

Reviews



FaceFilter Pro &



Makeup Pro Content pack

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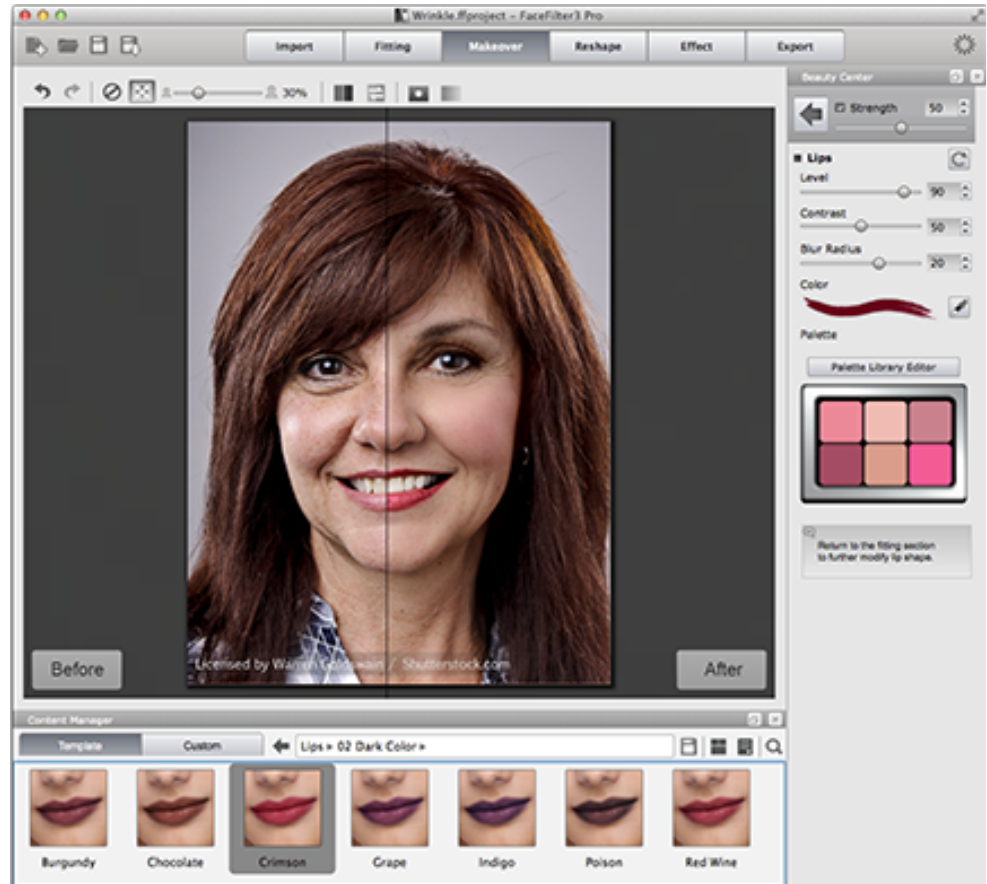
Do you have a once-in-a-lifetime photo of yourself or a loved one that was taken when you had a bad case of acne, a bad sunburn, or a very unflattering blemish or dark mole on your face? Picture ruined! Don't you wish you could take the picture over again when your skin cleared up? Well you can't - the graduation, anniversary, party, etc. has come and gone. So the next best thing is to use FaceFilter Pro to remove these unwanted blemishes to turn your unflattering photo into a prized keepsake of that event.

FaceFilter Pro is a photo retouching and beautifying program that gives you the tools to easily spruce-up photos of male and female faces. But it doesn't stop there. It has additional tools that reshape your face to make you look slimmer and younger, give a male a more robust jawline, or even add a small smile to an otherwise gloomy looking face.

The interface

The FaceFilter interface is divided into six areas. Across the top of the window is the **Menubar**, **Top Panel**, and **ToolBar** that holds many of the application specific and standard save/import etc. controls.

Below the toolbars is the **Preview Window**. This shows you Before and After pictures which lets you see if you are getting



You must position a wireframe around the facial features so FaceFilter will know where to apply the makeup.

FaceFilter gives you the tools to beautify female portraits. Think of it this way, any makeup that a female can apply to her face, FaceFilter can also apply. Plus it has skin smoothing and face reshaping tools that can add or remove a few pounds from your face.

BTW: When done, FaceFilter took about 10 - 15 years off this woman's face. (The heavy bags under her eyes and most of the wrinkles and skin roughness were removed). Compare her "Before" and "After" shown above.

your desired results before applying them to your photo. You can switch from the Before and After Dual view to the Compare View that combines the Before and After views into one image where only half of each image is visible. It has a central dividing line that when moved left or right, reveals more or less of each side of the image.

The **Content Manager** crosses the bottom of the window. This contains embedded and custom template libraries (these contain pre-defined settings that you can apply as a starting point for your further manipulations or as a quick one-step modification of your photo).

The final area is the **Modify Panel** that sits along the right side of the window. This holds all of the

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FaceFilter helps you take a “Plain-Jane” and turn her into a super model.



FaceFilter can also improve male portraits. After clearing up his complexion, I used the Face Shaping tools to give this young man a more robust (manly) jaw and neck plus reduce the width of his nose. Doesn't he look like he's gone from a punk to a hunk!



In addition to adding eye makeup, blush, and lipstick, this lady's bumps and blemishes have been removed, the oily shine has been reduced on her forehead and nose, and her teeth have been whitened.

adjustable parameter and

function sliders and buttons that you can use to manually tweak different parts of the face.

Getting started

Once you open FaceFilter and import your photo, FaceFilter estimates the outlines of your face's features and then places wireframes around the eyes, nose, mouth, eyebrows, and the outline of your face. If it is off by a little bit, you can fine-tune the wireframe by moving its fitting points. Once everything is properly outlined and you click on the “Makeover” button, FaceFilter asks you whether you want to leave it unmodified or apply the default settings to your portrait. The default setting may be sufficient, but if not, you can apply one of the included templates or manually tweak the parameter settings until you get your desired results.

Skin Foundation

As any adult female knows, a good foundation is the best starting point for her beautifying regime. The creators of FaceFilter know this too, so you are given a variety of smoothing and color correcting tools:

- Skin Refinement applies alternative skin tones to even out the surface appearance. BTW: If you want to apply some really unusual looks/skin tones, you can apply one of the “Special” skin foundations. These include: Geisha, Hulk, Red Devil, Vampire, Vintage, and Zombie.
- Skin De-Oil removes oily skin from specific areas of the face
- Eye Bag Reduction is a concealer layer that covers imperfections of the skin around the eyes.



FaceFilter comes with template presets that will quickly change the color of the eye makeup, lips, and iris'.

BTW: This is only a small sampling of the available colors.

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The Crease templates let you change Asian single eyelids into a double eyelids

- Skin Smoothing reduces the blemishes and pock-marks on faces.

If you have smoothed the skin too much when you were removing skin blemishes and wrinkles, the face may look like it has plastic skin. If this happens, you can add Skin Textures to the smoothed skin to give it a more realistic look. The textures include: Fine, Sporty, Rough, and Aged. There are slider bars that let you choose the amount of texture to apply.

Makeup

Once you have a good foundation, its time to start applying the makeup:

- Eye Shadows: This is composed of seven color layers and one glitter layer. When applied, it gives an even, ultra-luminous finish that blends into the eyelid.



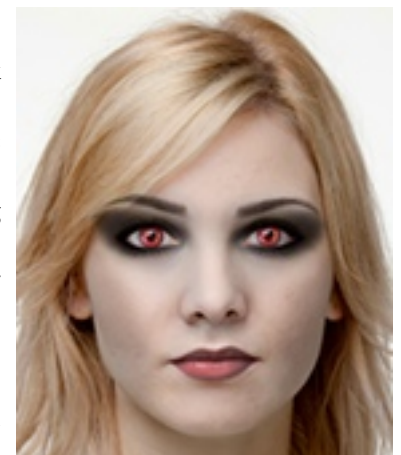
FaceFilter gives you control over the facial muscles. So I can change this young ladies' expressionless face by either giving her a small smile or a worried look - notice that the eyebrows, eyes, mouth and even her jaw has been reshaped.

- Eye Lines: Add various eyeliner types to your eyes - everything from Vintage and Bat Wing to Princess and Super Model.
- Eyelashes: lengthen, curl, and increase the volume (like adding mascara) to your eyelashes.
- Eyebrows: Soften or enhance the eyebrows.
- Blush: You can apply different colors to the blush sub-layers to make the face look healthier.
- Lips: You can use the Lips layer to add brilliant color (of your choosing) to give the lips the appearance of moisture and fullness.
- Teeth: FaceFilter can remove tea, coffee, red wine stains, and discoloration due to smoking and aging from the teeth.
- Iris: In addition to changing the iris color, FaceFilter can also remove the dreaded red-eye from your photo.

Face Reshaping tools

Good makeup is fine and dandy, but what if you gained weight or the reverse lost weight because of an illness or something before your important event - you may look gaunt or bloated. FaceFilter can compensate for this by giving you templates and tools that will slim or enlarge your face. BTW: One of the screen shots shown in this review shows a young man's face and neck being widened to give him a more manly appearance. Another screen shot shows quite a lot of weight removed from a your girl's face. Don't they look better?

In addition to reshaping the whole face, there are also tools to reshape the eyes, nose, mouth, and



For those of you that live "on the dark side", FaceFilter also has a Vampire template (notice her eye color and ashen pallor) plus there is a Zombie iris color that you can use.

eyebrows. You can move them left or right, rotate, or scale them. This ability to move them along the X & Y axis is handy if your model's eyes are close-set. You can move the eyes apart to give a more pleasing look to her/his face.

Sculpting the Face with Highlight and Contour

Another way to change the appearance or shape of the overall face is by modifying the Highlight and Contour layers. By applying strategically placed lights and darks on the face you can make areas of the face appear to pull forward or push back. Not only can this change the appearance of the facial shape, but it can also highlight your flattering features.



You can use the “Slim Face” template to knockoff a few pounds from your model's face. If that isn't slim enough, you can use the “Reshape” slider to slim the face further.

Image Enhancement

- You can automatically correct your photo's color by choosing one of the predefined White Balance settings (Daylight, Cloudy, Chade, Florescent, etc). You can also manually set the photos' Temperature and Tint.
- There are Nature, Smart Portrait, Landscape, Night shot, and Backlight presets. You can also set your photo's Exposure, Contrast, Recover (attempts to recover lost image detail), Fill Light, and Vibrance.
- The DOF (Depth of Field) tools let you sharpen the foreground, de-focus (blur) the background and change the Hue, Saturation, and Color Balance of the photo.
- FaceFilter can enhance the photo with Bokeh Effects (the rendering of out-of-focus points of light) to replace light points with glittering circles, stars, hearts, etc. or generate a gradient Bokeh effect by setting the gradient pattern.
- Create DSLR Effects to give your photo a realistic studio polish.
- Apply lens filter templates, including Black and White, Lomo style, Sepia, and Tone. You can also frame your photo and draw attention to the subject with a custom Vignette effect. You can adjust the Vignette's size, level, width and height ratios.



FaceFilter comes with a variety of Vignettes that you can use to frame your image

Dazzling Looks content package:

This is a free content package that can be downloaded from the Reallusion web site. It contains 51 templates grouped into four sets of dramatic makeup elements. These include:

- Asian Beauty: This includes eyeliner templates for creaseless Asian eyes, plus the ability to add a crease to Asian single eyelids to change them to double eyelids - like a caucasian's eye (this is not unheard of - some East Asians opt for a surgery to change their single eyelids to double eyelids).
- Bollywood: This gives you 15 over-the-top, flamboyant eyeshadow and eyeliner styles - everything from shimmering metallic effects and bold colors to heavy-stroke eyeliner.
- Hollywood Magic: This is a selection of classic male and female Hollywood styles, e.g. Superman, Supermodel, Cleopatra or even Vampires.
- Glamorous Eyes: This gives you 12 templates that you can use to change the look and color of your iris' by applying rainbow, diamond, or jewel patterns and colors.

Makeup Pro content package

This large content package is purchased separately and has too many templates and effects for me to itemize here. Just know that it contains 33 Master templates that are divided in to five categories: Sweet, Intelligent, Sexy, Cool, and Dramatic - which includes: Snow Queen, Supermodel, Vintage, Party, Diva, Emo, Bollywood, Masculine, and Vampire (with its accompanying pale complexion and red eyes) templates. It also contains 161 makeup templates.



A Bokeh effect can be applied to your photo. Notice that the bright points of light in this photo have a star pattern applied to them.

Lossless Editing

- Freely rescale images for optimal image processing speed.
- Supports RAW image formats to retain the highest image quality. Up to 6000x6000.
- All image processing is based on your original image (according to Reallusion): no matter if it's a RAW or JPG file, there's no image degradation even after numerous project re-editing. FaceFilter also supports DNG format import. You may easily convert any RAW images into DNG files without quality loss - using Adobe's free [conversion tool](#).

FaceFilter Versions

FaceFilter comes in two versions: Standard and Pro. The standard version has the same templates as the Pro, but is missing some of the Modify Panels that are used for further retouching. Plus the HD output is different between the two. To see a complete list of how they differ, I suggest you go to Reallusion's FaceFilter [comparison web page](#).

In addition to being able to purchase and download the FaceFilter Pro and Standard versions from the Reallusion web site, you can also purchase them from the Apple store.

FYI: For this review, I was primarily using the FaceFilter Pro version along with the added Dazzle Looks and Makeup Pro content packages. But I did use the Standard version too for comparison purposes.

Import

FaceFilter can import: Digital Negative (DNG), .jpg, .jpeg, .jpe, .tif, .tiff images - PNG is not recognized.

Export

FaceFilter will export in either the JPEG or TIFF formats.

Pro version: The maximum exportable image size is 6000 x 6000.

Standard version: The maximum exportable image size is 1920 x 1920

If you are interested, I suggest you go to Reallusion's [Showcase web page](#) to see a variety of before and after photos.

The Skinny

Evaluation: FaceFilter is very easy to use - especially with the ready-made templates. Gone are the wrinkles, acne, pock-marks etc. after only a few minutes of tweaking. I was impressed. Yes, you can probably accomplish the same results if you have Photoshop and a lot of know-how and patience. But if you don't want to spend the big bucks for Photoshop and don't want to spend tons of time tweaking your photos, then you should check out FaceFilter Pro. I suggest you download the demo and take it for a test-run. I don't think you will be disappointed.

BTW: If all you want is just to apply quick one-click modifications (using the provided templates) I suggest you opt for the less expensive Standard version. But if you want to have full manual tweaking/modifying options, I suggest you opt for the Pro version.

I have to give kudos to the Reallusion tech support team. Though the Dazzle Looks and the Makeup Pro content packages worked fine with the FaceFilter Pro version, I could not get them to work with the Standard version downloaded from the Apple Store. But with the tech support's help and their modifying of the Dazzle and Makeup Pro content packages, the problem went away. Good tech support!

Requires: OS 10.7 or higher, 4GB of RAM (8GB is recommended), 2.4GB of disk space, 1 280 x 768 or higher resolution monitor.

Company: [Reallusion](#)

Apple store: [FaceFilter Standard](#) version and [FaceFilter Pro](#) version.

Price: FaceFilter Standard - \$29.99

FaceFilter Pro - \$79.95

Makeup Pro: \$49.95

Special Bundle price for FaceFilter Pro and Makeup Pro: \$99.95

[Available 15 day FaceFilter Pro demo](#)