How to turn Kindle Fire into Android tablet

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Kindle Fire is based on Android OS but it doesn't look like an Android tablet. That's because Amazon has made many modifications on the original Android OS. In fact, these "modifications" are more than limitations. I've used Kindle Fire for a long time and I find it's out of hommization. So I want to turn Kindle Fire into Android tablet. Maybe many people want to do this too!

Once talking about this issue, some people may think about flashing in a third party ROM such as the famous CyanogenMod ROM. Well this is an absolutely ultimate method but it's difficult to operate for many users. It's more than a technical work and you may get your Kindle Fire bricked – a terrible situation in which you can't do anything for the Kindle Fire. So I come up with another safe and easy way of turning Kindle Fire into Android tablet – installing an Android launcher! With this method, you can experience most Android features and can shift to original Amazon launcher freely. Now just follow the tutorial below and make your Kindle Fire an Android tablet.

1. Install GO Launcher EX

GO Launcher EX is an artistic and effective Android launcher. It provides many custom options to allow you to make your own tablet. Click here to download GO Launcher EX and then install it on your Kindle Fire (via ES File Explorer).

2. Run GO Launcher EX

After you install GO Launcher EX, tap the home icon at the bottom left corner of the screen and you will meet a notice like this:
Pitch on "Use by default for this action" and choose "GO Launcher EX". You'll get into the GO Launcher EX setting interface. Just skip the greetings and then the Kindle Fire will turn back to the new home screen. You can see your Kindle Fire has turned into Android tablet!

3. How to use GO Launcher EX

1. Shift from original launcher and Go Launcher

Tap the app icon and you can see all the apps. Slide to browse more apps. The original apps like Amazon Kindle, Amazon Shop and Amazon Appstore are now separated out and each of them has an icon like the picture shows. It must point out that the Amazon Kindle, which we use to read e-books, can't open in the GO Launcher EX. Once you tap the Amazon Kindle icon, it just has no response and the Kindle Fire get stuck unless you tap the home screen icon. This is a big pity but other Amazon apps can run smoothly. If you want to read e-books, just tap the "Kindle Launcher" to turn back into the original Amazon launcher. Or you can install a third
party e-book reader. Perhaps this is the main defects of a third party launcher (I've tried other launchers and the Amazon Kindle remains not responding).

Every time you want to experience the GO Launcher EX again, just choose GO Launcher EX from the "Apps" or tap the home screen.
2 Manage apps

You can easily order the apps as you wish. Just hold any app, you’ll see all the app icons are swaying. Hold the app and drag it to anywhere you want on the screen. You can also drag it to the main home screen, not just in the app list only.

Tap the top right of the screen and call out the management menu. You can manage the apps in various methods.
3 Check process

Kindle Fire doesn't support multitasking – you can't see the running process, let alone close the process or shift from another process. But with GO Launcher EX, multitasking comes true. Tap the "Running" icon on the top left of the screen and you can see all the process running at present. The right side is the RAM condition. If you find your Kindle Fire very slow, just hold the app and tap the red icon to close the process then the memory will be released.

The contents above are the 6 tips for you to increase Kindle Fire battery life. I hope these would help you.

4 Change wallpaper

Although the GO Launcher provides wallpaper options, you can't replace the wallpaper indeed. In fact, all third party launchers can't do this job on Kindle Fire. This is because Amazon has made some limitations. If you want to change the
wallpaper, you must root your Kindle Fire first. For more details, please refer to this article: How to change Kindle Fire wallpaper.

These are the basic tips of using GO Launcher EX on Kindle Fire. Although it has some bugs like you can't open Amazon Kindle or change wallpaper, it provides most Android features that you can experience them in a simple way. If you want to turn Kindle Fire into Android tablet entirely, please view the tutorials at XDA forum.

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