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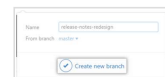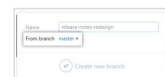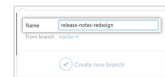# Creating a branch for your work

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If you have collaborator permissions on a repository, you can create a branch off of the repository's default branch so you can safely experiment with changes. To propose a change to a repository you've forked, you can create a branch on your fork and then send a pull request to a project maintainer.

Creating a branch for a fork

Unlike Git on the command line, GitHub Desktop automatically knows which URL to sync with, so you don't need to manually configure a remote URL for the upstream repository.

Creating a branch

1   At the top of the app, click ⌥.

2   In the *Name* field, type a meaningful name for your branch.

3   Optionally, in the *From branch* menu, choose an upstream branch to compare your changes against.

4   Click **Create new branch**.

Further reading

"Cloning a repository from GitHub Desktop"

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