

Guide: Photographing Non-Glass Artwork

Using iPhone, 2 LED Panels, and Snapseed

What You Need:

- iPhone (any recent model)
- 2 LED light panels (adjustable)
- Tripod or stable setup (optional but helpful)
- Artwork (flat, unframed or mounted without glass)
- Snapseed app (free)

Step 1: Set Up Lighting

- Position LED lights at a 45 angle on both sides of the artwork.
- Avoid direct light hitting the lens or bouncing harshly off surfaces.
- Ensure even lighting with no strong shadows.

Step 2: Align and Frame

- Mount or place the artwork against a neutral background.
- Hold iPhone or tripod so its perfectly parallel to the artwork.
- Use the iPhone grid (Settings > Camera > Grid) to align edges.

Step 3: Capture the Photo

- Open Camera app, turn off flash.
- Tap to focus, adjust exposure manually (slide up/down).
- Take multiple shots, checking edges and lighting.
- If using square format (e.g. for Instagram), select it in-camera.

Step 4: Edit in Snapseed

- Crop Tool straighten and frame
- Perspective Tool correct skew
- Tune Image adjust:
 - Brightness: +5 to +20
 - Ambiance: +10 to +30
 - Contrast: +5 to +10
- Selective Tool balance lighting in corners or edges
- Details sharpen slightly if needed

Summary Tips:

Problem	Fix
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Uneven lighting	Position lights at 45 angles
Dull colors	Use Ambiance and Contrast adjustments
Distorted edges	Use Perspective tool in Snapseed
Shadows	Elevate artwork or diffuse lighting