

Digital Picture Frame Maker Help Guide

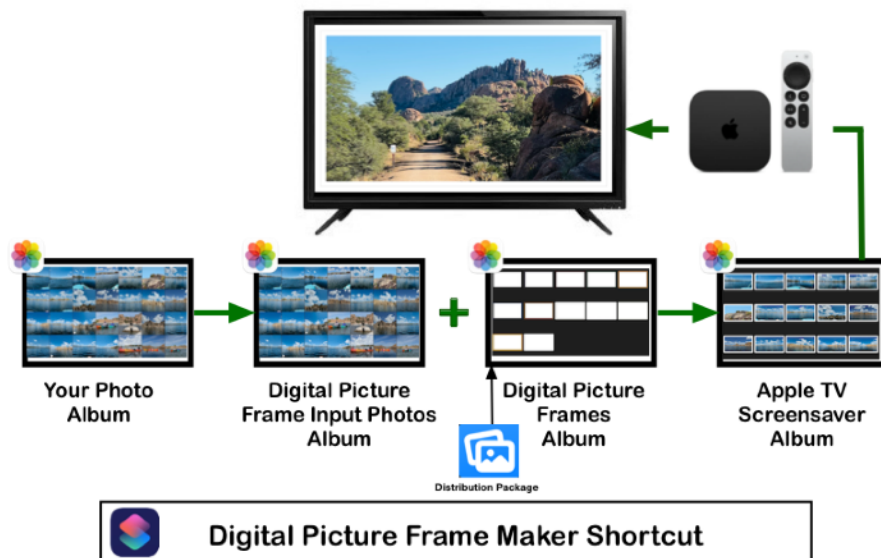
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Introduction

Digital Picture Frame Maker, as shown in the following illustration, is an Apple Shortcut that lets you select one of your Apple Photos albums, select a desired picture frame border for each photo from that album, and generate new framed photos that emulates a digital picture frame for use on an Apple TV Screensaver (or as a MacOS Screensaver).

For additional help refer to the video playlist on the Digital Picture Maker [YouTube Channel](#).

Please make sure to read the Terms and Conditions before setting up and installing this Shortcut.



Install Instructions

Digital Picture Frame Maker is distributed as a compressed archive. Once uncompressed, the following folders and files will be available on your iOS or MacOS device:

- Help Guide PDF
- Example Frame Borders PDF (that are included in the download)
- Digital Picture Frames folder containing a variety of picture frame border photos
- Digital Picture Frame Maker shortcut file

To install the Digital Picture Frame Maker, double click on the shortcut file. The Apple Shortcuts setup screen will appear, walking you through the setup with a few questions, and offering the option to install the shortcut in the iOS or macOS Shortcuts application.

Running the Shortcut

To run the shortcut, open the Shortcuts application and tap the Digital Picture Frame Maker shortcut from your Shortcuts Library. For convenience, you can eliminate having to run the shortcut from the Shortcuts application by adding the Shortcut to your iOS Home Screen by long pressing on the shortcut in the Shortcuts application and selecting the Add to Home Screen from the Share menu or by adding the shortcut to your MacOS Dock by right clicking on the shortcut in the Shortcuts application and selecting the Add to Dock option.

The first time you run the Digital Picture Frame Make shortcut, it will create three photo albums in your Apple Photos Library:

Album	Purpose
Digital Picture Frames	Stores the picture frame border photos you can choose from to overlay onto your photos.
Digital Picture Frame Input Photos	Stores the source photos the shortcut uses to build your framed photos.
Apple TV Screensaver	Stores the finished, framed photos. This is the album you'll reference when setting up your Apple TV Screensaver.

You will be prompted to import picture frame border photos the first time you run the shortcut. You can use the frame border photos included in the downloaded shortcut distribution package, or you can supply your own frame photos (see Creating Picture Frame Borders below).

Once all the required shortcut albums have been created and at least one frame border photo has been imported, the shortcut will perform the following steps:

1. Prompt you for a source photo album. Photos from this album will be added to the Digital Picture Frame Input Photos album. You will have the option to include landscape photos and also portrait photos from your source photo album. It should be noted that you will not need to load new source photos every time you run the shortcut and this will be required only when you have new photos to add to your Apple TV Screensaver.
2. You will then be asked to select a picture frame border from the Digital Picture Frames album.
3. And then finally, the shortcut will create new framed photos by overlaying your chosen picture frame border onto each source photo, saving the resultant new photo to the Apple TV Screensaver album. This step can take a few moments for larger batches. A confirmation dialog will appear once all photos have been generated.

You can run the Digital Picture Frame Maker at any time to load additional source photos or to switch your Apple TV Screensaver photos to use a different picture frame border.

How to Setup a Screensaver using your Apple TV

Once the Apple TV Screensaver album contains photo you can set it up for your Apple TV's Screensaver using the following steps:

1. Open the Photos app on your Apple TV.
2. Find and open the Apple TV Screensaver album.
3. Select the Set as Screensaver button.
4. Go to the Apple TV Settings and select the Screen Saver menu.
5. Set Current Selection to Memories & Slideshows.
6. Scroll to Screen Saver Preferences, select the Memories & Slideshows preferences, and confirm that the Apple TV Screensaver is displayed under Your Photos.
7. Scroll to Transition Style and choose your preferred screensaver settings. A pleasant screensaver transition style setting to use is the Transition Style set to Classic, Transition set to Dissolve, and Time Per Slide set to 20 seconds.

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Appendix

Creating Picture Frame Borders

You can create your own picture frame border photos using any graphic design tool. Each border photo should be developed to the following specifications:

- Created using the PNG image format file
- Created with a 1920 by 1080 pixels dimension
- Created with a desired 70 pixel picture frame border thickness
- Use a fully transparent area in the center opening (where your photo will show through)

Once created, you can then add your new picture frame border image to the Digital Picture Frames album in the Photos application.

Contact Information and Updates

To report Issues or request new features use the Contact Form from the Digital Picture Frame Maker website at <https://www.ontheedgesc.com/dpfm/>. You can periodically check the website for updates to the Digital Picture Frame Maker.