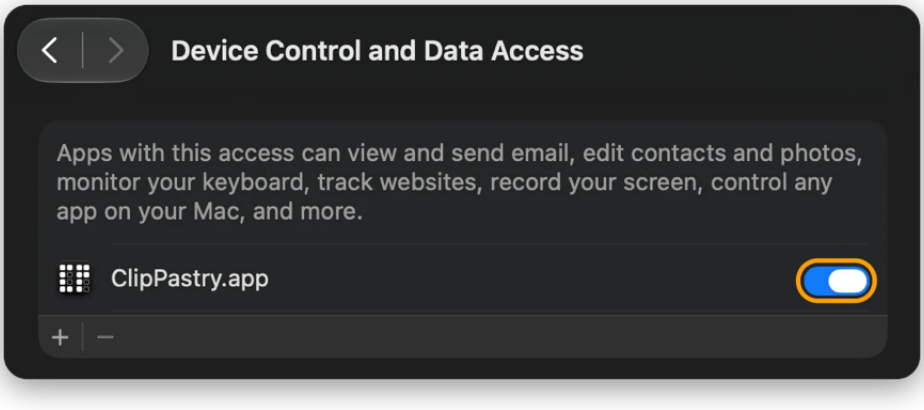
GETTING STARTED

Install in two minutes

1. Go to clippastry.com and click **Download for Mac**. **ClipPastry.dmg** downloads to your Downloads folder.
2. Open the downloaded file and **drag ClipPastry into Applications**. If you already have it, click **Replace**.
3. Open ClipPastry from Applications. macOS asks if you're sure you want to open an app from the internet. Click **Open** (pictured).



4. **Switch ClipPastry on. This step is required.** ClipPastry's welcome guide opens with a button that takes you straight there. Turn on the switch next to **ClipPastry** under **Privacy & Security → Accessibility** (called **Device Control and Data Access** on the newest macOS). Without it, ⌘V pastes as usual and the grid never opens.



5. If macOS asks about your Desktop or Downloads folder, allow it so screenshots appear in ClipPastry.

That's it: press **⌘V** anywhere and ClipPastry asks what to paste. If it already looks switched on but ⌘V doesn't show the grid, see the FAQ on the last page.

ClipPastry is signed and notarized by Apple. Requires macOS 14 Sonoma or later, on an Apple-silicon or Intel Mac.

THE IDEA

How ClipPastry works

The Mac clipboard holds one thing at a time, and you can't see it. ClipPastry fixes both: it keeps everything you copy and shows it to you just when you're about to paste.

1. You copy

Text, a link, an image, a file or a screenshot. A small popup confirms what you copied and which app it came from.

2. You press ⌘V

Instead of pasting blindly, ClipPastry asks *"What should I paste?"* and shows your recent copies in a 3×3 grid.

3. You pick

Click a tile, or press ⌘V again for your latest copy. It's pasted right where you were typing.

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⌘V asks what to paste

- Keeps your **last 99 copies**, shown 9 at a time in a 3×3 grid. **Scroll** for older ones. A slider in the menu sets how many to keep (9–99).
- Click a tile to paste it, or press `⌘V` twice for your latest copy, just like normal.
- Each tile shows a **preview** (text, image thumbnail or file), the **app** it came from, and the **date and time** you copied it. **NOW** marks what's on the clipboard right now.
- It opens bottom right: drag its top bar to **move** it, its edges to **resize** it. The moon/sun picks a **light or dark** background. `^⌘V` opens it any time.

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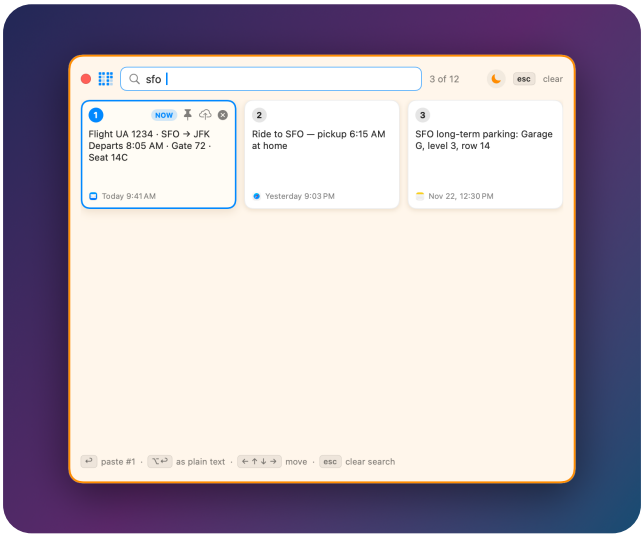
Search: just type

The search bar is always at the top of the grid. Start typing to filter your whole history by text, app name or date (try "today" or "nov 23"). `Return` pastes the highlighted match, and `Esc` clears the search.



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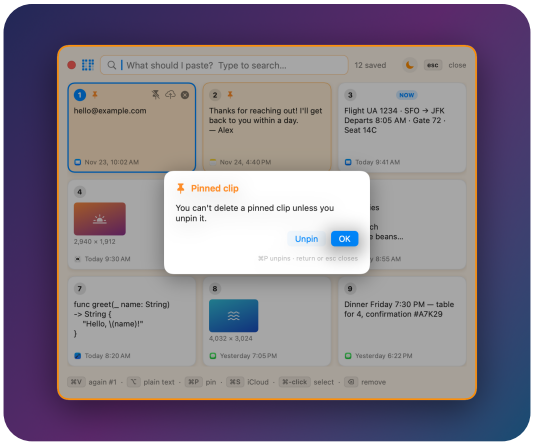
Pin your favorites

Press `⌘P` or click the pin on a tile to keep something you paste often, like your email address, home address or a standard reply.

- Pinned clips sit **first in the grid**.
- They **never age out** and **survive Clear History**.
- `⌘V` `⌘V` still pastes your **latest** copy, not a pin.
- **Protected:** you can't delete a pinned clip unless you unpin it. ClipPastry tells you and offers an Unpin button.



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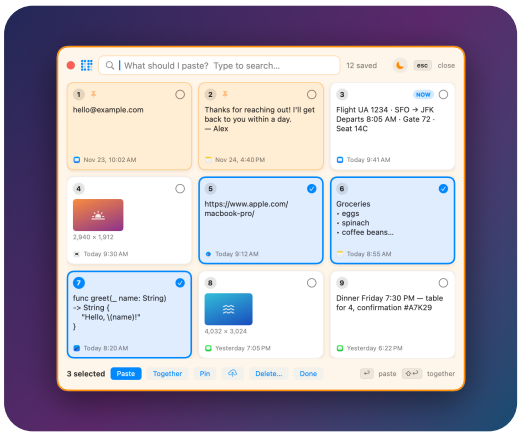
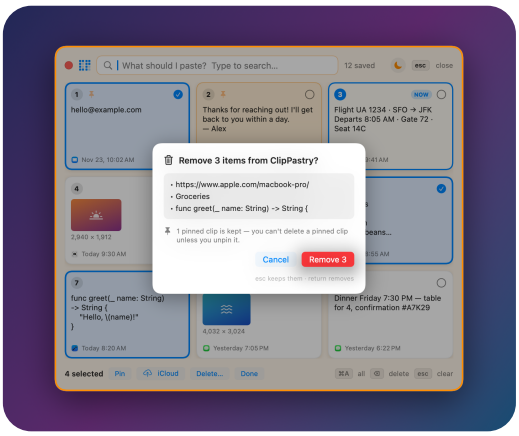
Paste or delete several clips at once

- **Select:** `⌘`-click tiles, `Shift`-click for a range, or `⌘A` for all.
- **Paste them:** press `Return` or click **Paste**, and they're pasted one after another in the order you picked them, pictures too. `⇧Return` or **Together** joins the text into one paste, each clip on its own line.
- **Delete them:** press `Delete` or click **Delete…** (for one clip, hover and click ×). ClipPastry **always asks first**, and `Esc` keeps everything. Pinned clips are kept.





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Paste as plain text

Hold `⌥ Option` while choosing (`⌥Return` or ⌥-click) to paste without fonts, colors or links. That's useful when copying from a web page into an email or a document.

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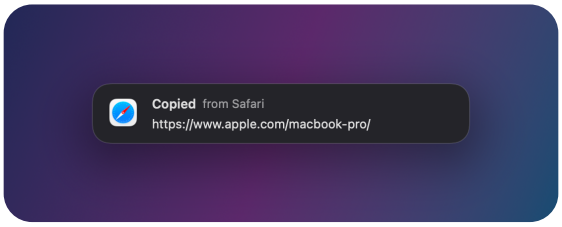
A popup for every copy

A small, quiet popup shows what you just copied and where it came from. You can turn it off, or move it to the top or bottom of the screen.



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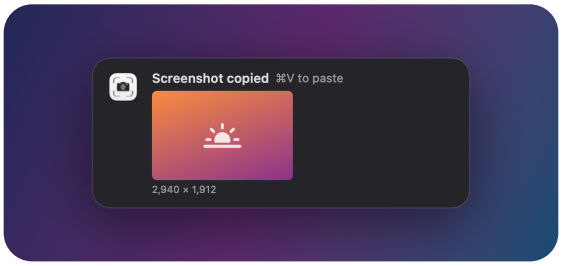
Screenshots go straight to ClipPastry

Take a screenshot (`⌘⇧3`, `⌘⇧4` or `⌘⇧5`) and ClipPastry copies it right away, so `⌘V` `⌘V` pastes it. The file is still saved where your screenshots normally go.



ALSO

Lives in your menu bar

- Click the ClipPastry icon (a little grid that spells **C P**) to see your **last 3 copies**, your **Pinned** clips, **See More…** to open the full grid, **Open iCloud Drive Folder**, and the settings.
- No Dock icon and nothing to manage. It starts by itself when you log in.
- **Works with your other apps:** dictation apps like Wispr Flow, text expanders and password managers paste normally. Only a ⌘V *you* press opens the grid.
- **Updates itself:** ClipPastry checks once a day and offers new versions, or click **Check for Updates…**.

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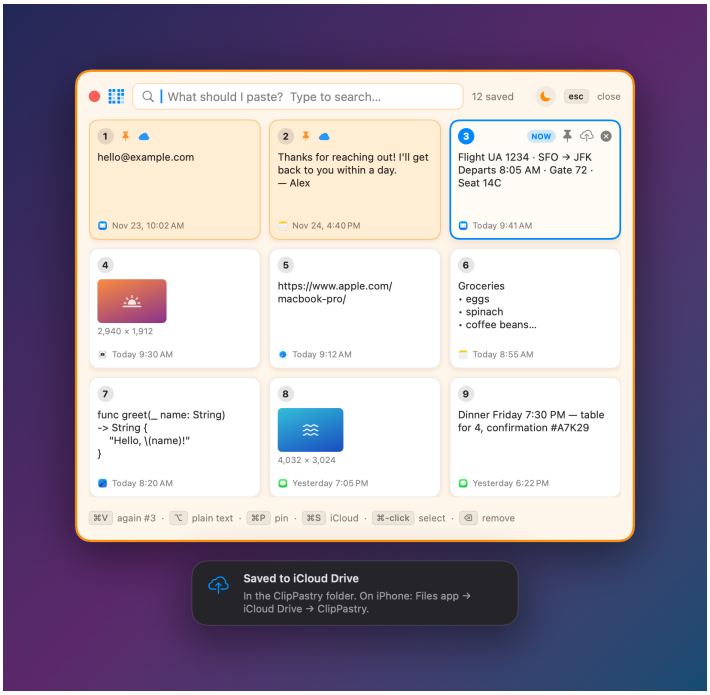
Send clips to your iPhone

Need a boarding pass, an address, a link or a screenshot on your phone? Click the ☁ button on any clip, or press ⌘S, and ClipPastry saves it to **iCloud Drive › ClipPastry**. A moment later it's on your iPhone, iPad and your other Macs. To send several, ⌘-click them and click **iCloud**. Only the clips you pick are uploaded, to your own iCloud account.

Open them on your iPhone. They're files in iCloud Drive, not in the iPhone keyboard.

1. Open the **Files** app on your iPhone.
2. Tap **Browse** at the bottom, then **iCloud Drive**, then the **ClipPastry** folder.
3. Tap a file to open it, then touch and hold the text → **Select All** → **Copy**, and paste wherever you like. For a picture, tap the share button → **Copy** or **Save Image**.

Tip: touch and hold the ClipPastry folder → **Favorite** to reach it in one tap. Not there yet? Pull down to refresh, and check **Settings → your name → iCloud → iCloud Drive** is on.



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Keyboard shortcuts

IN THE GRID	WHAT IT DOES
`⌘V` again, or `Return`	Paste the highlighted tile (your latest copy by default)
`⌘1` … `⌘9`	Paste tile 1 to 9
`⌥` + any of the above	Paste as plain text
type anything	Search (numbers too)
`← ↑ ↓ →`	Move around the grid
`⌘P`	Pin / unpin
`⌘S`	Save to iCloud Drive (highlighted clip, or all selected)
`⌘`-click, `Shift`-click, `⌘A`	Select several
`Return` / `⇧Return` with several selected	Paste them one after another / together
`Delete`	Remove (asks first)
`Esc` or the red dot	Clear the search, clear the selection, or close
`^⌘V` (anywhere)	Open the grid any time

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Settings (in the menu bar menu)

SETTING	DEFAULT
Remember last … copies	99 (slider 9–99)
Keep History After Restart	On
Ask What to Paste on ⌘V	On
Copy New Screenshots	On
Show Screenshot Thumbnail	Same as your Mac's setting
Show Popup When Copying / Position	On / Bottom
Show Clipboard in Menu Bar	Off (icon only)
Open at Login	On

YOUR DATA

Privacy

- **Everything stays on your Mac**, except clips you choose to send to iCloud Drive. History is saved only in `~/Library/Application Support/ClipPastry`, which only your user account can read. It's excluded from Time Machine backups.
- **Passwords stay out of your history.** Password-manager copies are never kept (you can still send one to iCloud yourself).
- **No accounts, no tracking, no analytics.** ClipPastry itself only goes online for the daily update check.
- **You're in control:** remove clips one at a time or all at once with **Clear History...**. To keep history only until you quit, untick **Keep History After Restart**.

QUESTIONS

FAQ

Sometimes ⌘V pastes without the grid. Why?

When a password box is selected, in any app or browser, macOS turns on *secure input* and hides key presses from every app, ClipPastry included. Click out of the password box and the grid comes back.

⌘V never shows the grid.

ClipPastry doesn't have the Accessibility permission. Click its menu bar icon → **Needs Accessibility access...** and switch ClipPastry on. If it already looks on, macOS is holding an old permission from an earlier copy: select ClipPastry in that list, click **–** to remove it, then click **Needs Accessibility access...** again and switch it on.

Does Edit → Paste open the grid?

No, only the ⌘V shortcut does. Clicking Paste in a menu pastes as usual.

Can I use it with my iPhone?

Yes, two ways. Click ☁ on a clip to save it to iCloud Drive and open it in the **Files** app (see "Send clips to your iPhone"). Or use Apple's Universal Clipboard: pick any item in ClipPastry on your Mac, and you can paste it on your iPhone within a couple of minutes.

How do I uninstall it?

Quit ClipPastry from its menu and drag it from Applications to the Trash. To also remove your saved history, delete `~/Library/Application Support/ClipPastry`.

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