

Picasa: collages, slideshows, and movies

Picasa is free from <http://picasa.google.com>



The easy way to find, edit, and share your photos

upload pics to your computer (using the media reader)

put them in a folder on your Desktop, call it something like "photos"

inside your "photos" folder, make a new folder for 5-10 of your favorites—call it "faves" or something

open MS Picture Manager

(Start > Programs > Microsoft Office > Microsoft Office Tools > MS Office Picture Manager)

edit your pictures

crop

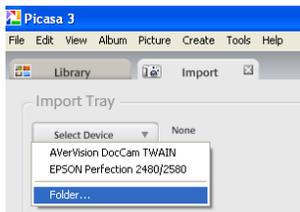
brighten automatically

adjust contrast or brighten manually

save edited pics into your "faves" folder



open Picasa (update if necessary)



import the pictures from your "faves" folder

Select Device > Folder, then browse to "faves"

make a folder, call it something like "faves", and put your "faves" pics inside

make a collage from the pics in your "faves" folder

- try resize, rotate, remove, bring to top, scramble collage, and shuffle,
- when you have something you like, click the "Create Collage" button on the bottom left

make a slideshow from the pics in your "faves" folder

make a movie from the pics in "faves"

Movie tab

try the pan-and-fade option

tell it to zero in on the faces

Slide tab

select the font, size, and template

play it by hitting the green arrow, then when you have something you like, hit Create Movie

