

Portable Surrounds

Turn your portable speakers into a home theater, wherever you left them.

Portable surrounds is a Sonos Fabric feature that automatically turns two compatible portable speakers into rear surround speakers when placed near a compatible soundbar, using Sonos Positioning Technology to sense their position.

- **Instant Surround Sound:** Pick up two compatible Sonos portable speakers and set them down near a compatible soundbar, and the system automatically turns them into rear surrounds.
- **Automatic Role Detection:** Speakers sense their own position and distance from the rest of the system and assign themselves left and right surround roles on their own.
- **Move Freely:** When movie night is over, pick the speakers back up and they return to normal use, ready to move to the next room.

The Technology Behind It

Sonos Positioning Technology (SPT) exchanges brief high-frequency audio signals, 18–22kHz (16–22kHz on Beam Gen 2), between compatible products to estimate position and distance. That is what lets portable speakers switch into rear-surround roles automatically, and back again when moved. Speakers mute during the transition, shown by a green LED. The signals play at low volume by design, though pets or people with more sensitive hearing may be able to hear them.

Compatibility

A compatible soundbar with a microphone (Arc Ultra, Arc, Beam Ultra, or Beam Gen 2) and two compatible portable speakers (Move 2 or Sonos Play).

Availability

Available starting September 8, 2026. No subscription required.