



# Welcome to Animal Crossing

## ANIMAL CROSSING TIPS & TRICKS!

### REMEMBER THAT PROGRESS IS GATED BY REAL-LIFE DAYS

If you're new to Animal Crossing, or it's been a spell since you last hung out with Tom Nook and co, it's easy to forget that this is not a game that you can rush. Progress, especially at first, is doled out slowly, restricting access to certain activities / items / buildings according to how many real-world days you've spent in the game. Take it easy folks, there's no rushing island life.



### YOU HAVE TO LEARN A RECIPE BEFORE YOU CAN CRAFT IT

If you're given, or otherwise find a recipe card, you'll have to learn it before it appears in your crafting options. Just head to the item in your inventory by pressing X, and then hit learn. Then it's yours to craft forever!



### PAY OFF YOUR MOVING COSTS TO UNLOCK NEW OPTIONS

On your first full day on your new island, Tom Nook gives you a rather large bill to cover all of your moving costs. Thankfully, you can pay it in Nook Miles - and a fairly reasonable 5,000 Nook Miles at that - and we'd advise making it the first thing you do on the island. Once you've paid off Mr. Nook, you'll unlock a whole load of new options. Firstly, you'll be able to take out a new loan, which will automatically let you upgrade from a tent to a house. It's a loan of 98,000 bells, but your new home will be built by the next morning, and then you can start repayment. This unlocks the ability to hoard items in your home's in-built storage, which is very handy indeed. But, that's not all. You'll also unlock the Nook Miles Rewards at the Nook Stop terminal in Residents' Services, which opens up a whole load of items, recipes and more. Plus, once you've taken out your new home loan, you'll unlock Nook Miles+, which are a selection of five straightforward tasks that constantly replenish as a way of earning Nook Miles more quickly and easily. For example, these range from catching five fish or selling 10 shells, to chatting to three neighbours or planting one tree. So many perks, so little time!



### YOU WON'T GET ALL THE TOOLS YOU'LL NEED STRAIGHT AWAY

You won't be able to get access to all the usual tools straight away in Animal Crossing: New Horizons. On your first full morning, Tom Nook will give you recipes for the flimsy fishing rod and flimsy net, but it's not until you meet Blathers at his little pop-up museum tent that he'll give you recipes for the shovel and vault pole. You can buy a watering can recipe and the slingshot from the Nook nephews though, but you might have to wait a day or two for them to appear in rotation.



### FLIMSY TOOLS ARE YOUR FRIENDS IN THE EARLY DAYS

Because iron nuggets are a bit of a rarity at first, try and use the flimsy tools as much as you can initially. They are all made from materials that are easily found on your own island. Tree branches can be shaken free from trees all day, repeatedly. Stone can be found by hitting rocks. Softwood, hardwood and wood can be found by hitting trees with a flimsy axe or stone axe. It's a lot easier to replenish your stock of these items than iron nuggets at first, so stick to the flimsy tools at first. Then, when you're ready, you can buy yourself the Pretty Good Tools Recipes from the Nook Miles section of the Nook Stop, which are mostly powered by iron nuggets.



### STONE AXE OR SHOVEL TO GET IRON NUGGETS FROM ROCKS

You'll start gaining crafting recipes for better tools rather quickly, but to create them you'll need better materials - namely, iron nuggets. Soon, Animal Crossing: New Horizons iron nuggets will become one of your most-needed materials, and to find them you'll need to hit rocks. Use your stone axe, or a shovel on any rocks you see on your island - the small light grey kind, not the larger, darker grey versions that are just part of the coastal scenery - and you'll find a variety of materials will start popping out - stone, clay, iron nuggets, and sometimes money or even bugs. Getting iron nuggets will be slow at first, so if you want to amass a few more, save up Nook Miles to buy Nook Mile Tickets that allow you to visit remote islands, which are a paradise for resources - usually netting you at least four iron nuggets per trip.