



# CapCut Quick-Start Checklist



## Your Step-by-Step Guide to Editing Your First Video

From raw clips to polished video in under  
30 minutes—no experience required.

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Getting started with CapCut doesn't have to feel overwhelming. This quick-start checklist gives you the exact steps to go from opening the app to exporting your very first polished video—fast, simple, and beginner-friendly.

## 1. Download & Install

✓ Download CapCut from the official app store (mobile) or website (desktop).

✓ Install and open the program.

**Tip:** Always update to the latest version for new features and bug fixes.

## 2. Import Your Clips

✓ Tap **New Project** → import your video clips/photos.

✓ Arrange them in the order you want.

**Tip:** Keep clips short and focused—easier to edit and more engaging.

## 3. Trim & Split

✓ Select a clip → drag the edges to trim.

✓ Use the **Split** tool to cut out unwanted parts.

**Tip:** Cut out pauses, mistakes, or dead space to keep the video tight.

## 4. Add Text

✓ Tap **Text** → choose “Add Text.”

✓ Type your caption, title, or subtitle.

✓ Adjust font, size, and color.

**Tip:** Use bold, high-contrast text for readability on small screens.

## 5. Add Music or Sound

- ✓ Tap **Audio** → choose music, sound effects, or voiceover.
- ✓ Adjust volume so it doesn't overpower your voice.

**Tip:** Use copyright-free tracks to avoid takedowns.

## 6. Apply Transitions (Optional)

- ✓ Tap the white square between clips → choose a transition (fade, swipe, dissolve).
- ✓ Keep transitions short (0.5–1s) for a professional look.

**Tip:** Don't overuse flashy transitions—simplicity looks cleaner.

## 7. Export Your Video

- ✓ Tap **Export** (top right).
- ✓ Choose resolution (1080p is standard).
- ✓ Save to your device or share directly to TikTok/YouTube/Instagram.

**Tip:** Use 1080p, 30fps for social media; 4K only if you need ultra-high quality.

With these basics mastered, you're ready to explore more creative tools inside CapCut. Keep this checklist handy as your go-to reference, and you'll never get stuck on the fundamentals again.