



Apps & Tips for Mobile Photography
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“Tips & Techniques for Having Fun with Camera Phone Photography”)

NOTES/TIPS:

-Check settings for new apps – **Check the default resolution size.** You may want to increase or decrease the size; for example, in AutoStitch, you can crash the app if trying to use the maximum resolution, especially if you are stitching a lot of images; so, you might start with a smaller resolution. There may also be default settings re where to put your finished image, etc.

-Editing Workflow – **The order in which you use the apps and edit an image is important.** Think it through; i.e., you want to fix the overall exposure of an image (or parts of an image) before applying a texture; or, another example, you would use a blur effect before applying a texture or text, so the texture or text are not blurred; etc. **In this document, I have listed the apps in order of how they might be used.**

-Create time-lapse videos – Use the new Time-Lapse setting on the iPhone. Simple to use. Touch the button to start the video and touch the button to stop the video. As you record your video, the app determines how many frames to capture depending on how long the video is recording with the end result being a video that is 20 to 40 seconds long at 30 frames per second. For an easy-to-understand explanation of how this works, go to <http://www.studioneat.com/blogs/main/15467765-how-does-the-ios-8-time-lapse-feature-work>. Really interesting article! Or, you can use Hyperlapse – see list below.

-For the person who has everything: Wirelessly print photos from your iPhone after editing using the Instax Printer. Prints are 2.4” x 1.8”. Printer costs approx. \$220.00 (\$179 at B&H online), plus \$22 for film (20 exposures) (\$18.99 at B&H).

-Photo Equipment for Camera Phones – Check out your local photography store or online (B&H, Amazon, Adorama, etc.) and Photojojo. You can find lenses, ring lights, pocket spotlights, wireless shutter remotes, wireless pocket flashes, tripod adapters and much more. Try the GLIF tripod adapter which is adjustable to fit the iPhone 6, iPhone 6 Plus AND according to Photojojo, it will also hold an Android phone.

-Learn how to use your apps. Pick a camera app and take the time to learn how to use it. Get to know your apps for editing as well. You can find information and tutorials for most apps online.

APPS:

App Name	Primary Use	Android Equivalent
<u>Shooting Apps</u>		
Manual Camera-Custom Exposure & Controls by KendiTech	User can control focus, exposure, ISO, shutter speed, and more.	
Camera Awesome	Separate points for focus and exposure. Can adjust White Balance.	Camera Awesome
VSCO Cam	Separate points for focus and exposure. Can adjust White Balance. Manually adjust focus, shutter speed, exposure comp and ISO.	
TrueHDR	For taking HDR images (2) and/or for using existing bracketed images and combining (i.e., images taken with BracketMode)	Try Snap Camera HDR or Best HDR Camera
Hipstamatic	Takes images with filters to make it look as if the images were taken with an antique film camera	Retro Camera
6x6	Take square image w/white border; a “reminder of the old 6cm (2-1/4”) square medium format image.	Retro cam 6x6
Camera+	Has Burst Mode, a Self-Timer, and a Stabilizer – For editing, there are filters, including a Clarity filter that works well	
ShowShutter	Use to take images with a slower shutter speed	
AutoStitch	See Editing Apps	
645 Pro Mk III	Really techie camera app – Like having a DSLR in your phone	
Hyperlapse	For making time-lapse videos. Can use handheld or while moving. App has automatic video stabilization. App can speed up your video to be up to 12x the speed.	Lapse It (does not have the stabilization feature at the present time)

<u>Editing Apps – Basic</u>	Primary Use	Android Equivalent
Snapseed	GREAT editing app – can use on iPhone or iPad – user-friendly – One can edit a portion of an image or make global adjustments, including: Brightness, Contrast, Saturation, White Balance, or Ambiance. You can also crop or straighten an image; and, sharpen. There are filters to make photos b/w, vintage, HDR-like, and grunge. There’s a tilt-shift adjustment and a new retro-look filter. You can also add frames.	Snapseed
TouchRetouch	REALLY COOL app for removing distracting elements or cloning to fill in gaps left on edges of stitched images	Touch or Retouch
PicTapGo	Pick your photo, Tap and add a few effects, and Go – Share your photo. Photo effects and filters. Can crop and/or straighten an image as well.	
PhotoToaster	Image editor with lots of preset effects and custom options; also has borders and texture overlays and much more; can save image and add more edits	
Simply HDR	Takes one image and makes an HDR-like image – lots of styles and can adjust strength, etc.	Try Snap Camera HDR or Best HDR Camera
<u>Editing Apps – Intermediate</u>		
Juxtaposer	Work in layers – can combine objects from multiple images	Try Image Editor
AutoStitch	Create panoramic images by stitching them together – can shoot a panorama or use existing images (can use this with BracketMode to create a stitched HDR image)	AutoStitch Panorama Pro
OutColor 2	Really cool editing app to create out-of-bounds effect with your images – take contents of your image outside of the boundaries which gives a 3D appearance. Four steps – Background (solid or gradient or use another image), Frame, Foreground, and Shadow. There is a tutorial to help you.	

Editing Apps – Filters/Fun	Primary Use	Android Equivalent
Matter	Add 3D effects and/or objects to your photos and can make still photos or video loops.	Fragment app does prismatic photo effects.
Vintage	Lots of filters to alter your images	
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LensLight	Add light flares and bokeh to your images	
ColorStrokes	Make a b/w image out of your photo, then add back color where you want it – using color from image or adding color of your choice	
ToonPaint	Smart-painting app that turns your images into cartoon-like paintings – worth it to pay the extra \$.99 in order to get the “one button” colorizer	ToonPaint
MobileMonet	Generates a black and white sketch of your image; then, you can paint onto the sketch; the more you brush, the more paint is applied; and you can adjust vibrance and brightness as well as color shades	
SketchMee	Make pencil or chalk drawings out of your images – lots of fun	
BrushStroke	Turn your photos into paintings with one touch and many painting styles.	BrushStrokes
Waterlogue	Turn your photos into watercolor images with pre-set styles.	Photo Painter Free
BubbleFrame	Great fun to do a scrapbook-type image – can add more than one bubble/circle and insert images or backgrounds – lots of backgrounds to choose from or can use your own images	Similar apps could be Photo Editor Ultimate or Photo Grid HD
FotoRus	Makes collages of your images	
Pho.to Lab	Almost 500 effects for your photos including photo montages, photo effects, frames, holiday e-card templates and collages for multiple photos	Pho.to Lab
Martha Stewart Craft Studio	Make digital scrapbook pages, cards, invitations, thank you notes, and other items on your iPad. When you’re finished, you can print at home, email to friends, or upload to Snapfish for printing.	

<u>Photo Borders/Frames</u>	Primary Use	Android Equivalent
Diptic	Can layout multiple images	Photoshake
FrameMagic	Layout multiple images – choose style of frame – change color and size of frame/borders	
FrameUrLife	Layout multiple images – lots of templates from which to choose – premade templates to use also	
PhotoBorders	Add borders to your images – plain, grunge, decorative – can change color of borders	
InstaCollage	Fun templates to choose from in order to do layouts of multiple images	
<u>Editing Apps – Text</u>		
Impression	Great for one-line text – i.e., placing a watermark on your images	iWatermark (for Android and iPhone/iPad)
A+ Signature	Can use to place multi-line text on images – great for quotes, etc.	A+ Signature Lite
Phonto	Fun app to add text – lots of fonts and styles from which to choose	Phonto is available however the features are not equivalent to that for the iPhone
Textmatic	Use to add text – lot of styles and fonts	
<u>Other Photography Related Apps</u>		
Instagram	Social media site for sharing your iPhone/iPad (and other) images – square format – can be used as a camera app and use their filters – or upload images you edit on your phone – or use existing image and use their filters – Follow other photographers and comment on their images	
Shutterfly	Make and order photo books directly from your device	Shutterfly
KeepShot	Make and order photo books directly from your iPad	
Postagram	Make and send a photo postcard	Postagram
Flipagram	Make short video stories using your photos and music from your device	Flipagram
Squareready	Use this app to post your entire photo on Instagram without having to crop into a square	Square Droid

<u>Other Photography Related apps continued:</u>	Primary Use	Android Equivalent
iResize	Use to resize your iPhone or iPad images without bringing image to the computer – Make files smaller directly on your device before sending image via text or email or for posting on Facebook. A must-have if using BracketMode and TrueHDR and AutoStitch (AutoStitch requires the images to be the same pixel size and sometimes the size changes when using BracketMode and/or TrueHDR)	Reduce Photo Size
PhotoSize	Calculates and displays the pixel dimensions of your images – a must-have if using BracketMode and TrueHDR and AutoStitch	
PhotoTransfer	Great app for transferring images quickly and effortlessly to/from iPhone, iPad, and computer	PhotoTransfer
BabySoothe	Plays water (and other sounds) – can place this under a blanket to calm baby while taking portrait	
Sunrise, Sunset	Calculates the times of sunrise and sunset – you can also calculate the location of the sun at any given time of day – helpful when planning an outdoor photo shoot at a specific location	

Other Android Apps:

AfterFocus Pro	Camera Fun Pro
Camera Zoom FX	DMD Pano
FXCamera	Little Photo
Paper Camera	PhotoFunia
Photo Painter Free	Photoshop Express
Painter Mobile	Oil Paint
PicCollage	PicsArt Photo Studio
Pic Say Pro	Pocketbooth
PRO Pic Paint	Retro Camera
Stacker Pro	Camera 360 Ultimate

*Note re Android Apps – My information comes from several websites. I do not have an Android phone and have not used or tested any of these apps. I hope you find the apps easily and user-friendly!

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