

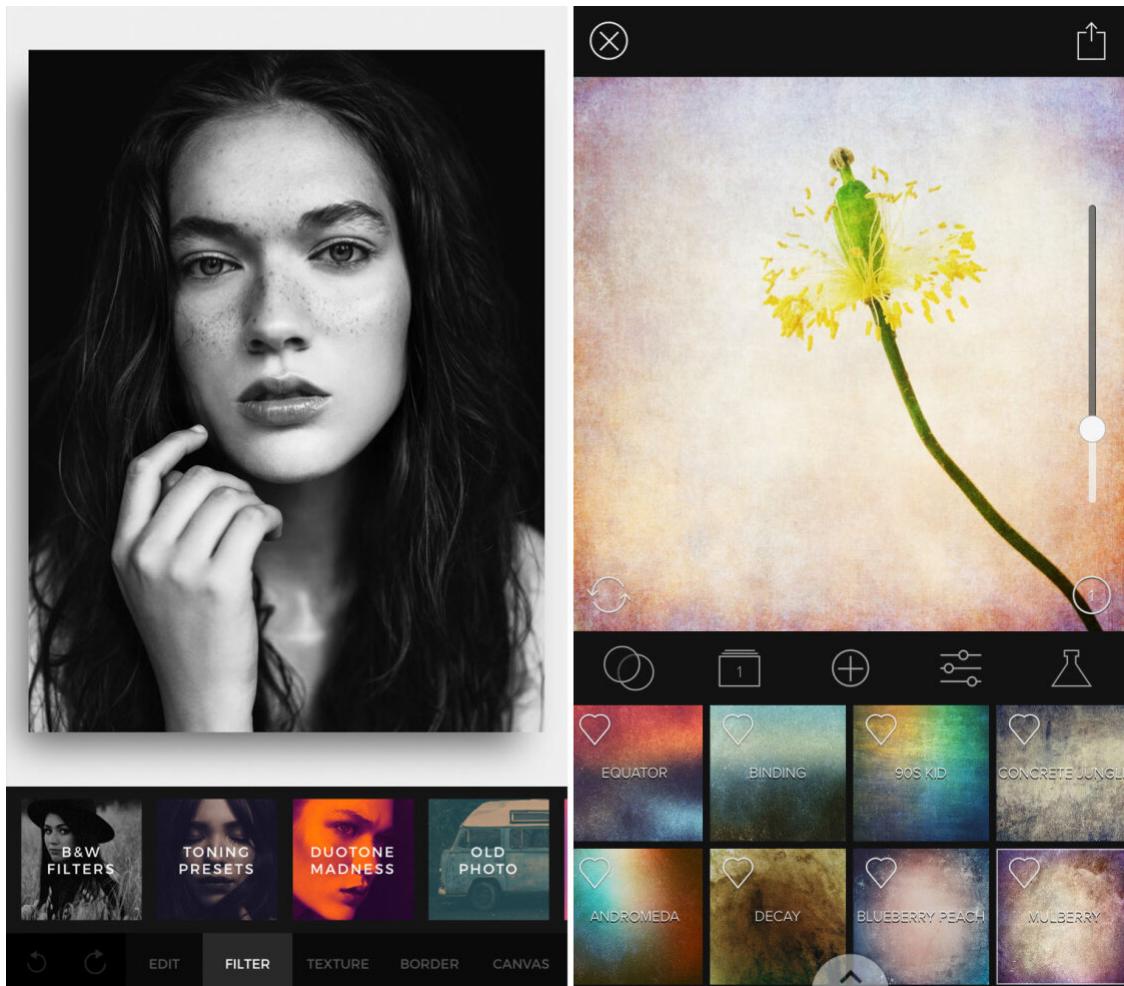
The 10 Best Photo Editing Apps For iPhone (2021 Edition)

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What are the best photo editing apps for enhancing your iPhone photos? With so many apps to choose from, how do you know which ones to use? In this article, you'll discover the 10 best photo editor apps for iPhone. And we'll help you choose the right photo editing apps for your needs.

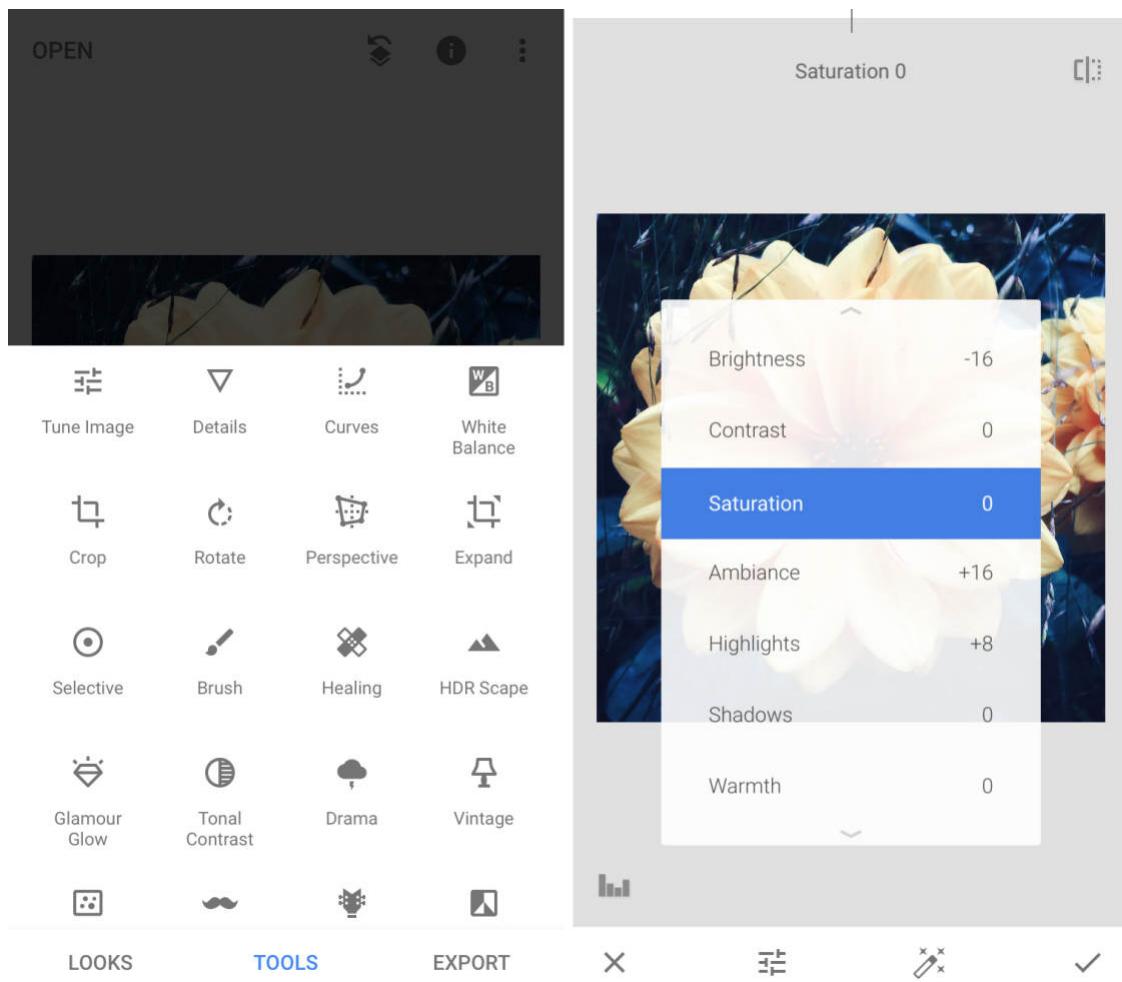


1. Snapseed

Best For: Everyday photo editing

- Huge range of editing tools, yet very easy to use
- Exposure, color, and sharpening adjustments
- Crop, rotate, straighten, and perspective correction
- Selective adjustments and healing tool
- Black & white, vintage, and texture filters
- Portrait enhancement, lens blur, and vignette
- Double exposure, frames, and text

- Price: FREE



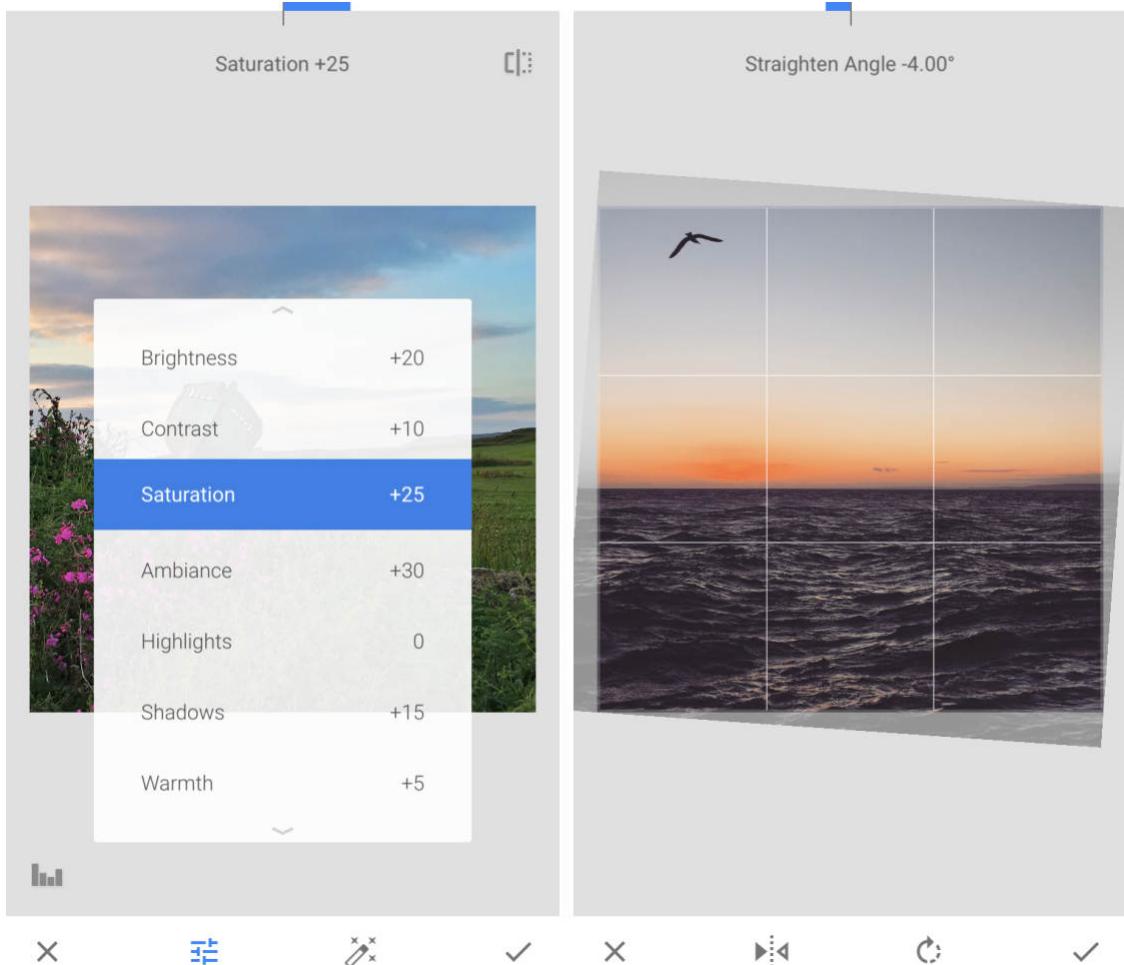
Snapseed is one of the most popular iPhone photo editing apps.

Why?

Because it's easy to use, even though it offers a powerful collection of editing tools. It's also completely free to download and use!

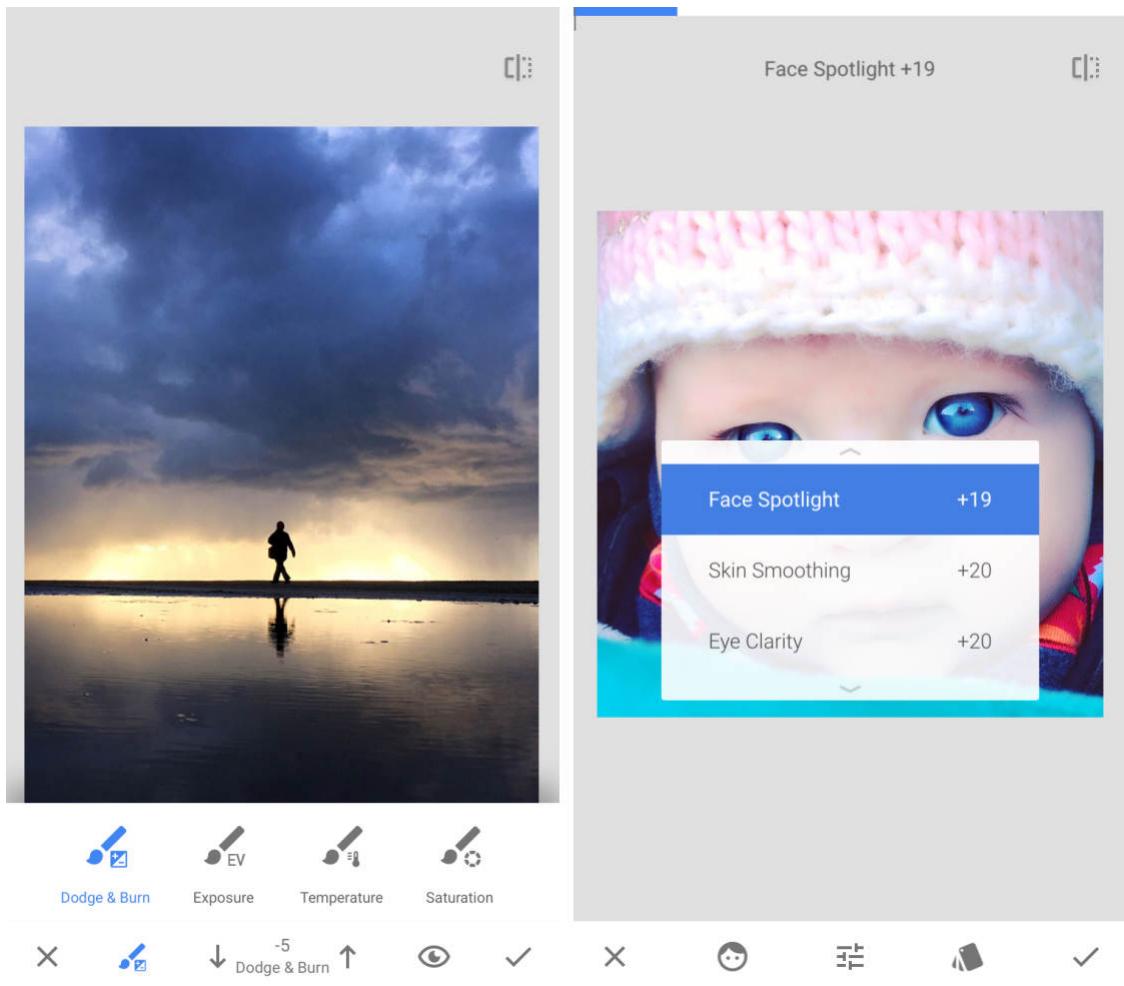
This photo editor app is suitable for both beginners and experienced iPhone photographers.

With Snapseed, you can easily improve exposure, color, and sharpness. And you can crop, rotate and straighten images.



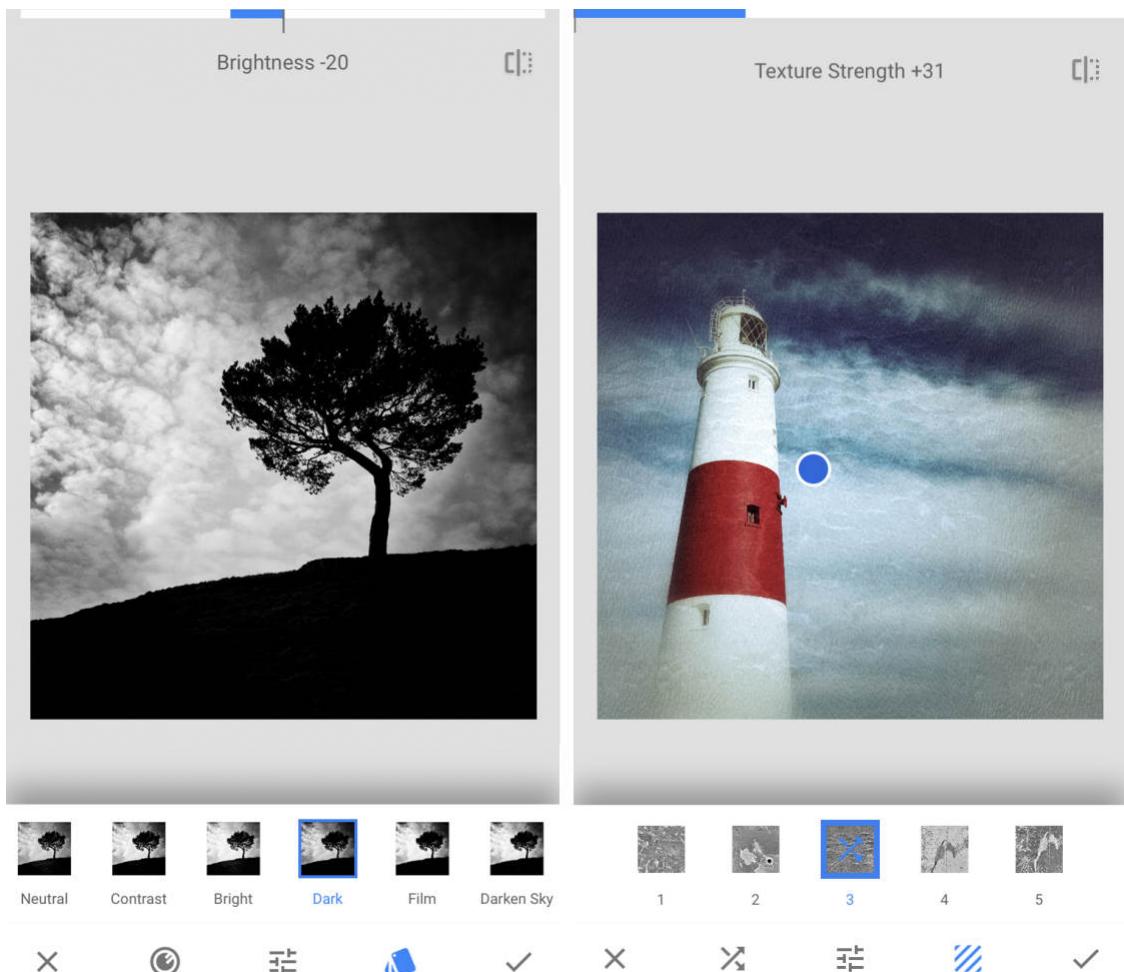
Selective tools and brushes allow you to edit just certain parts of your image. And the healing tool is great for removing objects from your photos.

The Portrait tool is perfect for creating flawless portrait photos with smooth skin and sparkling eyes.



Snapseed also has preset filters for creating different moods in your photos.

Filters make it easy to convert your photos to black and white or create a vintage look with textures.



If you're new to iPhone photography, Snapseed should be the first photo editor app you download. With this app, you'll be able to create stunning edits that will dramatically improve your images.

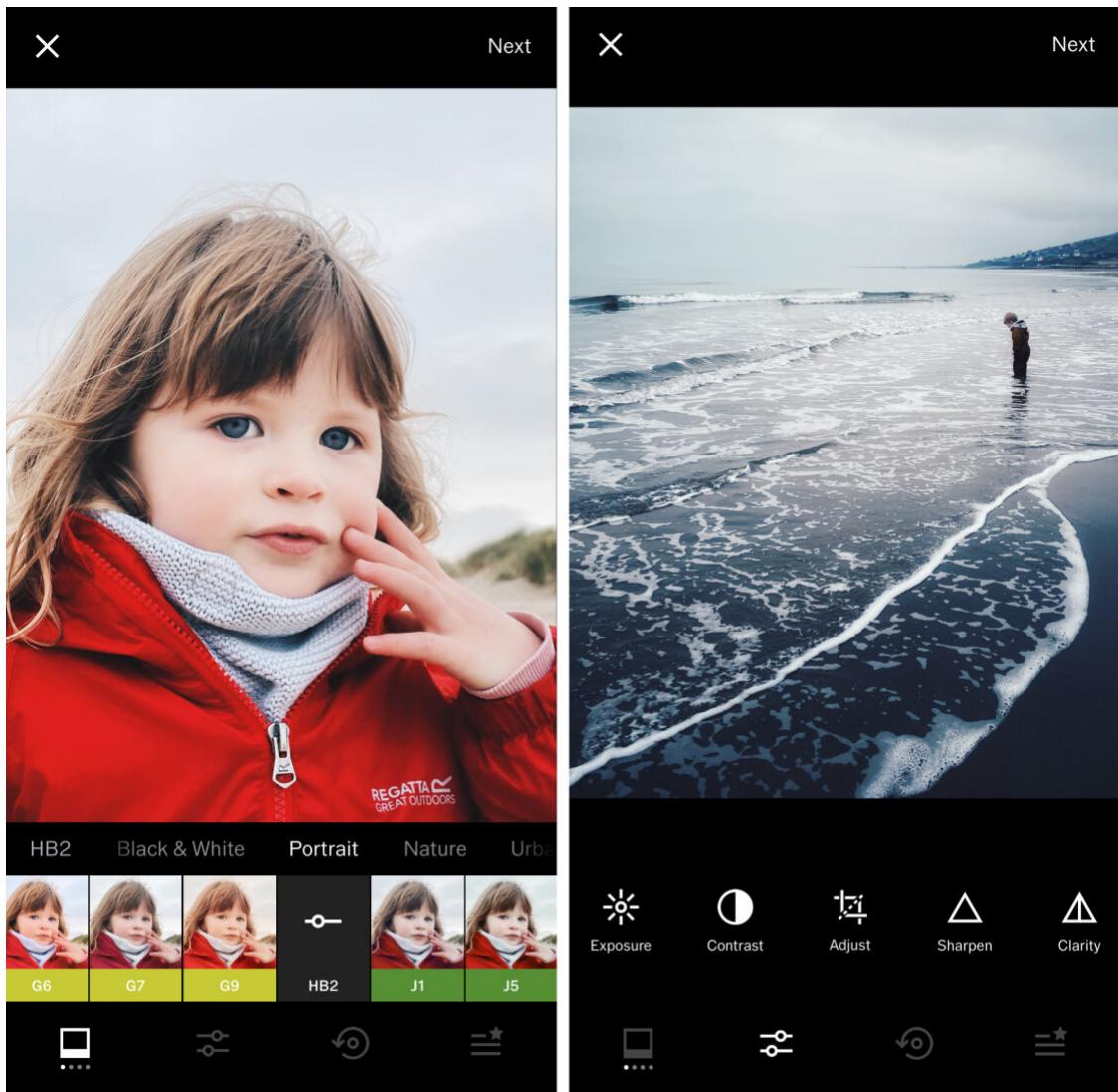
[Snapseed is available for FREE from the App Store.](#) Unlike many other photo editing apps, there are no extra in-app purchases to pay for.

[Learn how to use this amazing app in our Snapseed photo editing tutorial.](#)

2. VSCO

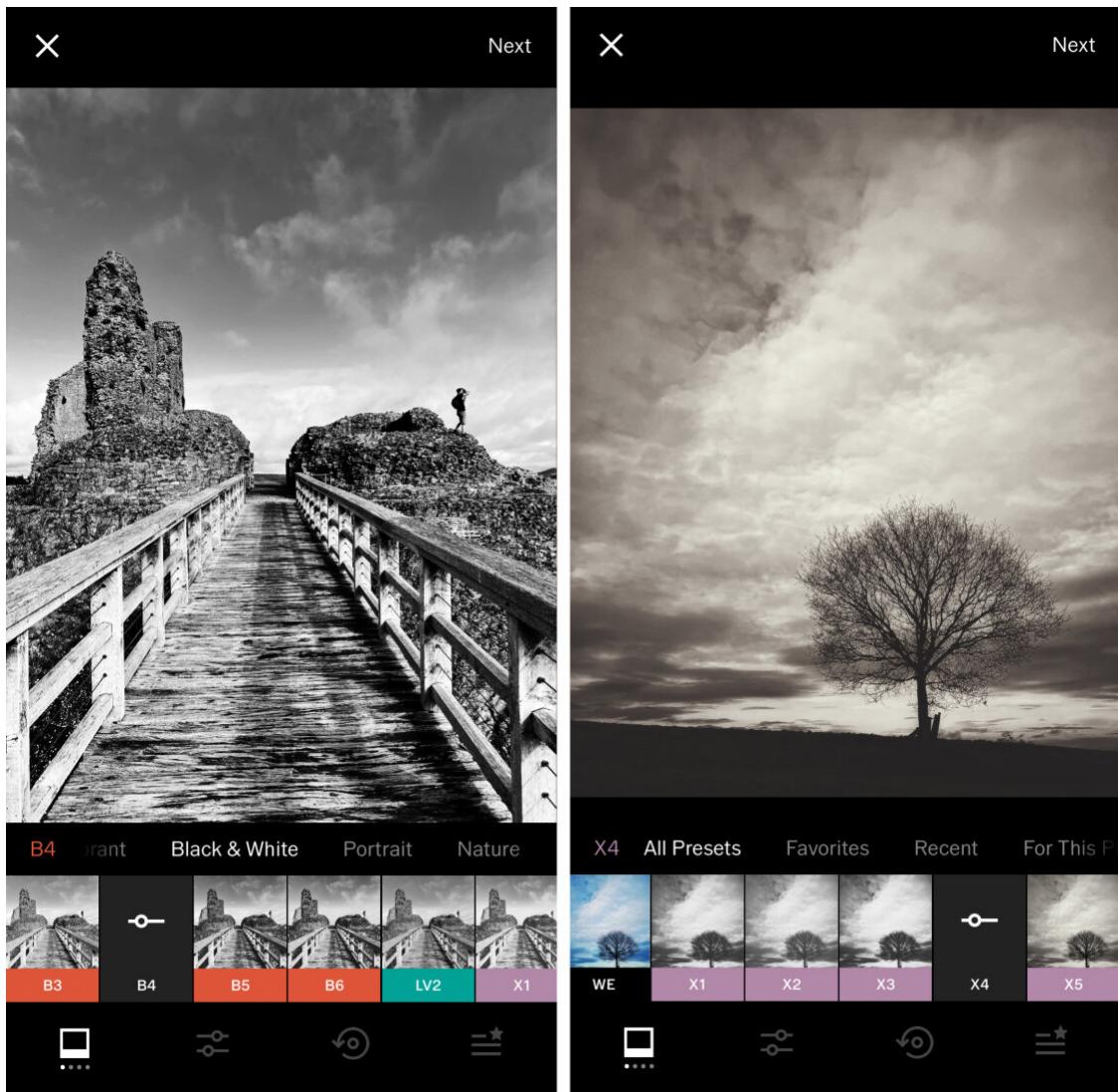
Best For: Creating beautiful edits with elegant filters

- Subtle one-tap preset filters that create the look of classic film
- Adjustable filter strength
- 200+ filters to create different looks in your photos
- Editing tools for tweaking exposure, color, and sharpness
- Filters and editing tools can be used to edit videos
- Price: FREE (subscription fee for full collection of filters and editing tools)



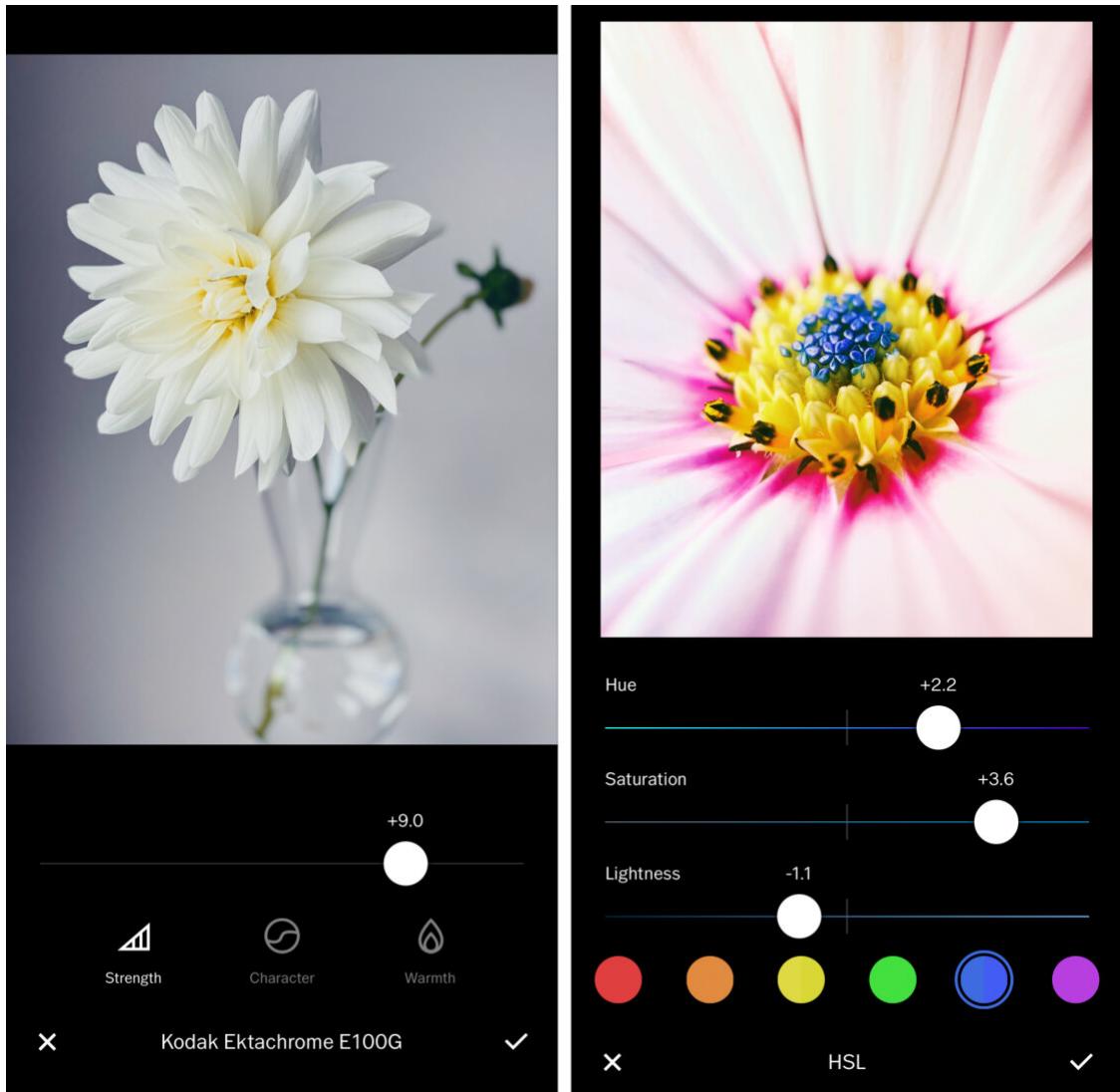
VSCO (pronounced *visco*) is another fantastic photo editing app. In fact, it's one of the best photo filter apps for iPhone.

The vast collection of VSCO preset filters allow you to create the look of classic film in your iPhone photos. These filters are perfect for adding a vintage feel to your images.



Unlike other apps where the filters can be overpowering, VSCO filters are subtle. Many of them have a soft, faded look for beautifully understated edits.

You can adjust the strength of the filters to suit your taste. And you can fine-tune color and exposure using the editing tools.



You can also use the same filters and editing tools to edit videos on your iPhone.

VSCO is **FREE** to download from the App Store. It comes with 10 free filters and a set of photo editing tools.

You can access the full range of over 200 filters, as well as additional editing tools, by subscribing to VSCO X membership (\$19.99 a year).



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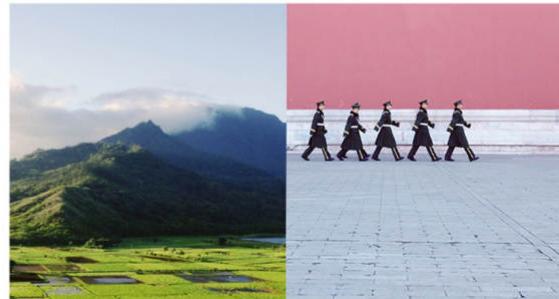
Try it out



The Low Contrast Valence series (V5 - V8) expands the tonal range of your images. This preset pack includes a broad range of low-contrast looks, ideal for still-lifes, portraits, and urban settings.

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Learn how to use VSCO with our in-depth tutorials:

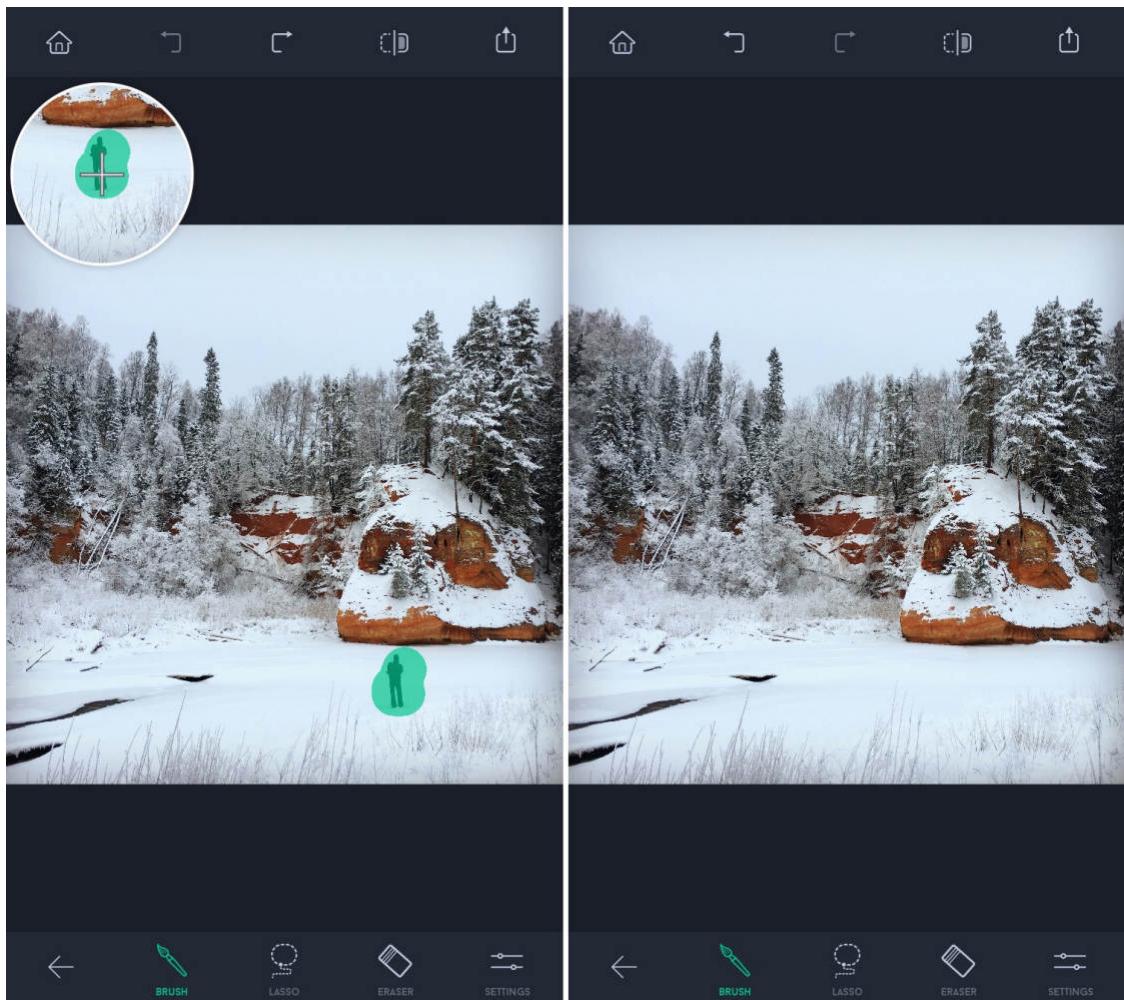
[VSCO App Tutorial: How To Shoot & Edit Beautiful iPhone Photos](#)

[How To Use VSCO Filters To Create Beautiful iPhone Photos](#)

3. TouchRetouch

Best For: Removing unwanted objects from your photos

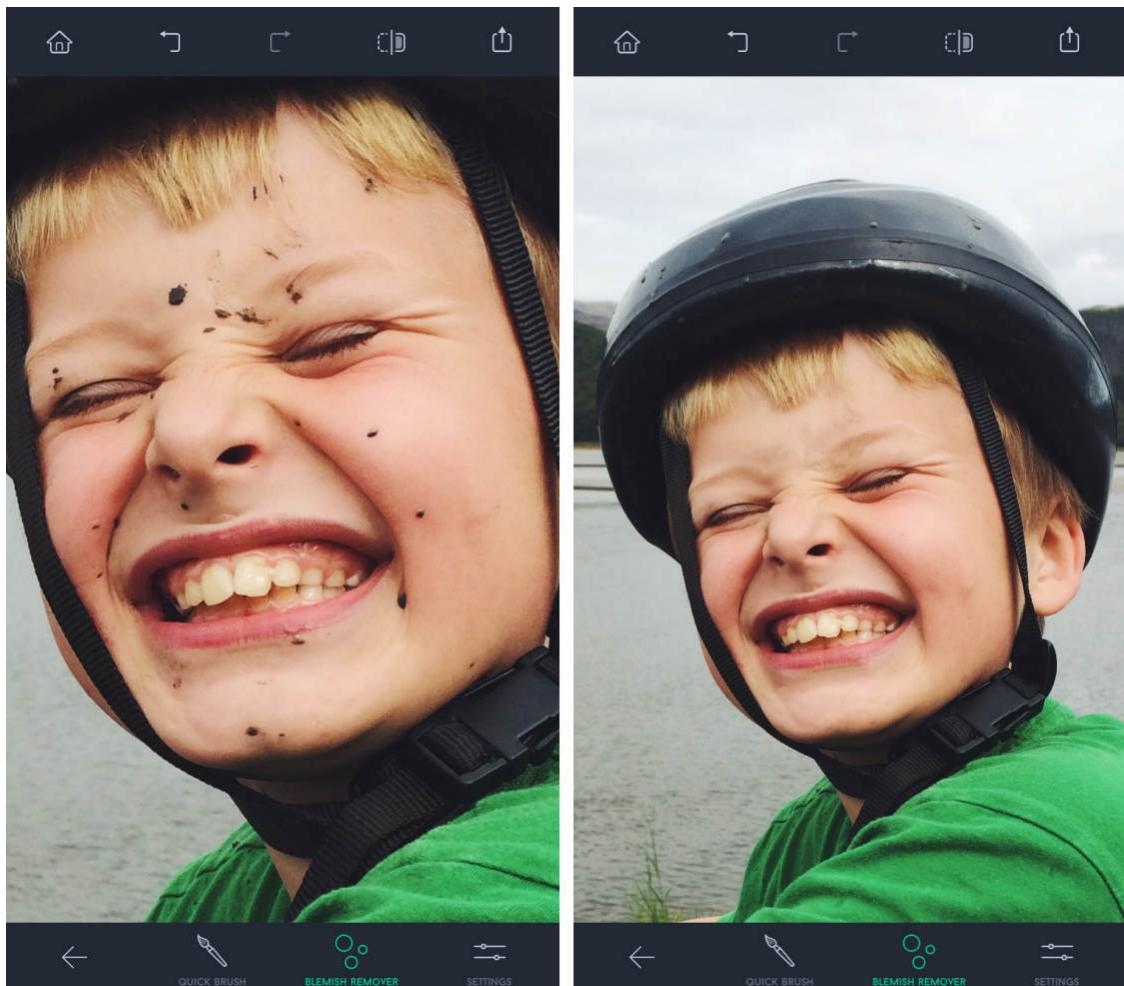
- Quickly remove unwanted objects for a cleaner composition
- Brush and lasso tools for accurate object selection
- Remove dust spots, wires, people, and other objects
- Remove blemishes and smooth out wrinkles in portrait photos
- Duplicate objects using the clone tool
- Price: \$1.99



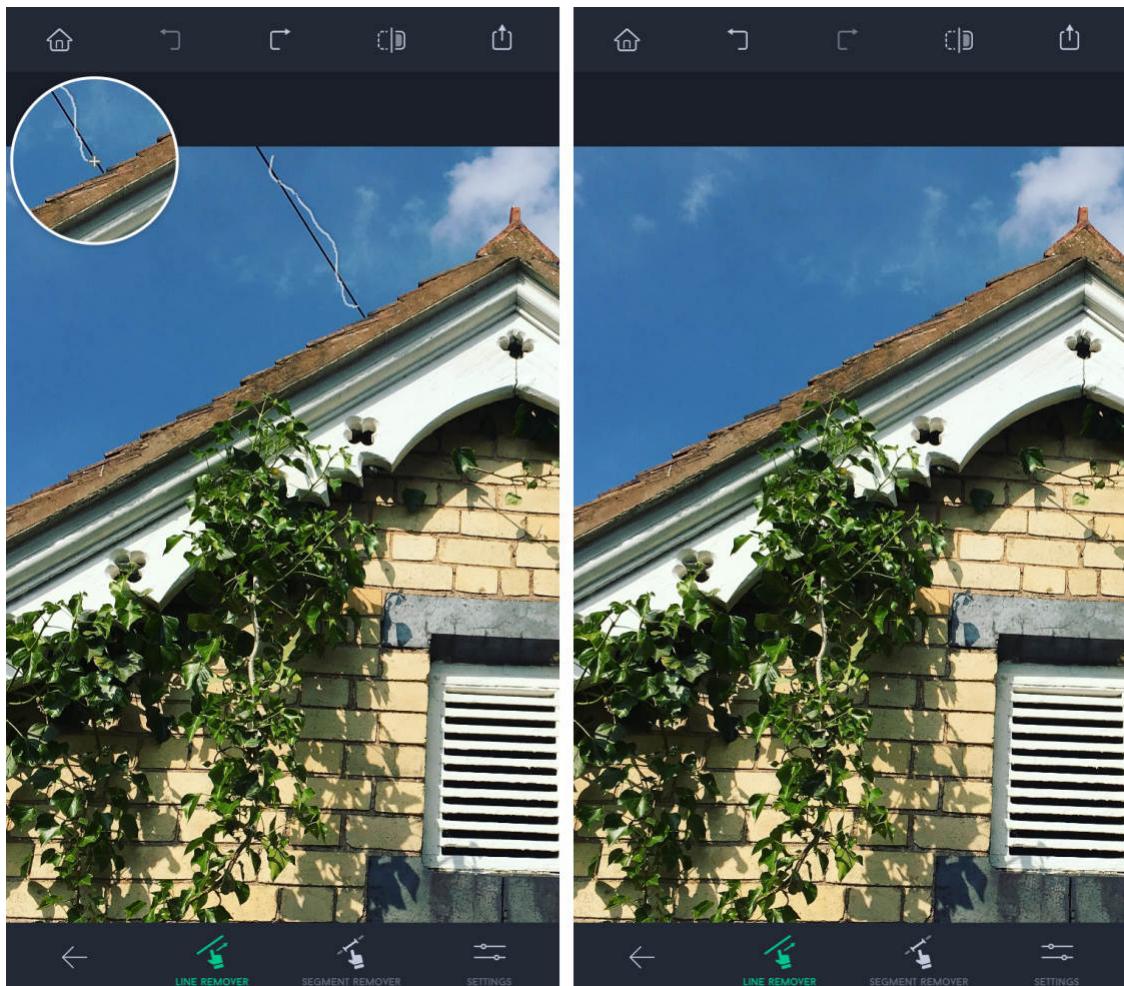
Many photoshop apps have tools for removing objects from a photo. But this is the sole purpose of TouchRetouch. And it's still one of the easiest and most effective apps for removing unwanted elements from your photos.

Simply use your finger to highlight the object you want to remove... then watch the object disappear! The app automatically replaces the selected object with pixels from the surrounding area.

The Blemish Remover tool is perfect for creating flawless portrait photos.



And the Line Removal tool makes it easy to remove electricity cables from your image.



It might take a few attempts to remove complex elements. But TouchRetouch makes it easy to start over if you're not happy with the results.

[TouchRetouch is available for \\$1.99 on the App Store.](#)

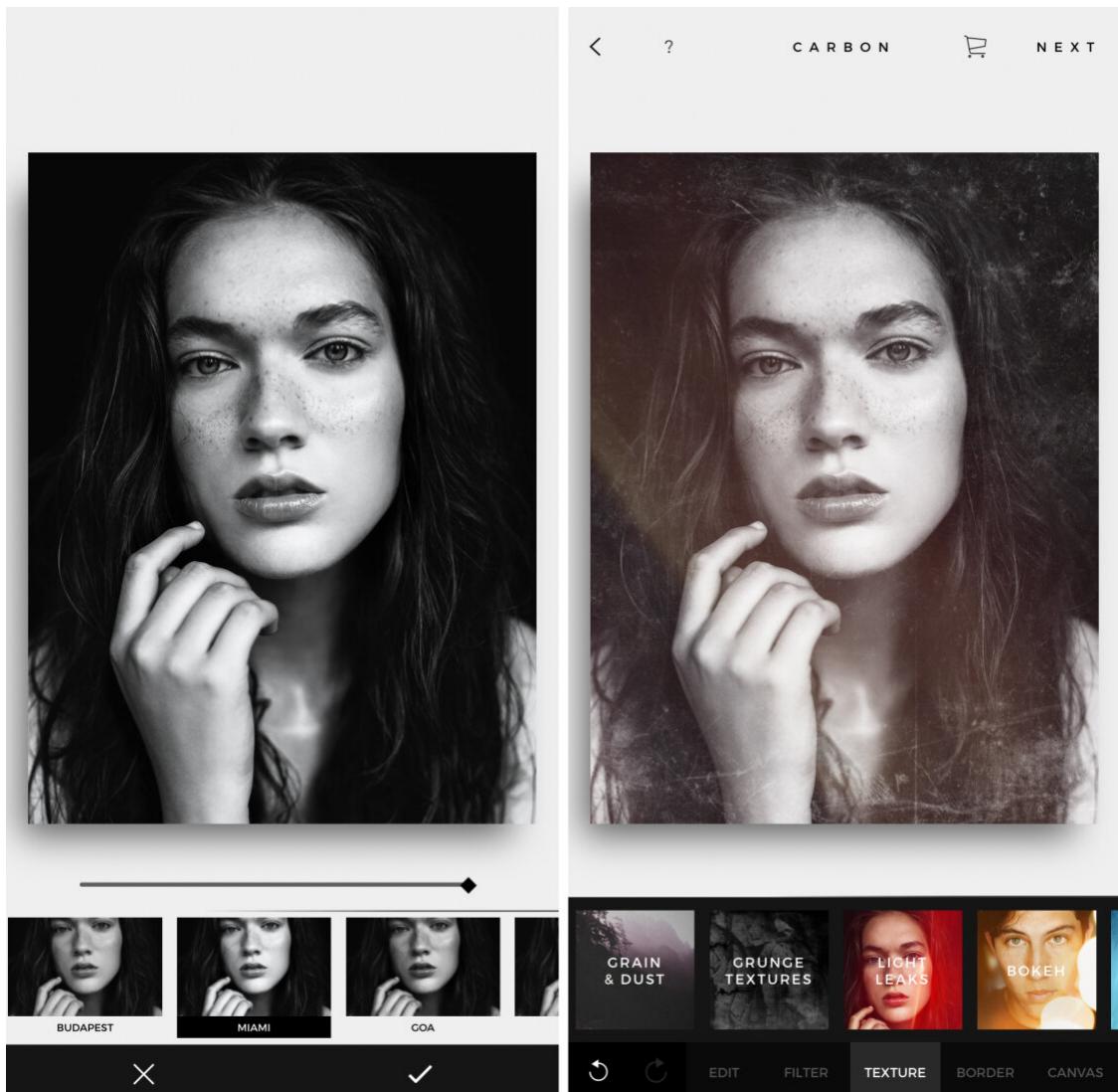
[Click here for the ultimate guide to removing objects from your photos with TouchRetouch.](#)

[Or click here to discover more of the best photo retouch apps!](#)

4. Carbon

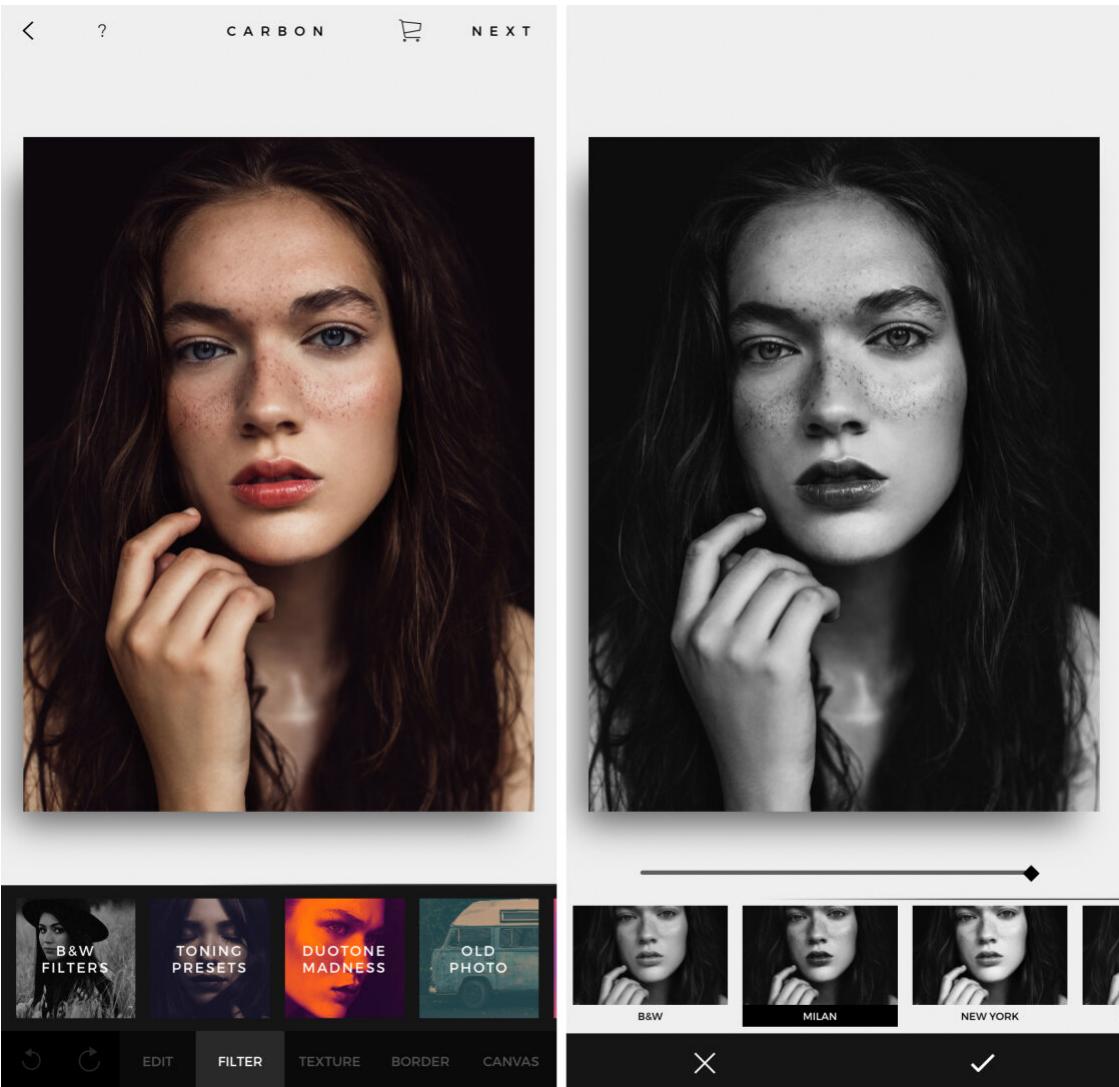
Best For: Creating stunning black & white photos

- 58 one-tap black & white filters
- Adjustable filter strength
- Textures for creating vintage-style photos
- Light leaks and bokeh effects
- Subtle and artistic color effects
- Editing tools for adjusting light and color
- Price: FREE (in-app purchases for additional filters and tools)



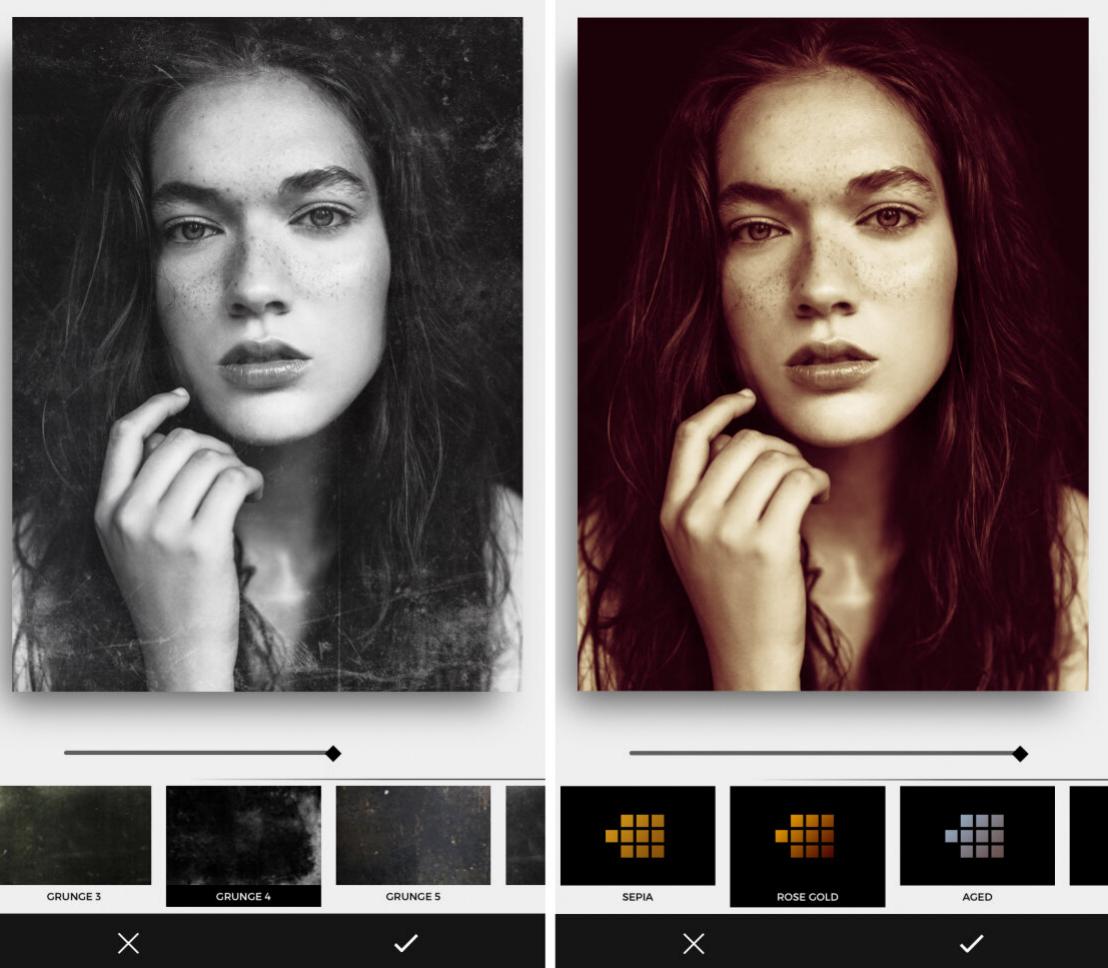
Do you want to create beautiful black and white iPhone photos? Then Carbon is the perfect app for you.

With a single tap, you can turn a color photo into a stunning black and white image.

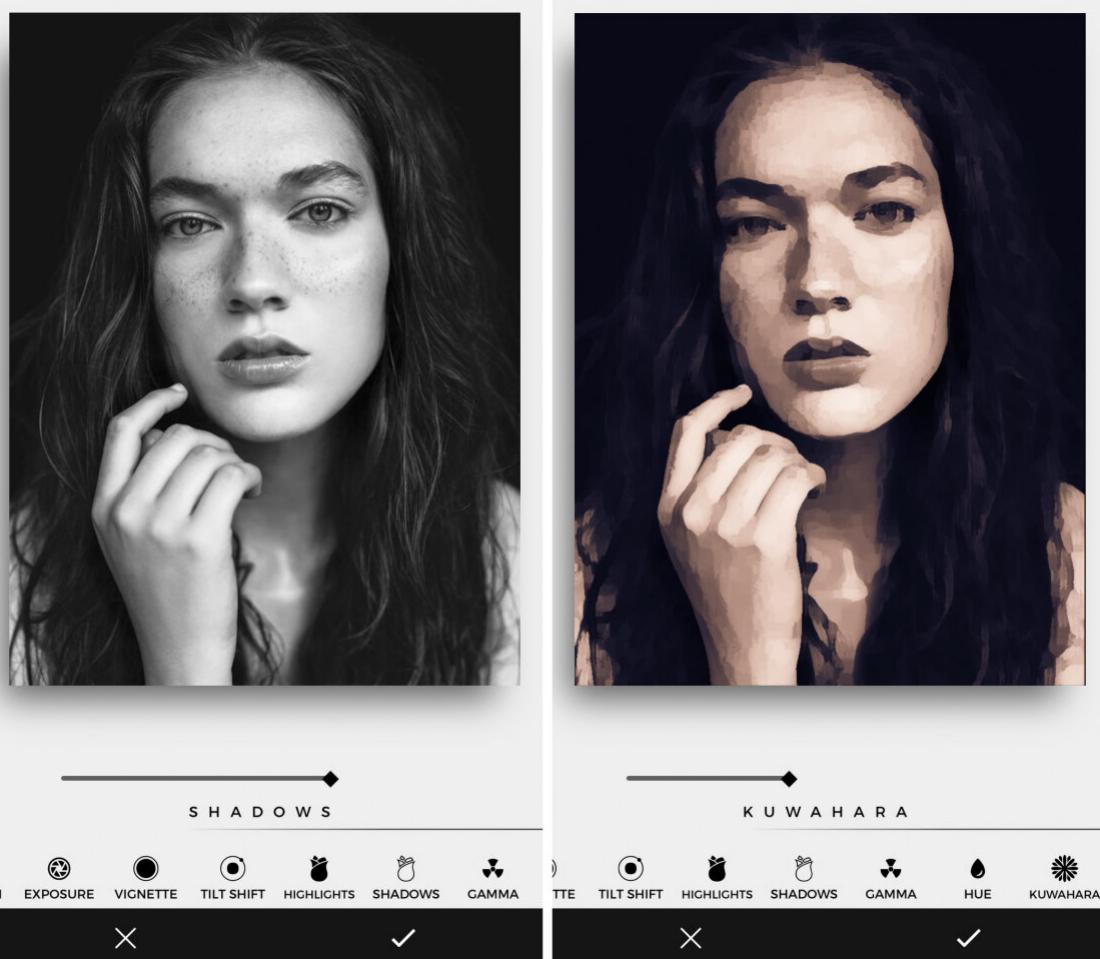


Carbon has 58 preset filters with different black and white effects. So you can always find a style to suit your photo.

The app has filters for creating unique vintage effects, such as grungy textures, grain, light leaks, and bokeh. You can also add different colors to your image – from subtle sepia tones to vibrant color effects.



In addition to the one-tap presets, Carbon has a set of editing tools for fine-tuning color and exposure. You can even create a painterly effect with the “Kuwahara” tool.



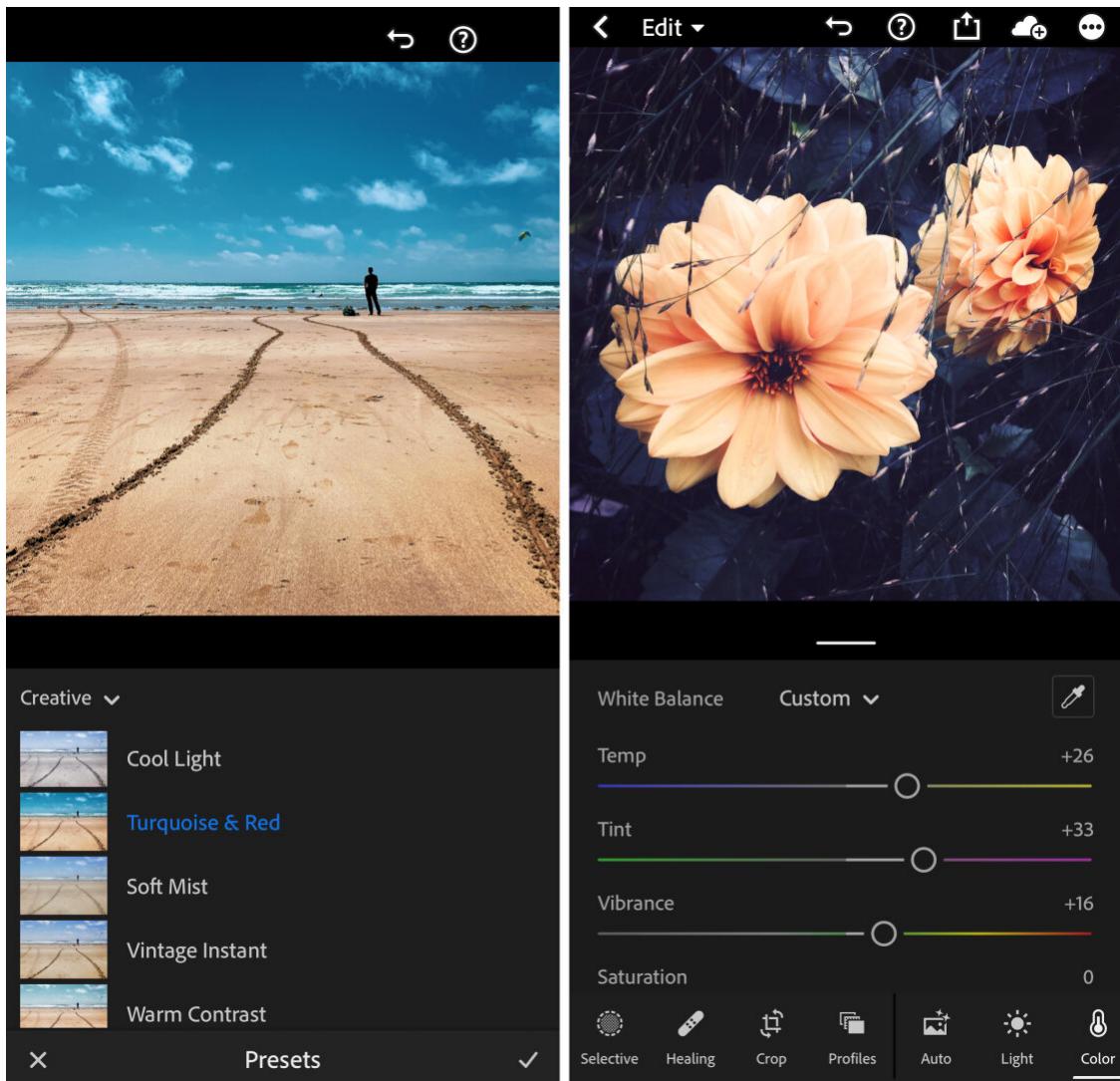
If you want to create gorgeous black and white photos, you can't go wrong with Carbon. The tools are easy to use, and the results always look great.

[Carbon is FREE to download from the App Store.](#) But you'll need to pay to access the full range of filters and effects.

5. Adobe Lightroom

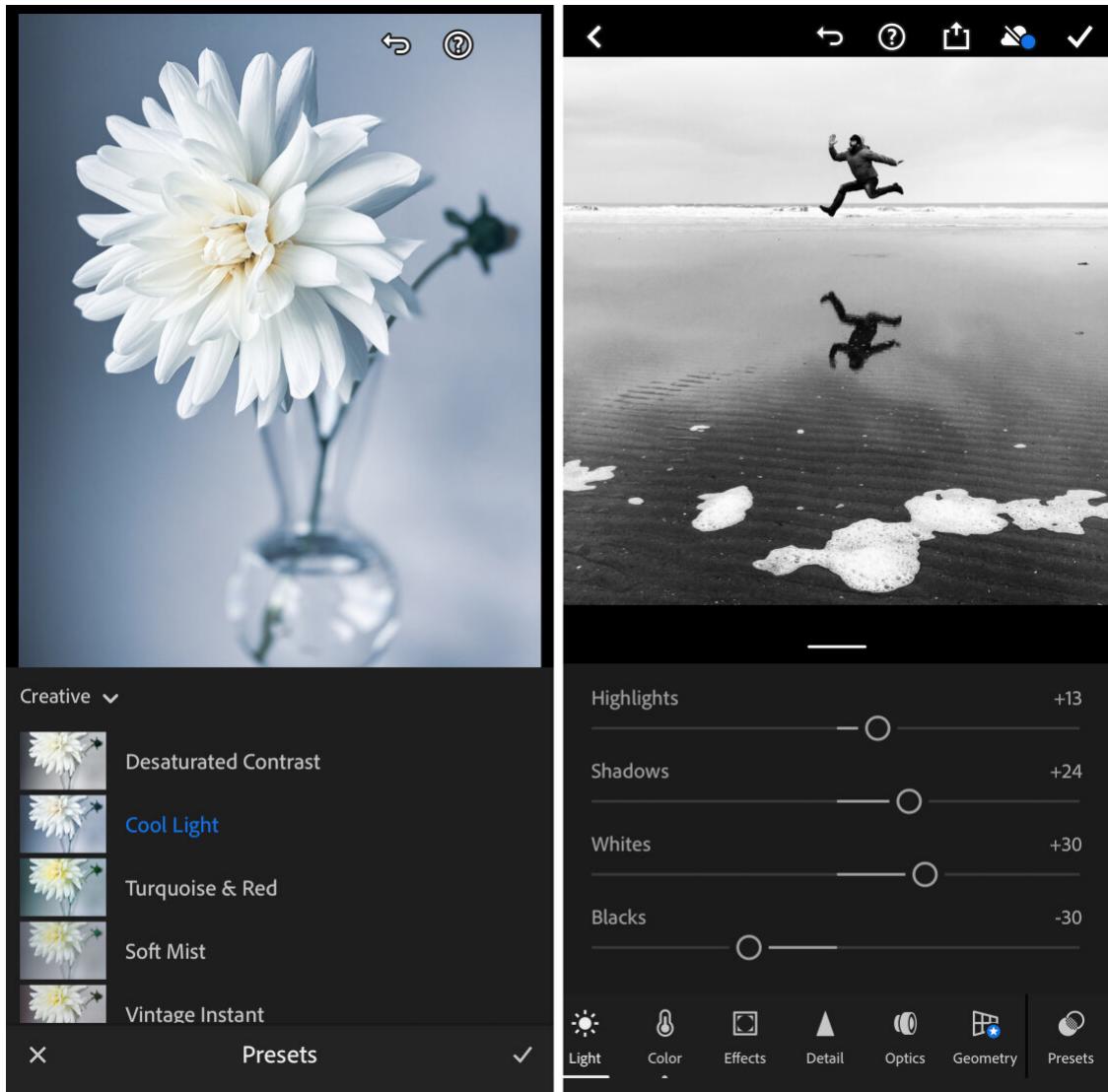
Best For: Precise fine-tuning of color and exposure

- Powerful set of editing tools within a simple user interface
- One-tap presets for quick edits
- Selective adjustment tools for advanced editing
- Healing tool for removing unwanted objects
- Price: FREE (subscription fee for premium features)

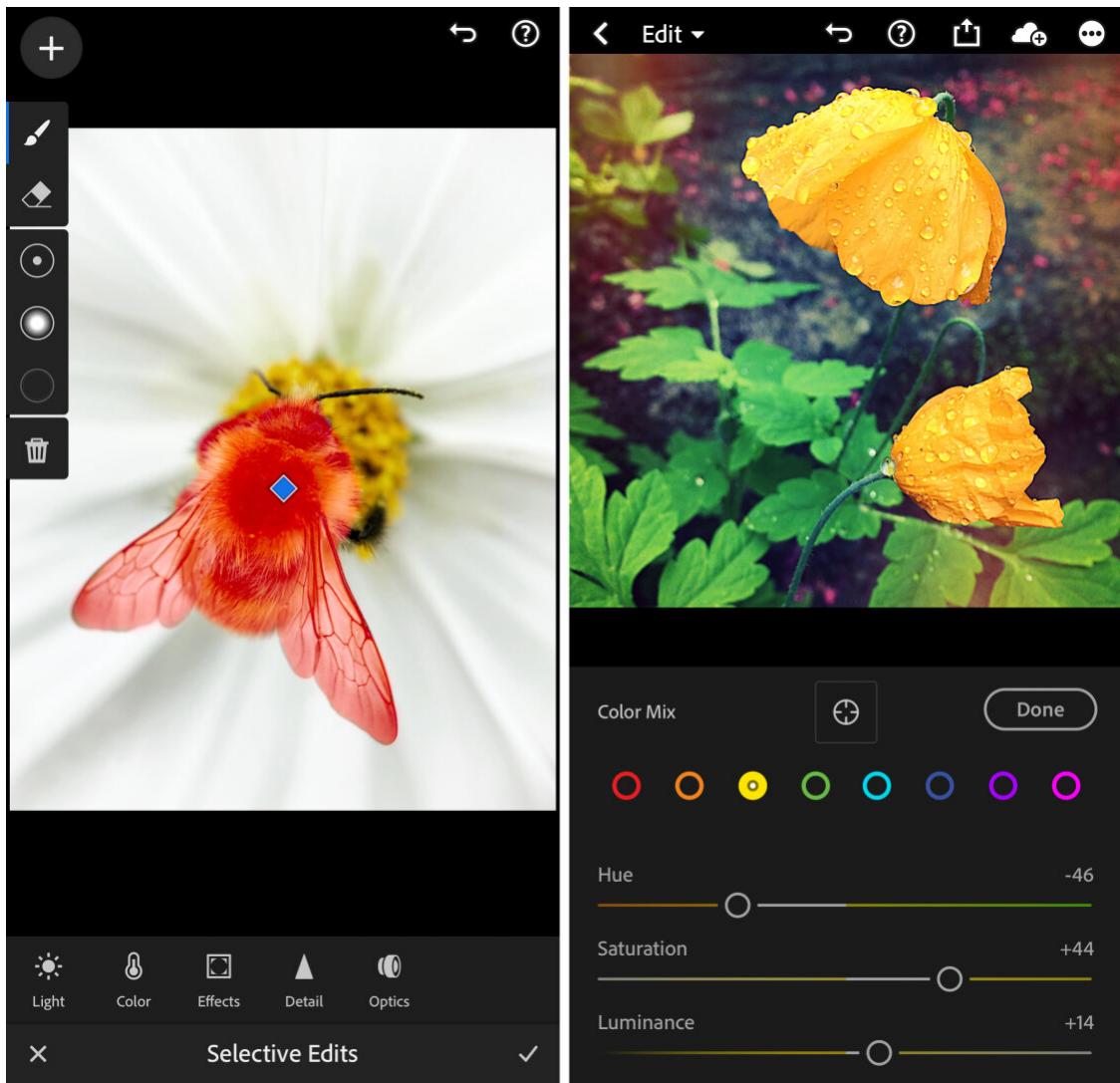


Adobe Lightroom gives you a powerful, yet simple solution for editing your photos. It's suitable for both beginners and advanced users.

The one-tap filter presets offer a quick and easy way to enhance your images. And the simple adjustment sliders let you tweak exposure, color, and detail.



But Lightroom offers much more than this. The advanced editing tools, including selective adjustments, give you ultimate control over your edits.



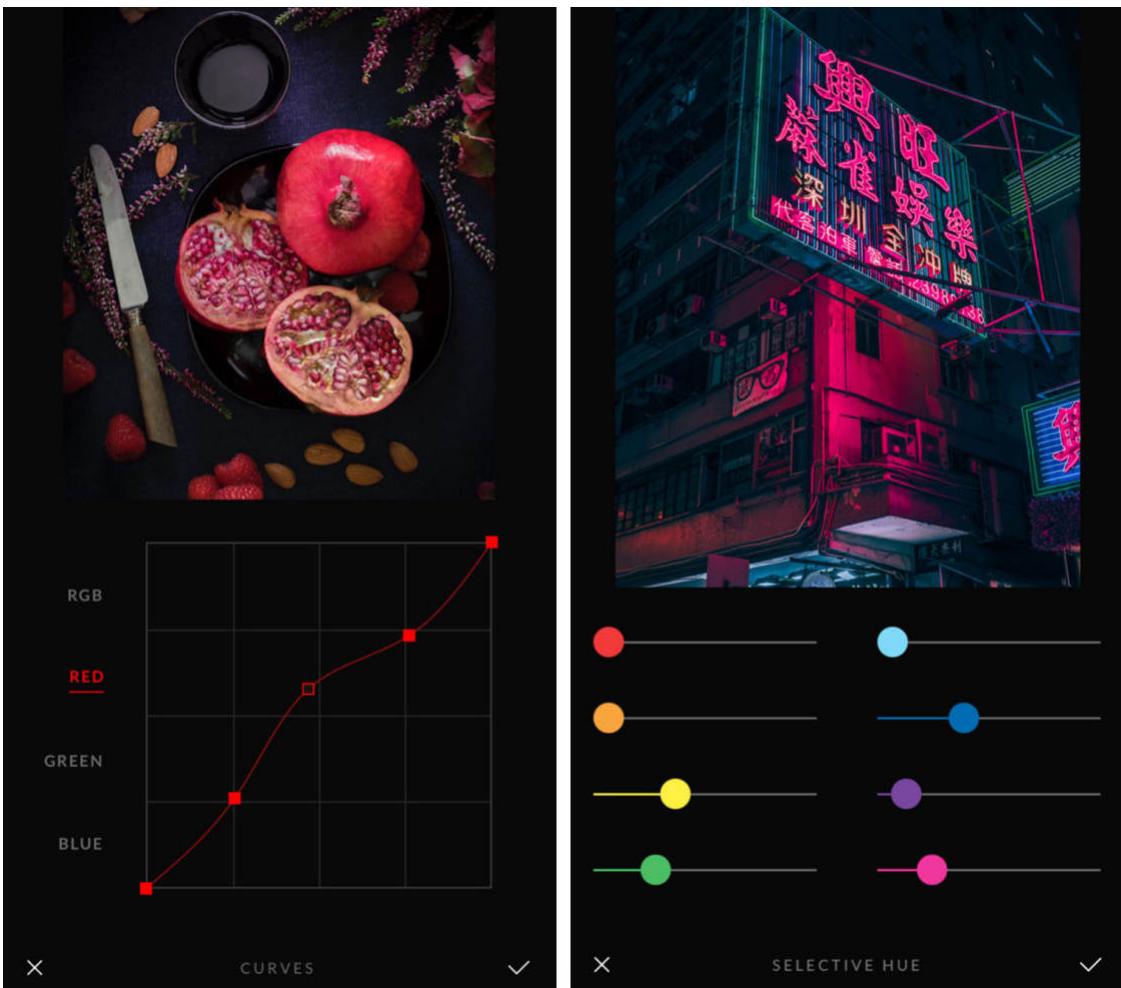
If you're familiar with editing your photos on a computer using Adobe Lightroom or Photoshop, you'll feel right at home with this app.

[Adobe Lightroom](#) is FREE to download from the App Store. But you'll need to pay to access the premium features, such as selective adjustments, perspective correction, and the healing tool.

6. Afterlight

Best For: All-purpose photo editing with additional creative options

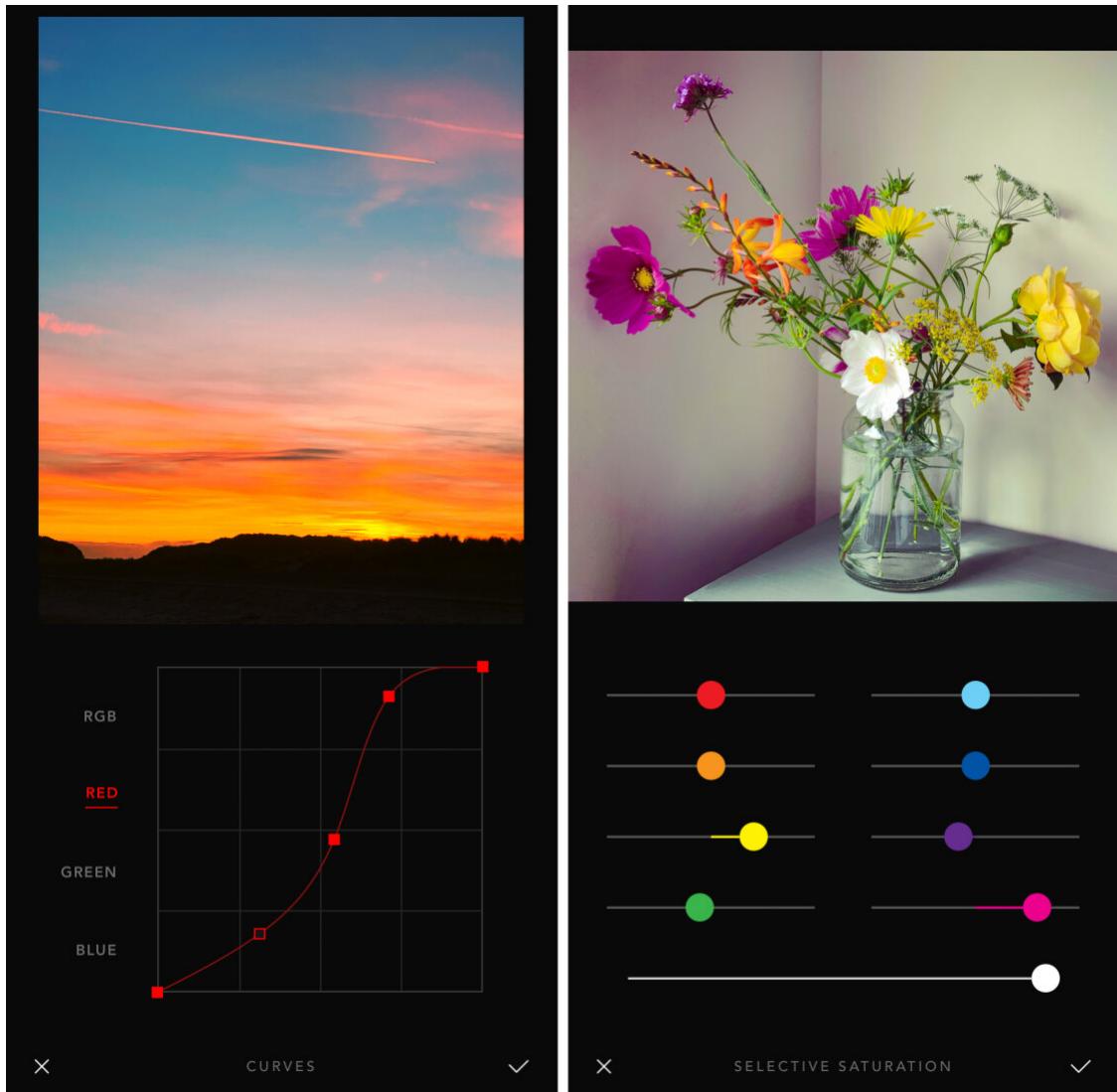
- Exposure, color, and sharpening adjustments
- Advanced tools such as curves, selective color, gradients, and blend modes
- Dust and light leak overlays
- Preset filters by well-known mobile photographers
- Double-exposure tool for blending images
- Layers tool for adding text and artwork
- Price: FREE (subscription fee for premium features)



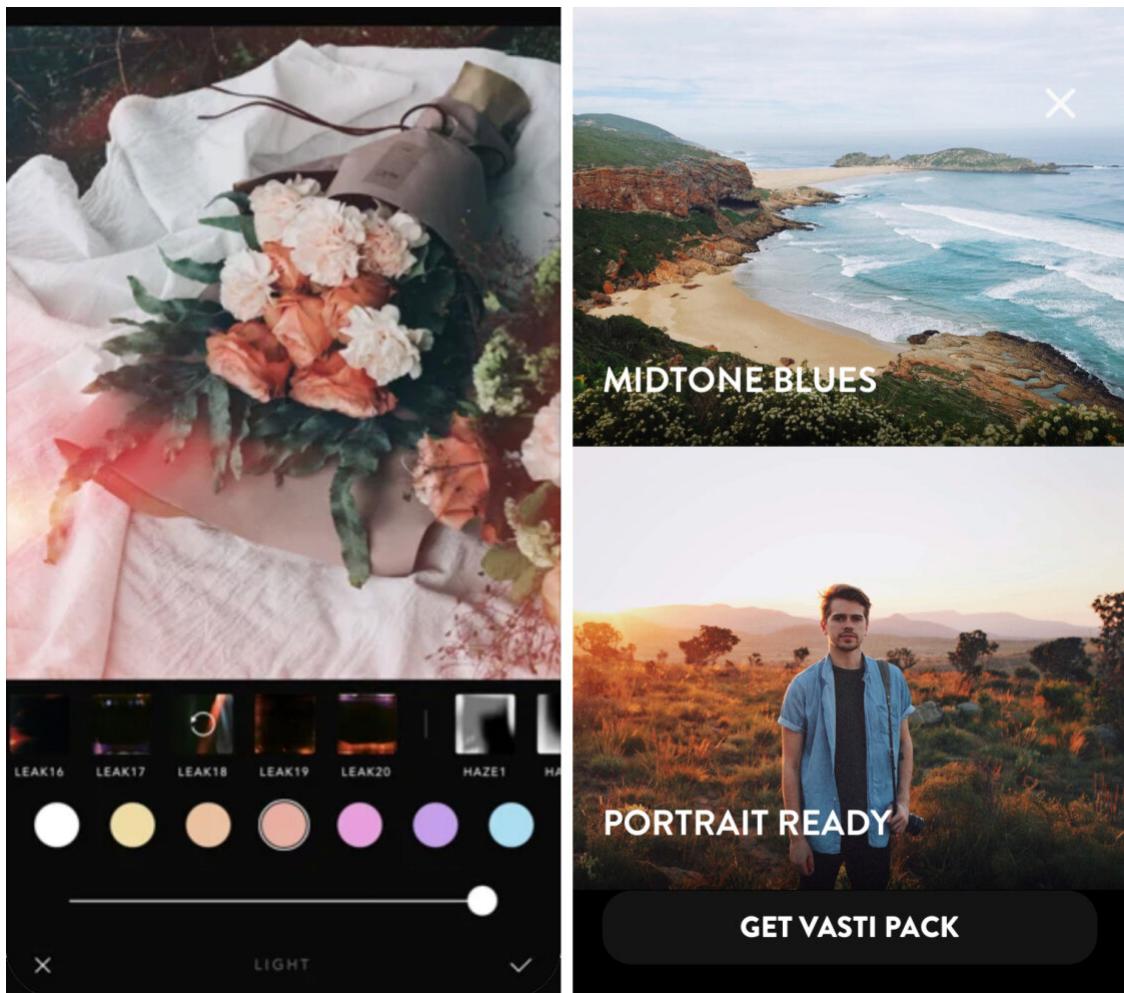
Afterlight is easy to use despite its comprehensive set of editing tools.

The app offers typical editing tools such as color, exposure, sharpness, and crop tools.

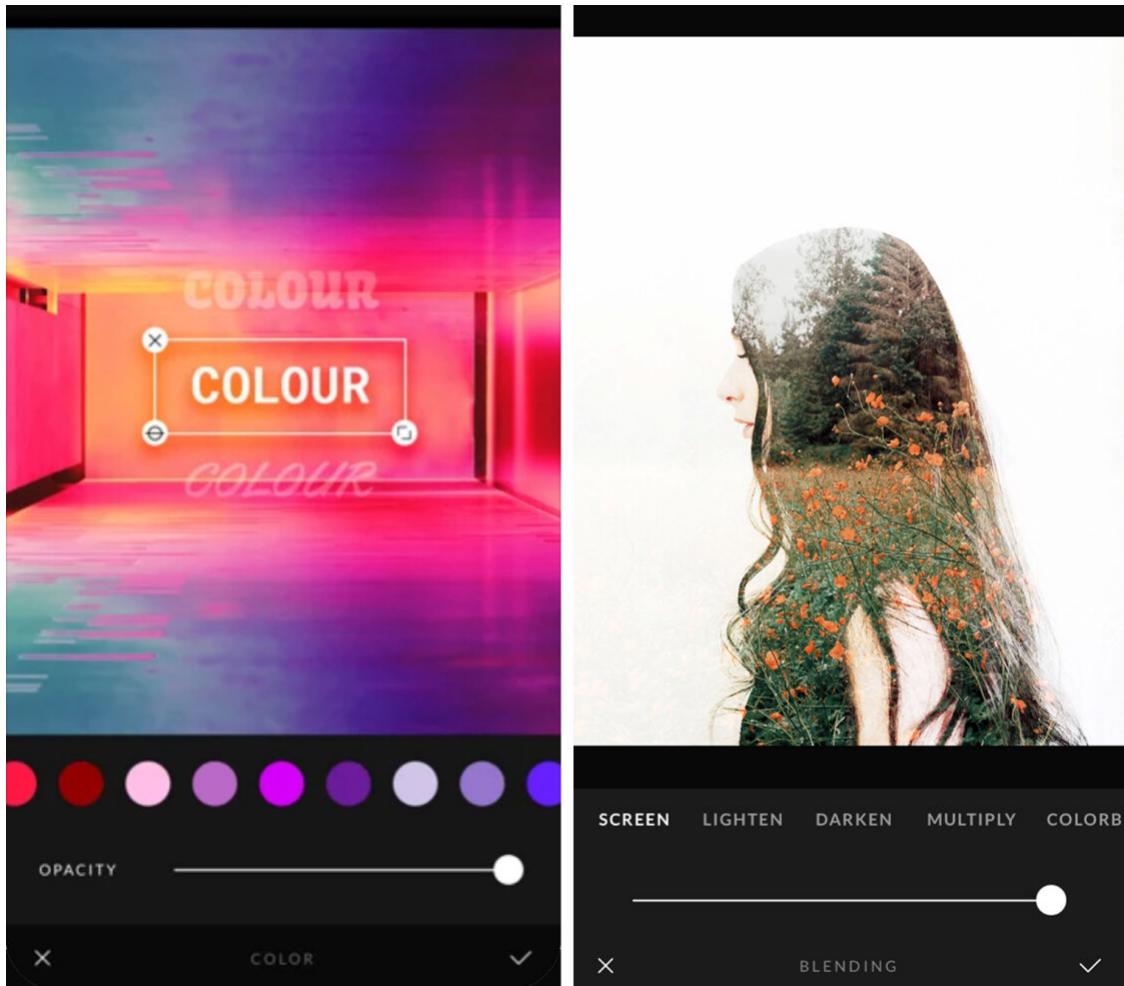
But it also has advanced tools, such as curves and selective color. These allow you to fine-tune the colors and tones in your photos to get the very best out of your images.



The filters and overlays in Afterlight are great for enhancing or changing the mood in your photos. The app has over 130 filters created by well-known mobile photographers.



The customizable text and artwork is a fun way to add graphics to your images. And the double-exposure tool lets you create unique combinations of blended images.



If you want to get more creative with photo editing, Afterlight is an excellent place to start.

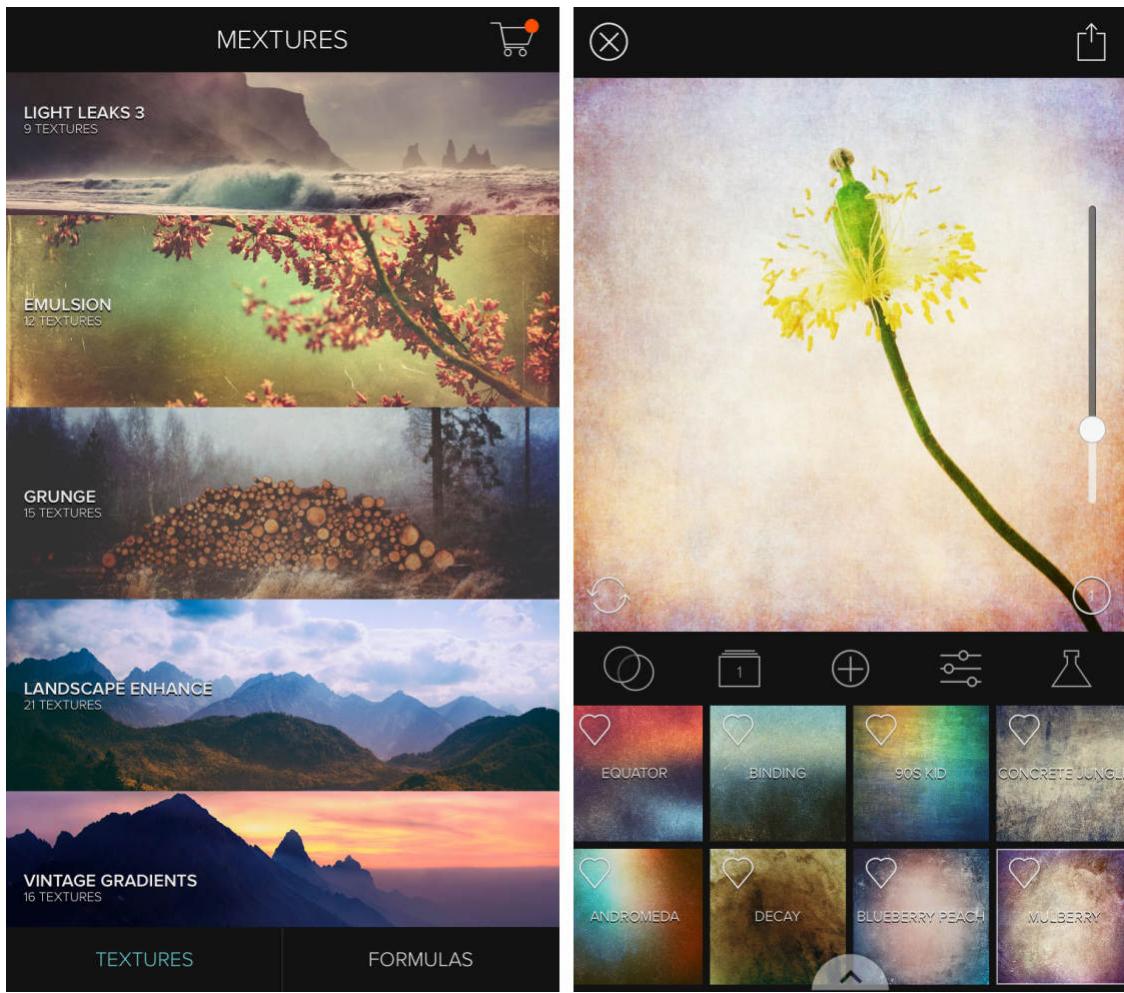
[Afterlight is FREE to download from the App Store](#). But you'll need to pay a subscription fee to access the full range of editing tools and filters.

[Click here to learn how to create unique iPhone photo edits with Afterlight.](#)

7. Mextures

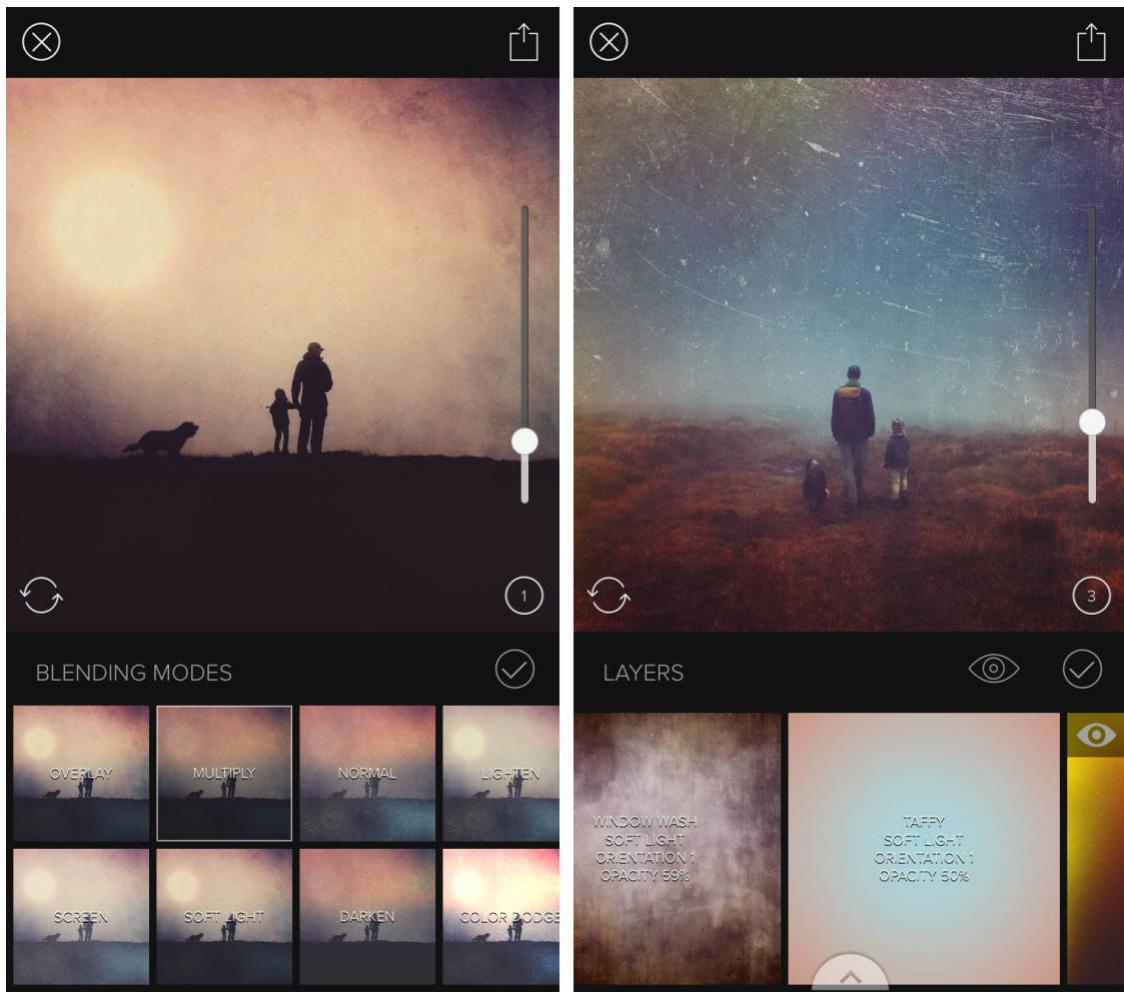
Best For: Adding vintage textures and light leaks to photos

- Grit, grain, grunge, and vintage film textures
- Analog light leaks and beautiful gradients
- Stack and blend effects using layers
- Fine-tune images with editing tools and filters
- Use and create preset “formulas”
- Price: \$1.99 (in-app purchases for additional effects)



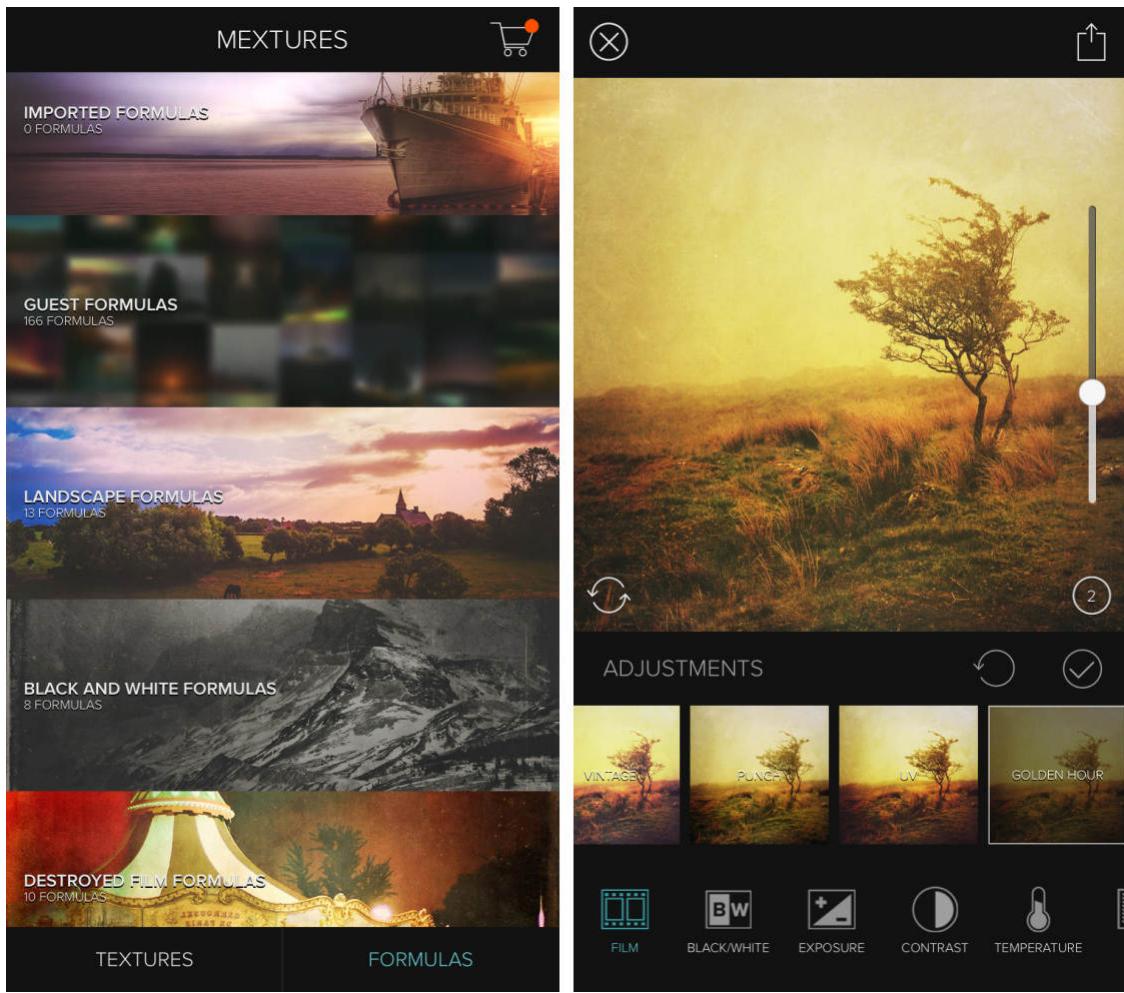
Mextures is a fantastic app for applying textures to your iPhone photos. It also has a range of other effects including grain, light leaks, and gradients.

You can add wonderful mood and visual interest to your iPhone photos in Mextures. It's easy to create unique edits by combining and blending different effects.



The app also has filters and editing tools for fine-tuning your image.

If you're new to Mextures, you can start by using the wide range of preset "formulas" created by other photographers. You can even create and share your own formulas.



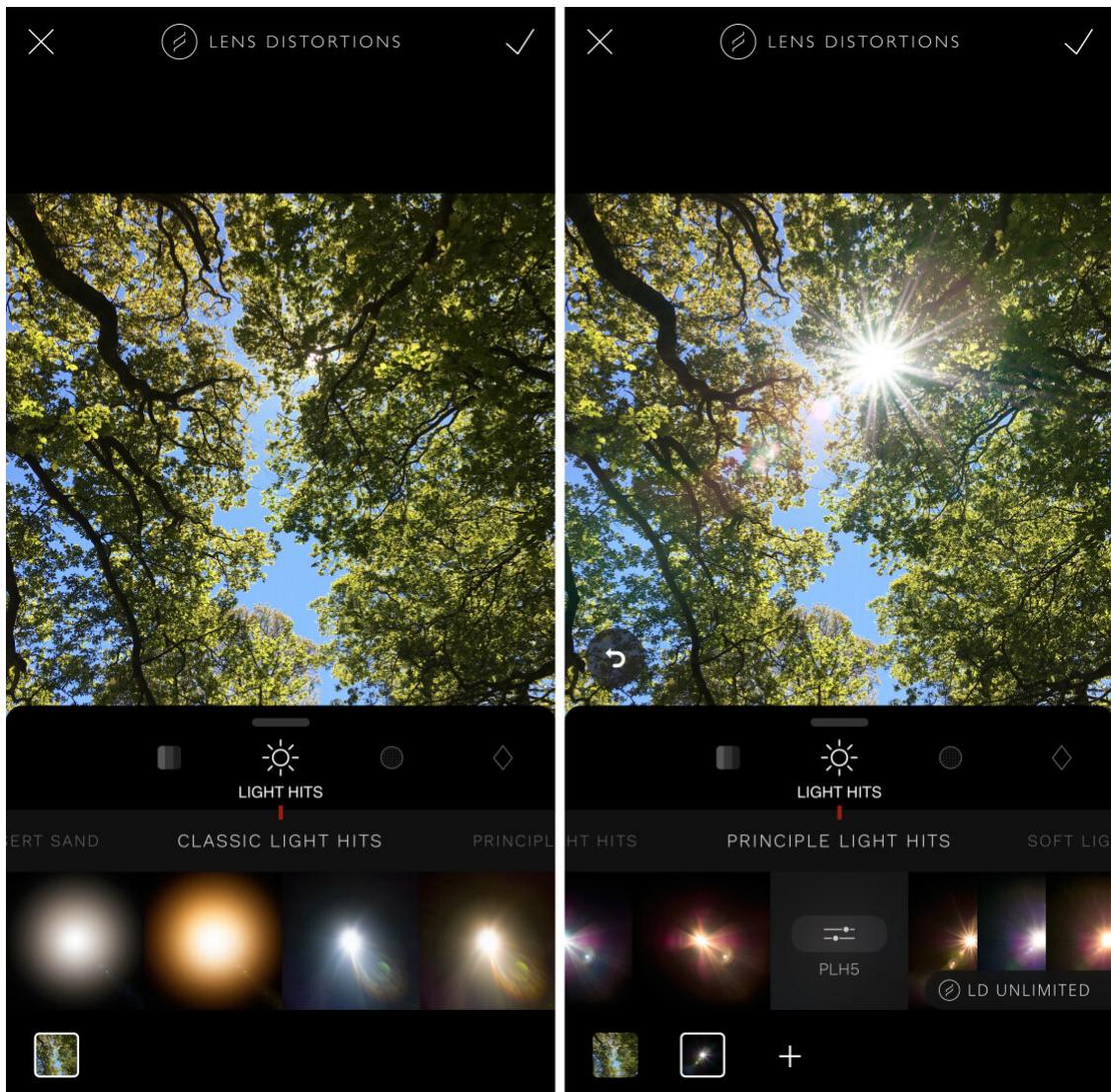
Mextures is available for \$1.99 on the App Store. It comes with a wide range of effects, but you can purchase even more for a small fee.

Learn how to use Mextures to add wonderful textures to your iPhone photos.

8. Lens Distortions

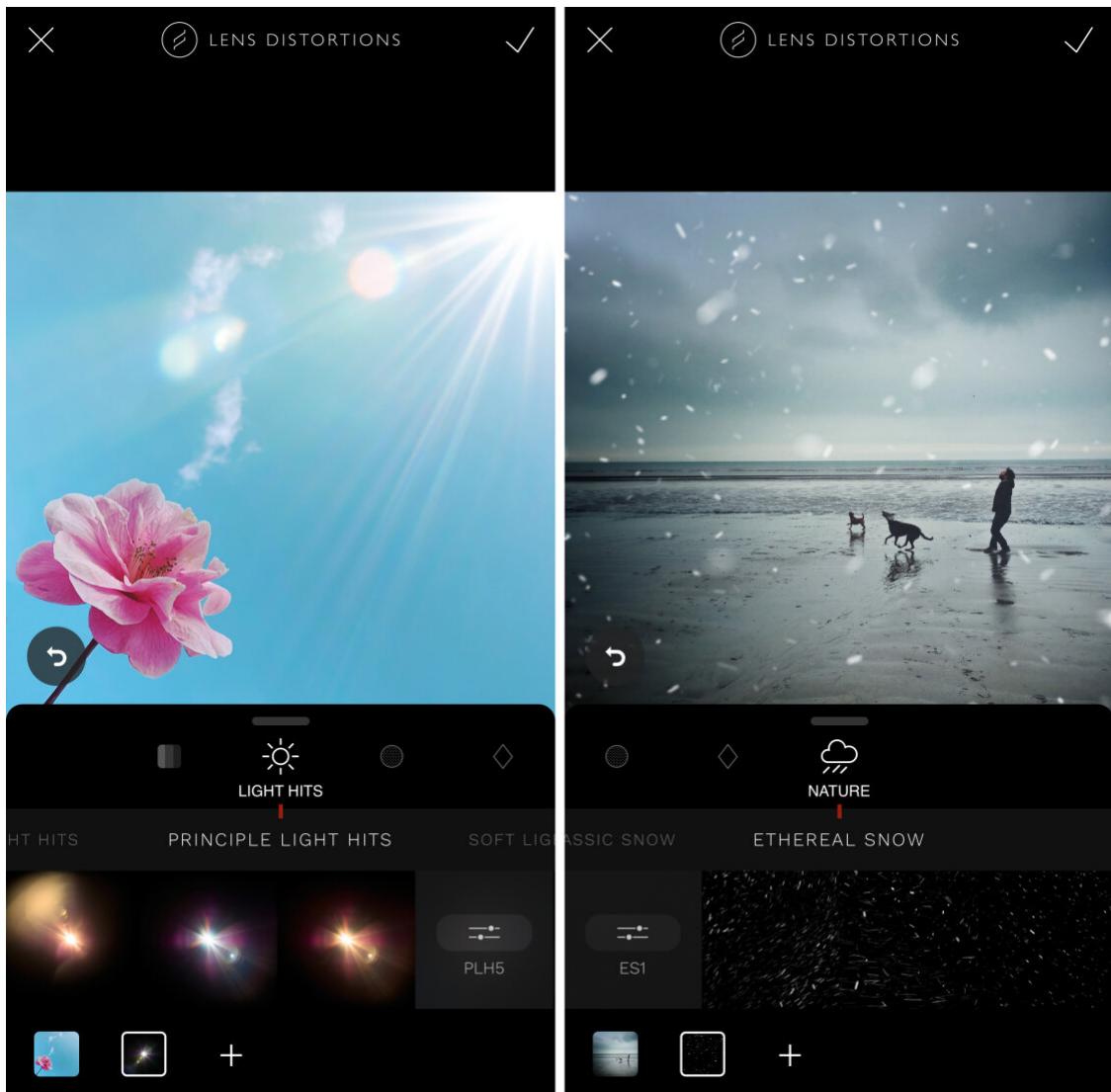
Best For: Adding sunlight, lens flares, rain, snow, and fog effects

- Add beauty and drama to your shots with natural sunlight and lens flares
- Create atmosphere and drama with rain, snow, or fog
- Frame your subject or blur the edges with elegant glass textures
- Layer several different overlays for unique effects
- Adjust opacity, brightness, and color of each overlay
- Price: FREE (in-app purchases for additional effects)



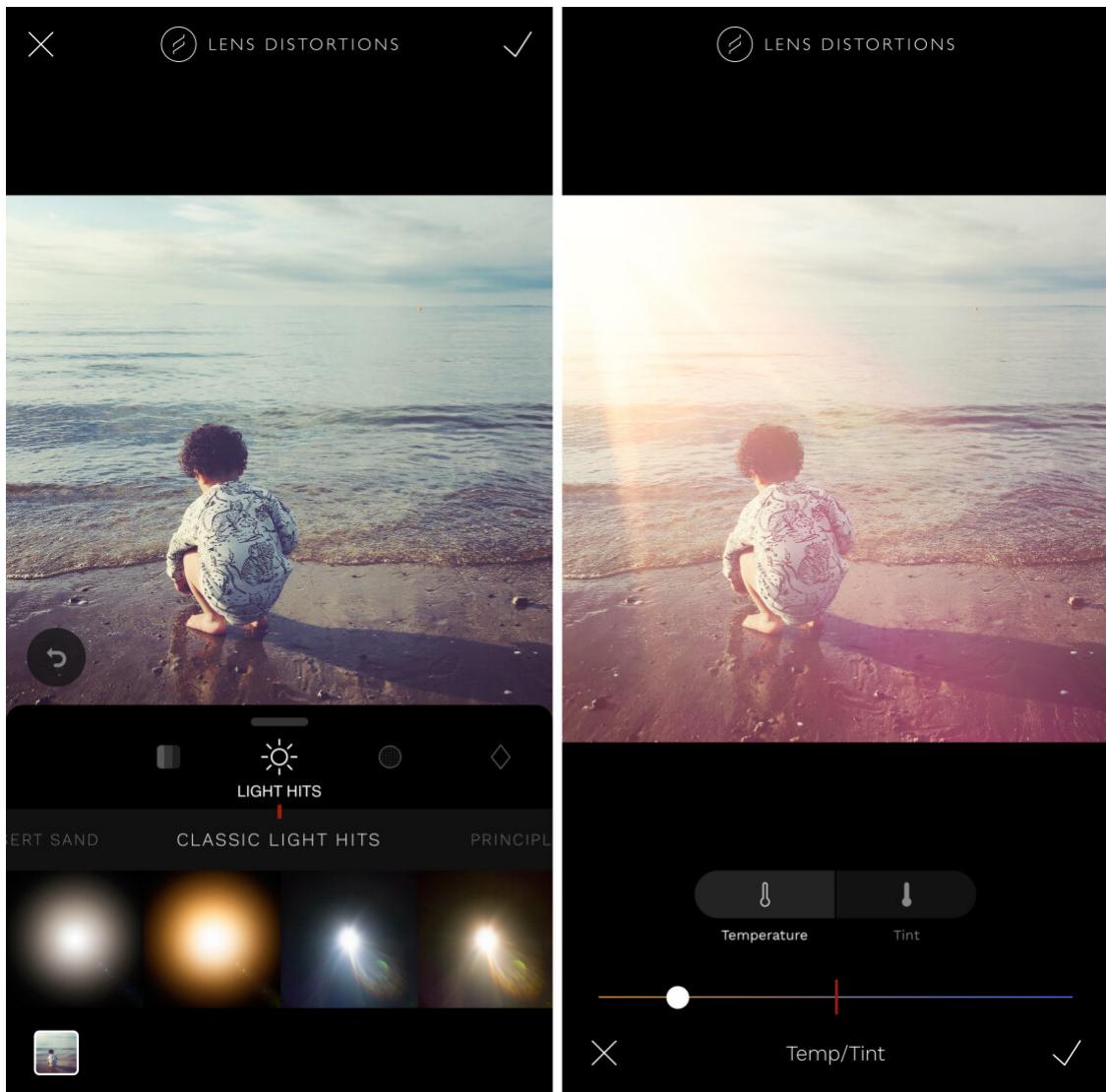
There are many apps that add light and weather effects to your photos. But [Lens Distortions](#) is one of the best.

Its high-quality overlays include sunlight, lens flares, rain, snow, and fog. There are also shimmer effects and glass elements to add sparkle or blur to your image.



For a unique look, you can layer up different effects on your image.

Sliders let you adjust the opacity, brightness, contrast, and color of each overlay. You can make the elements stand out for a bold look, or tone them down so they blend in.

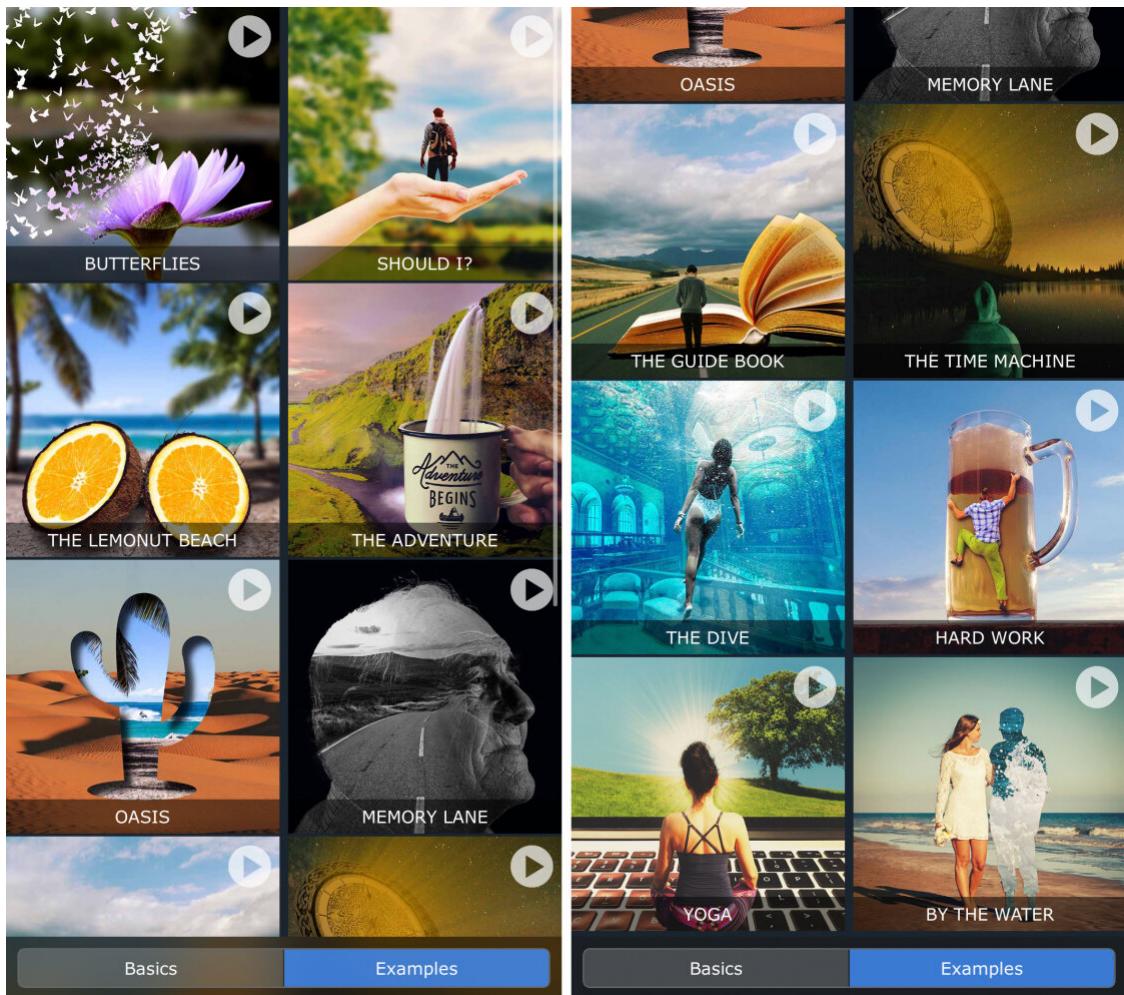


[Lens Distortions](#) is available for FREE from the [App Store](#). The app comes with a basic collection of overlays. More effects are available as in-app purchases... and they're definitely worth it!

9. Superimpose X

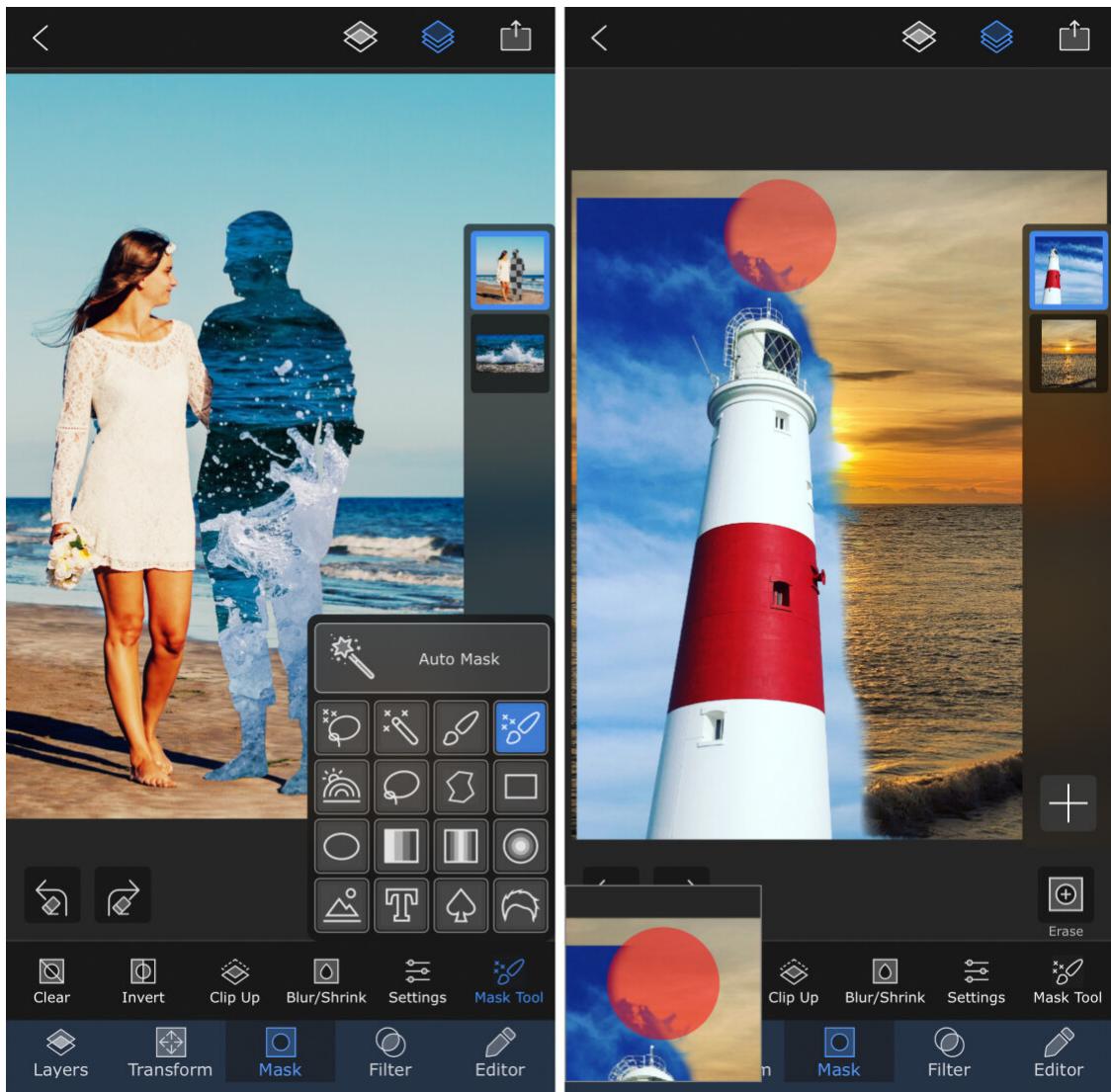
Best For: Creating unique digital art by combining and blending images

- Combine two or more photos to create a composite image
- Replace the background of a photo
- Create stunning double-exposure and fantasy-style images
- Blend textures onto an image for an arty look
- Add filters, blur, shadows, and other creative effects
- Variety of masking tools for selecting parts of an image
- Price: \$4.99

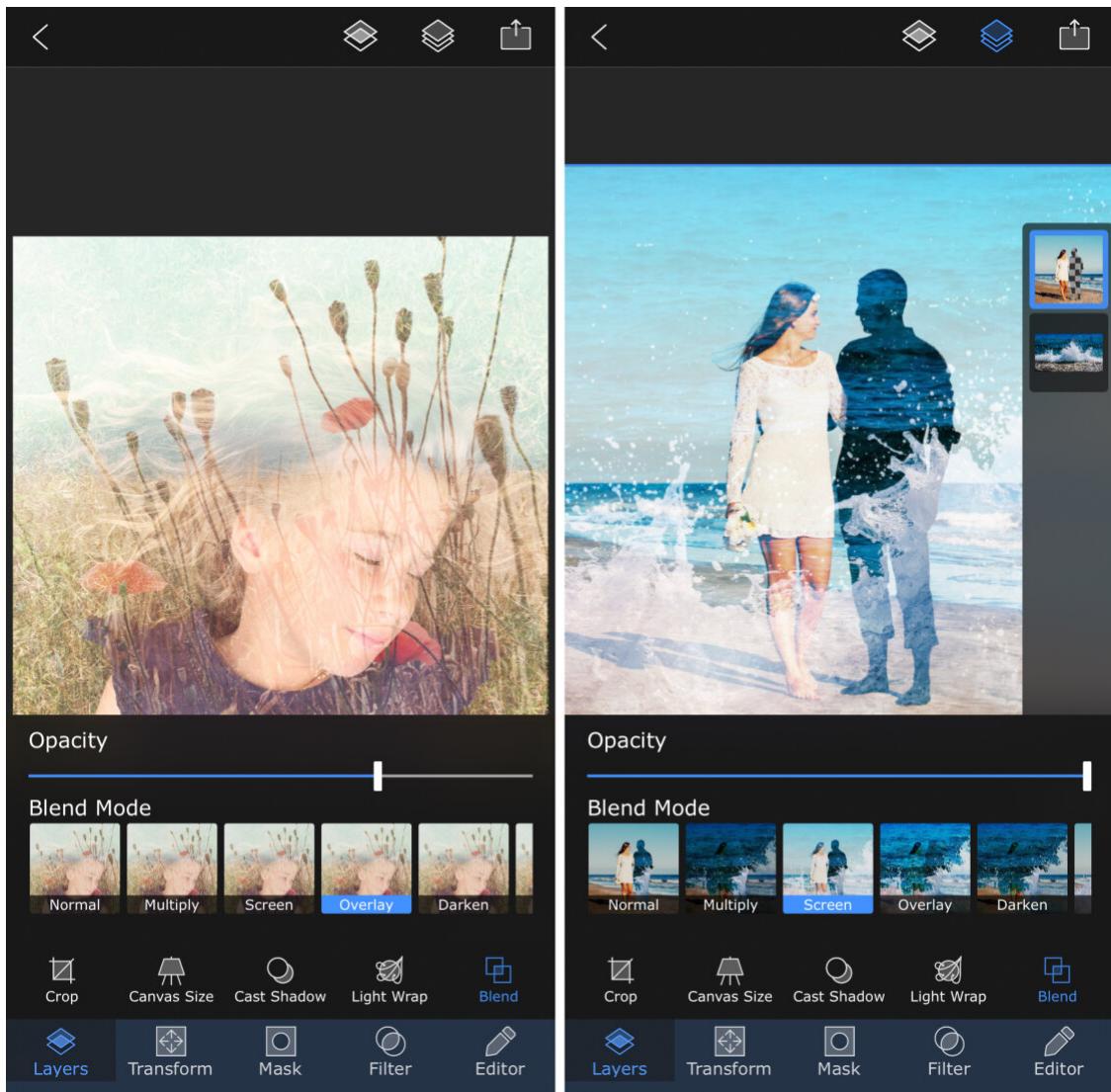


Superimpose X is the perfect app for combining several photos into a single composite image.

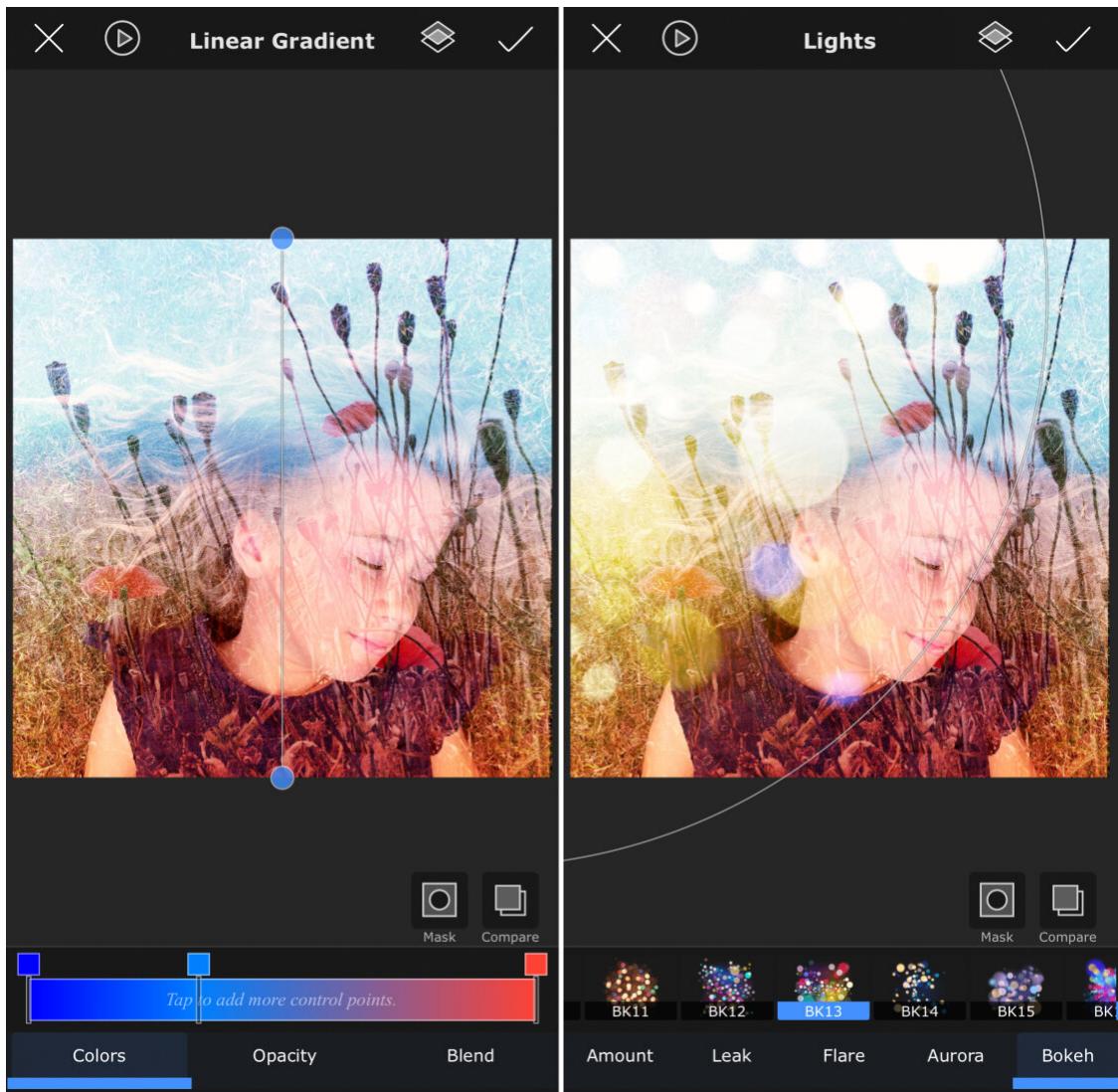
It has a good choice of masking tools for selecting different kinds of subject. You just use your finger to select the area you want to remove.



You can adjust the blend mode and opacity of each layer to control how the images blend together.



Superimpose X has a wide range of tools for editing each layer. You can use filters, shadows, gradients, light effects, and more.



With Superimpose X, the creative possibilities are endless. Your imagination is the only limit!

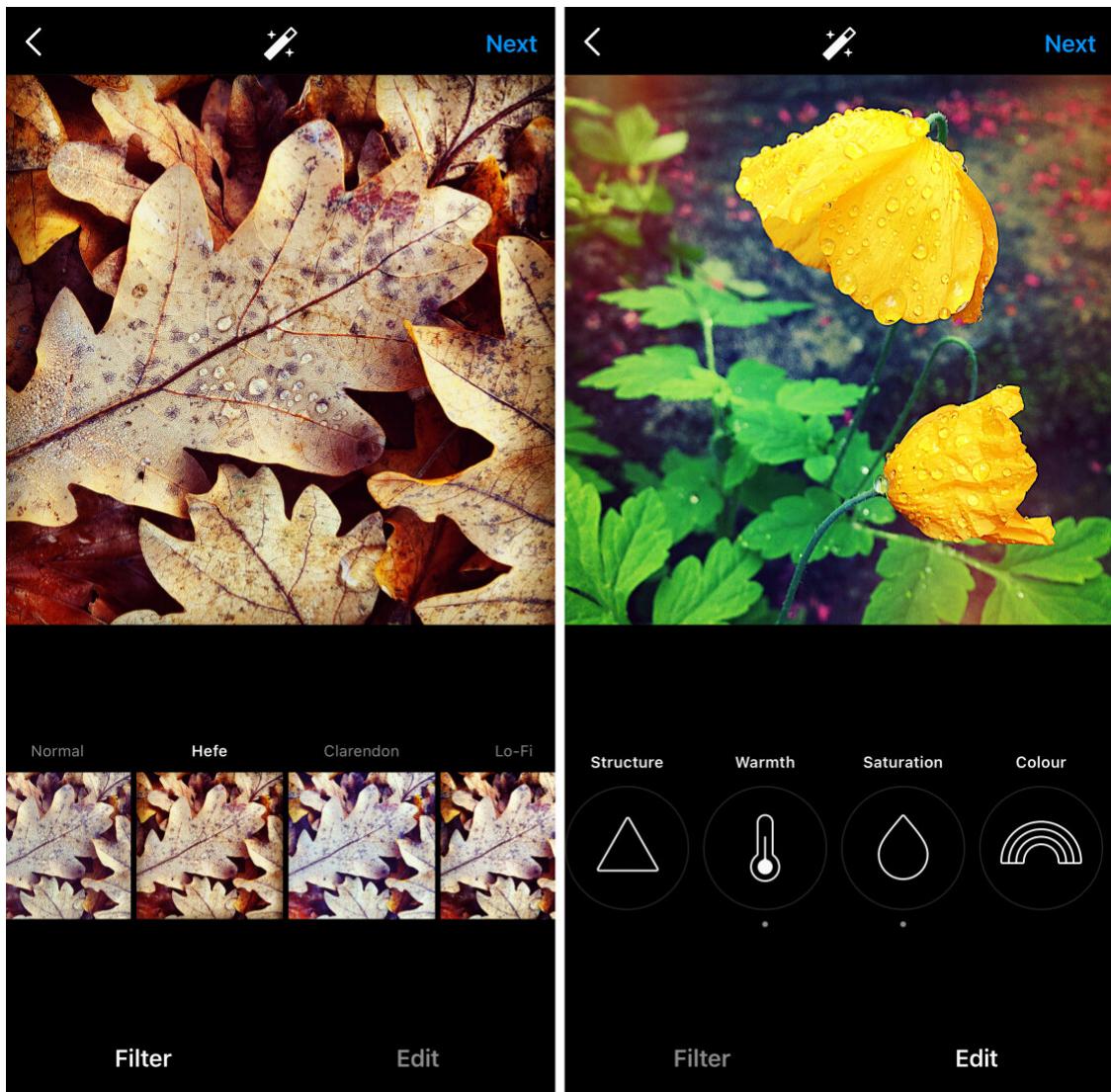
[Superimpose X is available for \\$4.99 on the App Store.](#)

[Click here to discover how to use Superimpose X to blend multiple iPhone photos.](#)

10. Instagram

Best For: Enhancing your images right before you share them

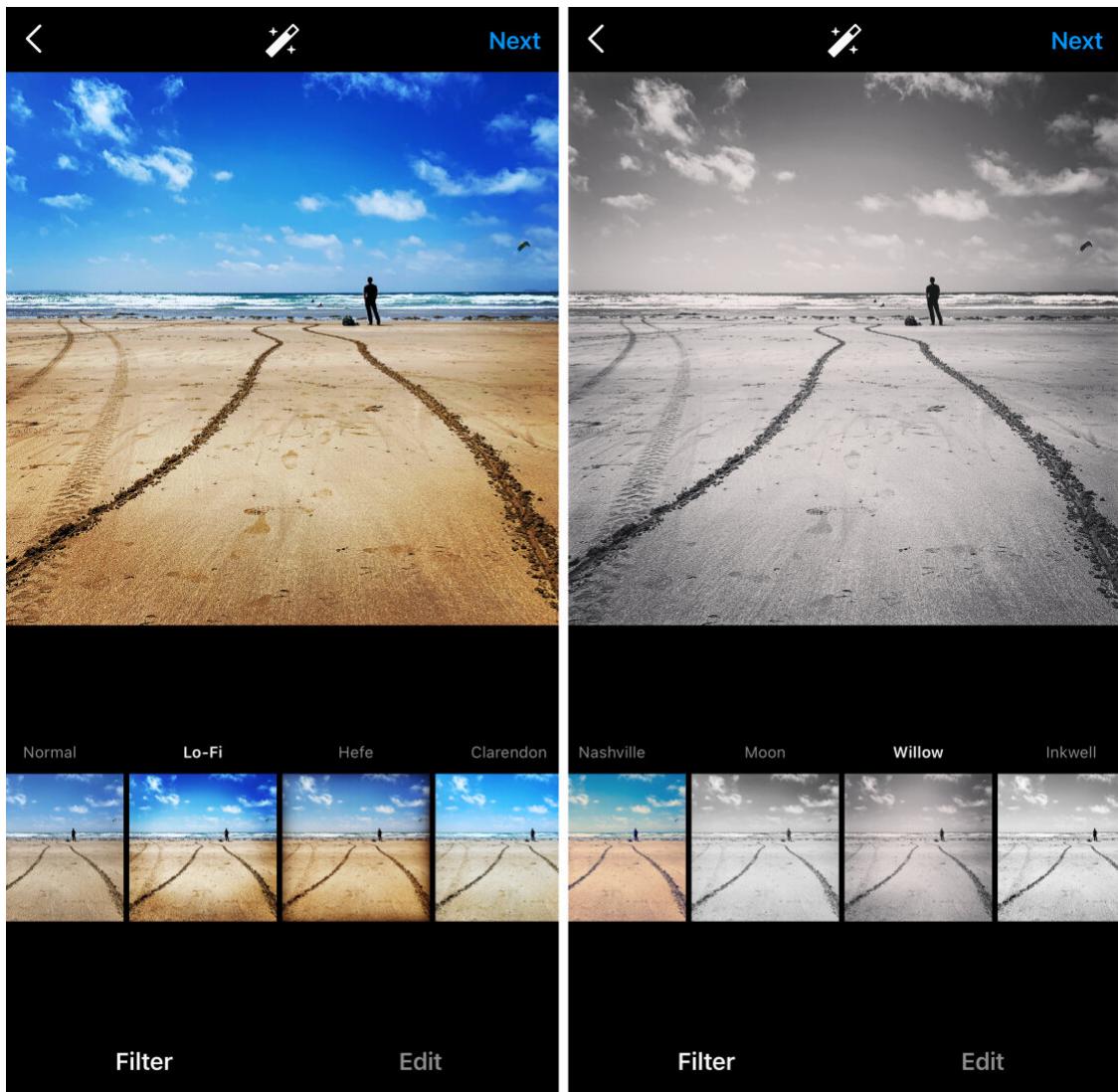
- Good selection of color and black & white filters
- Exposure, color, and sharpening adjustments
- Crop, rotate, straighten, and perspective correction
- Vignette and tilt-shift effects
- Give your photos a final polish before sharing them on Instagram
- Price: FREE



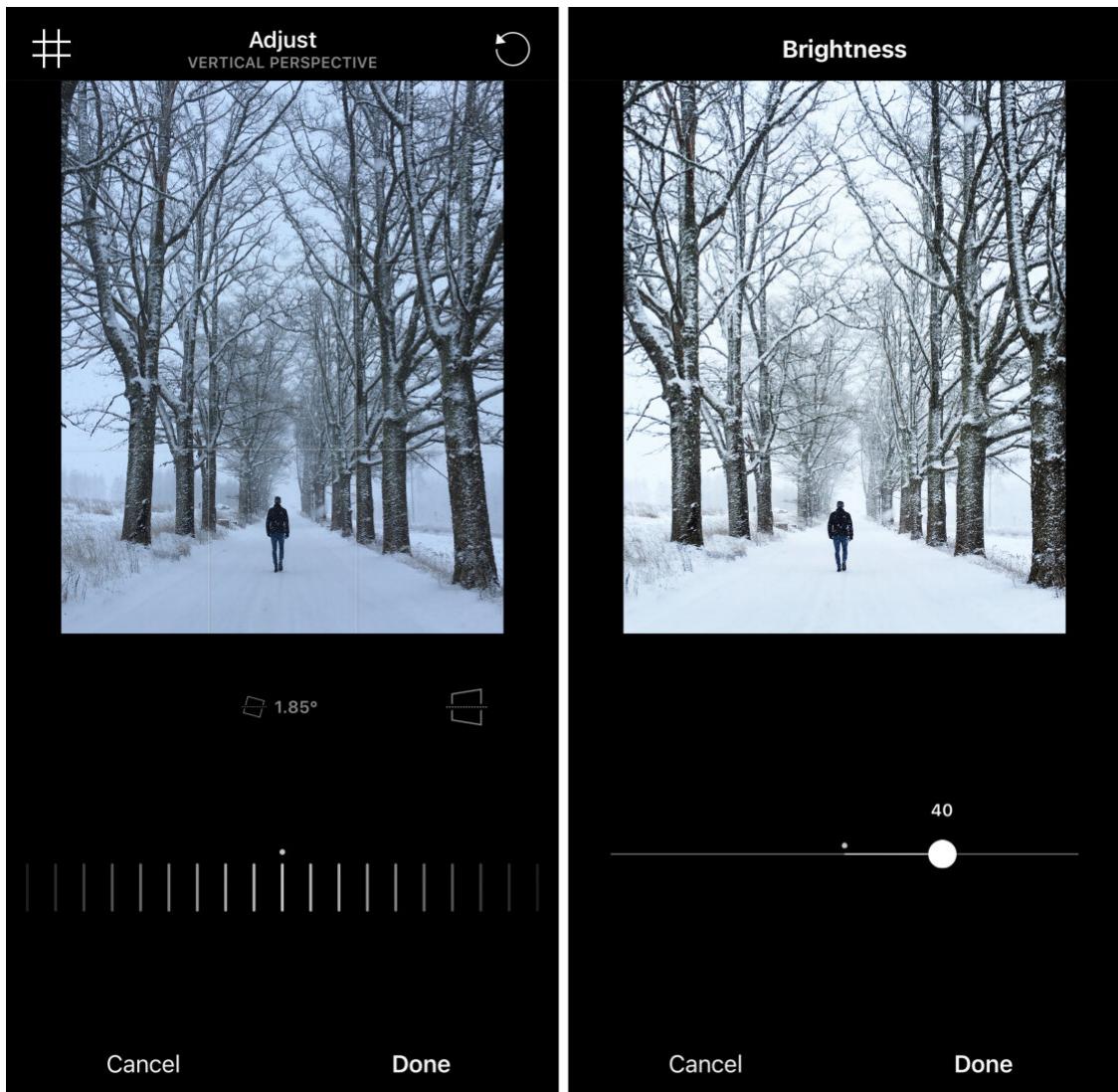
Do you share your photos on Instagram? If so, you definitely shouldn't overlook the editing tools in this app.

Instagram doesn't have the same range of editing tools as apps like Snapseed. But if you only want to make basic adjustments, it may be all you need.

It has a good range of color and black and white filters for changing the look and feel of your image.



There's also a handy set of editing tools. You can adjust exposure, color, and sharpness. There are options to crop, rotate, straighten, and correct perspective. And you can add a vignette or tilt-shift effect.



If you prefer to edit your photos in a different app, you can still apply an Instagram filter just before sharing.

[Instagram is available for FREE from the App Store.](#)

[Check out our in-depth tutorial on Instagram Photo Editing.](#)

Best Photo Editing Apps: How To Choose The Right Apps For You

You've discovered the 10 best photo editing apps... but how do you choose the right apps for you?

Read on and let us help you decide...

If you're new to photo editing, the best photo editor app is [Snapseed](#). That said, it has a wide range of editing tools, so it's suitable for more advanced users too.



If you like the idea of using one-tap filters to create classic, understated edits, [VSCO](#) is a great choice.

And [Carbon](#) is perfect for creating beautiful black and white photos.



For more advanced editing tools, such as selective color and exposure adjustments, try [Adobe Lightroom](#) or [Afterlight](#).

[TouchRetouch](#) is a great app to have in your collection. Use it whenever you want to remove unwanted objects from your iPhone photos.

[Lens Distortions](#) is fantastic for adding realistic sunlight, lens flares, rain, snow, and fog. These effects are great for adding beauty and drama to your [landscape photos](#).



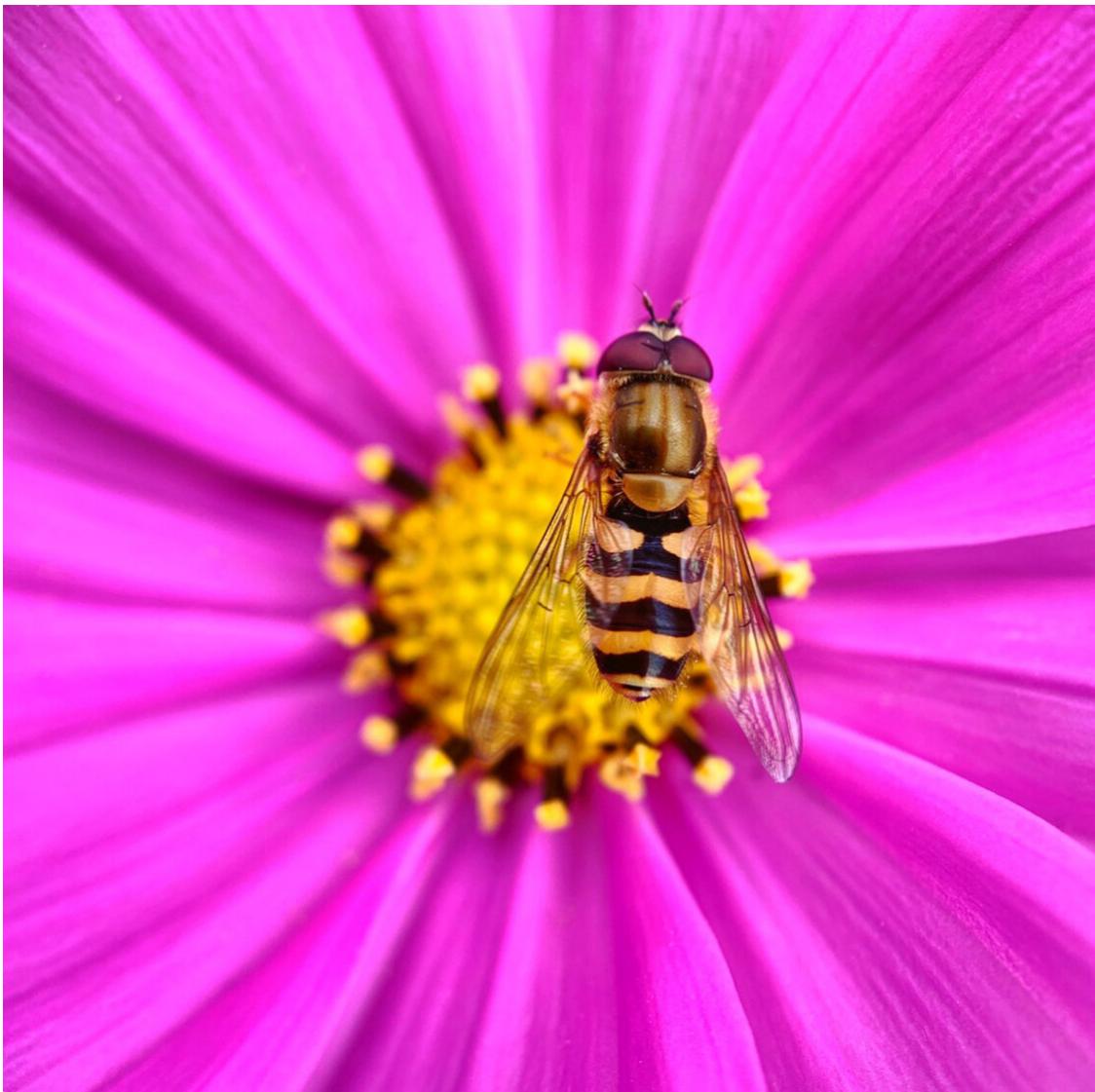
Do you enjoy getting creative with your edits? If so, [Afterlight](#) has a good selection of creative tools.

And [Mextures](#) is the best photo editing app for adding textures and light leaks.



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