

PHOTO APPS with Abby Bellard

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When choosing my photo apps the things that I check for are:

Image resolution

File Management

***All of the apps on this list shoot in large file format.**

Case in point is Instagram- a great app, but you can only share via facebook, or the instagram web site.

Some of these apps are free but most come with extras that can be purchased.

Simple Editing

Snapseed – Free mobile and has desktop interface

CameraBag 2 - Free

When I started shooting photos with my iPhone, this was the first app I liked using because it re-created the different types of film emulsions that I shot with during the days of film. I used to shoot with a variety of Kodachrome film emulsions, beginning with Kodachrome II and following with 25, 64, and finally 200. I found the setting on the app to be a very close proxy to the look I used to get with film. Other settings I like to use include Instant, which mimics a Polaroid SX-70, and 1974, which reminds me again of Kodachrome II. This iPhone app is ideal for going after subtle and subdued colors. The built-in presets have done all the work for you.

Photocat – Free

From snap to share, Photocat is an all-in-one app for editing, collage making and everything else needed to make your photos more stunning. Life just got easier with no more switching in-between apps

ColorSplash - \$1.99

ColorSplash has been around for a while, but it's still one of the most popular apps available today. The app converts any image that's imported from your library to black and white giving you control over which details retain their color. Create your next masterpiece in landscape or portrait mode with four different brushes (transparent, opaque, hard or soft edged) and immediately share upon completion to Facebook, Twitter or Flickr. Video tutorials are embedded within the app if you get stuck along the way.

Diptic - 99¢

Putting together photos on the iPad and iPhone isn't actually that easy, Diptic fixes this by doing it for you.

Hipstamatic - \$1.99

This app imitates old school toy cameras, complete with the low-tech plastic lenses, external flash attachments and film choice, each providing their own set of medium-format photos that results in blurred subjects, weird color effects and interesting vignettes. Inspired by the Kodak Instamatic camera, this application puts computerized filters over your regular iPhone camera to make your photos look like the aged and beautifully flawed medium-format photos.

TiltShift Generator - Free but full version - 99¢

With a DSLR You can achieve this effect using a tilt-shift lens—or a Lensbaby on a camera—but this app makes it simple to create the same effect using your iPhone. I like the elegance and design of the controls. You can adjust the amount of blur, contrast, brightness, and vignetting to your liking.

Intermediate Editing

Photoshop Express – Free

This app provides simple and advanced video editing features to help users make adjustments, crop photos, etc. by just swiping and dragging your finger across the screen. If you decide to buy the extra Adobe Camera Pack, you get additional features, like the ability to eliminate the digital noise that occurs in low light situations.

Filterstorm - \$3.99

This app has a complete set of powerful, essential image editing tools that rival desktop image editors, including layers and blending.

iPhoto - \$4.99

Great for Browsing, edit, and sharing your photos from your iPad, iPhone or iPod touch, good for very simple edits.

Shooting

Camera+ - \$0.99

What I like about this app is that it will split up the focus and exposure points. The focus point will make the camera adjust the image to your center point, slightly blurring out the rest of the image. As you drag the exposure box around, the lighting on your image will change (the extremes are too dark or too washed out). I use this feature quite frequently to get the right amount of light balance on my photos.

Camera Awesome - Free

While you get access to all of the main shooting and editing features of Camera Awesome with the initial free download, you only get nine free filters without paying for extras.

Syncing Photos from all devices

Photosync - \$1.99

Tired of hardwiring your iPad to another device to sync up all your photos? Then PhotoSync might be the perfect tool for you. It allows users to share photos between all your devices, including computers, iPods, iPhones, and iPads, or upload them to the net for sharing on Dropbox, Flickr, or an FTP-server. With over 180 5-star reviews in the app store, PhotoSync is RAW + JPEG friendly and even allows any computer on your Wi-Fi network to look at photos via a web browser. Lastly, if you're Wi-Fi is down, no problem; it runs on Bluetooth as well! Definitely a must have iPad app.

Online Photo Editing

Photoshop Express www.photoshop.com

PicMonkey www.picmonkey.com

Pixlr www.pixlr.com

Snapseed www.snapseed.com/

Apps for File Storage –

I tend to stay away from iphoto on my computer so I use this app to store all my photos from my phone.

<http://www.carbonite.com/> - \$59 year

This works as well:

www.dropbox.com - 2 GB **free** - earn up to 16 GB of additional space by referring your friends to Dropbox.

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Some great sites

<http://tinyclollective.com/>

<http://www.iphoneography.com/>

<http://www.artofiphoneography.com/>

<http://lifeinlofi.com/>