



Use iPhone camera tools to set up your shot



Before taking a photo, you can use Camera  tools to customize and improve your shot.


Adjust the camera's focus and exposure

Before you take a photo, the iPhone camera automatically sets the focus and exposure, and face detection balances the exposure across many faces. If you want to manually adjust the focus and exposure, do the following:

1. Open Camera.
2. Tap the screen to show the automatic focus area and exposure setting.
3. Tap where you want to move the focus area.
4. Next to the focus area, drag  up or down to adjust the exposure.
5. Tip: To lock your manual focus and exposure settings for upcoming shots, touch and hold the focus area until you see AE/AF Lock; tap the screen to unlock settings.

On iPhone 11 and later, you can precisely set and lock the




exposure for upcoming shots. Tap , tap , then move the slider to adjust the exposure. The exposure locks until the next time you open Camera. To save the exposure control so it's not reset

when you open Camera, go to Settings  > Camera > Preserve Settings, then turn on Exposure Adjustment.






Turn the flash on or off

Your iPhone camera is set to automatically use the flash when needed. To manually control the flash before you take a photo, do the following:

- Tap  to turn the automatic flash on or off.
- Tap , then tap  below the frame to choose Auto, On, or Off.
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Take a photo with a filter



Use a filter to give your photo a color effect.

1. Open Camera, then choose Photo or Portrait mode.
2. Tap , then tap  or .
3. Below the viewer, swipe the filters left or right to preview them; tap one to apply it.
4. Tap the Shutter button to take the shot with the filter you chose.

You can remove or change a photo's filter in the Photos app. See [Apply filter effects](#).


Use the timer

You can set a timer on your iPhone camera to give yourself time to get in the shot.

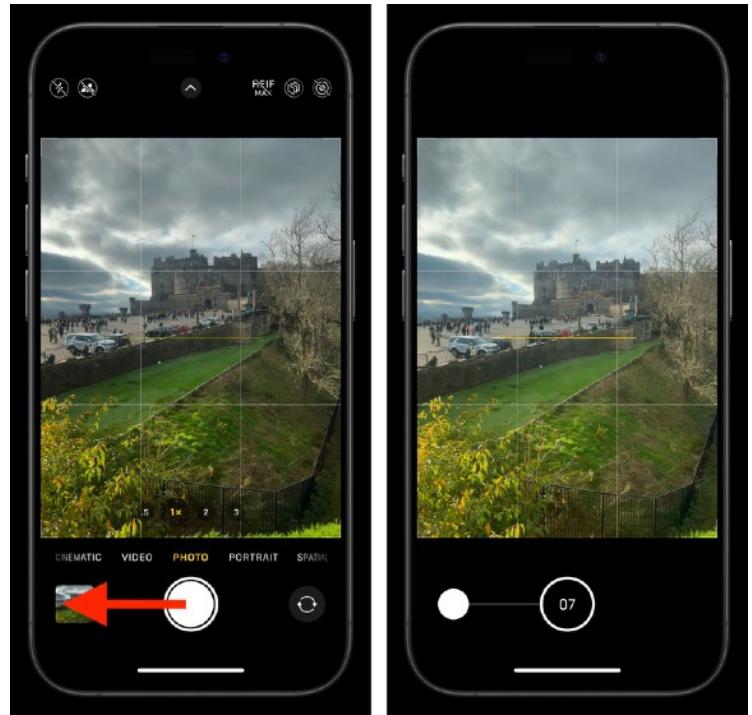
1. Open Camera, then tap .
2. Tap , then choose 3s or 10s.
3. Tap the Shutter button to start the timer.

Use a grid and level to straighten your shot

To display a grid or level on the camera screen that can help you straighten and compose your shot,

go to Settings  > Camera, then turn on Grid and Level.

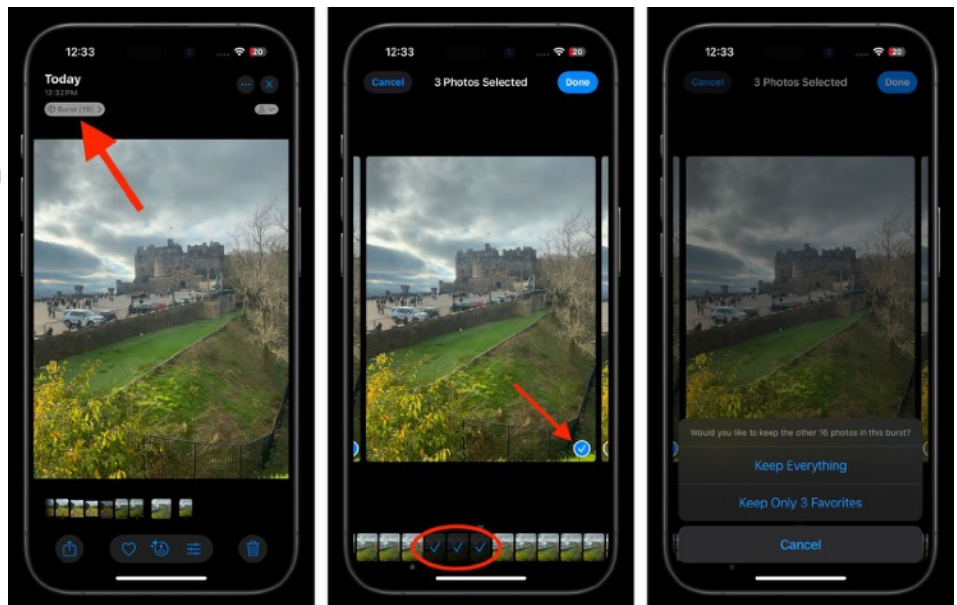
After you take a photo, you can use the editing tools in the Photos app to further align shots and adjust horizontal and vertical perspective. See [Straighten and adjust perspective](#).



Shooting in Burst Mode

- In the Camera app, press and drag the shutter button to the left beneath the viewfinder.
- Keep your finger pressed down to continue taking photos in rapid succession.
- Take your finger off the shutter when you want to end the burst of shots.

When shooting in Burst mode, notice how the counter increases in the shutter's original position for as long as you hold it down. This indicates how many shots are being captured in the current burst.



Apple also includes an option in iOS settings that when enabled lets you press and hold the Volume Up button to take Burst shots. Go to **Settings** → **Camera**, then turn on **Use Volume Up for Burst**.

Choosing the Best Shot

- After shooting in Burst mode, tap the image thumbnail in the Camera app, or open the Photos app and select the Burst you just captured.
- Tap **Burst** in the top-left corner, then tap the best shot or shots you want to keep as an individual photo. (You can swipe across the photos or scroll the row of thumbnails below to view them.) Gray dots below the thumbnails mark the suggested photos to keep.
- Tap **Done**, then choose **Keep Everything** or **Keep only X Favorite** (X being the number of shots you selected).

When you take a series of burst photos, they automatically appear in the Photos app under the Album name "**Bursts**." You'll also find them in the **Recent Days** section.

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