

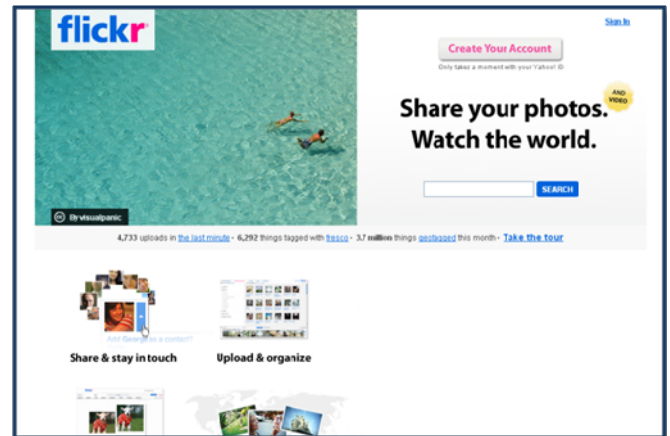


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With the Internet, even the most amateur of photographers can edit, share and promote their images and connect with other photographers anywhere in the world.

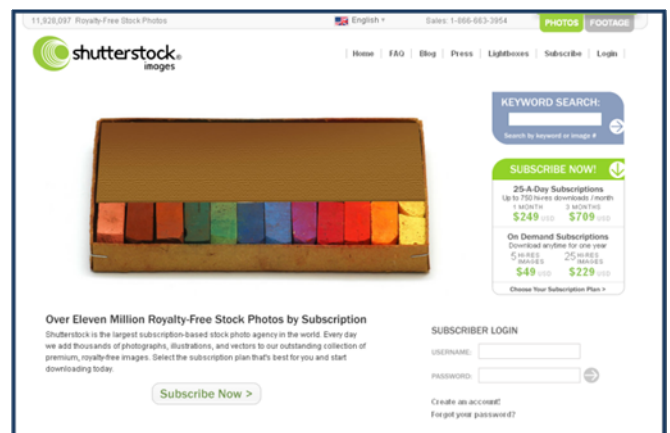
- [Flickr](#) is becoming a comprehensive website for photographers, offering editing tools and 100 MB of uploads per month free, with more tools and unlimited storage for under \$30/year. Online storage means no more worries about crashing hard drives or making copies when you get a new computer, and your photos are available from any computer connected to the internet. However, you still have the options to keep them hidden away, or share them with the [Flickr](#) community, the world, or a select group of friends and family.



- While [Flickr](#) does offer editing tools, it's worth mentioning [Fotoflexer](#), [BeFunky](#) and Google's [Picnik](#), which integrates with Flickr. All offer free tools with powerful and easy-to-use capabilities without paid upgrades which means you don't have to spend hundreds of dollars on Photoshop. The 'Undo' button makes it safe to experiment with the many different tools, distortions and effects. Once your work is done, you can easily share via [Facebook](#), [Flickr](#) and more.



- If you've ever dreamed of making money by selling your photos, [Fotolia](#), [Shutterstock](#) and Calgary-based [iStockphoto](#) all offer ways to make your shots available to ad agencies and magazine publishers around the world. Payments are small but can add up; the sites quote averages from \$0.25 to \$25 per photo uploaded and some photographers make a healthy living through their submissions.



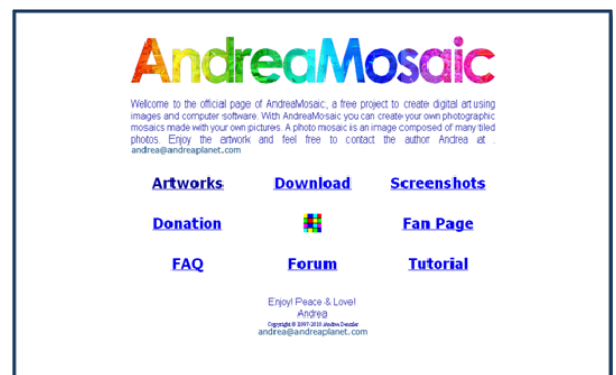
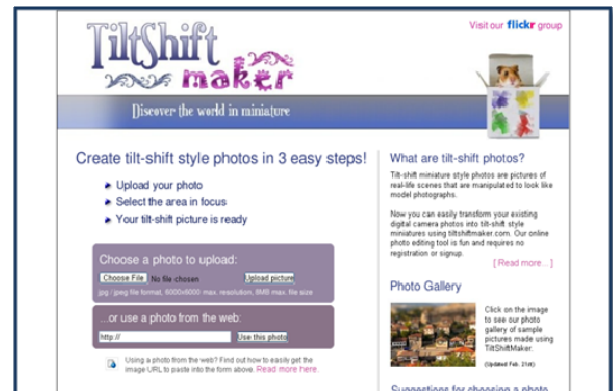


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- Ever wanted to capture a scenic view, but ended up with multiple shots that failed to do it justice? You'll appreciate [Autostitch.net](#) and [Clevr](#). Both are free online services that take multiple shots and compile them into a single panoramic view. Once you upload and arrange the photos you want to use, the software scans them and creates the panoramic shot, a single photo of what you actually saw.
- Another fun trick is to make photos of real-life places look like miniature models. This is done using a technique called 'tilt-shift', which usually requires special lenses costing \$1,000 or more. With [TiltShiftMaker](#), you upload a photo, select the area of main focus, and voila! One amazing photo. **Tip: Be sure to read the helpful hints after you've uploaded your photo.**
- Photomosaics were first created in 1993. Essentially, a photomosaic is a collection of digital pictures assembled to make a larger picture, just as pixels combine to make a photo. [AndreaMosaic](#), available at AndreaPlanet, is a free download that allows you to use your photos to create your own photomosaic. There is a learning curve but the results can be worth it; with a little bit of time you can create unique pictures and memorable gifts.



There are other fun and useful online tools. [Tinypic](#) lets you upload photos and generates a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for easy sharing. You can create an online slideshow to share with the world at [Slide](#) or upload your photos to [CafePress.ca](#) and create calendars, gift cards and more.

Happy Snapping!

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