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Introduction

Photographers carry gear. It doesn't matter whether you're a pro with multiple camera bodies and lenses or a casual shooter with an ever-present point-and-shoot camera—there's always stuff to pack along. And if you're traveling or away from your office or studio, part of that gear typically includes a laptop for reviewing and backing up the photos you take. Too often I've heard friends who are about to go on vacation moan that they needed to bring a bulky computer just to handle their digital photos.

The iPad is changing all that.

Measuring less than half an inch thick and weighing about 1.3 pounds, the iPad is a fantastic device to take in the field. With the addition of the inexpensive iPad Camera Connection Kit, you can import photos directly from a camera or memory card and view them on the iPad's large color screen, revealing details that the relatively puny LCD on the back of your camera may obscure. More important, a rich array of photography apps and related products is adding to the list of things the iPad can do with those photos: rate and add keywords, perform color adjustments, retouch blemishes, and share the results online.

Oh, and don't forget all of the iPad's other capabilities: browsing the Web, accessing your email, reading ebooks, playing movies and music, and, as they say, so much more.

Can You Really Leave the Laptop Behind?

Although the iPad can do a lot that you would have needed a laptop to do just two years ago, there are still some important limitations that you should keep in mind when you decide whether a laptop stays at home.

If you're generating a significant amount of image data—over 32 gigabytes (GB)—then storage becomes a problem. As this book goes to press, the current highest-capacity iPad holds 64 GB. You can free up some memory by removing apps, music, videos, and the like, but if you're filling multiple 16 GB or 32 GB cards with photos, the iPad won't work as a repository of your shots. (But I detail several workarounds in Chapter 1.)

One solution is to buy a lot of memory cards and use them as you would film canisters. The originals stay on the cards, while the keepers remain on the iPad; you delete the ones you don't want as you cull through them. Fortunately, memory cards are inexpensive now. *Un*fortunately, they're small and easy to lose. Make sure you know where they are, label them accurately, and keep them protected.

If you capture raw-formatted images, you won't benefit from the same level of editing that a dedicated application on a desktop computer can offer. With a few exceptions, all image editing occurs on JPEG versions of the raw files, and exports as JPEG files (see Chapter 4 for more details).

So, to answer my question, in many circumstances yes, you can leave the laptop behind. If you're going to trek across Africa for four weeks, that's likely not realistic, but for most day trips or short vacations, the iPad makes a great companion.

Which iPad Should You Use?

If you don't already own an iPad, here are some guidelines for choosing one that will be a worthwhile addition to your camera bag.

For the reasons mentioned, I recommend getting the highest-capacity iPad that's available (and that you can afford). That gives you plenty of room to store photos and apps; some image editors make a copy of a photo to work with, so you could easily fill a couple of gigabytes just editing. Plus, it's an iPad, not just an extra hard disk, so you'll want to store music, movies, books, and all sorts of other media.

You also need to choose whether to buy a model that connects to the Internet via Wi-Fi only or that includes 3G cellular networking. For photographic uses, 3G isn't as important, because you're likely to burn up your data allotment quickly if you transfer images to sharing sites or to online backup sources like Dropbox. (And it's turning out that even when a cellular provider offers "unlimited" data plans, they're not really unlimited.) I personally find the 3G capability useful in general iPad use, but not necessarily for photo-related uses. In terms of which iPad model to get if you don't own one yet, I'd argue for the latest model. As I write this, the successor to the iPad 2 is rumored to be just a few weeks away; it will most certainly offer better processing performance and hopefully more storage and internal memory, all good factors when working with photos. If you can buy an iPad 2 for a good price, it too is a great model for photographers (obviously, it's what I used in writing this book). The original iPad will also work, but as apps and the iOS advance, its processor—and especially its small amount of working memory—is going to start showing its age.

Notes About this Book

As you read, you'll run into examples where I've adopted general terms or phrases to avoid getting distracted by details. For example, I frequently refer to the "computer" or the "desktop" as shorthand for any traditional computer that isn't the iPad. Although the iPad is most certainly a computer, I'm making the distinction between it and other computing devices, such as laptops, towers, all-in-one machines, and other hardware that runs Mac OS X or Windows. When those details are important to a task, I note specific applications or computers.

I also assume you're familiar with the way an iPad works—using gestures such as taps and swipes, syncing with a computer, connecting to the Internet, charging the battery, and otherwise taking care of your tablet. If you're brand new to the iPad, allow me a shameless plug as I encourage you to buy my *iPad Pocket Guide* (also from Peachpit Press).

Don't be surprised when you frequently run across the phrase, "As I write this." Both the iPad and software useful to photographers are advancing rapidly. A great example is the app Photosmith 2, which was in its pre-beta testing stage while I wrote Chapter 3. Products that enable you to copy photos from the iPad to an external USB hard disk were also just starting to hit the market. And, of course, the successor to the iPad 2 was also on the (rapidly approaching) horizon.

To stay abreast of the changing field, be sure to visit the companion site for this book, www.ipadforphotographers.com, where I'll post updates and information related to the newest tool in your camera bag. This page intentionally left blank





CHAPTER 4

Edit Photos on the iPad

So far, I've focused mostly on moving photos around importing them into the iPad, organizing them, and getting them onto your computer. And if the iPad were nothing more than a glorified picture frame, that would be fine. But, of course, it's a powerful image editor, too. A rich array of apps can manipulate pixels in all sorts of ways: apply premade filters to simulate other cameras or eras, correct color and tone, retouch to fix blemishes and other oddities, and much more. Image editing tools on the iPad are especially helpful when you want to share photos soon after importing them, before you're back at a desktop computer.

In this chapter, I focus on common photo adjustments using a handful of representative apps. In practice, I use Snapseed and Photogene interchangeably depending on how I want an image to appear, so I walk through making edits in those apps. If you already have a favorite alternative, you'll find similar controls for accomplishing the tasks I mention. I also include a few specialized apps, such as piRAWnha for editing raw files directly and TouchRetouch HD for removing blemishes or objects from a scene.

Make Photo Adjustments

In an ideal world, every photo I capture would be perfect in-camera, but that's just not the case. (It's a worthy goal to strive for, however—the less work you have to do to an image later, the better.) Most pictures can benefit from a little tinkering in a few areas. Here are the typical areas I focus on when I want to edit an image. Some of these won't apply in all cases, or may not be needed at all, depending on the image.

- **Recompose.** I'm pulling a few concepts under this heading because they each change the boundary of a photo. Cropping is often done to exclude distracting elements at the edges of the frame or to "zoom in" on a subject, but it's also often used to move a subject away from the center of the image for better visual interest.
- Adjust tone. Several tools affect a photo's tone: exposure, brightness, contrast, levels, curves, and more, depending on the software. Adjusting tone can usually restore detail to underexposed areas or add definition to a photo that's a bit washed out.
- Adjust color. Color usually gets edited when adjusting tone, but colorspecific adjustments exist that can help photos. Changing the white balance (color temperature) can remove color casts or bring warmth to cloudy scenes, while saturation controls boost or reduce overall color intensity. Some apps also offer a vibrance control, which affects saturation but preserves skin tones (no sense kicking up the saturation if the people in your photo end up looking like Oompa Loompas).
- Make specific fixes. Some photos need isolated adjustments: fixing red-eye, spot-retouching, sharpening, and the like.
- Apply creative presets. Most adjustment apps include preset filters that approximate the looks of other cameras, add borders or "grunge" effects, or evoke aged film stock.
- NOTE Keep in mind that when you edit a raw photo on the iPad, you're making adjustments to a JPEG preview (or, if you originally shot Raw+JPEG format, the higher-quality JPEG version of the photo). That means you won't get the full advantage of manipulating the raw file, which usually yields better recovery in underexposed or overexposed areas. The exception is if you use an app such as piRAWnha that edits the raw file directly (explained later in this chapter).

Edit Photos in the Photos App

I highlight working in third-party apps because they offer more features, but as of iOS 5, Apple's built-in Photos app also includes a few basic editing tools. Tap a photo to view it full-screen, and then tap the Edit button to reveal the following controls:

- **Crop.** Tap the Crop button to enter the Crop and Straighten editor, and then do the following:
 - 1. Drag the corner handles or the edges of the overlay to redefine the visible area of the photo.
 - **2.** Drag the middle of the photo to reposition the image within the crop area.
 - 3. If you want to crop the image to a specific aspect ratio, tap the Constrain button and choose an option in the popover that appears. Further adjustments to the overlay don't adhere to that constraint, though; you need to crop and then constrain again if you want to tweak the border.
 - **4.** To straighten the image, press two fingers against the screen and rotate them left or right, like you're turning a radio dial. (You may need to zoom in first, to provide enough padding for the image to fully fill the crop area.) A faint yellow grid appears to help you align objects in the scene (4.1).



4.1 Grid lines help straighten the photo.

- **Rotate.** If a photo was imported sideways or upside down, tap the Rotate button to turn the entire image 90 degrees counterclockwise.
- Enhance. Tap the Enhance button to let the Photos app automatically apply tone and color correction.
- **Red-Eye.** If people or animals have an evil glare about them, tap the Red-Eye button and then tap the affected red eyes to correct them. It's helpful to first zoom in (pinch outward), but the app does a good job of identifying eyes even if you don't tap right in the middle.

When you're finished making edits, tap the Save button. Or, tap Cancel to discard the changes. Even after you've saved the picture, you can always resurrect the original version by tapping the Revert to Original button, followed by the Save button (the latter because you need to save the fact that you removed the edits).

Edit Photos in Snapseed

You wouldn't think a recently developed photo editor would offer much to differentiate itself from others in this field, but Snapseed does it with an innovative interface that makes me often turn to it just because it's great to use. Conceived for touchscreen interaction, Snapseed doesn't try to be Photoshop in its approach to editing photos. Instead, it uses immediately familiar swiping gestures to choose which edits to apply and to control their intensities.

To get started in Snapseed, launch the app, tap the Open Image button, and choose the photo you want to edit from your Photo Library. Once the image is loaded, tap one of the app's correction modules (4.2).

4.2 Snapseed's modules lead to controls specific to their adjustments.



▶ TIP In any of the Snapseed modules, tap the Back button to return to the app's main screen without applying any adjustments. Or, while you're working, tap the Preview button to see how the edits will look once applied; in some tools, a Compare button appears instead, so you can toggle quickly back to the version that existed before your edits.

Recompose

To change the visible area of the photo, tap the Crop module and then do the following:

- 1. Drag the corner handles or edges of the selection rectangle to define the image borders.
- Tap the Ratio button to constrain alterations to a specific aspect ratio (4.3). Unlike the Photos app, the Ratio control locks the shape, enabling you to refine the borders at that aspect ratio.

To switch between landscape and portrait orientation for the selection area, tap the Rotate button.

3. Tap the Apply button to accept the cropped area and return to the app's main screen.



4.3 The crop area is constrained to the 16:9 ratio.

If you need to straighten or rotate the image, tap the Straighten & Rotate module and do this:

- Tap the Rotate Left or Rotate Right button to turn the image in 90-degree increments.
- Drag left or right on the image to adjust the rotation angle, up to 10 degrees in either direction. (Dragging up or down also works.) Positioning your finger farther away from the center of the image affords more granular adjustments.
- 3. Tap the Apply button.

Adjust Tone and Color

The Crop and Straighten & Rotate modules use controls similar to other apps for their edits, but most of the other tools work in a central "cross" configuration: Drag up and down to select the type of adjustment you want to make, and then drag left or right to increase or decrease the amount of the adjustment. For example:

- 1. Tap the Tune Image module.
- **2.** Drag vertically to display the available adjustments and select one, such as Saturation (4.4).
- **3.** Drag horizontally to increase or decrease the amount, indicated at the bottom of the screen (4.5).
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to choose other adjustments.
- 5. Tap Apply to save the edits.



4.4 Choose an adjustment type.



4.5 Drag left or right to specify the amount.



Adjust Specific Areas

Most of Snapseed's tools apply edits to the entire image. When you need to punch up just one area, use the Selective Adjust module. Although it doesn't offer the ability to make precise selections, such as highlighting a certain object in an image, the tool lets you define a feathered, circular area to apply brightness, contrast, and saturation.

- 1. With an image loaded, tap the Selective Adjust module to open it.
- 2. Tap the Add button to create an edit point.
- 3. Tap a location on your image to specify the center of the adjustment.
- **4.** Pinch inward or outward from the point to define the affected area, which shows up as a temporary red mask while you pinch.

- **5.** Drag up or down to choose an adjustment, which is represented on the point by its first letter: B for brightness, C for contrast, and S for saturation.
- 6. Drag left or right to set the intensity of the adjustment; in addition to the display at the bottom of the screen, the edit point also displays a green border to represent a positive value, or a red border for a negative value, according to the amount (4.6).
- 7. Repeat as needed to get the look you want, then tap Apply.
- TIP To make sure you're getting an accurate view of the adjustments you make, turn up the iPad's Brightness setting. Go to the Settings app, tap Brightness & Wallpaper, and drag the Brightness slider all the way to the right. Or, access the control without taking a trip to the Settings app: Double-click the Home button, or swipe up the screen with three fingers, to reveal the list of recent apps. Flick left to right, which displays the Brightness slider as well as music playback controls and the Mute or Screen Lock button. Drag the slider to the right to increase brightness, and then press the Home button to hide the controls.



4.6 To highlight the barn in this photo, I've increased brightness and saturation around the edit point at left (with the blue line indicating the affected area). The edit point at right reduces brightness and increases contrast.



Apply Creative Presets

Half of Snapseed's modules are dedicated to applying creative effects, which follow the same approach as the correction tools. Choose Black & White, Vintage Films, Drama, Grunge, Center Focus, or Tilt & Shift to take a photo in a new direction from the original (the image above was styled with the Drama 2 preset).

TIP Most of the presets include a fixed number of styles, but they offer much more variation than you might expect. In Vintage Films, for instance, tap the Texture button and then tap the Properties button to randomly apply texture patterns. Or, in the Grunge module, just drag from left to right to view hundreds of variations in color.

Edit Photos in Photogene

You may already be adept at pushing pixels in Photoshop or Photoshop Elements, in which case you'll find Mobile Pond's Photogene for iPad to be a familiar editing environment. It includes traditional tools such as levels and curves, lets you work with layers and masks, and boasts full-resolution image editing. (Some advanced features require a \$7.99 in-app Go-PRO purchase, which is worth it if you're serious about editing photos on the iPad. The regular version, at \$2.99, is still quite capable for most editing.)

To get started, browse your Photo Library and tap an image to open it in Photogene's editor. As you work, you can tap the Undo button to step back among your edits; or, at any point, tap the Original button to discard all changes.

Recompose

To recompose a photo using the Crop tool, do the following:

- 1. Tap the Crop tool to reveal the selection area and a side pane where you can constrain the aspect ratio.
- **2.** Drag the selection handles to define the visible area. You can reposition the selection over the image by dragging the area from the middle using one finger.
- 3. Tap the Crop button in the pane to apply the crop.
- 4. To dismiss the Crop interface, tap the Crop button in the toolbar.

For images that are a bit (or a lot) askew, follow these steps:

- 1. Tap the Rotate button in the toolbar.
- 2. In the Rotate panel that appears, drag the Angle slider to straighten the image (4.7). Photogene applies the change as soon as you let go of the slider.

You can also rotate the image by quarter turns or flip the image horizontally or vertically.

► TIP To reset any adjustment slider's value to its default, double-tap it.



4.7 Some photos require more straightening than others.

Adjust Tone and Color

Photogene includes several tools for adjusting brightness, contrast, and color, each of which have their own strengths. The Brightness controls, for example, can brighten or darken an image or pull detail out of shadows and highlights. Or, you may prefer to adjust white and black levels using the histogram, or adjust curves to manipulate separate red, green, or blue channels.

► **TIP** While you're editing, tap and hold the A/B icon to the right of the side panel's title to view the uncorrected version of the image.

Adjust brightness and contrast

I often shoot with exposure compensation set to -1 (or maybe a third of a stop) because it results in slightly more saturated colors and, more importantly, reduces the chance that portions of my image will end up blownout to all white. Camera sensors, especially when shooting in raw mode,

capture a lot of detail in shadows that might not immediately be apparent. Pixels that are blown out, however, rarely offer any usable image data.

The easiest method is to manipulate the sliders in the Brightness section of the Adjustments panel:

- 1. Tap the Adjustments button to reveal the panel.
- 2. Drag the Exposure slider to increase or decrease the photo's overall brightness (4.8).
- **3.** Drag the Contrast slider to enhance the distinction between light and dark pixels.
- 4. To illuminate pockets of darkness, drag the Lighten Shadows slider; this control also affects the full image, but not to the extreme that the Exposure slider does. Similarly, use the Darken Highlights slider to try to recover overly bright areas.
- ► TIP I almost always tap the Auto button to see what the software suggests for a fix. And just as often, I follow that by either tweaking the sliders or tapping Reset and starting over. But viewing the automatic settings helps me determine which areas of the image need work.



4.8 Adjusting exposure in Photogene's Brightness panel If you're more familiar with adjusting levels in desktop software, scroll down to the Histogram section, where you can drag the left vertical bar to set the clipping point of black pixels (making the image darker) or drag the right bar to specify highlight clipping (making the image brighter). The triangle in the middle darkens or brightens the image's midtones.

► **TIP** Tap once on the image to hide all of Photogene's panels and controls for an uncluttered view of the photo. Tap again to make the controls visible.

Some people prefer to adjust exposure using curves, a feature available in the pro version of Photogene.

- 1. In the Adjustments panel, tap the Show button in the Curves section. The interface appears over the top of the image (4.9).
- 2. To increase brightness, tap the control point in the middle of the grid and drag it up and to the left. Dragging it toward the lower-right area of the grid decreases the exposure.
- **3.** Tap anywhere on the curve to add a new control point, which you can use to further adjust the tones. For example, adding another point toward the lower area of the curve lets me apply contrast (by compressing the dark values) while retaining the increase in exposure I applied in the previous step (4.10).
- 4. Tap the Hide button in the Adjustments panel when you're done.



4.9 The Curves interface



4.10 Adding a control point

Adjust color cast

Does your photo look a little green? The adjustment tools can compensate for color shifts as well as exposure values:

- In the Adjustments panel, drag the RGB sliders to increase or decrease the red, green, or blue offsets.
- If you've purchased the pro version of Photogene, bring up the Curves editor and then tap one of the colored tabs to the left to edit just those channels.
- TIP Tap and hold anywhere on the image to bring up a Copy Edits command, which notes the adjustments you've made. Then, in another image, tap and hold to view a bar of options, and choose Paste Edits to apply them to that image.

Adjust white balance

If your camera misinterpreted the existing light as being too cool or warm, you can specify a new value for white balance (also called color temperature). Living in Seattle, I often do this to add warmth to photos taken under gray skies, but cameras can be thrown off by fluorescent or incandescent light bulbs as well.

- 1. Tap the Adjustments button, and scroll down to the Colors section of the Adjustments panel.
- 2. Drag the Color Temperature slider left (cooler) or right (warmer).

In Photogene's pro version, you can set the white balance by identifying an area that is white, black, or neutral:

- 1. Scroll down to the Colors section of the Adjustments panel and tap the eyedropper icon.
- 2. Tap and hold on your image to bring up a zoomed-in loupe, and then drag to locate a neutral color (4.11).
- **3.** Lift your finger; Photogene picks a Color Temperature value based on your selection.

Adjust saturation and vibrance

To boost or pull back the color in your image, drag the Saturation slider. However, to retain skin tone, the Vibrance slider might give better results.



4.11 Use the Color Temperature loupe in the pro version of Photogene to set white balance.

Apply Selective Edits

You won't always want to apply adjustments to the entire image. Photogene's Retouches category of tools includes a healing brush but also masking overlays that let you paint areas to be adjusted. For example, use the Dodge tool to brighten an area, or enhance the depth of a photo by applying the Blur tool to its background. The pro version of the software lets you adjust exposure, saturation, contrast, color temperature, and RGB offset values in areas you paint.

- 1. Tap the Retouches button in the toolbar.
- 2. Tap one of the Masking Overlays tools.
- **3.** Set the diameter of the brush by tapping the Brush button and specifying Radius and Feather amounts using the sliders provided. Tap the button again to dismiss the popover.

4. Begin painting the edit onto the photo by dragging (4.12). To erase an area you've painted, tap the Erase button; or, easier, tap once on the photo to switch between the Paint and Erase tools.

Normally, you see the effect that painting produces as you work. However, you can also tap the Contour button to view the edit area in translucent red.

5. Tap the Done button at the bottom of the panel when you're finished.



Apply Creative Presets

Photogene offers dozens of presets: Tap the Presets button and choose among several categories (Colors, B&W, Vintage, Frames, and Fun). Then, tap a preset to apply it.

What's more interesting is the ability to save your own presets. For example, if you find yourself applying the same amount of vibrance and sharpening to your images, create a preset. After setting those options on a photo, tap the Presets button, tap My Presets, and then tap Save.

4.12 Apply edits to selective areas. In this case I've inverted the Grayscale tool so I can erase the balloon and reveal its color.



Edit Raw Files Directly

For most of this book, I've referred to this section as an interesting asterisk. In general, the iPad ignores raw files: You can import them, but editing and sharing occurs on their JPEG previews or on the JPEGs that were recorded if you shot Raw+JPEG originals. iOS accepts raw files, but it doesn't support the myriad translators that are required to work with them directly. (I'm sure that's a deliberate design decision on Apple's part. Keeping up with camera manufacturers' proprietary raw formats happens slowly on the Mac because the decoders operate at the system level.)

However, working with raw files is really just a computational hurdle. If Apple won't provide the foundation for manipulating raw files, other developers are happy to step in. Two apps that do are piRAWnha and PhotoRaw.



These apps can act as preprocessors for a photo—similar to the way the Adobe Camera Raw plug-in works in Photoshop. If you're working with a dark image, for example, running it through piRAWnha first may tease out detail that another editor might overlook. Then, after exporting the file (as a JPEG), use Snapseed or Photogene to perform additional edits. Or, if your images need only minor tonal or color saturation adjustments, they may benefit just from a pass through a raw editor without any further processing.

To be up front, editing raw files on the iPad isn't yet ideal. Expect editing to take a while, even just to make what would be a trivial adjustment on a computer—although the iPad's processor has lots of oomph, the amount of working memory (256 MB on the original iPad, 512 MB on the iPad 2) limits how much data can be processed at a time. I anticipate this capability will improve as software and hardware advances.

I prefer the interface of piRAWnha, so that's what I'll use as the example:

- 1. When you open the app, tap an album from your Photo Library.
- 2. Tap the image you want to edit.
- **3.** Use the sliders at right for each control to edit the photo's attributes. As you drag, a preview appears at the lower-right corner (4.13).
- TIP Many sliders don't offer much horizontal space to make fine adjustments, but there is a way to choose specific increments: Tap and hold a control to display a popover.

Some adjustments are tailored to the raw format the software is editing. For example, tapping the White Balance button offers a Camera-Specific option that reveals the settings on my Nikon D90 (written as the specification dictates, such as "Incandescent" and "SodiumVaporFluorescent").

- **4.** Once you've specified all of your adjustments, they aren't immediately applied. Instead, tap the Add to Queue button.
- Tap the Load Photo button to work on another photo. Or, tap the Export Queue button to process the images waiting in the queue. When finished, the edited JPEG files appear in your Camera Roll.



4.13 piRAWnha's editing interface

Retouch Photos

Photo retouching is an area where desktop titans like Photoshop still rule from on high, but some adjustments are possible on the iPad. Although you're not likely to touch up a portfolio of fashion shots using the iPad alone, it's possible you'll want to fix minor blemishes in photos that you plan to share directly from the iPad.

Photogene

Photogene's Heal tool fixes errors by cloning related areas of a photo. I recommend zooming the image to make it easier to control how the edits are applied.

- 1. Tap the Retouches button to view the Retouches panel.
- 2. Tap the Heal button.
- **3.** Double-tap the area you'd like to fix (4.14). Photogene adds a pair of retouch circles: One covers the area you selected (and is marked with a gray X), and the other copies a nearby area.
- 4. Drag the blue anchor points to resize the retouch circle.
- 5. Drag the center of either retouch circle to reposition it (4.15).
- 6. Tap the Done button in the Retouches panel to finish.



4.14 Identify an area to fix (the scratch above her eye).



4.15 Clone pixels from a nearby area to retouch the spot.



TouchRetouch HD

Photogene (and other approaches) samples nearby pixels to apply fixes. Another way to tackle the problem is to make software fill in pixels computationally based on the surrounding area. In Photoshop CS5 and later, Adobe calls this "content-aware" healing. In the app TouchRetouch HD, AdvaSoft uses this type of technology to achieve similar results. It can be especially useful when you need to remove unwanted people or objects from a scene.

In the app, open a photo you'd like to edit, and then do the following:

1. In the dialog that first appears, pick the resolution at which you'd like to work. Choosing a higher resolution takes longer to process, so if you don't need the original's full dimensions, select one of the smaller ones.

- **2.** Double-tap the image to zoom to 100%, which makes it easier to define the area to be edited.
- **3.** Mark an object to remove by selecting the Lasso tool and drawing around it or by selecting the Brush tool and painting over it (4.16). Use the Eraser tool to refine the edges. You don't need to be too specific about defining the area accurately.
- **4.** When you've identified the area, tap the Go button. The object you selected disappears.
- 5. If the end result isn't quite to your liking, try painting over the area again. Or, use the Clone tool to pinpoint a similar source area and then paint over the area you're trying to fix.
- **6.** Tap the Save button to save a copy of the photo to your Photo Library, to attach it to an outgoing email, or to share it via Facebook, Flickr, Picasa, or Twitter.



4.16 As you paint an area to be fixed (in this case, a toy in the background), a preview window appears so you can see the area (which is often obscured by your finger).



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