

★ What Smart Mailboxes are

A **Smart Mailbox** is a *saved search* that behaves like a folder — but without moving any messages.

Think of it as:

“Show me all the messages that match these conditions, no matter which account or folder they’re in.”

They’re dynamic, always up to date, and they don’t duplicate anything.

★ Why Smart Mailboxes are perfect for someone with 20 accounts

Because they let you create **one unified view** across all accounts.

Examples you’ll love:

- **Unread across all accounts**
- **Mail from VIPs**
- **Mail from the last 7 days**
- **Mail with attachments**
- **Mail from specific people (e.g., Jenny, Sue, Treasurer)**
- **Mail containing certain words (e.g., “minutes”, “invoice”)**
- **Mail from any account except the noisy ones**

You can combine conditions too:

Unread + From VIPs + Last 7 days

★ Why Smart Mailboxes are so powerful

Because they let you build **views**, not folders.

You don’t have to move anything. You don’t have to maintain anything. You don’t have to remember which account something is in.

You just say:

“Show me all the things I care about.”

And Apple Mail does it.

★ Club-friendly one-liner

“A Smart Mailbox is a saved search that behaves like a folder. It shows you what you want to see without moving anything.”

BUT, you can only create on a MAC, not on your iPad or mail in iCloud – (Although they will be visible there if created on a MAC first).

