

Modern smartphones use a mix of standard Android navigation and brand-specific "shortcuts" to make tasks faster. Below are the unique and common gestures for each of the brands you mentioned.

1. Motorola: "Moto Actions"

Motorola is famous for its physical, motion-based gestures that work even when the screen is off.

- **Fast Torch:** Two "karate chop" motions to turn the flashlight on or off.
- **Quick Capture:** Two quick twists of the wrist to launch the camera instantly.
- **Three-Finger Screenshot:** Touch and hold three fingers anywhere on the screen to capture it.
- **Flip for DND:** Turn the phone face down to silence notifications and calls.
- **Pick Up to Silence:** Lift the phone when it's ringing to immediately switch it to vibrate.
- **Swipe to Split:** Swipe your finger back and forth across the screen to enter split-screen mode.

2. Samsung: "Motions & Gestures"

Samsung focuses on software-based shortcuts and unique ways to interact with the hardware.

- **Palm Swipe to Capture:** Swipe the edge of your hand across the screen (left to right or vice versa) to take a screenshot.
- **Double Tap to Wake/Sleep:** Double tap an empty area of the Home or Lock screen to turn the display on or off.
- **Lift to Wake:** The screen turns on automatically when you pick up the phone.
- **Easy Mute:** Cover the screen with your palm or turn the phone over to mute alarms and incoming calls.
- **Swipe to Call/Text:** In the Phone or Contacts app, swipe a name to the **right** to call them, or to the **left** to send a message.
- **Circle to Search:** (On newer models) Long-press the home button or navigation handle and circle anything on the screen to search for it.

3. Honor: "Knuckle & Air Gestures"

Honor (and its former parent, Huawei) uses unique "knuckle" technology and sensor-based air movements.

- **Knuckle Screenshot:** Knock twice on the screen with one knuckle to take a screenshot.
- **Knuckle S-Gesture:** Draw an "S" with your knuckle to take a scrolling screenshot (long page).
- **Knuckle Partial Clip:** Draw a circle or closed shape with your knuckle to capture just that part of the screen.

- **Air Scroll:** Wave your hand up or down in front of the front camera to scroll through pages without touching the screen.
- **Grabshot:** Place your palm in front of the camera and clench your fist to take a screenshot remotely.

4. HTC: "Edge Sense"

HTC's standout feature (found on models like the U11 and U12+) involves "squeezing" the sides of the device.

- **Short Squeeze:** Quickly squeeze the lower sides of the phone to launch a specific app (usually the Camera).
- **Squeeze and Hold:** A longer squeeze to trigger a second action, like launching Google Assistant or turning on the flashlight.
- **Double Tap Edge:** Double-tapping the side frame (not the screen) to trigger one-handed mode or a "back" command.
- **Motion Launch:** Various swipes on a black screen to wake the phone, such as swiping up to unlock or double-tapping to wake.

Universal Android Navigation Gestures

Most modern versions of these phones also support standard full-screen navigation:

- **Home:** Swipe up from the bottom center.
- **Back:** Swipe inward from either the left or right edge of the screen.
- **Recent Apps:** Swipe up from the bottom and hold.
- **Switch Apps:** Swipe left or right along the very bottom edge of the screen.

Would you like me to find the specific steps to enable any of these on your particular model?

Phone and tablet gestures and new phone setup

	Android
Set up a backup	Enable in Google account under settings
how do I backup	Automatic with wifi connection
Do I need anti virus	Will have preinstalled but Norton can be added
Where do my photos go	Gallery/Photos app
where should I keep my photos and videos	Either Google account backup or OneDrive. Often vendor has their own cloud backup also.
What extra apps should I install	WhatsApp , OneDrive ,Gemini (AI assistant)
Do I need a password manager?	Highly recommended.
where are my other files	Use the files app.
which browser to surf the internet	Will have pre-installed browser. Can still download Chrome, Firefox, Duckduckgo
organising your bookmarks	Chrome
hiding nuisance items	No equivalent
auto fill your address on web forms	Avoid letting google/Microsoft store credit card info
Arrange your Home Screen	demo
Scroll	Same
Make text bigger gesture	Under text settings
Search for anything	Swipe from centre of screen downwards
Bring up control panel	Swipe from top right of screen downwards
Show running apps	Muti task button
Close running app	Drag upwards. Press BIN to clear all
Switch active app	Select from multitask screen