

ART APPS

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IPad Apps for the Artist (Suzanne Accetta's reviews)

Below is a list of most of the art apps I have on my iPad. There are hundreds of art apps available. Some I use more than others. Some I need to spend more time learning how to use them. I am giving you this list just as a reference. Also, being a fine artist, my likes and needs are very different than what an illustrator or graphic designer would want from an app. Please scroll down as I have five different categories.

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The apps I like and use the most:



Procreate \$9.99 (you can purchase extra brushes)

This app has an incredible amount of options and is very responsive, making it one of my absolute favorites. Procreate has easy access sliders which enable you to quickly adjust the size of your brush/opacity as you work. You are given 48 preset brushes, and 72 additional brushes are available if you want more. There's an easy-to-use color picker, layer options, a fast and responsive zoom, and good smudging/blending options.

There are up to 128 layers with 250 undo/redo levels, allowing you to work with ease. Another important feature is the eyedropper color selection tool. Procreate has no lagging because you paint in real time, and the eyedropper tool comes in handy for touchups.

I use this one the most. I can photograph a painting, add a layer and try different ideas without actually touching the real art. I also use this for design.

Tutorial: <http://downloads.savage.si/resources/handbooks/Procreate-Artists-Handbook.pdf>



Adobe Sketch free

Adobe Photoshop Sketch is a sketch and draw tool that lets you free-hand some artwork. You can create expressive drawings and paintings on it without opening a sketchbook. Artwork can be sent as layered PSD files to Adobe Photoshop CC (Creative Cloud) or resized up to 4x in Illustrator CC to print high-resolution copies.

The app includes 13 tools, a digital ruler, and graph guides. You can import your own images to work on top of, too. I particularly like the watercolor tool. It stays "wet" until you press the dry button.



Auryn Ink - \$2.99 Auryn Ink (pronounced "orin") is a watercoloring app . It is a "no mess watercolor mobile studio" that creates authentic watercolor simulation. It allows for wet on wet, wet on dry and glazing effects.

This is a painting I did on this app a few years ago.



The apps I like but need to learn more about:



Tayasui Sketches free



Tayasui Sketches Pro

\$5.99 More Tools \$1.99 Layers \$1.99 Enable Stylus Pressure \$1.99

Tayasui Sketches is a simple drawing and painting iPad app. It features eight brushes along the left-hand side, ranging from pencil and charcoal to felt pen and watercolor brush, with a further two available in the pro version.

Each one exhibits its respective characteristics brilliantly, meaning it's simple to pick a brush and start sketching. Although limited in terms of editing options, they're a fun to use, and in the pro version you're at least able to increase the size and shape as well as edit the blend mode. I love the watercolor brush. It stays wet and blends until you push the "dry" button.



ArtStudioPro \$6.99 for iPad

ArtStudio for iPad allows you to paint, sketch, and turn your photos into masterpieces. Import a photograph of your choice from your Camera Roll, then choose what you want to alter. This app has over 40 filters, hundreds of customizable brushes, 21 blending modes, text tools, and more.



Art Set \$1.99 Art Set - Pro Edition \$6.99

This cool app is like having a virtual art set inside your iPad. Having made it to number one paid iPad app in over 30 countries since its release, Art Set has all the tools an artist could possibly want, including chalks, charcoal, oil pastels, wax crayons, graphite pencils, colored pencils and marker pens.

The multi touch pinch and zoom functionality allows you to add fine detail with ease. You can also choose from different paper colors and textures, or import your own photos.



Autodesk Sketchbook (Android, iOS: Free)

The Sketchbook app (Android, iOS) has all the power and ease of use you could need, as well as a unified the experience across Android and iOS. Sketchbook comes with a variety of drawing tools and brushes, all of which you can customize on the fly, pinch to zoom, a gallery organizer, and support for saving and storing your works to Dropbox or iCloud. In addition, users can create a free Sketchbook account to gain access to more features such as layer and symmetry tools. A premium subscription unlocks more pro tools such as an expanded brush library, and more powerful layer and selection tools.



Drawing Desk Free Offers In-App Purchases

Drawing Desk is where you will master painting, drawing, sketching, and doodling. What makes this app so stunning are a wide range of tools that allow you to exquisitely decorate your creations. Make the best use of 3D brushes, a large number of stickers, and stamps to make your art more enchanting.

With the help of the highly functional tools like pen, pencil, highlighter, you will get the ideal command to sketch. It also has live brush stroke effects that allow you to make your photos more appealing.

FIGURE POSER APPS

The apps I like and use the most:



Pose Tool 3D <http://www.alienthink.com> \$6.99

Breakthrough figure posing tool for the artist. Declared the Top 10 must have App by ImagineFX magazine, Now you can always have your very own reference model with you. You can create any pose quickly with an easy to use pose interface. Its simple, just select the body part and then pose the figure. You can pose both the male and female figure. You can also change the lighting. I know this one the best. There are a few anatomical distortions when you try certain poses.



Handy Art Reference Tool \$1.99 Extras: Foot (Male)\$1.99 Animal Skull Pack\$0.99

Thanks to this useful app, drawing realistic hands can become a whole lot easier. I use this a lot. There are a variety of preset hand poses and you can move fingers individually. You can view it from different points of view and adjust lighting. Don't know why we only have a male foot?

The apps I like but need to learn more about:



ArtPose



ArtPose-Female edition

\$2.99 ArtPose is a fun and artistic app for posing the male figure. Create fast and dynamic poses in minutes. Quickly flesh out an ideal pose, then take a screen shot to use in your favorite art apps. 60 preset starter poses make getting started a snap. Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGuF4rfqt5k>



Magic Poser - Pose Tool - \$4.99 Wombat Studio, Inc.

Magic Poser is a ground-breaking app that allows you to easily pose ANY number of 3D human art models in any way you want!

PHOTO EDITING & FUN FILTERS

The apps I like and use the most:



Adobe Photoshop Express Advanced Pack \$4.99 Adobe Effect Pack \$2.99 Adobe Border Pack \$0.99 Photo editing made fun, fast and easy. Touch your way to better-looking iPhone pictures using slide bar adjustments, or let automatic one-touch fixes do it for you. Share with friends and family via Facebook, Instagram or text/email. I have been using this app a lot but I am really starting to like Pixelmator.



SKETCH MASTER free or upgrade to Pro \$1.99

Sketchmaster is a simple, fun app that lets you convert your photos by applying up to 60 different image effects filters. It is one of the best apps for helping artists see values. I use it a whole lot just to help me "see" in different ways.



Waterlogue \$3.99

Waterlogue is a photo app that will turn your images into unique watercolors with a unique process. This app completely wowed me when I first used it. I call it "Bud" the watercolor artist who lives in my iPad and in 20 seconds can do a better watercolor than most. There are a variety of filters.



Mobile Monet \$1.99

Mobile Monet turns your iPhone photos into art. Mobile Monet converts a photo to a beautiful artistic rendering employing a creative interactive process. Mobile Monet generates a black and white sketch version of any picture you select. There are settings to adjust the sketch line thickness, intensity and even color, as well as the shading. This is just another tool to help the artist see creatively.



Popsicolor \$2.99

This app I like a lot to loosen up my photos. Simply select a photograph from camera or photo library and wait for Popsicolor to make a 'mess.' Colors can be mixed via two palettes, one at the top and one at the bottom of your screen, to create a gradient effect.



Pixelmator \$4.99

I really like this especially for it's selection tools. Professional editing tools without the learning curve. Pixelmator makes learning how to use advanced editing tools simple, no matter how experienced you are. There are some fun effects.

The apps I like but need to learn more about:



Inspire Pro \$9.99

Inspire Pro has one of the fastest and most realistic rendering engines on the App Store, delivering a fluid and natural painting, drawing and sketching experience to your iPad.

Sporting 150 brushes – including oil paint, airbrushes, spray paint, pencils, crayons, markers, chalk, charcoal, pastels and paint splatters – Inspire Pro has a wide variety of high-quality and customisable tools for you to choose from.

With Apple Pencil and iPad Pro, the size and opacity of brush strokes react instantly to applied pressure, tilt angle and orientation for unprecedented creative control on a mobile device. Give one of the brushes from the Graphite Pencils set a try with Apple Pencil and iPad Pro and you'll quickly forget that you're not using an actual pencil and paper.



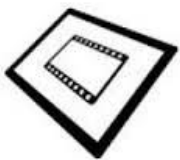
Brushstroke \$3.99

Turn your photos into paintings with Brushstroke.



Effects Studio \$9.99 is a great photo editor, give your pictures the perfect look with easy-to-use, non-destructive tools, and stunning, powerful effects.

OTHER USEFUL & INTERESTING APPS



Light Box \$0.99

Why pay 100 dollars for LightBox when you can turn your iPad into one with selectable styles.



Interaction of Color App iPad App \$13.99

The fiftieth anniversary of the original edition of Interaction of Color was the perfect time to reincarnate Josef Albers's now-classic masterwork in a 21st century electronic version. The App takes full advantage of new technology. Seamlessly woven into it is an introductory video of Albers, short video explanations of some of the more complicated studies, and testimonial videos by artists, architects, and designers. Text and plates run side by side. The commentaries to the plates are easily opened and integrated into the reading/viewing experience. There is a complete "Create" section in which users can select from 526 colors to create, save, and share their personal studies.

The beauty of this new Interaction of Color is how smoothly all the parts of the original have been layered, without losing any of the design or content. Retaining Albers's design was an absolute requirement, and Potion, the developers, together with Yale University Press, embraced it in true Albersian spirit.



Camera+ and Camera+2 App \$2.99 - \$4.99

Camera+ is a photo editing app and a great camera combined. It offers different features compared to other editing apps, such as adjusting the white balance and duotone options. When taking a picture through the app, you can click and drag a box anywhere on the screen to focus on one spot. At the same time, you have the option to pinpoint the source of exposure, creating a custom setting for your picture.

This app also takes RAW images which as you guys know, probably the best file for a pic if you plan to edit this in the first place. Previously, Camera+ had two versions, one for the iPhone and another for iPad. Now, with Camera+ 2, there's only one universal app for both iPhones and iPads, so no need to purchase the other version separately. This also means that both versions get the same features at the same time, with no delay.

Tutorials: <https://iphonephotographyschool.com/camera-plus/> <http://camera.plus/>

STYLUS

The two stylus I own and use are Wacom Intuos Creative Stylus 2 & Sensu Portable Artist Brush & Stylus. I also use the cheap ones from the dollar stores.



Wacom Intuos Creative Stylus 2 \$79.95

Palm rejection works well. Comfortable to use. Well balanced. Not as easy to accidentally press shortcut buttons. Nice price. Wacom's Intuos Creative Stylus 2 is the best iPad stylus. It is not compatible with the iPad Air 2.



Sensu Portable Artist Brush & Stylus

\$36.99 Doubles as a paintbrush, if you switch the cap. Rubberized collar near the tip offers an accurate grip. Works without Bluetooth. Very precise and accurate marks can be made with either tip. Great for an artist who wants the paintbrush experience.

Apple Pencil \$94.00



- Apple Pencil features the precision, responsiveness, and natural fluidity of a traditional writing instrument and the versatility to become so much more.
- With Apple Pencil, you can turn iPad into your notepad, canvas, or just about anything else you can imagine.

Compatible with iPad Air (3rd generation), iPad mini (5th generation), iPad (6th), iPad Pro 12.9-inch (1st and 2nd generations), iPad Pro 10.5-inch, and iPad Pro 9.7-inch.



Wacom Bamboo Finesline 3 \$59.95

If you're looking for a great iPad stylus for writing notes or general handwriting purposes, the Wacom Bamboo Stylus Finesline 3 is the one to get. It connects via Bluetooth and is supported by a range of apps, but the key advantage of the Stylus Finesline is its superior palm rejection. While it's not as easy to set up as the Apple Pencil, it's a great alternative if you're looking to sketch, and take notes, on an iPad Air or iPad mini.



Hahakee iPad Stylus \$29.99

The Hahakee stylus has an aluminum body, sharp tip and even a clip. It feels just like using a real pen. It also comes with 4 replaceable rubber tips that you can use in case one of them breaks down. However, the best thing about this iPad stylus is its long lifetime. In its standby mode the stylus will last for 30 days, while it can operate for up to 40 hours when in active use. And when it is finally time to charge again, you can do so within 4 hours! And if you forget to turn the stylus off after using it because are a little forgetful like me, it will automatically turn itself off after 2 minutes without use.