XBOX CONTROLLER

Xbox Wireless Controller · World of Warcraft · pair it, turn on gamepad mode, button map

PAIR IT OVER BLUETOOTH

1. **Bluetooth and firmware**
   Series X|S, Elite Series 2, Adaptive and Xbox One model 1708 have Bluetooth. Update it with the Xbox Accessories app on Windows.
   Early Xbox One pads (separate glossy plastic around the Xbox button) have no Bluetooth: use USB or the Xbox Wireless Adapter.

2. **Pairing mode**
   Press the Xbox button to turn it on, then hold the Pair button on the top edge for about 3 seconds.
   The Xbox button flashes quickly while it is ready to pair, and stays lit once it is connected.

3. **Windows 11**
   Settings > Bluetooth & devices > Add device > Bluetooth, then pick "Xbox Wireless Controller".
   Or click Connect on the "Bluetooth connection" notice Windows 11 shows. The Xbox button stays lit when paired.

4. **macOS**
   Apple menu > System Settings > Bluetooth. Click Connect next to "Xbox Wireless Controller".
   Test it under System Settings > Game Controllers. Asked for a firmware update? Do it on a Windows PC or an Xbox.

5. **Turn on gamepad mode (WoW: Forever)**
   Esc > Options > Gameplay > Gamepad. Turn on the gamepad UI. The bars switch to the controller layout.
   From the login or character screen: Menu > Options > Gamepad tab under System. In the beta it read "Gamepad (Alpha)".

6. **Retail**
   Type in chat and press Enter: /console GamePadEnable 1
   Then set your buttons under Options > Keybindings. /console GamePadEnable 0 turns it off.

7. **Change these first (Gamepad tab)**
   Show Input Legend on · Show Input Prompts on · Stick Run and Back Pedal thresholds about 0.3
   Follow Camera off if camera swing bothers you. HUD Modifier > Press to Toggle if holding LB/RB to target tires you.



Pair it once. After that it reconnects when you turn it on.

HOW THE LAYOUT THINKS

- Left stick moves, right stick turns the camera. A jumps, B cancels, X interacts, Y opens the context menu: those four never move.
- Your bars live on the D-pad and face buttons, 8 slots a bar. Hold LT, RT or both for the other three bars; LB + RB + D-pad left/right changes the set. 84 slots in all.
- Hold RB to target enemies, LB for friends and your party. Bind spells from the Spellbook (Menu > Spellbook, X = bind mode). Plan them on page 3.
- On Windows 11 a short press of the Xbox button opens Game Bar. Leave it alone while you play.
- Chat still needs a keyboard, and gamepad support is a beta: a few menus want the mouse. Dropouts over Bluetooth? Update the firmware, stay in line of sight, or use USB / the Xbox Wireless Adapter.

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BUTTON MAP

WoW: Forever gamepad mode, default layout · orange tags on the controller match the tags beside each line

MOVE AND LOOK

L stick	Left stick	Move. A little to walk, further to run.
R stick	Right stick	Camera. Aims the targeting ring while RB or LB is held.
L3	LB + RB + L3	Center the camera behind you.

FACE BUTTONS (FIXED)

A	A	Jump.
B	B	Cancel: close the window, or clear your target.
X	X	Interact with NPCs and objects. Starts auto-attack in combat.
Y	Y	Context menu: Inspect, Invite; in bags Destroy, Split Stack, Bind.

MENUS

Menu	Menu	Radial menu: Professions, Bags, Spellbook.

NO DEFAULT JOB

View	View	Blizzard's guide gives it no job. Check the input legend in game.
Share	Share	Blizzard's guide gives it no job. Check the input legend in game.
Xbox	Xbox button	Belongs to the system, not WoW. On Windows 11 it opens Game Bar.

The four face buttons on your first bar are fixed: jump, cancel, interact and context menu.

Hold a trigger and they become spell slots.

Typing in chat still needs a keyboard. Keyboard and mouse keep working alongside.

ACTION BARS

D-pad	D-pad + face buttons	8 slots per bar: D-pad on the left, face buttons on the right.
LT	Hold LT	Swap to another bar while held.
RT	Hold RT	Swap to another bar while held.
LT+RT	Hold both	The fourth bar. Four bars make one set.
LB+RB	+ D-pad left / right	Change set. Three sets, 84 slots.

TARGETING

RB	Hold RB: enemies	R stick aims. Y raid markers, A last enemy, X ranged attack, B assist.
LB	Hold LB: friends	R stick or D-pad over party/raid frames. A you, X your pet, Y markers, B assist.



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ACTION BAR PLANNER

Fillable: works in Acrobat Reader, Chrome, Edge and Preview

Type a spell or item into any box, save the PDF, print it · three sets x four bars x eight slots

SET 1 (default)

Base bar (no trigger)		Hold LT		Hold RT		Hold LT + RT	
D-pad up		D-pad up		D-pad up		D-pad up	
D-pad right		D-pad right		D-pad right		D-pad right	
D-pad down		D-pad down		D-pad down		D-pad down	
D-pad left		D-pad left		D-pad left		D-pad left	
Y	*Context menu (fixed)*	Y		Y		Y	
B	*Cancel (fixed)*	B		B		B	
A	*Jump (fixed)*	A		A		A	
X	*Interact (fixed)*	X		X		X	

SET 2 (LB + RB + D-pad left / right to reach it)

Base bar (no trigger)		Hold LT		Hold RT		Hold LT + RT	
D-pad up		D-pad up		D-pad up		D-pad up	
D-pad right		D-pad right		D-pad right		D-pad right	
D-pad down		D-pad down		D-pad down		D-pad down	
D-pad left		D-pad left		D-pad left		D-pad left	
Y	*Context menu (fixed)*	Y		Y		Y	
B	*Cancel (fixed)*	B		B		B	
A	*Jump (fixed)*	A		A		A	
X	*Interact (fixed)*	X		X		X	

SET 3 (LB + RB + D-pad left / right to reach it)

Base bar (no trigger)		Hold LT		Hold RT		Hold LT + RT	
D-pad up		D-pad up		D-pad up		D-pad up	
D-pad right		D-pad right		D-pad right		D-pad right	
D-pad down		D-pad down		D-pad down		D-pad down	
D-pad left		D-pad left		D-pad left		D-pad left	
Y	*Context menu (fixed)*	Y		Y		Y	
B	*Cancel (fixed)*	B		B		B	
A	*Jump (fixed)*	A		A		A	
X	*Interact (fixed)*	X		X		X	

Which bar each trigger opens, and the order of the sets, can be checked with Show Input Legend on. Bind from the Spellbook: Menu > Spellbook, highlight a spell, X = bind mode, then press the slot.

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