

What you need to know about iMovie

iMovie is a movie creating software that comes with or can be downloaded onto Macs. It does not require any special knowledge. All it takes is a person willing to explore and play around with the software. iMovie offers options to create simple, trailer-like films, or more polished and professional films. It is connected to the iPhoto and iTunes libraries for easy transfer of pictures, video clips, and songs.

How to use it?

1. Click the "+ New" button at the top of iMovie to create a new project
2. You will most likely not be creating a trailer (they are more restrictive), so select the movie option and use a blank template.
3. Your right side panel contains all saved photos, video clips, titles, transitions, and music.
4. If you click any one of those tabs, it will pull up your options.
5. From there, you may click and drag the clip, song, slide, etc. into your movie, which is displayed at the bottom of the screen (most likely empty at this point)
6. If you then click on your chosen clip, you may edit it. You can change the length of the clip, crop the image, delete pieces of the song or clip, and change its speed, color, and volume.
7. To delete a portion of a video clip (get rid of errors), you must hover over the part you want to begin your deletion. Click and drag to the part where you want to end your deletion. A yellow box should surround that section. Then click delete on your keyboard, and the edited clip should be left.
8. To have words over the pictures/clips, you must click and drag the title slide to be placed above the desired clip.
9. To edit the text of a title, double click and add those words you want. You may also edit the size and font from this point.
10. When editing clips and pictures, you may choose the cropping option. In this option, there is a Ken Burns feature. This feature provides two boxes—a starting and ending box. These show what your clip will look like as it plays out from start to finish. Make sure no part of your picture is cut off. You may also select a picture cropping option that holds your picture still as your movie plays.
11. To preview a particular segment of the video, or the video as a whole, hover over the starting point and hit the space bar. To pause/stop, you may also hit the space bar.
12. Once your video is completed, click the share button in the upper right hand corner. Then click the "Theater" option. The video will finalize and be available for publishing. From this point, it may be saved to your desktop, sent through an email, or published on social media.

**All progress on iMovie is saved automatically!

You are a moviemaker...CONGRATS!!!