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Editing Photos

Brighten, crop, erase, rescue old prints and undo — explained in plain English, one tap at a time

A plain-English guide to fixing your own photos

Take your time — your original photo stays safe

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What's Inside

This is your guide to improving your own photos with the editors already on your phone and computer. Read it in any order and at your own pace; there's no test, and you can't fall behind. Every chapter explains what a tool does *for you*, with slow, step-by-step directions for Apple, Google, Samsung and Windows. Facts are current as of November 2026. If a screen looks a little different on yours, the idea is still the same.

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PART 1

Getting Started with Photo Editing

What "editing" really means, which editor is already on your phone or computer, and the one rule that keeps every original picture safe.

CHAPTER 1

A Note from Bill

Hello, and welcome. Almost everyone I help has a photo they wish looked a little better: a birthday picture that came out too dark, a lovely shot of the grandkids with a stranger walking through the background, a crooked picture of the lake, or a faded print of Mom and Dad from 1962.

I'm Bill. For more than 30 years I've helped people make sense of their technology, and here's the good news: you almost certainly don't need to buy anything to fix those pictures. The phone in your pocket and the computer on your desk already have a capable photo editor built in, and in the last two years they've gained tools that can erase a stranger from a picture with one tap. This book shows you how to use them, slowly and in plain English.

Who this book is for

It's for anyone with an iPhone, iPad, Mac, Android phone, Samsung Galaxy or Windows computer who wants to make their own photos look better, without learning "photography software." If you can open a photo, you can do everything in here.

What this book covers

- **The built-in editors**: Photos on iPhone, iPad and Mac; Google Photos; Samsung Gallery; and the Photos app in Windows 11.
- **The everyday fixes**: brighten, crop, straighten, rotate and add a filter.
- **Removing things**: Apple's Clean Up, Google's Magic Eraser, Samsung's Galaxy AI eraser and Windows' Generative erase.
- **Snapseed**, Google's free editing app, for when you want a little more.
- **Old photos**: scanning prints, fixing fading and tilt, and an honest look at paid "restore" apps such as Remini and MyHeritage.
- **Undo and "keep the original"**, on every device.
- **Honesty**: AI labels, Content Credentials, and being fair with family photos.
- **Scams**: fake "photo enhancer" apps with expensive weekly subscriptions.

WHAT THIS DOES FOR YOU

What this book does for you

By the end you'll be able to rescue a dark or crooked photo in under a minute, remove a distraction, breathe a little life into a faded family print, and undo any change you don't like. You'll also know which "photo enhancer" apps are worth your money (very few) and how to spot the ones that are just after a weekly charge.

The honest "can't break it" promise

Photo editing is one of the safest things you can do on a device. The built-in editors on Apple, Google and Samsung keep your original picture, so you can go back to it later. There are just two moments that deserve a pause, and I'll flag each one: pressing a plain **Save** on some Android and Windows editors (it can replace the original), and **deleting** the original after you've made a copy. Chapter 4 shows you how to stay safe at both.

GOOD TO KNOW

Facts current as of November 2026

The menus, features and prices in this book were checked in November 2026, against Apple, Google, Samsung and Microsoft's own help pages wherever possible. Photo apps change their buttons often, sometimes several times a year. If a button on your screen has moved or has a slightly different name, the idea is still the same.

And you're never stuck alone. If you'd like a hand with a precious photo, call me at **(330) 200-8042** and we'll work through it together. No question about your own pictures is ever a silly one.

— Bill

CHAPTER 2

Photo Editing in Plain Words

"Editing" a photo simply means changing how it looks after you've taken it. That can be as small as turning it the right way up or as big as removing a person. Here are the words you'll meet in every editor, explained once so they never confuse you again.

Word	What it means
Edit	The button that opens the editing tools. On most phones it looks like three little sliders or a pencil.
Crop	Trimming the edges off a picture, to cut out clutter or zoom in on a face.
Straighten	Turning the picture a few degrees so a tilted horizon or doorway looks level.
Rotate	Turning the whole picture a quarter turn, for a photo that's on its side.
Exposure / Brightness	How light or dark the whole picture is.
Contrast	The difference between the light and dark parts. More contrast looks punchier.
Warmth	How orange (warm) or blue (cool) the colors look. Old prints often turn too yellow.
Saturation	How strong the colors are. Too much and skin starts to look orange.
Filter	A ready-made "look" applied in one tap, such as black and white.
Enhance / Auto	A one-tap button that tries to fix light and color for you. A great first try.
Erase / Clean Up	AI tools that remove something and fill in the background.
Revert	Going back to the original picture, undoing every edit.
Save as copy	Saving your edited picture as a new photo, so the original stays exactly as it was.

Two kinds of editing tools

Every editor in this book has two kinds of tools, and it helps to know which is which.

	Ordinary tools	AI tools
Examples	Crop, brightness, warmth, filters	Clean Up, Magic Eraser, Generative erase, "enhance" apps
What they do	Change what's already in the picture	Invent new detail to fill gaps or sharpen faces

	Ordinary tools	AI tools
Internet needed?	No	Sometimes, depending on the tool
Honest record?	Yes, it's still your picture	Partly made up. Fine for fun, not for proof.

TIP

Start small

Most photos only need one or two touches: the automatic Enhance button and a little crop. You don't have to use every slider. If a picture looks right to you, it is right.

CHAPTER 3

Which Editor You Already Have

Before you download anything, look at what's already on your device. The editors below are free and come with the phone or computer (or, for Google Photos and Snapseed, are free downloads from Google).

If you have	Your built-in editor	Remove-a-stranger tool
iPhone or iPad	**Photos** app > Edit	**Clean Up** (Apple Intelligence models)
Mac	**Photos** app > Edit	**Clean Up** (Macs with M1 or later)
Google Pixel or most Android phones	**Google Photos** > Edit	**Magic Eraser**
Samsung Galaxy	**Gallery** > Edit (pencil)	**Object eraser** or Galaxy AI eraser
Windows 11 PC	**Photos** app > Edit image	**Generative erase**
Any phone, free download	**Snapseed** or **Google Photos**	Healing tool / Magic Eraser

Which iPhone or phone do you have?

Some of the newest tools only work on newer devices. Here's how to check in a minute:

Device	Where to look
iPhone or iPad	**Settings** > **General** > **About**. Look at **Model Name** and **iOS Version**.
Android or Samsung	**Settings** > **About phone**. The model name is at the top.
Mac	Apple menu > **About This Mac**. Look for **Chip** (M1, M2 and so on).
Windows PC	**Settings** > **System** > **About**.

GOOD TO KNOW

The AI tools have the strictest rules

Ordinary tools like crop and brightness work on nearly any device. The AI tools need newer hardware: Apple's Clean Up needs an iPhone 15 Pro or later (or a recent iPad, or a Mac with M1 or later), and Google says most Google Photos editing features need at least 3 GB of memory and Android 8.0 or iOS 18 or later. If you don't see a tool in this book, your device may simply be too old for it, and the ordinary tools still work.

CHAPTER 4

The Golden Rule: Always Keep the Original

If you remember only one thing from this book, make it this: **never let an edit replace your only copy of a picture.** The good news is that most editors protect you automatically. You just need to know which ones do and which ones ask you to choose.

How each editor treats your original

Editor	What happens when you save	How to get back
Apple Photos (iPhone, iPad, Mac)	Keeps the original hidden inside. Your edit shows instead.	**Revert to Original**, any time later
Google Photos	**Save** changes the photo; **Save as copy** makes a new one and leaves the original alone.	**Edit** > **Revert** (not for copies)
Samsung Gallery	**Save** changes the photo; **Save as copy** (in the three-dot menu) keeps the original. AI edits save as a copy.	**Edit** > **Revert** > **Revert to original**
Windows Photos	Offers a save option; choose the copy option when you see it.	Keep the original file; there's no reliable revert

Three habits that keep you safe

1. **For precious photos, make a copy first.** On an iPhone, open the photo, tap the **More** button (three dots) and choose **Duplicate**. Then edit the copy.
2. **On Android, Samsung and Windows, choose "Save as copy"** whenever you're offered it, at least until you're comfortable.
3. **Don't delete the original** just because the edited version looks nicer. Storage is cheap; your only picture of Grandpa isn't.

HEADS UP

"Save" can mean "replace"

Google's own help page puts it plainly: **Save** changes the original photo, while **Save as copy** makes a new photo with your edits and leaves the original unchanged. Samsung's Gallery works the same way. Google adds one more wrinkle: a photo saved as a copy can't be reverted later, but the untouched original is still sitting right next to it.

TIP

Edits follow you between devices

If you use iCloud Photos or Google Photos backup, an edit you make on your phone shows up on your other devices too, and the original is kept in the cloud. That's convenient, but it also means a change made on the iPad shows on the iPhone. You can still revert it from either one.

PART 2

Editing on an iPhone, iPad or Mac

Apple's Photos app has everything most people need: brighten, crop, straighten, filters, Clean Up for removing distractions, and a Revert button that undoes it all.

CHAPTER 5

Opening the Editor on an iPhone or iPad

The iPhone and iPad share the same Photos app, so these steps work on both. Your edits are **non-destructive**: Photos quietly keeps the original underneath, so nothing you try here is permanent.

Open a photo for editing

1. Open the **Photos** app and tap the picture you want to improve, so it fills the screen.
2. Tap the **Edit** button. It looks like three little sliders.
3. Along the bottom you'll see a row of buttons. Depending on your iPhone and iOS version, they include **Adjust** (light and color), **Filters** or **Styles**, **Crop**, and on iPhones with Apple Intelligence, **Clean Up** (in iOS 27 it sits inside **Tools**). Photos taken in Portrait mode also show a **Portrait** button.
4. Make your change, then tap **Done** (or the check mark) to keep it. To walk away without saving anything, tap **Cancel** and then **Discard Changes**.

TIP

Compare before and after

While you're editing, tap the picture itself (or the button that shows the original) to flip between your edited version and the original. It's the quickest way to see whether you've actually improved it or just changed it.

What each button is for

Button	What it does
Adjust	Brightness, exposure, contrast, warmth, color and more, each on a slider. Also has the one-tap **Enhance** button.
Filters	Ready-made looks such as **Vivid**, **Dramatic** and black and white.
Styles	On iPhone 16 and later, **Photographic Styles** can take the place of filters. Drag on the square pad to change tone and color together.
Crop	Trim, straighten, rotate and flip (Chapter 7).
Clean Up	Erase a distraction (Chapter 8).
Portrait	For Portrait-mode photos: change the blur behind the person or the lighting effect.

CHAPTER 6

Brighter, Warmer, Clearer: Adjust and Filters

Most disappointing photos are just a little too dark, too dull or the wrong color. The **Adjust** tools fix that in seconds.

Try Enhance first

1. Open the photo and tap **Edit**, then **Adjust**.
2. Tap the **Enhance** button (a little magic wand). Photos adjusts light and color automatically.
3. Look at the result. Often that's all a picture needs. Tap **Done**.
4. If it's too much, drag the slider under the Enhance button to the left to soften it.

Fine-tune with the sliders

In **Adjust**, swipe left along the row of small round buttons under the photo to see each setting, such as **Exposure**, **Brilliance**, **Highlights**, **Shadows**, **Contrast**, **Brightness**, **Saturation** and **Warmth**. Tap one, then drag the slider below it.

The problem	Try this slider	Which way
Whole photo too dark	Exposure or Brightness	Right, a little at a time
Faces in shadow (sun behind them)	Shadows	Right
Sky is white and washed out	Highlights	Left
Looks flat and gray	Contrast, then Brilliance	Right
Too orange or yellow (indoor lights)	Warmth	Left (cooler)
Too blue (snow, shade)	Warmth	Right (warmer)
Colors too loud	Saturation	Left

TIP

Small moves look natural

Push a slider all the way just to see what it does, then bring it back most of the way. Changes that look "just a bit better" on your phone usually look perfect on a printed photo. A tiny dot under each button shows which ones you've changed.

Add a filter

1. Tap **Edit**, then **Filters**.

2. Swipe through the looks under the photo, such as **Vivid**, **Dramatic** or **Mono** (black and white).
3. Drag the slider below to make the filter stronger or weaker, then tap **Done**.

GOOD TO KNOW

No Filters button on a new iPhone?

Apple says that on iPhone 16 models and later, **Photographic Styles** are used instead of filters. Filters are still available on those iPhones if you haven't turned Photographic Styles on. Either way, the idea is the same: a ready-made look you can soften with a slider.

CHAPTER 7

Crop, Straighten and Rotate

A good crop is the single biggest improvement you can make to most photos. Cutting away the empty lawn or the edge of the TV puts the attention on the people you love.

Crop

1. Open the photo, tap **Edit**, then tap **Crop**. A white frame appears around the picture.
2. Drag any corner of the frame inward to trim. Drag the picture itself to position it inside the frame.
3. To get a standard shape (for example, square for a frame or 4 x 6 for printing), tap the aspect button at the top and choose a size.
4. Tap **Done**.

Straighten a crooked horizon

1. In **Crop**, look below the photo for the straighten control and a slider (a dial of little lines).
2. Drag the slider slowly until the horizon, a doorway or a table edge looks level. A grid appears to help you.
3. There are also controls to correct tilt up-and-down and side-to-side, handy for a photo of a tall building or a picture on a wall.
4. Tap **Done**.

Rotate or flip

If a photo is on its side, tap **Crop**, then tap the **rotate** button (a square with a curved arrow) at the top. Each tap turns it a quarter turn. The **flip** button next to it mirrors the picture, which can fix a selfie where the writing on a shirt reads backward.

> TIP
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> **Crop for the frame you'll use**
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> Planning to print? A standard 4 x 6 print is a different shape from the phone's screen. Crop to the print size yourself so the shop doesn't cut off someone's head. My Photo Printing & Photo Books manual has more on printing.

CHAPTER 8

Clean Up: Erase a Stranger or a Trash Can

On iPhones, iPads and Macs with Apple Intelligence, the Photos app has a tool called **Clean Up**. It removes something distracting, like a stranger walking past or a power line across the sky, and fills the gap with background so you'd never know it was there.

Which devices have it

Device	What you need
iPhone	iPhone 15 Pro, 15 Pro Max, and every iPhone 16 or later.
iPad	Recent iPads that support Apple Intelligence.
Mac	Macs with Apple's M1 chip or later.
Everywhere	Apple Intelligence must be on, and it isn't offered in every language or region.

Step by step on an iPhone or iPad

1. Open the photo in **Photos** and tap **Edit**.
2. Tap **Clean Up**. In iOS 27, tap **Tools** first, then **Clean Up**. The first time, it may take a moment to download.
3. Photos may highlight things it suggests removing. Tap a highlighted item to erase it.
4. For anything else, **tap**, **brush over** or **draw a circle around** what you want gone.
5. Don't like the result? Tap the undo arrow and try again with a slightly bigger or smaller selection.
6. Tap **Done**.

TIP

Blurring a face instead

Apple notes that if you brush over a person's face with Clean Up, it may blur the face rather than erase it, which is a handy way to hide a stranger's identity before you post a photo.

New in iOS 27 and macOS 27

The same Tools area now also has **Extend**, which widens a picture by inventing more of the scene at the edges, and **Reframe**, which changes the angle slightly. Choose **Auto**, **Fast** or **High Quality** in Clean Up if you're offered the choice. Apple says some of these

server-based tools have a daily usage limit.

HEADS UP

The filled-in part is made up

Clean Up guesses what was behind the thing you removed. Zoom in before you save: look for smudges, repeated patterns or an odd shape. And Apple says that in iOS 27.2 and macOS 27.2 or later, most images edited with Apple Intelligence tools carry a hidden **SynthID** watermark showing they were changed by AI. It doesn't change how the photo looks.

CHAPTER 9

Editing on a Mac

The Photos app on a Mac uses the same ideas as the iPhone, on a bigger screen that's easier on the eyes. With iCloud Photos on, edits you make on the Mac show up on your iPhone too.

Open the editor

1. Open **Photos** and double-click the photo.
2. Click **Edit** at the top right of the window.
3. Across the top you'll see the editing sections: **Adjust**, **Filters** and **Crop**, plus **Tools** (with Clean Up) on Macs with Apple Intelligence.
4. Make your changes, then click **Done**.

The Mac's extra helpers

Helper	How
Auto crop and straighten	In **Crop**, click **Auto** and Photos levels and trims the picture for you. Wonderful for crooked scans of old prints.
Enhance	In **Adjust**, the automatic enhance button (magic wand) at the top fixes light and color in one click.
Undo one step	Press **Command-Z** to undo your last change.
Clean Up	**Edit** > **Tools** > **Clean Up**, then click, brush or circle what to remove, and click **Done**.

TIP

Copy one fix to many photos

Scanned a whole album that all came out a bit dark? On a Mac you can fix one, then copy those adjustments and paste them onto the others from the **Image** menu. It saves an afternoon of slider-dragging.

CHAPTER 10

Undo and Revert on Apple Devices

Apple's Photos app never throws away your original. Whether you edited a picture five minutes ago or five years ago, you can put it back exactly as it was.

Go back to the original on an iPhone or iPad

1. Open the edited photo.
2. Tap the **More** button (three dots).
3. Tap **Revert to Original**, then confirm.

GOOD TO KNOW

Older guides say "Edit, then Revert"

On older iOS versions, Revert was a button inside the editor. In current versions it's in the **More** menu. If you don't see it in one place, look in the other.

Go back to the original on a Mac

1. Select the edited photo.
2. Choose **Image** > **Revert to Original** from the menu bar at the top of the screen, or click **Revert to Original** in the editing toolbar.

Undo just the last step

While you're still in the editor, the undo arrow (iPhone) or **Command-Z** (Mac) takes back your last change without losing the rest. If you've made a mess, **Cancel** and then **Discard Changes** throws away everything from that editing session.

WHAT THIS DOES FOR YOU

Why this matters

Because you can always revert, there's no such thing as a ruined photo in Apple's Photos app. That frees you to experiment: try the dramatic filter, crop tight, push the warmth. If you don't like it tomorrow, it's one tap back.

HEADS UP

Except when you send it

Revert works on the photo in your library. If you've already texted or emailed the edited version, the person you sent it to has the edited copy, and reverting yours won't change theirs.

PART 3

Editing in Google Photos

Google Photos runs on Android phones, Pixels and iPhones alike. Its editor is free, and so are its best AI tools: Magic Eraser, Unblur and Portrait light.

CHAPTER 11

Opening the Google Photos Editor

Google Photos is the photo app on most Android phones and every Google Pixel, and many iPhone owners use it too. The editor works much the same everywhere. If you already back up with Google Photos, you don't need anything else: the tools are built in.

Open a photo for editing

1. Open the **Google Photos** app and tap the picture you want to fix.
2. Tap **Edit** at the bottom of the screen. It usually looks like three little sliders.
3. You'll see suggestions across the top (such as **Enhance**) and groups of tools along the bottom for cropping, light and color, filters and AI **Actions**. The names and order shift a little from one app update to the next.
4. On an Android phone you can also tap **Search** in the editor and type the name of the tool you want, for example "Magic Eraser" or "crop." It's a handy shortcut when you can't find a button.
5. When you're happy, tap **Save** or **Save as copy** (see the box below).

HEADS UP

Save, or Save as copy?

Google says **Save** changes the original photo, while **Save as copy** makes a new photo with your edits and leaves the original as it was. For a precious picture, choose **Save as copy**. Some AI tools save a copy automatically, next to the original.

The everyday fixes

Tool	What it does
Enhance	One tap to brighten and balance the color. Try it first.
Crop	Drag the corners to trim. There's a dial to straighten, a button to rotate a quarter turn, and a choice of shapes such as square.
Adjust	Sliders for brightness, contrast, highlights, shadows, warmth and saturation. Tap one, then drag.
Filters	Ready-made looks, including black and white. Tap one, then tap it again to make it stronger or weaker.

TIP

Press and hold to compare

While editing, press and hold your finger on the photo to see the original. Let go to see your edit again. It's the easiest way to tell whether a change really helps.

GOOD TO KNOW

Does my phone have every tool?

Google says most editing features need at least 3 GB of memory and Android 8.0 or later, or iOS 18 or later on an iPhone. A few of the newest tools need more memory. If a tool in this part is missing, update the Google Photos app first; if it's still missing, your phone may be too old for it, and the ordinary tools still work.

CHAPTER 12

Magic Eraser: Remove Distractions for Free

Magic Eraser is Google's tool for removing something you don't want: a stranger, a trash can, a sign. It used to be a Pixel-only feature. Google has since made it available to anyone using Google Photos, with no subscription, on Android phones and iPhones that meet the requirements in Chapter 11.

On an Android phone or Pixel

1. Open the photo in **Google Photos** and tap **Edit**.
2. Tap **Actions**, then **Magic Eraser**. (Or tap **Search** and type "Magic Eraser.")
3. Google may highlight suggested distractions. Tap a suggestion to remove it.
4. To remove something else, **tap** it, **brush** over it, or **draw a circle** around it, then tap **Erase**.
5. Check the result, then tap **Done** and save. Choose **Save as copy** to keep the original.

On an iPhone or iPad

1. Open the photo in the **Google Photos** app (not Apple's Photos app) and tap **Edit**.
2. Tap **Tools**, then choose **Magic Eraser** from **Actions**. The first time, the tool may need to download.
3. Tap, brush or circle what you want gone, then tap **Erase**.
4. Tap **Done**, then save as a copy.

TIP

If Magic Eraser is missing

Google suggests connecting to Wi-Fi, making sure the phone has some free storage, then opening a photo and tapping **Edit**. The tool may download in the background. After a few minutes, close and reopen the app and look again. An older phone without enough memory won't get it at all.

GOOD TO KNOW

Google labels the edit

When Magic Eraser creates new detail, Google adds a note to the photo's information saying it was edited with AI tools. Chapter 26 explains where to see it and why it's a good thing.

CHAPTER 13

Unblur, Portrait Light and "Help Me Edit"

Google Photos has a handful of other clever tools. The first two are free for everyone with a supported phone. The third lets you simply *type* what you'd like changed.

Tool	What it does
Unblur	Sharpens a slightly blurry or shaky photo. In **Edit** > **Actions** (or search "Unblur"). Google notes that the improved version needs a phone with more memory.
Portrait light	Adds soft light to a face that's in shadow, as if you'd held up a lamp. You can drag the light around.
Blur	Softens the background behind a person, like a portrait photo.

"Help me edit": describe the change in words

Newer versions of Google Photos let you type or say what you want, such as "make it brighter" or "remove the people in the background," and the AI does it. This is the newest generation of Google's **Magic Editor**.

1. Open the photo and tap **Edit**.
2. Tap **Help me edit**. On some phones the button is called **Ask**. The first time, you may be asked to turn the feature on; tap **Continue**.
3. Type what you'd like, or tap a suggestion.
4. Look at the result. If you don't like it, try different words, or back out without saving.
5. When you save, the edit goes into a new copy next to your original.

> **GOOD TO KNOW**
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> **Free, with a daily limit**
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> Google's help says these AI features are limited to a certain number of uses **per day**, and that a paid Google AI plan raises the limit. The photo must be backed up to Google Photos first, and some features aren't offered in every country. On Pixel 8 and later phones there's also **Reimagine**, which replaces part of a photo with something you describe.

HEADS UP

Typed edits can go too far

"Help me edit" can add things that were never there: a bluer sky, a different expression, extra people. That's fun for a birthday card. For a family record, stick with Enhance, crop and Magic Eraser, and keep the original.

CHAPTER 14

Undo and Revert in Google Photos

Google Photos keeps your original, as long as you saved in the normal way. Here's how to get back to it, and the one case where you can't.

Go back to the original

1. Open the edited photo in **Google Photos**.
2. Tap **Edit**.
3. Tap **Revert**, then save.

HEADS UP

Copies can't be reverted

Google says that if you saved your edit with **Save as copy**, that copy can't be reverted. That sounds worse than it is: the untouched original is still in your library, usually right next to the copy. If you don't want the edited copy, just delete it.

See how a photo was edited

Google Photos can show a photo's history. Open the photo, swipe up (or tap the **More** button) to see its information, and look for **How this was made**. It can show the edits made and whether AI tools were used. This works in the phone apps, not on the Google Photos website.

TIP

Edited by mistake on a shared album?

Editing a photo in your library doesn't change copies you've already sent or shared. If you shared the edited version and wish you hadn't, share the original again. My Google Photos manual covers sharing and shared albums in detail.

PART 4

Editing on a Samsung Galaxy or a Windows PC

Samsung's Gallery app and the Windows 11 Photos app both have a solid editor and their own AI eraser. Here's how to use them, and how to keep the original safe.

CHAPTER 15

The Samsung Gallery Editor

On a Samsung Galaxy phone or tablet, your pictures live in the **Gallery** app. (Many Samsung owners also have Google Photos, and everything in Part 3 works on a Samsung too. Use whichever app you prefer.)

Open the editor

1. Open **Gallery** and tap the photo.
2. Tap the **Edit** button, a little pencil at the bottom of the screen.
3. Along the bottom you'll find tools to crop and rotate, adjust light and color, add filters and more. Tap one, make your change, and tap **Done** or the check mark if one appears.
4. To save, tap **Save**, or open the **More** menu (three dots) and choose **Save as copy** to keep the original untouched.

TIP

The auto-fix button

In the Samsung editor, look for a magic-wand style auto-adjust button near the top. One tap balances the light and color. If you don't like it, tap it again to turn it off.

Go back to the original

If you saved with plain **Save**, Samsung still keeps a way back. Open the photo, tap the pencil (**Edit**), then tap **Revert** and choose **Revert to original**. Edits saved with **Save as copy** leave the original as a separate photo, so there's nothing to revert.

GOOD TO KNOW

Menus move with each update

Samsung reshuffles the Gallery editor in many One UI updates. If a button isn't where this guide says, look under the three-dot **More** menu, or touch and hold the photo to see its options.

CHAPTER 16

Samsung's AI Eraser and Generative Edit

Samsung's Galaxy AI tools can remove people and objects, move someone a little to the left, or straighten a crooked picture and fill in the corners. Samsung has renamed these tools a few times: you may see **Generative edit**, **Photo assist**, **AI eraser** or **Object eraser**, depending on your phone and software.

Remove or move something with Galaxy AI

1. Open the photo in **Gallery**.
2. Tap the **Galaxy AI** button (on some phones, tap the pencil first, then **Photo assist**).
3. Circle or tap the person or object. You can then **erase** it, or drag it to move it or pinch to make it bigger or smaller.
4. Tap **Generate**. The phone fills in the background.
5. Tap **Show Original** to compare. If you're happy, tap **Save Copy**. Your original stays in the Gallery.

Item	Details
What you need	A Galaxy phone or tablet with Galaxy AI, a **Samsung account** and an internet connection. Turn it on in **Settings** > **Galaxy AI** > **Photo assist**.
Picture size	Samsung resizes the finished picture to no more than 12 megapixels. That's plenty for sharing and ordinary prints.
The label	A small **Galaxy AI** watermark appears in the corner of AI-generated pictures.
Cost	Samsung says its basic Galaxy AI features are free, and that some "enhanced" features may carry fees under separate terms. Check the notice on your phone if you're asked to sign up.

Object eraser on phones without Galaxy AI

Many Galaxy phones without the full Galaxy AI tools have the simpler **Object eraser**. Open the photo, tap the pencil, and look for it among the tools or under the three-dot **More** menu. Tap or circle the item, then tap **Erase** and save as a copy. Samsung members report that after the One UI 8.5 update the basic eraser may need to be switched on in the editor's settings (three dots > **Settings**).

HEADS UP

Look closely before you save

AI fill-ins can leave smudges, doubled patterns or an extra hand. Zoom in with two fingers and check the area you changed. If it looks odd, go back and circle a smaller area, or try it in two steps.

CHAPTER 17

The Windows 11 Photos App

On a Windows PC, double-clicking a picture usually opens it in the **Photos** app. Its editor is simple and free, and it's the easiest place to fix scanned prints on a big screen.

Open the editor

1. Double-click the picture to open it in **Photos** (or open Photos from the Start menu and choose the picture).
2. Select **Edit image** at the top of the window, or press **Ctrl + E**.
3. Choose a section: **Crop** (trim, rotate, straighten), **Adjustment** (light and color), **Filter**, **Erase**, **Background**, and more, depending on your version.
4. Make your change.

Blur, remove or replace the background

The **Background** section separates the person from what's behind them. Then you can **Blur** the background (with a slider for how much), **Remove** it altogether, or **Replace** it with something else. Blur is lovely for making a cluttered living room fade away behind Grandma.

Saving without losing the original

When you're done, look closely at the save button in the top corner. Windows Photos can either save over the picture you opened or save a **copy**. Choose the copy option, so the edited picture is saved as a new file beside the original. The exact wording has changed between versions, so read it before you click.

> **HEADS UP**
>
> **Windows has no "revert" safety net**
>
> Unlike Apple and Google, Windows Photos doesn't promise a way back once you save over a file. If you replace your only scan of a photo, the original is gone. Save as a copy, or make a copy of the file first (right-click it in File Explorer, **Copy**, then **Paste**).

TIP

There's also Microsoft Designer

Windows Photos may offer **Edit with Designer**, which opens Microsoft's online design tool for fancier changes. Microsoft notes it needs an internet connection. For everyday fixes, the Photos editor itself is all you need.

CHAPTER 18

Generative Erase in Windows Photos

Generative erase is the Windows version of Magic Eraser. Microsoft says it uses AI to predict what the background looks like behind the object you remove, based on the area around it.

1. Open the picture in **Photos** and select **Edit image**.
2. Select **Erase**. The AI eraser is chosen for you.
3. Brush over the object you want to remove. Normally it disappears as soon as you lift your finger or mouse button.
4. For more control, turn **Auto-apply** off. Then brush the area, use **Add to mask** or **Remove from mask** to adjust what's covered, and select **Apply** when it's right.
5. Save as a copy (Chapter 17).

Item	Details
Works on	Windows 11, and Windows 10 with the current Photos app.
Privacy	Microsoft says generative erase runs on your own computer, so the picture stays on your PC.
Cost	Free, as part of the Photos app.

TIP

Use a mouse for small things

Brushing with a mouse is more precise than with a laptop's touchpad. Zoom in on the picture first, make the brush smaller, and remove a small object in two or three short strokes rather than one big one.

GOOD TO KNOW

Shortcuts from the screen

On some newer Windows computers, **Click to Do** offers quick actions such as "Erase objects with Photos" and "Blur background with Photos" for a picture on your screen. They open the same Photos tools.

PART 5

Snapseed, and Removing Things Well

Google's free Snapseed app for when you'd like a little more control, and the know-how that makes any eraser tool give a clean, natural result.

CHAPTER 19

Snapseed: Google's Free Editing App

Snapseed is a free photo editor made by Google, for iPhone, iPad and Android. You don't need it for everyday fixes; the built-in editors are enough. It's worth having when you'd like finer control, for example to brighten *just* a face, or to touch out a speck of dust on an old scan.

Getting the real Snapseed

1. Open the **App Store** (iPhone) or **Google Play** (Android) and search for **Snapseed**.
2. Check that the maker listed under the name is **Google LLC**. Copycat apps with similar names exist, and some charge weekly subscriptions (Chapter 27).
3. Tap **Get** or **Install**. Snapseed is free.
4. Open it and allow it to see your photos when it asks.

Two versions that look different

Google has released a redesigned **Snapseed 3** for iPhone and iPad, with tabs along the bottom and a **Tools** tab where you can pin favorite tools. The Android version may look different from the iPhone one. The tools themselves have the same names, so the steps here work on both.

A basic edit

1. Open Snapseed and tap the big **+** (or **Open**) to choose a photo.
2. Tap **Tools**, then **Tune Image**.
3. Slide your finger **up or down** on the photo to choose a setting, such as Brightness, Contrast or Saturation. Then slide **left or right** to change it.
4. Tap the check mark to keep the change.
5. Try **Crop**, **Rotate** and **Perspective** under Tools for a crooked picture.
6. When you're done, tap **Export** and choose the option that saves a **copy**.

WHAT THIS DOES FOR YOU

Why Snapseed is worth a try

Snapseed gives you finer control than the built-in editors, and it lets you undo or remove any single step later. It's free, with no account to set up, and it works the same way on an iPhone and an Android phone.

TIP

The tools I'd learn first

Tune Image for light and color, **Selective** for brightening one spot (tap a face, then slide), **Healing** for specks and small objects (Chapter 20), and **Crop**. Those four cover most of what people need.

CHAPTER 20

Snapseed's Healing Tool and Undo

The **Healing** tool covers a small unwanted thing with the scene around it. It's wonderful for dust spots and scratches on scanned prints, a blemish, or a small sign in a plain sky. It works best on single objects with an uncluttered background.

Remove a speck or small object

1. Open the photo in Snapseed and tap **Tools**, then **Healing**.
2. Zoom in with two fingers so the spot is large on the screen. Small, careful strokes give the cleanest result.
3. Paint over the spot with your fingertip. Lift your finger and it disappears.
4. If it doesn't look right, tap the undo arrow and try a smaller stroke.
5. Tap the check mark, then export as a copy.

HEADS UP

Every touch counts

While Healing is open, any touch on the photo starts healing. To move around a zoomed-in picture, use two fingers, not one, or you'll erase something by accident. Undo is always there if you do.

Undo any step later

Snapseed keeps a list of every step you've made. Look for the undo arrow or the **edit stack** button (a little stack of squares) at the top of the screen. From there you can **undo** the last step, **revert** to the original, or **view edits** to change or delete one step without losing the rest.

TIP

Snapseed or the built-in eraser?

For people and larger objects, the AI erasers (Clean Up, Magic Eraser, Galaxy AI, Generative erase) usually do a better job than Healing, because they rebuild the background. Use Healing for small specks, spots and scratches.

CHAPTER 21

Removing Objects: Getting a Natural Result

Every eraser tool in this guide works the same basic way: you mark what you don't want, and the device guesses what was behind it. A few habits make the difference between "I'd never know" and "what happened to that wall?"

Which tool on which device

Device	Tool	Where
iPhone, iPad, Mac (Apple Intelligence)	Clean Up	Photos > Edit > Tools > Clean Up
Any Android phone or iPhone	Magic Eraser	Google Photos > Edit > Actions or Tools
Samsung Galaxy	Galaxy AI eraser or Object eraser	Gallery > Galaxy AI, or the pencil
Windows PC	Generative erase	Photos > Edit image > Erase
Any phone, small specks	Healing	Snapseed > Tools > Healing

Seven habits for a clean result

1. **Zoom in first.** A bigger view lets you mark exactly what you want.
2. **Include the shadow.** A removed person whose shadow stays behind looks spooky. Brush over the shadow and any reflection too.
3. **Work in small steps.** Remove two small things one at a time rather than one big area.
4. **Easy backgrounds work best.** Sky, grass, sand, water and plain walls fill in beautifully. Busy patterns, fences and crowds are harder.
5. **Big objects near faces are risky.** The AI may change a hand or the edge of a sleeve. Check closely.
6. **Try cropping instead.** If the distraction is at the edge, a crop is quicker and changes nothing real.
7. **Compare before you save.** Flip between the original and the edit. If it looks fake, undo.

TIP

Hide a face rather than erase it

Want to post a picture with a stranger's child in the background? Apple's Clean Up blurs a face if you brush over it, and Samsung and Google have blur tools too. Blurring is often kinder and more honest than erasing a person completely.

HEADS UP

When not to erase

Removing a trash can is harmless. Removing a family member who's fallen out of favor, or a car from an accident scene, changes the record. Chapter 26 covers the honest side of editing.

PART 6

Fixing Old and Scanned Photos

Turning faded prints into clear digital pictures: scanning them with your phone, gentle fixes with the tools you already have, and an honest look at paid "restore" apps.

CHAPTER 22

Scanning Old Prints with Your Phone

Before you can fix an old print, you need a good digital copy. Your phone can make one in seconds. The trick is avoiding glare, the shiny reflection that spoils a photo of a glossy print.

PhotoScan: Google's free scanner app

PhotoScan by Google Photos is a free app for iPhone and Android made for exactly this. It takes several pictures of the print from slightly different angles and combines them, which removes glare. It also straightens and crops the result for you.

1. Install **PhotoScan by Google Photos** from the App Store or Google Play. Check that the maker is Google LLC.
2. Lay the print flat on a table with a plain, contrasting background, in good, even light.
3. Open PhotoScan and hold the phone flat above the print so the whole picture fits in the frame.
4. Tap the round shutter button. Four dots appear, one near each corner.
5. Slowly move the phone so the circle on screen passes over each dot in turn. The app stitches the shots into one clean scan.
6. Your scan is saved to the phone's photo library, and to Google Photos if you use it.

> TIP
>
> **Matte prints go faster**
>
> For non-shiny prints in soft light, PhotoScan lets you turn glare removal off in its settings. Then each scan is a single tap, with no dots to follow. Turn it back on for glossy prints.

Other good ways to scan

Method	Notes
iPhone, no extra app	In the **Notes** app, open a note, tap the attachment button and choose **Scan Documents**. It works for prints too, though glare can show.
A plain photo	Take an ordinary picture of the print, straight from above, in daylight without flash. Crop it afterward. Fine for a quick share.
A flatbed scanner	Best quality for the most precious prints. Many home printers have one built in.

Method	Notes
A scanning service	For boxes of prints, slides or negatives, a mail-in or local service does the work for you.

GOOD TO KNOW

For a big project

If you have albums and shoeboxes to work through, my Digitizing Old Photos & Movies manual compares scanners, services and costs, and explains how to name and back up the results. This part is about *improving* the pictures once they're digital.

CHAPTER 23

Gentle Fixes for Faded, Tilted and Spotty Scans

Most old photos have the same few problems: they've faded, turned yellow or red, scanned a little crooked, or picked up dust and scratches. The free tools in Parts 2 to 5 fix all of these.

The problem	What to try	Where
Crooked scan, white border	Crop and straighten	Any editor. On a Mac, Crop > **Auto**
Faded, washed out	Enhance, then a little more Contrast	Any editor
Turned yellow or orange	Warmth (cooler), or a little less Saturation	Any editor
Too dark in the faces	Shadows up, or Snapseed's Selective	Any editor, Snapseed
Dust specks, small scratches	Healing, Clean Up or Magic Eraser	Snapseed, Photos, Google Photos
Slightly soft or blurry	Unblur	Google Photos
Black and white looks muddy	Enhance, then Contrast; or the Mono filter	Any editor

A five-minute routine for one old photo

1. **Make a copy** of the scan first (Chapter 4). Always keep one untouched scan.
2. **Crop and straighten** to remove the table or the white border.
3. Tap **Enhance** or **Auto**, then soften it if it's too strong.
4. Fix the color with **Warmth**. Most faded prints look better a little cooler.
5. Remove the worst **specks and scratches**, a few at a time, zoomed in.
6. Compare with the original. Stop while it still looks like an old photo.

TIP

Fix one, copy to the rest (Mac)

If a whole roll of prints scanned the same way, fix one on a Mac, then use the **Image** menu to copy the adjustments and paste them onto the others.

WHAT THIS DOES FOR YOU

Why gentle is better

A little fading and a soft, warm tone are part of what makes an old photo feel real. The goal is to help the faces show clearly, not to make 1958 look like it was taken yesterday. Light fixes also look better when printed.

CHAPTER 24

Restore Apps: Remini, MyHeritage and Others, Honestly

You've probably seen ads showing a cracked, blurry old photo turning sharp and colorful in seconds. Those "photo restoration" and "enhancer" apps are real, and some results are impressive. Here's what you should know before you pay or upload anything.

What these apps actually do

They use AI to **guess** what a face or a scene probably looked like. They don't uncover hidden detail; they invent new detail that fits. That's why a restored great-grandmother can come out with smoother skin, different eyes or a slightly different smile. The result can be lovely, but it's a new picture inspired by the old one.

Two well-known examples

	Remini	MyHeritage photo tools
What it does	Sharpens faces and blurry photos; many AI portrait extras	Photo Enhancer, Photo Repair (scratches, tears), In Color (colorizing black-and-white)
Free to try?	Limited free use	A few photos free, then a subscription; free colorized photos carry a logo watermark
Cost	Weekly subscriptions; the U.S. App Store has listed Remini Pro at about $9.99 a week. Check the current price before you tap.	Included with some MyHeritage plans or a separate Photo subscription. Check current prices.
Where photos go	Uploaded to the company's servers for processing	Uploaded to MyHeritage

HEADS UP

Do the math on weekly plans

A plan of about $9.99 a week is roughly $520 a year. Many of these apps open with a "free trial" that turns into a weekly charge unless you cancel. If you only have a handful of photos, a few minutes with the free tools in this guide, or a one-time job by a local photo shop, usually costs far less.

Privacy: think before you upload

- Your photos, including other people's faces, go to the company's computers. Read the privacy policy and look for how long they keep pictures.

- Check the app's privacy label in the App Store or the Data safety section in Google Play before installing.
- Be careful with photos that show children, home addresses, documents or anything you wouldn't want shared.
- Stick with well-known apps from well-known companies. Unknown "enhancer" apps are a favorite of scammers (Chapter 27).

TIP

Always keep the honest scan

Whatever app you try, keep your plain, unrestored scan next to the restored one, and name the restored copy clearly (for example, "Mom 1958 - restored"). Future generations will want to know which is the real photograph.

FROM BILL

A careful hand for a precious photo

If you have one badly damaged photo that matters a great deal, I'm happy to help you scan it properly and look at the options together, free and paid, before you upload it anywhere. Call (330) 200-8042. Help is $49 remote · $99 in your home.

PART 7

Sharing, Honesty and Scams

Sending your edited photos to family, being honest about AI changes, and steering clear of fake "photo enhancer" apps that are really after a weekly charge.

CHAPTER 25

Sharing Your Edited Photos

Once a photo looks right, you'll want to share it. When you share from any of the editors in this guide, the person receives the **edited** version, the one you see on your screen.

Share from your phone

1. Open the edited photo.
2. Tap the **Share** button (a square with an arrow on iPhone, or three connected dots on Android).
3. Choose how to send it: Messages, email, a shared album, or another app.

TIP

Send the original instead

Want to share the untouched version too? On an iPhone, duplicate the photo first (**More** > **Duplicate**) and revert the copy. In Google Photos or Samsung Gallery, if you saved as a copy, the original is right next to the edit.

Leave out the location

Photos taken on a phone often record where they were taken. Before sharing a picture of your home or grandchildren publicly, you can leave that out. On an iPhone, tap **Share**, then **Options** at the top, and turn off **Location**. On Android, look for a similar option when sharing, or remove the location from the photo's details.

If you're	A good way
Texting one or two photos	Messages or WhatsApp. Quick, but some apps shrink the picture.
Sending to the whole family	A shared album in Apple Photos or Google Photos keeps full quality and everyone can add their own.
Printing	Order prints from the app or a store. Crop to the print shape first.
A slideshow or video	Covered in my Making a Photo Slideshow manual.

GOOD TO KNOW

More on sharing and printing

My Apple Photos and Google Photos manuals cover shared albums step by step, and my Photo Printing & Photo Books manual covers prints, frames and books.

CHAPTER 26

AI Labels and Honest Editing

Brightening a photo or cropping it doesn't change what happened. AI tools are different: they can add, remove or invent things. The big photo companies now mark pictures changed by AI, and it's worth knowing what those marks are.

How each company labels AI edits

Company	What it does
Apple	In iOS 27.2 and macOS 27.2 or later, most images created or edited with Apple Intelligence tools include a hidden **SynthID** watermark. It doesn't change how the photo looks.
Google	Photos edited with tools such as Magic Eraser and Magic Editor carry information saying they were **Edited with AI tools**. Google Photos also supports **Content Credentials**, and shows a **How this was made** section in a photo's details.
Samsung	A visible **Galaxy AI** watermark in the corner of AI-generated pictures.

GOOD TO KNOW

Labels can be lost

Google warns that AI-edit information can sometimes be edited or removed, and screenshots or some messaging apps can strip it. A missing label doesn't prove a photo is untouched. To check a picture someone sent you, my AI Images & Video manual explains free tools such as **contentcredentials.org/verify**.

A few fair rules for family photos

- **Fixing light, color and crooked scans is always fine.** It helps the photo show what really happened.
- **Removing a trash can or a stranger is fine** for your own albums and cards.
- **Be open about bigger changes.** If you've removed a person, swapped a sky or used a restore app, say so when you share, for example "restored with AI."
- **Never use an edited photo as proof**: for insurance, a sale listing, a legal matter, or to show damage. Use the original.
- **Ask before editing someone else's face**, and before posting a restored photo of a relative others may remember differently.
- **Keep the original** for the family record, always.

WHAT THIS DOES FOR YOU

Why honesty pays

Your photos will outlive you. Grandchildren researching the family will be grateful to know which pictures are real and which were touched up. A clear label and a kept original cost you nothing.

CHAPTER 27

Photo App Scams: Fake Enhancers and Weekly Charges

The most common way people lose money over photo editing isn't a criminal on the phone. It's an app from the app store that promises free AI magic, then quietly starts charging every week. Here's what to watch for.

SCAM ALERT

The "free" enhancer that charges weekly

An ad shows an old photo restored in seconds. You install the app, upload a photo, and a screen asks you to "start your free trial" to see the result. Unless you cancel in time, it becomes a weekly subscription, often several dollars a week, which adds up to hundreds a year. The FTC warns that free trials often lead to repeated charges until you cancel.

SCAM ALERT

Copycat apps with familiar names

Apps whose names sound like Google's, Apple's or Samsung's own tools, but that are made by someone else. The real Magic Eraser is free inside Google Photos, and Clean Up is free inside Apple Photos. You don't need a separate app for either.

SCAM ALERT

"Restore your family photos" ads and messages

Ads, emails or social media posts offering to restore your old photos, sometimes using a stolen example picture. Some lead to fake websites that collect your card number, or to apps that ask for access to every photo on your phone. Use only services you've looked up yourself.

Warning signs

- The result is hidden until you agree to a "free trial."
- The price is shown **per week**, in small print, or not at all until the last screen.
- The maker isn't a company you recognize, or the app has many reviews mentioning "charged" or "can't cancel."
- It asks for **full access** to all your photos when you only want to fix one. On an iPhone you can choose to share just selected photos.

- It pushes you to upgrade again and again before you can save your picture.

How to cancel a subscription

Where you subscribed	How to cancel
iPhone or iPad	**Settings** > tap your name > **Subscriptions** > choose the app > **Cancel Subscription**. If there's no Cancel button, it's already canceled.
Android	Open **Google Play**, tap your profile picture > **Payments & subscriptions** > **Subscriptions**, choose the app, then **Cancel subscription**.
Signed up on a website	Cancel on that company's website, or call your card company.

HEADS UP

Deleting the app doesn't cancel it

Google says uninstalling an app leaves its subscription active. You must cancel the subscription itself. You keep access until the end of the time you've paid for.

TIP

Already charged?

Cancel first, so it doesn't happen again. Then you can ask Apple (reportaproblem.apple.com) or Google Play for a refund; it isn't guaranteed, but it's worth asking. If a website won't stop charging you, the FTC suggests asking your card company to stop the payments or dispute the charge, and you can report it at **ReportFraud.ftc.gov**.

PART 8

Help and Your Cheat-Sheet

An honest word about when a hand is worth it, and a one-page summary of everything in this guide.

CHAPTER 28

When to Call Bill

I've written this book so you can edit your own photos with confidence. But part of being helpful is being honest about when a hand saves you time, worry or money, so here's my straight advice, with no pressure.

Times it's well worth a call

- **A precious, damaged photo** you're nervous about touching. We'll scan it properly and keep the original safe before trying anything.
- **A box of old prints** to scan and tidy up, and you'd like a system that works.
- **A tool in this guide is missing** from your phone or computer, and you're not sure whether it's an update, a setting or an older device.
- **You think an edit replaced your original**, on Windows or Android, and want to see what can be recovered.
- **A photo app is charging you every week** and you can't work out how to cancel it.
- **Choosing a new phone or computer** and you'd like one with the newer editing tools.

What working with me is like

I work at your pace: no rushing, no talking down, and no jargon. I explain what I'm doing in plain words, and I'll tell you honestly when a paid app isn't worth your money. I serve Portage County, Ohio, and I bring more than 30 years of professional experience to every visit.

> FROM BILL
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> **How to reach me**
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> Call or text **(330) 200-8042**, or book a time at **billshometech.com/book**. Help is **$49 remote · $99 in your home**. If I'm with another customer, my AI receptionist, Sophie, will answer and make sure I get back to you. No question is too small.

Thank you for letting me help you with your pictures. The photos you fix today are the ones your family will treasure tomorrow.

— Bill

CHAPTER 29

Your Photo Editing Cheat-Sheet

Print just this page and keep it by your computer. The whole book, boiled down.

Where the editor is

Device	Where
iPhone or iPad	**Photos** > open a photo > **Edit**
Mac	**Photos** > double-click a photo > **Edit**
Google Photos	Open a photo > **Edit**
Samsung Gallery	Open a photo > the pencil
Windows 11	**Photos** > **Edit image** (Ctrl + E)
Snapseed	Open a photo > **Tools**

Remove a distraction

Where	How
Apple	Edit > **Tools** > **Clean Up**
Google Photos	Edit > **Actions** > **Magic Eraser** (iPhone: Edit > Tools)
Samsung	**Galaxy AI** > circle it > **Generate** > **Save Copy**
Windows	Edit image > **Erase**

Get the original back

Device	How
iPhone or iPad	**More** (three dots) > **Revert to Original**
Mac	**Image** > **Revert to Original**
Google Photos	Edit > **Revert** (copies can't be reverted; the original is beside them)
Samsung	Pencil > **Revert** > **Revert to original**
Windows	No revert. Always save as a copy.

Keep handy

Item	
My phone and its model	_____
My computer	_____
Photo apps I pay for (and the price)	_____
Where my original scans are kept	_____

Safety, in three lines

- Choose **Save as copy** whenever it's offered, and never delete your only original.
- The best erasers are free and built in. Be wary of any app that hides your photo behind a "free trial."
- Deleting an app doesn't cancel it: cancel in Settings or Google Play.

WHAT THIS DOES FOR YOU

You've got this

You know where your editor is, how to brighten, crop and erase, how to rescue an old print, and how to get any original back. When you'd like a hand, call (330) 200-8042.