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# ColorSnapper

## The Insider's Guide

Mac color picker with a magnifying glass and 30+ export formats



**Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among desktop utilities, read from ColorSnapper's own pages.**

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ToolGPA put this guide together from ColorSnapper's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on ColorSnapper's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

# Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 4 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade

ColorSnapper is a Mac color picker that magnifies the screen so you can choose a single pixel and copy its value in one of more than 30 code formats. Favorites and history keep recent colors. An optional Pro upgrade adds modern CSS color spaces and a perceptual editor.

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about ColorSnapper**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **No store rating is on record, but you install it, press a key and click a pixel.**

From our grade for ease of use

**1** **Best for picking a single pixel's color on a Mac**

The license price could not be read from the vendor's pages, and it is Mac only.

**2** **You can try it first**

14-day free trial of ColorSnapper 2.

**3** **It runs on macOS**

macOS.

**4** **Magnifying glass**

Invoked from a menu item or global shortcut; works across multiple displays and Spaces.

**5** **Hi-Precision mode**

Lets you choose every physical pixel on a retina screen.

**6** **30+ export formats**

Generic, CSS, NSColor, UIColor, Swift, Android, Java, .NET, CGColor and OpenGL, among others.

**7** **A 2.0 GPA, above 4 of 186**

That is against the other desktop utilities we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

**8** **Your call**

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

### ColorSnapper at a glance

| | |
|---|---|
| PRICING<br>Free trial | FREE PLAN<br>No |
| FREE TRIAL<br>14-day free trial of ColorSnapper 2. | RUNS ON<br>macOS |
| MADE BY<br>ColorSnapper | CATEGORY<br>Desktop Utilities |
| OUR GRADE<br>2.0 GPA, fair | |

## The report card

### Best for picking a single pixel's color on a Mac

ColorSnapper magnifies the Mac screen so you can pick one pixel and copy its value in more than 30 code formats. The license price could not be read from the vendor's pages, and it is Mac only.

| TOOLGPA REPORT CARD | ColorSnapper | Graded Nov 13, 2026 |
|---|---|---|

| SUBJECT | GRADE | COMMENT |
|---|---|---|
| **Value for money** | C | No price could be read: checkout is a Paddle overlay. Pro is a separate one-time in-app upgrade. |
| **Free plan and trial** | C | A 14-day trial of ColorSnapper 2 with no free plan. The listing does not say whether it needs a card. |
| **Features** | C | Magnifier, Hi-Precision mode, 30+ export formats and favorites. It does the picking job fully but it is a smaller job, and modern CSS color spaces need Pro. |
| **Ease of use** | B | No store rating is on record, but you install it, press a key and click a pixel. |
| **Platforms and integrations** | D | macOS only, 14.6 or later. There is no Windows version. |
| **Grade point average** | | Fair, out of 4.0 **2.0** |

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

### Who ColorSnapper is for

- ✓ Fits if you copy exact colors out of anything on a Mac screen
- ✓ Works for developers who want the value in a code format

### Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you use Windows, as it runs only on macOS
- ✗ Skip it if you want a known price, since none could be read
- ✗ Too light for building palettes, which the listing does not cover
- ✗ Watch out: it is no longer on the Mac App Store, and former buyers claim a discount on the standalone version
- ✗ Watch out: it needs macOS 14.6 or later

## Good to know

### Good for

- ✓ Mac developers who paste color values straight into code
- ✓ Designers who need a single exact pixel value

### Worth knowing

- ⓘ The checkout is a Paddle overlay, so the license price could not be read from the vendor's pages; check it on the site.
- ⓘ Pro is a separate in-app upgrade, described as one-time with no subscription.
- ⓘ Works on macOS 14.6 and later; ColorSnapper 2 is no longer on the Mac App Store, and former buyers can claim a discount on the standalone version.
- ⓘ Runs on macOS only; there is no Windows version.

# What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

ColorSnapper's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

> **No price could be read: checkout is a Paddle overlay.**
>
> From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm ColorSnapper’s current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. colorsnapper.com has them.

# What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: macOS

Mac color picker with a magnifying glass and 30+ export formats. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: one-time purchase, keyboard-first.

> **It does the picking job fully but it is a smaller job, and modern CSS color spaces need Pro.**
>
> From our grade for features

### Magnifying glass

Invoked from a menu item or global shortcut; works across multiple displays and Spaces.

### Hi-Precision mode

Lets you choose every physical pixel on a retina screen.

### 30+ export formats

Generic, CSS, NSColor, UIColor, Swift, Android, Java, .NET, CGColor and OpenGL, among others.

### Favorites and history

Mark colors as favorites or go back through hundreds of earlier picks.

### Color adjustment

Edit colors in Apple's Color Panel before exporting.

### Pro formats

The Pro upgrade adds lch(), oklch() and oklab() export and an LCH slider editor.

### Where it runs

macOS

### What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

ColorSnapper is made by ColorSnapper.

# Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

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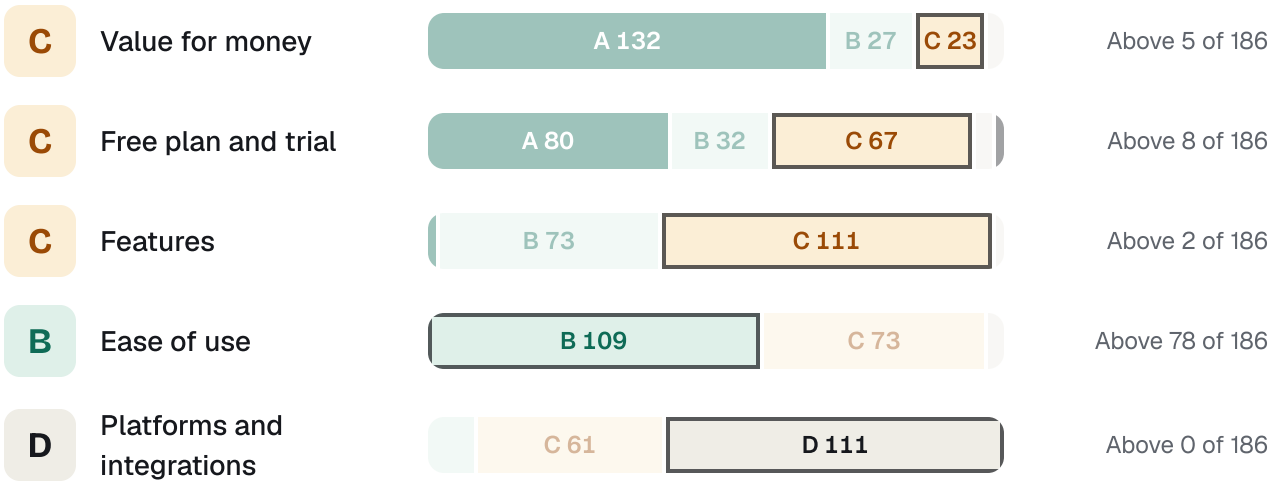
Other desktop utilities it is graded above

ColorSnapper's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 4 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 8.

It stands best on ease of use (B, above 78 of 186) and worst on platforms and integrations (D, above 0).

## Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 187 desktop utilities we grade, cut by the letter each got. ColorSnapper's own letter is outlined.




## Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

## Your call

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

ColorSnapper sits between: not beyond making, and not a weekend's work either. What you would give up is listed below. Whether that is worth the price is your call.

### What you could not

- ✕ A real app for macOS. Something home-made would be a web page.

**What this rests on.** ColorSnapper's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

# The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Sip, Just Color Picker, Raycast and Microsoft PowerToys

The 4 tools ColorSnapper is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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## Sip

Free trial · from $29.99

Mac color picker with palettes, formats and a contrast checker.

- Sip also covers menu bar app.

ColorSnapper and Sip compared in full

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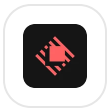
## Just Color Picker

Free

Free portable color picker and editor for Windows and macOS.

- Just Color Picker has a free plan. ColorSnapper does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Just Color Picker lists a Windows app.
- ColorSnapper can be bought with a one-time purchase.

ColorSnapper and Just Color Picker compared in full



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## Raycast

Free plan · from $96/yr

Keyboard launcher with extensions, clipboard history and AI.

- Raycast has a free plan. ColorSnapper does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only Raycast lists Windows and iOS apps.
- Only Raycast lists a browser extension.

ColorSnapper and Raycast compared in full



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## Microsoft PowerToys

Free

Free Microsoft utilities for customizing Windows 10 and 11.

- Microsoft PowerToys has a free plan. ColorSnapper does not, though it has a free trial.
- Only ColorSnapper lists a macOS app.
- Only Microsoft PowerToys lists a Windows app.

ColorSnapper and Microsoft PowerToys compared in full

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# Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

### Is ColorSnapper free?

No, ColorSnapper is a paid product, but you can try it first. 14-day free trial of ColorSnapper 2.

### What platforms does ColorSnapper work on?

ColorSnapper is available on macOS.

### Does ColorSnapper have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. ColorSnapper is listed for macOS.

### Does ColorSnapper have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. ColorSnapper is listed for macOS.

### Is ColorSnapper open source?

ColorSnapper is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

### Who makes ColorSnapper?

ColorSnapper is made by a company of the same name.

### What are the alternatives to ColorSnapper?

The closest alternatives to ColorSnapper in our directory are Sip, Just Color Picker, Raycast and Microsoft PowerToys.

### How does ColorSnapper compare with other desktop utilities?

ColorSnapper's GPA of 2.0 is higher than 4 of the 186 other desktop utilities we grade, and level with 8.

### Could I make my own version of ColorSnapper?

It depends on the utility: a converter or a calculator is an afternoon.

## Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from ColorSnapper's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from ColorSnapper's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by ColorSnapper. Prices change, so check colorsnapper.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

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| 7,721 | 95 | 739 | 579 |
|---|---|---|---|
| tools graded | categories | price changes on record | apps priced in 12 countries |

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Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

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What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

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