

HOW TO MINT AN NFT IN 10 MINUTES WITH LESS THAN \$20

“Mint” is used for NFTs like it’s used for printed money (aka fiat). We’re basically printing these things for the first time.

This guide is designed to be as fast as possible to encourage much more fun hands-on learning, but feel free to follow the links for further explanation.

PUT MONEY IN IT. BUY 0.45 SOL

Patooties is built on the [Solana blockchain](#), so you’ll need the appropriate currency. It’s abbreviated as SOL. 0.45 SOL is equivalent to about \$20. (It’s super volatile though, so that may change. Check exchange rates [here](#).)

I chose this particular chain because it has the lowest transaction fees, also known as “gas fees.” Ethereum is the other common currency for NFTs, but gas fees can go up to the thousands. On Solana, it’s usually about a nickel. That’s what the extra 0.05 is for.

This is the only step with [transaction fees](#). All the platforms like Coinbase charge a buck or two for deposits. Unfortunately, it’s unavoidable.

TRANSFER \$ TO YOUR WALLET

It’s just like [any old withdrawal](#). In Phantom, go to the long string of numbers at the top of the window. This is your [wallet address](#). Think of it as a routing number, but totally safe for public sharing. Click to copy it.

On Coinbase, click the “Send / Receive” button in the top right. Set the amount to max or at least 0.41 SOL (some spare change in there for gas fees) and paste your copied wallet address in the “To” field. Send it!

Wait a minute for processing. Get a snack. Read my process notes on [Twitter](#). Soon, you’ll see the .4ish SOL appear in your Phantom wallet. Yay!

YOU’LL NEED A BANK ACCOUNT

But on the blockchain, we use a decentralized finance (or “DeFi”) trading platform. These use [cryptocurrency](#) instead of dollars. The value here is that crypto is traceable. You can see who bought what and how much on any public tracking site like [this one](#). You can return to this link in a moment.

[Coinbase](#) is the most recognized and secure [trade platform](#) around. [Here are some alternatives](#) if you wanna shop around. Make an account. It will ask for a pic of your driver’s license, but that’s only because a lot of money goes through here. It’s chill.

NOW YOU’LL NEED A WALLET

Just like we don’t run around with our whole bank accounts on our person, we [handle transactions on the blockchain](#) with a [wallet](#). For Solana, the most popular digital wallet is Phantom. Download it on mobile, Chrome, or whatever browser [here](#).

Detailed guide (with screenshots!) from our friends at Kairos [here](#).

Save your [seed phrase](#) somewhere safe! It’s like a super safe password. [Losing this is how millions of \\$\\$\\$ in bitcoin go missing LOL](#).

PURCHASE THE NFT

Patooties go on sale May 30th at 12pm CST until supplies run out. Click on the Mint button on the Patooties site to navigate to the [launchpad](#)-- where the NFT is minted.

On the launchpad page, there’s just one button to click. You’ll be asked to connect your wallet for a “[digital signature](#),” which is exactly what it sounds like. You’ll be charged .4 SOL + change for gas fees.

Lo and behold, your brand-new Patootie will land in your wallet! Check it out under the NFT tab on Phantom.

Sell, trade, or buy more NFTs on [OpenSea](#) or [Magic Eden](#)!

