

The very best food stuff on the internet

Hi, friends! Welcome to *Installer* No. 28, your guide to the best and *Verge*-iest stuff in the world. (If you're new here, welcome to the *Installerverse*, so glad you found us, and also, you can read all the old editions at the *Installer* homepage.)

This week, I've been reading about **that wacky AI Willy Wonka event** and **what happened to the Apple Car**, dying laughing at **"Indiana Jones and the \$3,500 Headset,"** testing as a new tasks app for iOS, giving both **Notion** and **Notion Calendar** another shot, and trying to figure out how to import the adorable **Microlino Lite** into my driveway.

I also have for you the new *Dune* movie, a new smartwatch, a buzzy new tech book, and oh so many food-related YouTube channels. It's food week here at *Installer*, so let's get into it.

(As always, the best part of *Installer* is your ideas and tips. What are you reading, watching, playing, testing, knitting, or conjuring this week? Tell me everything: installer@theverge.com. And if you know someone else who might enjoy *Installer*, or you want to get it in your inbox a day early, subscribe [here](#).)

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Since it's food week here at *Installer*, I asked a true expert to share their homescreen with us today: Stephanie Wu, the editor-in-chief of our sister publication *Eater*. *Eater*, among so many other things, is single-handedly responsible for helping me find all the good pizza in my new city and is the reason I've been for like the last three years. Stephanie writes a terrific newsletter about *Eater* and food and news, and you should definitely subscribe.

Stephanie warned me in advance that her homescreen wasn't just full of food apps. Which I realize now makes perfect sense: she's also a mom, and a boss, and just a human, and one of the fun things about seeing people's screens has been realizing that no matter what you do all day, we all do so many of the same things. But still... Stephanie, we need some food stuff. And she delivered.

Here's Stephanie's homescreen, plus some info on the apps she uses and why:

The phone: I have the Google Pixel 8 Pro and am a Pixel devotee.

The wallpaper: My homescreen is a photo of my two kids, who are almost three and almost one.

The apps: Google Messages, WhatsApp, WeChat, Baby Tracker, Nanit, Duolingo, Chrome, Gmail, Phone, Google Maps, Camera.

The most useful thing on my homescreen is my calendar widget, which is how I stay on top of everything. It's color coded for meetings, focus blocks, exercise, and personal events.

WhatsApp is my go-to messaging app, and I've forced all my friends to move over our group chats, which has much improved my life as an Android user. Then I have my new-parent

essentials: an app that keeps track of feeds and diaper changes and the baby monitor.

I started my *NYT* crossword puzzle and Duolingo streaks while I was on parental leave and haven't been able to give those up. I also love *Connections*, as frustrating as it can be sometimes.

Off-screen, the food-related app I've been using the most is the NYC Smart Compost app. Having an orange bin around the corner is a game-changer.

I also asked Stephanie to share a few things she's into right now. Here's what she said:

- Like everyone else I know, I'm obsessed with ***The Traitors***. We watch it as soon as it airs because I can't stand being spoiled. And I love ***Tournament of Champions***, Guy Fieri's game show-esque cooking competition with a stacked roster of big-name chefs.
- I'm not a big cook, but I always have a jar of **chile crisp** in my fridge. Some of my recent favorites are **Mama Teav's Hot Garlic**, , and **Fly by Jing's Sichuan Chili Crisp**.
- My current go-to kitchen tool is a mini spatula, also known as . It's great for feeding the baby and scraping clean containers of yogurt or peanut butter.

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I realized this week, not for the first time, that I'm paying for three different music services. Spotify I pay for by

itself; YouTube Music comes free with YouTube Premium, which is annoyingly expensive but is also the best money I spend every month because ads on YouTube are an unbearable scourge; and I get Amazon Music free with Amazon Prime.

This is so dumb! But I don't know what to do. Spotify is... better than the others, right? But they all have the same stuff, so maybe I'm just flushing money. I need help! Tell me what you do. Help me decide what to do before I accidentally go throw more money at Apple Music or Tidal or something.

I don't know. Maybe the right answer is just to and go back to living the local music life. I do miss that click wheel.

See you next week!

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