How to Make Custom iPhone Ringtones for Free

Things You'll Need:

- iPhone
- iTunes
- Mac or Windows Computer
- Non-DRM song (i.e. one not bought from the iTunes Store)

Instructions

1. Step 1

   Open iTunes.

2. Step 2

   Find the song that you want to make into a ringtone.

3. Step 3

   Listen to the song and find the part of it you want to use. The chorus may be a good place to start.

4. Step 4

   Write down the start and stop times of the clip.

5. Step 5

   Right-click the song and select "Get Info."

6. Step 6

   Click the "Options" tab.

7. Step 7

   Type in the start time of your ringtone in the text box next to "Start Time" in the minutes:seconds (i.e. 2:01) format.

8. Step 8

Type in the end time of your ringtone in the text box next to "Stop Time." Make sure the ringtone is no more than 40 seconds long.

9. Step 9

Click "OK."

10. Step 10

Right-click your song again and select "Create AAC version." Wait for iTunes to create your song. It will create a duplicate version.

11. Step 11

Right-click the ringtone and select "Delete." (Optional)

12. Step 12

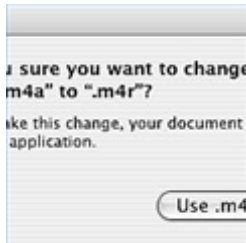Click on the "Keep Files" button.

13. Step 13

Find the file. It's usually in your User folder under Libraries > Music > iTunes > iTunes Media > Music and under the artist's name. It will have an extension of "m4a."

14. Step 14

Rename the "m4a" extension of your ringtone with "m4r". You can either double-click slowly to rename your file, or right-click and select "Get Info" on a Mac or "Rename" on a Windows PC.

15. Step 15

Click "Use .m4r" or the PC equivalent when the system warns you that the change may affect the use of your file.

16. Step 16

Double-click the ringtone file. ITunes will automatically add it to your ringtones folder in your iTunes Music Library.

17. Step 17

Connect your iPhone and sync your ringtones.

Tips & Warnings

- If you are having trouble syncing the ringtones to your iPhone, find the ringtone in your Ringtones folder and change the extension back to .M4A, then attempt to sync again.
- Instead of deleting it, you can also drag the newly converted ringtone to your desktop from iTunes and follow the rest of the steps.
- There may be some problems with the latest version of Leopard; renaming the file may not work properly, and you won't be able to add it to the Ringtones folder.
- This will not work with songs bought at the iTunes store or that have DRM (copy protection). Your best bet is to use a song that you have imported from a CD.