

ADD A PHOTO EFFECT USING THE PHOTOS APP

You can use Photos to enhance the look of an image by applying one or more of the effects offered by the Photos app. For example, the *Vignette* effect darkens the edges and corners of the photo, which adds a natural frame around the image and draws attention to the rest of the photo. The *Selective Focus* effect enables you to select a custom circular or elliptical area of the photo that remains in focus while the area outside the selection gets blurred. This enables you to really attract the viewer's eye to a particular part of the photo.

In Photos, display the image you want to repair or modify. If you do not see the application bar, click the screen. The application bar appears. Click Edit to display the image editing tools. Click Effects. Click the effect you want to apply: You can click *Vignette* to apply the Vignette effect. In this case, proceed with the subsection "Apply a Vignette Effect." You can click *Selective focus* to apply the Selective Focus effect. In this case, proceed with the subsection "Apply a Selective Focus effect.

Apply a Vignette Effect: Click and drag the vignette indicator clockwise until the vignette is at the level you want. If you apply too much vignette, drag the indicator counterclockwise to reduce the effect.

Apply a Selective Focus Effect: Move the mouse inside the selective focus area. Drag the selective focus area to the portion of the photo that you want to remain in focus. Click Apply. 4 Click Save. Photos saves your changes.

How do you change the shape of the selective focus area? By default, the selective focus area is a circle. This works best for most photos, but if you have a non-circular area, you can adjust the shape of the selective focus area by dragging any of the four white circles that appear on the border of the selective focus area.

Can you control the amount of blur in the Selective Focus effect? Yes. Photos offers several blur strengths that you can apply. Click Strength and then click the blur level you prefer: Maximum, Strong, Medium (the default), Weak, or Minimum.