



6 Basic Photo Editing Mistakes

1. **Keeping too many photos** – Set your priorities. Don't let photos with broken composition creep into your editing batches. Sort through your photos before you edit.
2. **Overblown saturation and contrast** – There's power in small details. While excessive contrast is one way to call attention to a picture, the very opposite—sensitive editing—works as well.
3. **Filtermania** – It's fun to play with RGB curves, but here again, use caution. To keep from overshooting, compare each photo before and after your edits.
4. **HDR effects** – Too many details and too much saturation will give people headaches, guaranteed. Even a little HDR can be too much. Keep this in mind during your editing.
5. **Crooked horizon lines** – Many photographers "blame" their crooked horizons on artistic goals. But when you look at a picture and it feels like it's sliding off your monitor, something's wrong.
6. **An uncalibrated monitor** – If your screen is strongly tinted towards green, for example, you'll end up producing photos with bad colors. Try adjusting its settings.