What to expect at Apple’s May ‘Let Loose’ event

Apple has gone and announced a spring event for May 7th at 7AM PT / 10AM ET. While the company didn’t say *what* the event is about, the Apple Pencil in its graphic suggests we’re finally about to hear about new iPads — but which ones? Well, almost certainly OLED iPad Pros, which we’ve been hearing about for months, but the company might also announce a new iPad Air in two sizes for the first time.

Rumors have also circulated in the last few months about a new Apple Pencil and updated Magic Keyboard accessories that would give iPad Pro owners a more laptop-like feel. Because more accessories are all the iPad needs, right? It doesn’t seem likely that there will be an update of the 10th-generation vanilla iPad or the iPad Mini quite yet, so all eyes will be on what Apple plans to do with its next iPad Pro.

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Apple will also likely announce the iPad Air in both 11-inch and 12.9-inch sizes, mirroring today’s iPad Pro lineup. It’s rumored that it will use the same Magic Keyboard accessories as the current iPad Pros.

The new iPad Air will probably also get a new M2 processor, which makes sense and will be totally meaningless to most people since the M1 chip in the current iPad Air still feels like overkill. (Not that anyone is complaining.) It might also have the front-facing camera moved to the long edge, like the iPad Pro.

But the biggest, most important change is that screen size. Right now, if you want a big iPad, you’re looking at spending at least $1,200 for a brand-new iPad Pro — that’s a hard sell if screen size is the most important factor to you, and a larger Air will make things way easier.

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a:hover]:shadow-highlight-franklin dark:[&>a:hover]:shadow-highlight-franklin [&>a]:shadow-underline-black dark:[&>a]:shadow-underline-white”>A squeezy Apple Pencil

Like the iPad Pro, the Apple Pencil hasn’t been updated since 2018 (unless you count the Apple Pencil with USB-C, which, sure). There are rumors that it could have interchangeable magnetic tips for different purposes and that it might support a new squeeze gesture.

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