

# Digital Photography – create

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Enjoy your pictures in fun, creative ways – it is what photography is all about!

### Turn your photos into a movie.

It is so easy to play filmmaker with your pictures. Select your best shots, then adjust the delay time, dimensions, and video compression settings. That is it – Picasa will render a movie, complete with title graphics, that you can play and share.

### Make a personalised desktop picture or screensaver.

Your best pictures are now on display. Pick a favourite photo as your desktop picture or add several into your screensaver rotation. What better way to enjoy your photographic genius at your desk?

### Create a poster.

Picasa can tile any picture you select, allowing you to print each part and reassemble them at poster size – up to 1,000% larger than the original.

### Make picture collages.

Select a group of pictures, choose one of the beautiful templates, and Picasa will create a collage that expands your creative horizons. Picture pile it. Make a multi-exposure image. Create a contact sheet. Done? Simply save your collage to a folder, as a new desktop background or as a screensaver.



## **The Picture Tray and Controls**

Any picture you select in the folder list appears as an active selection in your picture tray on the lower left corner of the main library screen. Pictures in the "Picture Tray" are affected by the buttons to the right of the tray.

### **Hold**

Use the "Hold" button to keep a picture in the tray as you add more pictures. You can add multiple pictures to the tray by holding down the Shift key as you select pictures.

### **Clear**

Click the "Clear" button to empty the "Picture Tray" of all pictures on hold.

### **Label**

Click the "Label" button to add a new or existing label to the picture(s) in the tray.

### **Star**

The star button adds a small gold star to any picture in the tray. These stars are searchable ratings that help you find favorites quickly. Any picture to which you add a star can be easily accessed when performing a search in Picasa.

### **Rotate Left and Rotate Right**

The two rotate buttons will rotate the selected picture clockwise or counter-clockwise inside Picasa.

### **Print**

The "Print" button lets you print the pictures in the picture tray using a local or networked printer. Click "Print" to open the print screen and select a print layout size. Picasa will automatically size the pictures in the picture tray to those proportions. These buttons make it easier to print multiple pictures on one page. For example: if you have four pictures in the tray and select 3.5x5, Picasa will fit all four of the pictures on a standard 8.5 x 11 page.

The "Print Review" button in the lower right corner of the print screen helps you review all your print settings before you print. Click "Print" to send the picture(s) to your printer.

### **Email (Internet access required)**

The "Email" button in Picasa lets you email the photos in your "Picture Tray" several ways:

#### **Default Email**

Select this to send pictures using your computer's default email client.

#### **Gmail**

Works with an existing Gmail account from Google. Picasa sends up to 10MB of photos, including the message, compressed perfectly to a size that your friends will be able to open.

### **Collage**

Click the "Collage" button to quickly make personalized picture collages from a variety of templates including picture pile, picture grid, or contact sheet. You can also create a film-style multiple exposure effect. To save your new creation, pick a background for your collage (use a picture or the colors black, white or grey) and specify how you want it created (as a screensaver, as a desktop background, or as a folder you select).

### **Blogger (Internet access required)**

A blog is an online web journal. You can publish pictures to the web for free using Picasa and a blog that you create on Blogger.com. Simply select pictures (they will appear in the "Picture Tray") and click the "Blogger" button. This will open Hello, with the Hello username Bloggerbot active. Bloggerbot is not a normal buddy on your Hello Friends list; it is a transfer tool that uploads pictures to your blog. With the Bloggerbot tab open, type in a caption where indicated and click "Publish." Your photo will be uploaded to your blog as the newest post. If you do not have a blog, click the "Blogger" button in Picasa and follow the instructions to sign up for a free account (it only takes a few minutes). Once you have an account with Blogger, you will be able to click the "Blogger" button in Picasa at any time to post pictures in one step.

### **Order (Internet access required)**

Click the "Order" button to order prints from one of Picasa's online print providers. Select a provider by clicking on their logo or link. You will be prompted to sign in (use the username and password you normally use to access that provider's website). After you sign in, Picasa will automatically upload all the pictures in your "Picture Tray."

**Export**

Click the "Export" button to save any pictures in the "Picture Tray" as new JPEG files. For example, if you make a label containing pictures of your dog from various folders and then edit them to all be black and white, you will need to export that entire album and create new files on your hard drive that reflect those edits. You can choose the JPEG quality and saved picture size here, too. Note: Picasa never overwrites your original file on disk; any edits you make to a picture are only saved inside Picasa until you decide to save them as a new file when you export.

**Need more help?**

The "Help" menu in the Picasa software will answer most of your questions. To access the Help, press F1 on your keyboard, use the "Help" menu or click the "Help" button in any dialogue box. If you do not find what you need in the Help system, visit Support at the [www.picasa.com](http://www.picasa.com) web site or go to the "Help" menu.