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INTRODUCTION TO SIMPLE BOOTH

When you open Simple Booth Event Edition for the first time you will see the settings screen and various settings panels. These panels can be collapsed or expanded by tapping each panel's title. If you don't see a panel, such as for printing, you might need to first turn on the feature from another panel. In the case of the print panel, you can turn it on by first enabling a print option under the sharing panel.

At the top right there is a button with an arrow icon to launch the booth. After you press Launch there is no button to go back to settings - this prevents your guests from accessing them during your event. However, as the owner of the iPad, you can restart the app and the settings will be accessible again. To restart an app in iOS 10, double-tap the home button and slide the app up. Then open it from your home screen again.

PRE-EVENT CHECKLIST

○ Make sure your Simple Booth app has the right permissions

Go into your iPad Settings app, scroll in the left section to your Simple Booth app and make sure both the Camera and Photos permissions are turned on. Camera permission lets the app use the camera. Photos permission lets it save to your photo library.

○ Check your iPad's email account

Simple Booth apps send emails from the mail account you are signed into on your iPad, the same account used for your Mail app. To change which email address your iPad is set on, go into the iPad Settings, "Mail, Contacts, Calendars" and then remove or add an account to use.

○ Plan your Wi-Fi network

It can be easy to take internet access for granted around home, but when you are at a new venue you will need to connect to a hot spot or Wi-Fi network with internet access with if you plan to allow social sharing or Dropbox saving. It is usually best to bring your own wireless hotspot with you so that you won't run into any surprises with firewalls or connectivity issues.

○ Close other apps

By default, apps don't close on their own. We recommend closing any open apps on your iPad before an event to free up as much memory as you can for Simple Booth. To close apps in iOS 10, double-tap the home button and slide up each app you'd like to close.

○ Turn on Guided Access

Your iPad comes with a great tool called Guided Access that prevents the user from going to your home screen or switching apps. You can turn it on by open your iPad's Settings app, tapping General, Accessibility, Guided Access, turning it on and setting a pass code.

When Guided Access is on, you can open an app and then triple-tap the home button quickly to bring up Guided Access option and then lock the app.

DIY TIPS

LIGHTING

Simple Booth apps can take amazing photos with the right lighting. First, make sure to bring at least one bright light to point at your backdrop. Having one light source will create strong shadows which gives your photos contrast. Optionally, you can add a second light called a “fill” light for control over how dark or light the shadows are.

If you need your pictures to “pop” more, try setting up a light behind your subjects or off to the side, pointed toward the camera. This light, called a “backlight” can light up your subjects’ hair and edges to make them look like super models.

One more tip: try to avoid mixing different colored lights. When all the lights are the same color, the iPad will be able to choose the correct white balance for your photos so you can have accurate colors everywhere in the frame.

BACKDROP

Your photos will turn out best when only the backdrop is in frame. The bigger your backdrop, the more people you can fit in it and the further your iPad will need to be away from it in order to capture the whole scene. In portrait orientation, you’ll want your backdrop to be extra tall. In landscape, you’ll want it to be extra wide. For square crop, you can have a square backdrop. The size of your backdrop helps guests know where they are going to be in frame, so try your to match it up with what the app shows in the frame.

You may not want to use a completely black backdrop - the iPad’s auto-exposure may think the room is too dark and overcompensate.

That’s it. Now go have some fun!

