

## PHOTO STORAGE AND SHARING SITES

Let you easily save and show off your photos,  
Make them into books, cards, gifts, home décor,  
Let family and friends make copies  
Some allow you to sell your photographic art.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A PHOTO STORAGE SITE

1. **Space:** Enough storage to keep all your photos over the years at a low cost
2. **Quality:** Your photos should be preserved in all their high resolution glory not compressed beyond recognition
3. **Ease of Use:** You need to be able to upload photos easily and edit them, store photos in albums, view photos as slide shows
4. **Ease of Access:** Finding photos by date, tags or other means should be achieved without hassle
5. **Share ability:** A good photo site makes sharing photos easy, allowing you to post to sites like Facebook, Twitter and others.
6. **Printability:** You or someone else who likes your photo should be able to buy a print or put together a book easily

## THERE ARE MANY PHOTO STORAGE SITES. LISTED BELOW ARE JUST A FEW CURRENTLY POPULAR SITES

**FLICKR:** Yahoo sold Flickr to rival site SMUGMUG. SMUGMUG has elected to keep the site running pretty much as is. FLICKR provides 1 TB of space for free, meets most of the criteria for a good photo storage site; but, does not offer its own photo book printing service.

**SMUGMUG:** Generally costs more than other services. A basic plan starts at \$3.99/month. It offers unlimited storage of photos and good range of editing tools. You can order personalized prints and gifts. There is a 14 day free trial.

**SHUTTERFLY:** Offers free, unlimited photo storage. Auto upload can gather photos from every device Apple to Android, mobile to desktop. Photos are stored at full resolution and they can be downloaded anytime. You can turn your photos into gifts, keepsakes, cards, books with just a couple of clicks.

**Apple iCloud PHOTOS:** Works seamlessly with the Photos app to keep your photos and videos securely stored in iCloud and up to date on your iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Mac, Apple TV and iCloud.com. You can access your library from any device, anytime you want. Any changes made on a device, show up on all your other devices. Photos and videos stay organized into Moments, Collections, and Years. When you sign up for iCloud, you get 5 GB of free storage. If

more space is needed, plans start at 50GB for \$.99 a month. Printing services are phasing out. There is capability for exporting photos to 3<sup>rd</sup> party printing services.

**AMAZON PRIME:** Prime members get unlimited photo storage, 5GB of storage for videos, documents, and other files for themselves. Amazon Photos is accessible through: desktop web browser; Windows or Mac desktop; Fire devices; IOS and Android mobile devices. This service is for personal, noncommercial use only. You cannot use it in connections with a professional photography business or other commercial service. This appears to be a simple photo storage site that allows sharing with family/friends.

**FACEBOOK:** After uploading photos, you can create albums, add captions and tag photos by date, location or the people in the photos. Facebook recommends sizing pictures to 720 or 960 pixels wide. You cannot share the original size photo.

**SITES FOR PHOTO PRINTING SERVICES:** Books, Calendars, Cards, Gifts

Blurb

Shutterfly

MixBook

Picaboo

Snapfish

Mpix

**PHOTO REPRODUCTION TO VIRTUALLY ANY SURFACE – FABRIC, PAPER, WOOD, GLASS, CANVAS, METAL.**

The following supplies are available from Amazon.com:

**Leslie Riley's TAP Transfer Artist Paper** – Iron-on image transfer sheets – transfer images with a hot iron to virtually any surface.

**EQ PRINTABLES** – perfect for Photo Projects on fabric using your photos and ink-jet printer.

**PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS FOR PRINTING ON FABRIC:**

Printing on fabric is different than printing on photo paper. Photo paper is smooth so that when light strikes the surface it is reflected directly back. Ink-jet printable fabric has a texture so when light strikes it the light rays are somewhat diffused.

To get eye-popping photos on fabric, do the following:

1. Select the best inkjet printable fabric – the basic rule of thumb is the higher the thread count, the sharper and brighter the image.

2. Fool the eye by increasing the color saturation and by sharpening the image. Print your image on good quality plain paper to see the results. The way it looks on plain paper is the way it will look on good inkjet printable fabric.
3. When you print on the inkjet printable fabric, set the printer to best quality print – plain paper. Generally you don't want to use the photo paper setting because your printer will put too much ink on the fabric.