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10 smartphone photography accessories: Take your photos to the next level!

You'll need some extra help to replace your camera with a phone.

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Many of today's smartphone users utilize their phones as their primary cameras. If you are to replace your traditional camera with a phone, adding some smartphone photography accessories to your repertoire is recommended. These can help you achieve much better results and improve your experience. Even a [cheap device can produce excellent photos](#) with some help. Here are the best smartphone photography accessories we recommend investing in.

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***Editor's note:** We will regularly update this list of the best smartphone photography accessories as new products launch.*

Small tripod



A tripod is one of the first smartphone photography accessories you buy when getting into this art. It is a simple tool that doesn't need to cost much but will offer

many shooting benefits. The Manfrotto Pixi Evo (shown above) is one of our favorites.

More: [The best smartphone tripods you can buy.](#)

A tripod can be used for long exposure photography when the [shutter speed](#) is slowed down. This technique can create light trails, smooth out fluids, and better expose images without increasing the [ISO](#) (which affects photo quality). Using a tripod can also reduce motion blur or shaky videos. It helps to have the camera static when learning composition, giving you more time and freedom to frame a scene properly.



I am a fan of large, sturdy tripods because I also use them for my heavy [DSLR](#) and [mirrorless](#) cameras. This is why we like the Joby Gorillapod 3K, which is a hybrid with excellent portability and sturdiness. It can be used for smartphones and much heavier cameras as heavy as three kilos. Octopus tripods get their nickname from their flexible legs. They can be folded and adjusted in multiple ways and can be used to wrap around objects.

[Buy Manfrotto Pixi Evo](#)

[Buy Joby Gorillapod 3K](#)

Microfiber cleaning cloth



These are cheap and useful smartphone photography accessories. Smartphones get dirty and oily, including the camera glass. This results in blurry or smudgy photos, so make sure to keep the lens glass clean with a [microfiber cleaning cloth](#) — using your shirt isn't a good idea. We like this Nikon one because it comes in a little bag that's easy to carry and attach to other items, such as backpacks.

[Buy Nikon Microfiber Cloth](#)

Remote shutter control



Save for a few exceptions, a smartphone's rear camera is significantly better than the one in the front. Taking a selfie with the rear shooter is no easy feat, though, and it's no fun having to rush for a timer. You can get yourself a remote shutter control to avoid the hassles and get the best selfie your phone can produce. These work via Bluetooth and allow the user to trigger the shutter from a distance.

Remote shutter controls also happen to be very cheap. A good one is the Ashutb camera shutter control. It works via Bluetooth with both Android and iOS devices. The 60ft range is extensive, and battery life is very generous with a six-month standby time.

[Buy Ashutb Remote Shutter](#)

Smartphone lenses



Clip-on lenses come in handy when your smartphone's built-in glass is too limited. These smartphone photography accessories offer higher [focal lengths](#), [zoom capabilities](#), [macro](#) focusing distance, fisheye effects, and wide-angle perspectives.

More: [The best smartphone camera lenses you can buy.](#)

Smartphones are becoming more versatile thanks to the implementation of [multiple cameras and lenses](#). While these help, they don't come close to what you can do with these larger, external lenses. Not to mention, these lenses can usually be attached to a wide variety of devices, giving you more freedom of choice when it comes to smartphones.

There are many lenses for smartphones, but our favorites come from Moment. Check them out by hitting the button below.

[Buy Moment lenses and cases](#)

Portable LED panel



Photography is all about light, and having some extra help in dark environments will allow you to get better results. LED panels have gotten smaller and more affordable. The one shown above is the Viltrox LED Lighting Kit and features a 3,000mAh rechargeable battery, temperature calibration, and dimming support. You also get a mini tripod and a smartphone holder for smartphone convenience.

[Buy Viltrox LED Lighting Kit](#)

Portable battery pack



Your phone will quickly run out of battery if you shoot photos and videos throughout the day. You don't want a dead phone when a photo opportunity presents itself. Getting a portable power bank to keep your phone juiced up is a good idea.

Other options: [The best portable battery packs](#)

We like the Otterbox Fast Charge Qi Wireless Power Bank. Its 15,000mAh battery isn't massive, but it's good enough to charge your phone at least three to four times. What makes it a more exciting option is its 10W wireless charging support. It's also very resistant to drops and other forms of tortures, just like all other Otterbox products.

[Buy Otterbox Fast Charge Qi Wireless Power Bank](#)

Smartphone microphone



Audio is one area where smartphones usually lack quality, and it is crucial for recording video. Improve your clips by using an external microphone. A good one is the Rode VideoMic Me (pictured above). This directional microphone will be great for recording your voice, or you can turn it around to get better audio of whatever you're shooting. It can be attached to your phone's 3.5mm headset jack. If your phone lacks a headset jack, there's also a [USB-C version](#) available, as well as a [Lightning one](#).

[Buy Rode VideoMic Me](#)

Camera rig



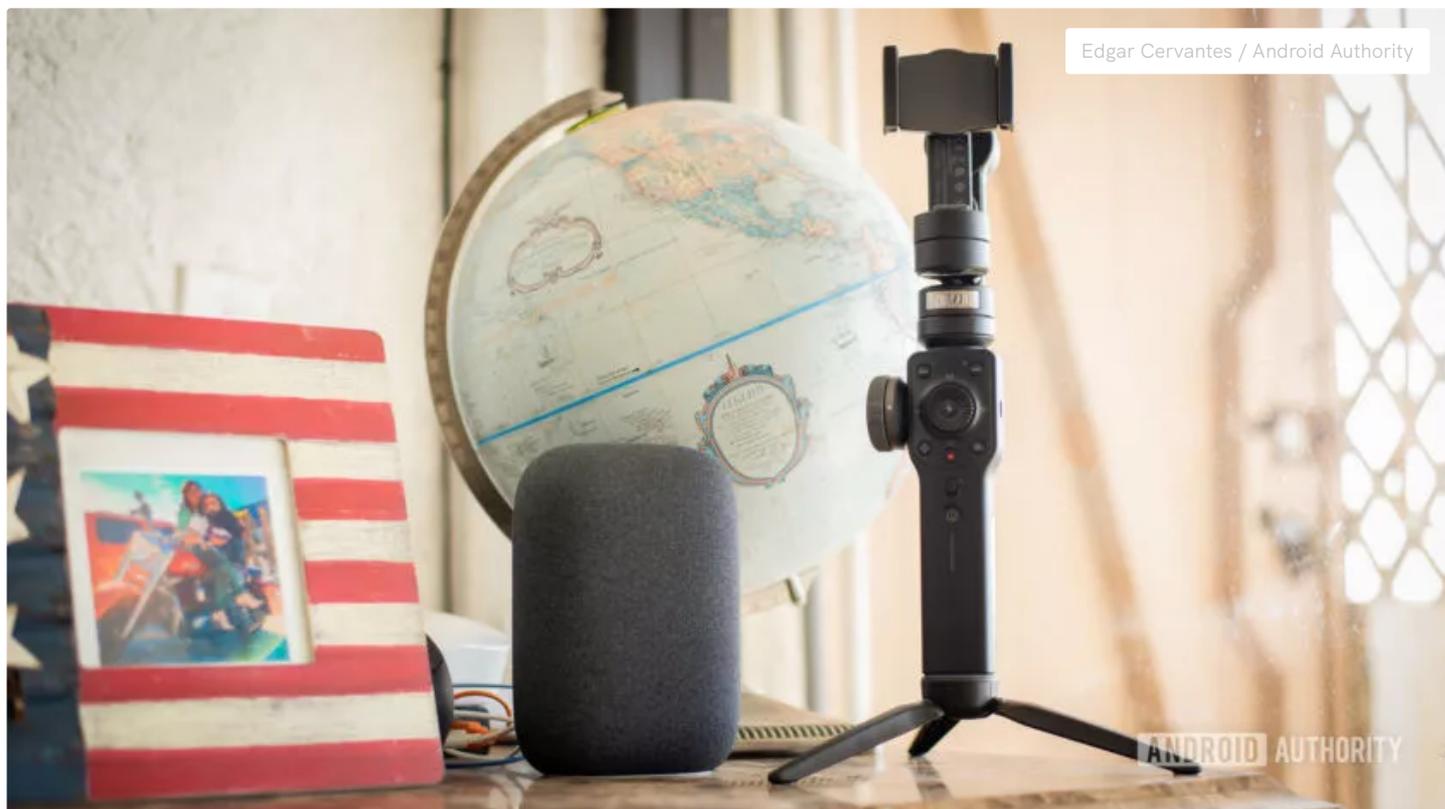
Camera rigs are for serious content creators. These contraptions make it possible to mount your smartphone, lights, microphones, battery packs, and whatever smartphone photography accessories you can think of.

Next: [The best smartphone camera grips and rigs](#)

The Shoulderpod G2 Professional Video Grip is a popular one, equipped with two tripod threads and six cold shoe mounts for other accessories. It can be attached to a tripod in both landscape and portrait orientation.

[Buy Shoulderpod G2](#)

Smartphone gimbal



[Image stabilization](#) has come a long way, but using an advanced gimbal can further improve your videos. These smartphone photography accessories use motors to keep a smartphone stable over three axes. It will reduce shaking and create smooth movements.

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Again, there are plenty of options available, but we like the [Zhiyun Smooth 4](#). It offers an outstanding balance between price and functionality. Users will love the level of control available from the built-in buttons and knobs. Not to mention it's one of the most popular stabilizer brands in the industry. Another great option is the [DJI OM 5](#).

[Buy Zhiyun Smooth 4](#)



There's nothing like seeing your digital photographs turn to life by printing them out. If you want to go all out with mobile photography, you'll need a portable photo printer. The Fujifilm Instax Link Wide is one of our favorites.

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It can print 10.6 x 8.4 cm photos and connects to your smartphone via Bluetooth. The wider ratio makes it better for smartphone photographs, which never really adopt the square image format. The only downside is that you have to buy a [special film](#) for it.

[Buy Fujifilm Instax Link Wide](#)

Buying a camera is only the first step in the photography money pit.

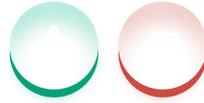
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These smartphone photography accessories are sure to take your images to another level. Remember, buying a camera is only the first step in the photography money pit. Lucky for you, you probably already have a smartphone, and most of these accessories are affordable. However, you can take things to the next level with

dedicated photography equipment. Check out the list below for our recommendations.

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