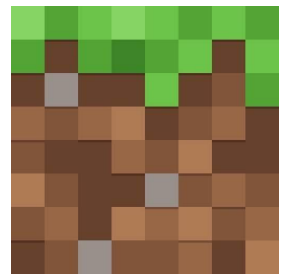


# Minecraft



## ## Game Summary – First Impressions of Minecraft

Like the original Minecraft game, in Minecraft: Pocket Edition, you are dropped into a world made up of different types of cubes. These cubes can be mined, and then used to craft different things such as building, items, and other objects.

The game comes with two different modes survival and creative. In the creative mode, there are no enemies and you are free to fly around the world using an infinite supply of materials to build whatever it is that you want. While this mode is fun especially for the creative types the bulk of players will spend the majority of time in survival mode.

In survival mode, the gameplay cycles between daytime and nighttime. The daytime is for mining and building, and during the nighttime monsters come who attack and try to destroy you and anything that you created. One of the things that set Minecraft apart from many other games is that there is no storyline. It is all about creating in both game modes, and in survival mode, the whole point is to survive the nightly attacks from the monsters who are trying to get you and destroy your creations.

## ## Gameplay

The gameplay has been fully optimized for the mobile edition, and it is quite different than the PC version of the game. The developers really took their time to figure out how to bring this game to a mobile device, and the game controls really make a lot of sense. The movement works with directional arrows with a jump button in the center. Tapping one of the directional arrows brings up a left and right strafe buttons on either side which makes movement much easier.

To mine blocks for crafting, select blocks with your thumb by tapping and holding them. It uses tactile responses by vibrating your phone while you are mining, which just feels right when you are doing it. You can mine and place blocks from much farther away than you can then from the PC version. This helps speed up the gameplay a lot on a mobile device, especially since moving around is not as smooth as it is in the PC version.

Some have complained that you cannot mine as deep in the mobile version as you can in the PC version, but it is really not much of an issue. This makes more sense too because while they have made moving around as easy as possible in the mobile version, mining to deep could cause problems when trying to navigate through the different layers in Minecraft: Pocket Edition ## Final Thoughts

The mobile version of Minecraft has earned mostly positive reviews. If you are a fan of Minecraft, it is nice to be able to take your phone out of your pocket and play it anywhere. Also, for many

people who are not into PC gaming, then this is a great introduction to the fantastic world of Minecraft.

The game is beautiful, and the gameplay is smooth. In no time you will find yourself running all over mining out blocks, building your creations, and fighting off monsters. The only real complaints have been that you cannot mine as deep as you did in the original game, and there are not as many block types to mine.

Its multiplayer mode works really well, as long as all the players are on the same Wi-Fi network, so that is a big win for a game where people have come to enjoy the collaborative play. If you are on the same Wi-Fi network as your friends you can quickly and easily jump in and out of each other's worlds. The mobile game does not have any ban commands though, so if you are playing in an area with a lot of random people all on the same Wi-Fi network a stranger could potentially come in and mess with your stuff.

This is a great game, and for already established Minecraft fans and new players, this will be a great gaming experience.

#### Advantages / Disadvantages

- The game controls are smooth and intuitive.
- The game has great graphics and looks awesome.
- The multiplayer mode is extremely easy to use.
- You cannot mine as deep as you can on the PC version.
- Not as many block types are available as the PC version.