

Galaxy Note "Phablet" Gets Bigger

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Sometimes big is just not big enough-- Samsung announces the Galaxy Note II at IFA 2012, an even bigger successor to the massive 1st-generation Note phone-tablet hybrid device.



While the Galaxy Note has a 5.3-inch display, the Galaxy Note II carries an impressive 5.5-inch Super AMOLED touchscreen. Looks-wise it resembles the Galaxy S III, complete with rounded edges, thin display bezel and similar physical button configuration.

The internals include a 1.6GHz quad-core processor and 2GB RAM, making the Note II the most powerful Galaxy smartphone according to the company. It is also the first Samsung device running on Android 4.1 (Jelly Bean) skinned with the TouchWiz UI.

The S Pen stylus makes a return (together with Note-specific apps), together with the Samsung sharing features (S Beam, ShareShot, AllShare Play, AllShare Cast) seen in the Galaxy S III and Note 10.1 tablet.

Samsung has other offerings at IFA 2012, such as the Galaxy Camera-- a 16MP digital camera with a 4.8-inch touchscreen identical to the one found on the Galaxy S III. It runs on Android 4.0 and comes complete with integrated wifi and 3G connections.

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