Pocket Ledger

Your quick start guide.

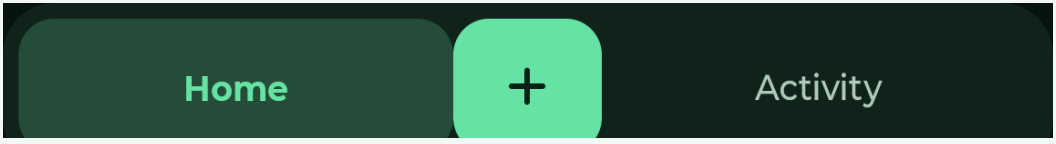
A few taps to record, understand and keep your everyday expenses.

1 Install the Android APK

Open the latest APK shared with you. If Android asks, allow installation for the app you opened it from, then tap **Install**.

2 Start without a Sheet

Open Pocket Ledger. Your ledger works on the phone first. Google Sheets setup is optional.

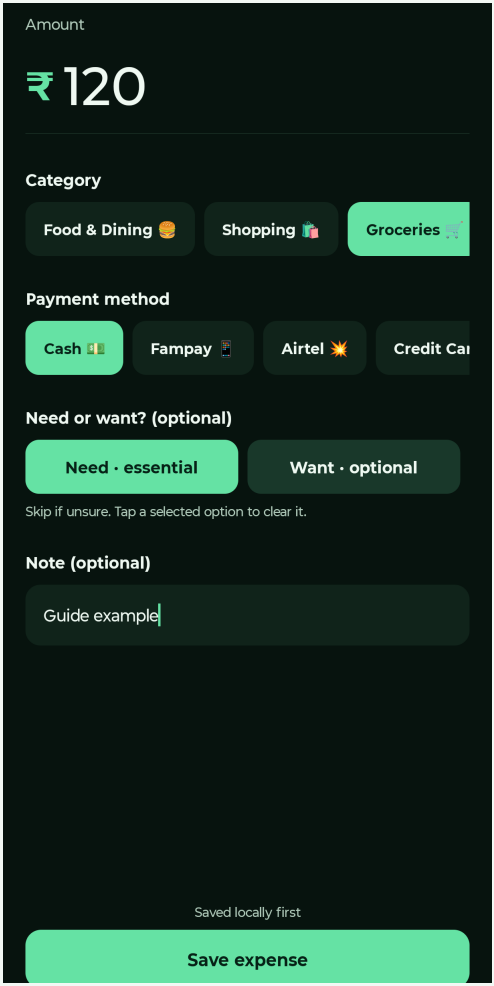


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Record an expense.

Open the + button. Save takes only a few choices.



1 Enter the amount

For example, ₹120 for groceries.

2 Choose the details

Pick a category and payment method. Swipe the choice rows to see more.

3 Need or Want?

Choose one if you want. Leave it blank when unsure. A note is optional too.

4 Tap Save expense

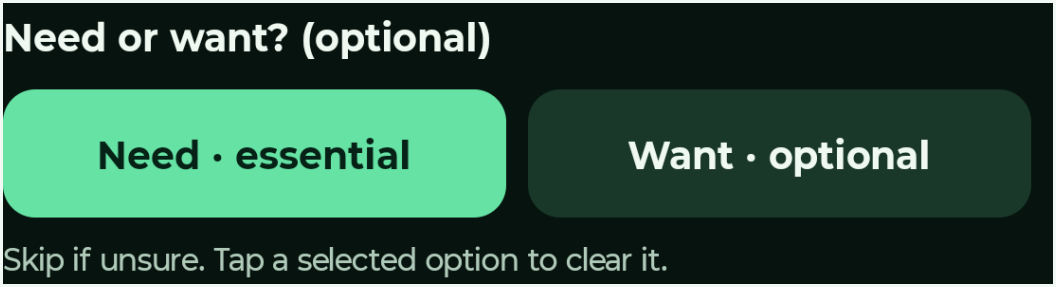
The entry is saved on your phone first. If a Sheet is configured, the app also attempts sync.

Changed your mind?

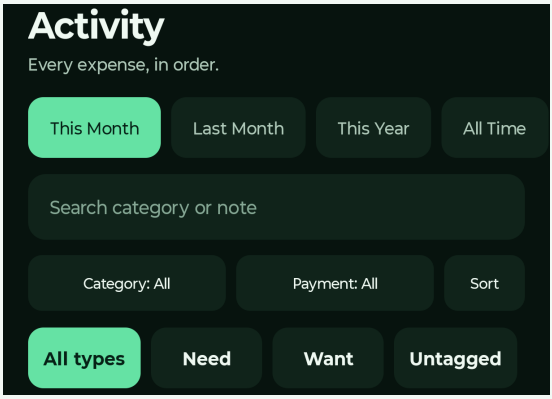
Use × or Back to close without saving. The ₹120 shown here was an unsaved guide example.

Understand the spending.

Categories tell you where. Need / Want adds your reason.



Need = essential for you. **Want** = optional. Skip for **Untagged**. Older entries stay Untagged until you choose.



Review in Activity
Choose a period, search, filter by category/payment/type, or use Sort.

Tap an entry for **Edit**, **Set Need / Want**, or **Delete**.

On Home, the donut shows category spending. **Your spending choices** shows Needs, Wants and Untagged amounts. Tap a row to see its entries.

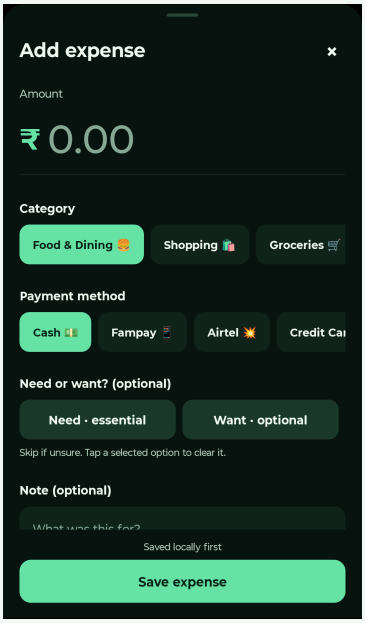


Show / Hide controls latest entries. View all opens Activity.

One tap from Home.

The widget opens a separate expense sheet.





1 Add the widget

Settings → **Add home screen widget**. Confirm the launcher preview.

2 Fit your screen

Touch and hold the widget, then use the resize handles. Available sizes depend on your launcher.

3 Add an expense

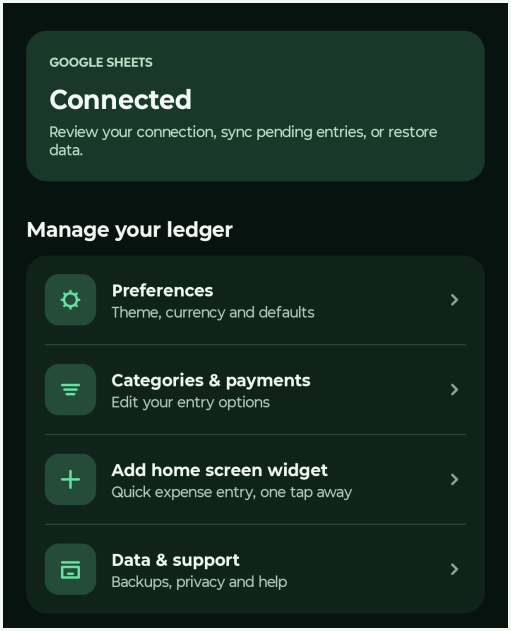
Tap the widget. Fill the form, then Save expense. Use × or Back to close without saving.

Back to your Home screen

Saving or closing the widget sheet removes that temporary task. You do not need to leave the full app open.

Make it yours.

Use the settings button on Home.



1 Preferences

Choose System, Light or Dark. Set your currency symbol and entry defaults.

2 Categories & payments

Open Manage Categories or Manage Payment Methods. Add names, edit them, and drag the handles to reorder.

3 Keep the routine quick

Defaults preselect category/payment choices. Need / Want starts blank on every new expense.

Keep both views comfortable

Themes change the appearance, not your transactions. Your custom names, order and defaults are included in JSON backup.

Set up your Sheet.

Optional. Keep a second copy in your own Google Drive.

Make a copy of the Android Sheet

This is the current Android template with Need / Want support.

1 Make your own copy

Open the link above, sign in if needed, and choose **Make a copy**.

2 Open its script

In a desktop browser, open your copied Sheet, then **Extensions → Apps Script**. Make sure the copied script is saved.

3 Deploy a Web app

Choose **Deploy → New deployment → Web app**. Set **Execute as: Me** and **Who has access: Anyone**.

4 Authorize and copy the URL

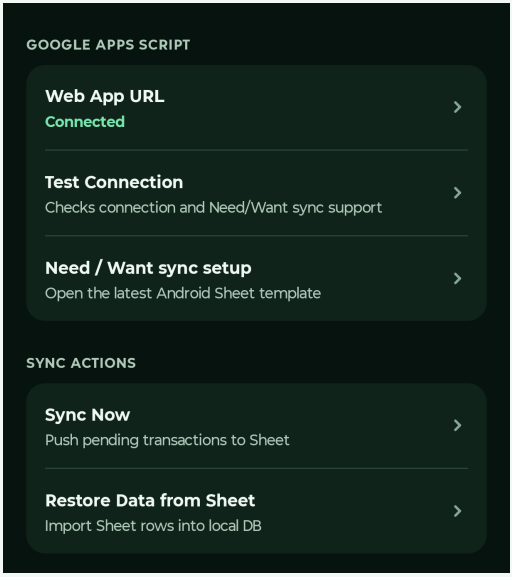
Approve the requested Google permissions for your own script, then deploy. Copy the **Web app URL ending in /exec**.

Keep the deployment URL private

The Sheet copy link and the /exec deployment URL are different. The app needs your own /exec URL; anyone with that address can call your deployed script.

Connect and sync.

Return to Settings → Sync & Sheets.



1 Set Web App URL

Paste your own /exec URL into the Web App URL setting.

2 Test Connection

The test checks the endpoint and Need / Want support. If it reports an old script, update its deployment.

3 Sync Now

Send pending entries, edits and deletions. Failed items stay pending for a later retry.

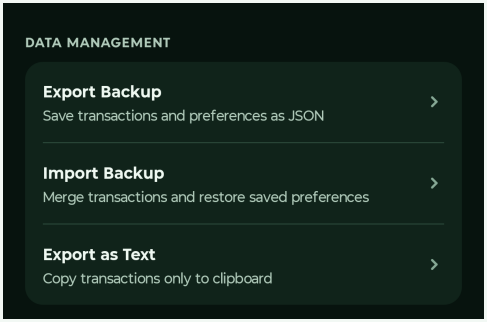
Your phone remains the main ledger

New expenses save locally even if sync fails. Saving an expense also attempts to sync pending changes when a URL is configured. There is no scheduled background sync.

Restore Data from Sheet merges the Sheet records back into the app. A new Sheet does not automatically receive records already marked synced to a previous one.

Keep a safe copy.

Settings → Data & support. Use JSON for backup.



1 **Export Backup**

Choose a location and save the JSON file somewhere you can find again.

2 **Import Backup**

Read the confirmation, choose the JSON file, and let the app merge it.

What comes back?

Transactions and Need / Want tags, theme, currency, device name, category/payment names and order, defaults, and latest-entry visibility. Newer local records are preserved.

Reconnect Sheets on a new phone. The private Web App URL is not in the JSON backup.

Export as Text is for sharing a readable list. It is not a restorable backup.

Get help / report an issue

Pocket Ledger website · iPhone uses its separate Shortcut and Sheet setup.
When reporting a problem, include the screen and what you tapped. Leave out your private deployment URL and personal expenses.