Create#9 // Mobile Phone Photography by Gillian Allard

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In my last Create activity, we looked at taking photos from unusual angles. In this one, we are going to explore how to edit your photos, using some of the edit functions on your phone. Editing enables you to change how the original photo looks, e.g. by making it brighter, cropping out bits you don't want or changing the tones and colours.

Mobile Phone Photography

Although this activity has images for an iPhone, the same tools are available on most mobile phones with a camera. **Cropping** allows you to select the area of a photograph you want to keep and crop out (exclude) what you don't want in your image. For example: -



Open Your Photo Library/ Gallery to find the picture you want to edit.

Tap the photo, then tap Edit in the top righthand corner.

Tap the crop and rotate icon [1]





Tap the Preset icon [2]

Choose the preset size you want to use to crop your picture by swiping your finger across (where the blue line is on the example) [3]



Find the a preset size eg: 9:16 [4].

The white guide lines will demonstrate how your image will look by highlighting what will be visible and darkening the area outside of that.

Alternatively, you manually crop by moving the white guides with your finger, in **Freeform** [5].

Tap Done in the bottom-right hand corner of your display when you are happy with image [6].

If you later decide you liked your original picture better, simply:-

- Tap Edit
- Tap Revert [7]

This will undo the cropping and return to the original photo or tap on ORIGINAL to start again.



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You can improve and enhance your Photo, i.e. change the brightness, shadow detail, highlights and much more, by using the **Adjustment** tools.

Select your image and then open by tapping Edit in the top right-hand corner.

Tap the Adjustment icon. The first option is the Magic Wand tool which is the Auto version of photo improvements.

To see all the options, swipe the circles (your adjustment tools) to the right. They will illuminate along with a series of line of dashes.

Continue to swipe your finger across the circles to access any of the options such as Brightness, Shadows etc. Then tap on any one.

Swipe your finger back and forth across the dashes left to right to increase and decrease the intensity or brightness. You can alter each single image using multiple options e.g. Brightness, then Contrast, then Highlights, until you are happy with it.

Also try **Saturation, Tint & Vibrance** to alter the colour, **Sharpness** and **Definition** to add clarity.

Filters

If you would like to add subtle changes of tone, or make your images black and white, your mobile phone will have a series of preset 'Filter'options for you to try.

Open the photo you would like to alter from and press Edit.

The Filter option will appear, and you need to tap on it, to select it.

You can increase or decrease the intensity of the filter by swiping left to right.

Press Done when you have finished.

Remember you can always **Revert** to the original later, if you decide you don't want to keep the changes you've made.





Tap the **Filter** icon





Tap a Filter of your choice. To decrease the intensity of the Filter swipe right along the lower line of dashes. To complete, tap Done. You can also, open your other Adjustment tools to continue editing your image.