

How To Edit Your Photos using Picnik

Picnik makes editing your photos EASY and it takes the intimidation away!



Step 1: Get Started

Go to www.picnik.com and click the 'Get Started Now' button on the welcome page.



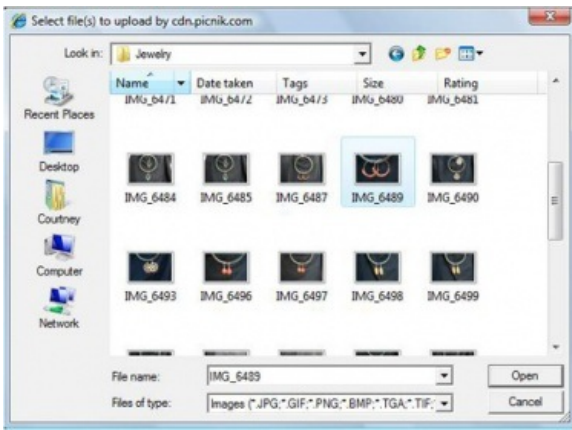
Step 2: Begin Registration (Optional)

You are not required to register with Picnik in order to use their services, but I recommend creating an account since it will allow you to store recent images you've been working on and refer back to them when you login in the future.



Step 3: Begin the process to Upload Photos

Click the 'Upload Photos' button (If you prefer to test out the system first without using a personal image, you can open a demo photo to practice with by clicking on one of the available images they provide).



Step 4: Select the Image(s) to Edit

From your computer, select the image(s) you would like to modify. (Picnik's free account allows you to upload up to 5 images at a time from your system. With the premium account, you can upload up to 100 images at a time for you to work on). At this time, I'm only selecting one image to work on.



Step 5: Begin Editing your Image

Within the edit tab, you have a series of options for you to modify your image, such as rotating, cropping, resizing, adjusting the exposure of your image, etc. I recommend working from left to right through the edit features until you are comfortable with each tool and satisfied with the modifications to your image.



Step 6: Rotate

You can rotate the image by 90 degree angles by clicking on the 'Left' or 'Right' buttons or rotate your image more slightly by sliding the straighten bar. Click the 'OK' button once you are satisfied with any rotation changes.



Step 7: Exposure

You can 'Auto-Fix' your image or scroll right to left on the 'Exposure' and 'Contrast' bars until you are satisfied. Click the 'OK' button once you are satisfied with any changes you've made to the exposure.



Step 8: Colors

Again, with this feature you can select 'Auto Colors' or 'Neutral Picker' where Picnik's system will automatically modify your image for you or you can also scroll up and down the 'Saturation' and 'Temperature' bars to make adjustments. Click the 'OK' button once you are satisfied with any changes you've made to the colors.



Step 9: Continue Modifying your Image using 'Create'

There are additional functions within the 'Create' tab which allow you to add effects, stickers, text, frames, etc. to your images. Again, I would recommend working from left to right through the available features until you are satisfied with your image. Within the 'Create' tab, I most frequently use 'Effects, Text and Frames' tools.



Step 10: Text

Add any text you would like to include in the image & select the font and color of the text you desire.



Step 11: Frames

Select a frame, if desired. In this case, I selected the 'Rounded Edges' frame.



Step 12: Save & Share

Once you're finished editing your image, select the 'Save & Share' tab and click where you would like to save your image. (i.e. – Save to your computer, Flickr, Twitter, Facebook, etc.) In this case, I chose to save my image to my Flickr account. If you are not already connected with Flickr, you will be prompted to provide your login credentials for Flickr. Follow the instructions to add a title, description and tags to the image and click the 'Save Photo' button.



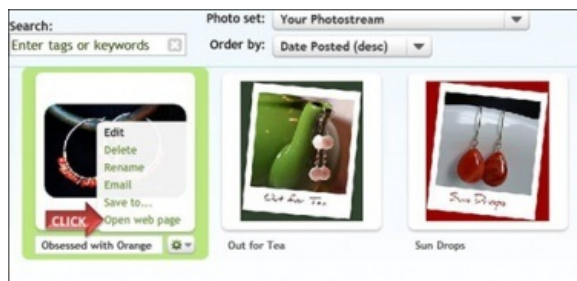
Step 13: Close your Photo

Select the 'Close photo' button if you are satisfied with your changes or 'Continue editing' if you need to make additional modifications.



Step 14: Manage your Photos within your Library

As you edit and save images they will be stored within your library. If you want to access the images for any reason, (i.e.: further editing, to delete the image, rename, etc.) scroll under the image and a toolbar will appear with your available options.



Step 15: Using Flickr

If you have selected to save your image within Flickr, you can access the web page for that image. Select the 'Open web page' button to see your image within Flickr.



Step 16: Voilà!

You will see that your image has been posted within your Flickr account and keep in mind, these same features are available within a range of other types of accounts, like Facebook, Photobucket, Picasa, etc. It's your choice depending on your preference.



Step 17: Before & After

Here is my image with a before and after to show you the difference! Let us know how Picnik works out for you and what tricks you found using it!