How to edit ProRAW photos on your iPhone

Apple’s ProRAW camera feature is a powerful tool to have in your back pocket. An image taken in ProRAW mode combines the same great post-processing flexibility of a traditional RAW file with the benefits of multi-frame computational photography. Kind of the best of both worlds! But once you’ve gone through the steps to enable it on your iPhone and have taken your photo, that’s when the real work starts: processing and converting it to a shareable format like JPEG, PNG, or HEIF.

ProRAW files are saved in Adobe’s ubiquitous DNG format, which is compatible with virtually every RAW photo editing app under the sun. That means you have a lot of options, including just sending the file to a computer and using desktop software. But you don’t need access to a computer — you can process your image right on your phone, either using a third-party app or Apple’s own editing tools. Here’s how to go about it. (I followed these steps on an iPhone 14 Pro running iOS 16.3.1.)

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[&>a]:shadow-underline-black dark:[&>a]:shadow-underline-white”>How to export a ProRAW file from your iPhone

So what if you want to export the original RAW image? That’s a little tricky. Once you’ve made edits in the Photos app, you can’t easily share the original DNG file. The only exception is if you’re **AirDropping your image to a Mac**. If that’s the case, there’s a way to send both the original file and a JPEG with your edits. Here’s how:

- Scroll to your photo in the Photos app and tap the share / export icon in the lower left
- Tap Options at the top of the screen
- Toggle All Photos Data on and press Done
- Tap the Airdrop icon below the image and choose your destination
- On the Mac, tap Accept and Save to Downloads when prompted. This creates a folder in Downloads with both the DNG file and your edited JPEG.

If you aren’t AirDropping to a Mac and you want to save your DNG file somewhere else, you’ll have to make a copy of your edited RAW and revert changes.

- In the Photos app, scroll to your image and tap the three-dot menu icon in the upper right

- Tap Duplicate, then tap the three-dot menu and select Revert to Original
- Tap the export icon in the lower left and choose how you'd like to send your file

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If you want a PNG or HEIF of your image rather than a JPEG, you need to follow a couple of extra steps. You can either directly convert an unedited DNG or make your edits in Apple Photos first and then convert the resulting JPEG to a PNG or HEIF — not ideal if you want to minimize compression, but it works. Here's what to do:

- Scroll to the image in Apple Photos and tap the share / export icon
- Scroll down and tap Save to Files
- Pick the folder you want to save to and tap Save
- Open the Files app and locate your image
- Long press the image thumbnail and tap Quick Actions

- **Select Convert image**
- **Choose your format (JPEG, PNG, or HEIF) as well as image size (Small, Medium, Large, or Original)**
- **Your converted image will be saved to the same folder**

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