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Working with Pictures

Tools & Links

An overview of general tools for editing and working with pictures

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1. **EXISTING PHOTO EDITOR** – Your computer, tablet, smart phone or other mobile device is likely to already have a basic photo editing software or App installed on it that you could use straight away.

All devices are different, but in most cases your existing photo editing functionality can be accessed by going to the place on your computer or device where your photos are collected. This is often called a **Gallery**. To access the editing features you have available you will usually need to first select a photo in your Gallery and then click an **Edit** button or icon.

The most essential basic photo editing features are **cropping, rotating and changing brightness/contrast/colour** – these features will let you turn almost any photo into a more effective picture.

2. **APPS** – There are hundreds of Apps available for IOS and Android devices that help you to work with pictures and photos. Generally these Apps give you different ways of **editing** the look of your pictures and different ways of **sharing** your pictures using the web and social media.

Some of these Apps are free and others you might have to pay for. New Apps are being developed all the time so it is hard to keep track of what is available. Thankfully there are online magazines and tech bloggers who do this for you. The best way to find out about the latest photo Apps to is to do a Google search for something like ‘best free photo Apps’, as this will lead you to reviewers lists of the latest Apps...here are some we have found for you:

- Tech Radar – 10 Best iPhone camera and photo editing apps (2015) – <http://www.techradar.com/news/phone-and-communications/mobile-phones/best-iphone-camera-and-photo-editing-apps-1187186>
- Creative Bloq – 35 Best photo apps for iPhone, iPad and Android (2015)– <http://www.creativebloq.com/design-tools/best-photo-apps-513764>

Here are some popular photo Apps that you might find useful:



Instagram – Mobile photo sharing & social networking service that lets you add filters and effects to your photos and share them with a large online community of



Hipstamatic –Vintage camera tool lets you add retro filters and effects to your photos.



Fotor – Online photo design and editing tool that lets you edit photos, add filters, frames, texts and stickers and create collages.



Caption Distraction – App that allows you easily add comic-book style speech/thought bubbles and stickers to

3. TIPS & GUIDENCE – The Internet is full of advice, tips and tricks for taking better photos and working with pictures on mobile devices.

- National Geographic – [Tips for taking better camera phone pictures](#)

- BBC Web Wise – [How can I take and share photos on my mobile phone or tablet device?](#)
- Tech Radar – [Smart phone Photography Tips & Tricks](#)
- Kodak – [Top 10 tips for great pictures](#)