

Nova Clip on your Android phone

Edit with your fingers and export a finished video, all on your phone. On a computer? See the desktop manual.

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Before you start

On Android, Nova Clip comes as an app. Until the app is on Google Play, you use the same editor in **Chrome**. Either way, your videos stay on your phone and are never uploaded.

Chrome, up to date

Open the Play Store, search for Chrome and tap Update if it shows.

Free space

Keep at least twice the size of your videos free, so the finished file has room.

Internet, the first time

You need it to open the editor once and to sign in. After that, editing works offline.

A free account

You can edit without one. To download the finished video you need to sign in with Google or email.



Newer phones export faster. On an older phone, keep projects short and export at 720p.

The Android app

Nova Clip for Android **COMING SOON TO GOOGLE PLAY**

The app has the same editor that is described in this manual. When it's released, search for **Nova Clip** on Google Play and tap **Install**. It will update through the Play Store like any other app.

Until then: use it in Chrome

1. Open **Chrome** and go to `novaclick.tech/editor.html`.
2. The phone editor opens directly. There's nothing to install.

3. To find it quickly next time, tap Chrome's  menu and then the  star to bookmark it.

Your projects and exported videos stay on your phone. When the app arrives, you can keep using them in the app.

The editor screen

Hold your phone upright. The screen has four parts:



- 1 **Toolbar.** Swipe it sideways to reach the main tools: **Beginner / Pro**, Import, Undo, Redo, Split, Delete, Text, Sticker, Canvas size. A small pencil icon next to the logo opens **Nova Animate**. Less-used tools (In/Out points, Ripple, Marker, Detect Beats, Save/Load project) are tucked behind **⋮ More** in **Pro** mode. **Export** always stays on the right.
- 2 **Preview.** Shows your video. Below it are play, go to start, go to end, and the seek bar. Swipe the row of small buttons sideways to reach **REC**, **AI VO**, **Frame**, **Speed** and the volume.
- 3 **Working area.** It shows the timeline, your media, or the edit settings, depending on the tab you pick.
- 4 **Tabs.** *Timeline* arranges your clips. *Media* lists everything you imported. *Edit* changes the selected clip.

 If you turn a large phone or tablet sideways, you'll get the full desktop layout. It works too, but upright is easier on a phone. The [desktop manual](#) describes that layout.

Beginner and Pro

So that a new user is not faced with every tool at once, the phone editor starts in **Beginner** mode. Tap the **Beginner** button at the left of the toolbar to switch to **Pro**. Tap it again to go back. Nova Clip remembers your choice.

MODE	WHAT YOU SEE
Beginner	The main tools only. The ⋮ More menu and the Lumetri color tab are hidden.
Pro	Everything. ⋮ More appears in the toolbar, with <i>Set in-point</i> , <i>Set out-point</i> , <i>Ripple delete</i> , <i>Add marker</i> , <i>Detect beats</i> , <i>Save project</i> and <i>Load project</i> . The Edit tab gets a Lumetri tab for color grading.



If a tool in this manual is not where it says, check whether you are in Pro mode. **Save**, **Load** and **Ripple delete** are in **⋮ More**, and that menu shows only in Pro.

Add your videos

1. Tap **Import** in the toolbar. Android's file picker opens.
2. Choose **Photos**, **Gallery** or **Files**, then pick your videos, music or voice recordings. To pick several, press and hold the first one, then tap the others.
3. The **Media** tab opens and lists what you imported.
4. Tap **+** next to a clip to add it to the end of your timeline. The editor switches back to the **Timeline** tab so you can see it.

Add clips in the order you want them to play. You can rearrange them later (see [Touch gestures](#)).



Importing only reads the files. Nothing is copied or uploaded, and your originals are never changed.

Touch gestures

On the timeline, a quick swipe moves the *view*, and press-and-hold moves a *clip*. That way you never move a clip by accident while scrolling.

DO THIS	WHERE	WHAT HAPPENS
Tap	A clip	Selects it. Its settings appear in the Edit tab.
Double-tap	A clip's name	Renames it.
Swipe	The timeline	Scrolls left and right, or up and down.
Hold, then drag	A clip	Picks the clip up (the phone gives a short buzz) and moves it to a new time or another track.
Hold, then let go	A clip	Opens the clip menu: label color, add to selection, rename, link, slip to start, reverse, freeze frame, copy or paste the color grade, lock, delete.
Drag an edge	The left or right edge of a clip	Trims the start or end.
Touch or drag	The time ruler above the tracks	Moves the playhead to that moment.

DO THIS	WHERE	WHAT HAPPENS
Drag	The seek bar under the preview	Scrubs through the video.
Pinch with two fingers	The timeline	Spread your fingers to zoom in for fine edits, or pinch them together to see the whole project.

Trim, split & delete

Trim the start or end

Zoom in with two fingers so the clip is wide. Then drag its left or right edge inward.

Cut a clip in two

1. Touch the time ruler to put the playhead where you want the cut. For a precise spot, drag the seek bar and watch the preview.
2. Tap the clip to select it.
3. Tap **Split** in the toolbar.

Remove a part

Split on both sides of the part you don't want, tap it, then tap **Delete** in the toolbar. You can also hold the clip and choose Delete from the menu. In **Pro** mode, turn on **Ripple delete** (under ⋮ More in the toolbar) to close the gap automatically.



Made a mistake? Tap **Undo** in the toolbar. Tap it several times to go further back.

Effects, text & music

Tap a clip, then open the **Edit** tab. Scroll down to see all the settings for that clip:

- **Effect Controls:** brightness, contrast, saturation, hue, blur, vignette, film grain, glow, and a row of **Preset Looks**. In **Pro** mode there is also a **Lumetri** tab with AUTO color, wheels, curves and LUTs.
- **Clip Info:** speed, freeze frame, reverse, volume (from silent up to 200%), opacity and more. See [Smart tools](#).
- **Transform:** scale and rotation. **Pan & Zoom** (Ken Burns) adds a slow zoom and pan to a shot.
- **Audio — Noise Removal:** reduces hiss and background hum in voice recordings.

To change a slider, drag it with your finger.

Add text

Tap **Text** in the toolbar. Type your words, then choose the size, color, **Position** (top, center or bottom), when it appears (Start and End, in seconds) and an animation. Tap **Add**. Ready-made styles such as Lower Third, Big Title and Subtitle are in the Edit tab under *Text Overlays*.

Add stickers

Tap **Sticker** in the toolbar, choose one, and set its size, **Position** and timing.

Add background music

In the Edit tab, find *Background Music* and choose a song file from your phone. Set its volume so it doesn't cover speech, and add a fade in and fade out. You can also search free music and sound effects in the **Media** tab, under **Media Browser**.

Smart tools

Nova Clip has tools that do the slow work for you. They all run on your phone, and nothing is uploaded. The first time, some of them download a small model that is kept on your phone, so use Wi-Fi.

TOOL	WHERE	WHAT IT DOES
Auto Caption	Edit tab, <i>Text Overlays</i>	Listens to your video and writes the captions. Then Caption styles lets you choose the look. The first time it downloads about 75 MB.
Remove Silence	Edit tab, <i>Clip Info</i>	Cuts out the quiet gaps.
Split at Scenes	Edit tab, <i>Clip Info</i>	Splits a video clip where the picture cuts to a new scene.
Remove Filler Words	Edit tab, <i>Clip Info</i>	Cuts out <i>um</i> , <i>uh</i> and <i>hmm</i> (English).
Background Removal	Edit tab, <i>Clip Info</i>	Takes away the background behind a person. No green screen needed.
Auto-Reframe	Edit tab, <i>Clip Info</i>	Follows the face to crop a wide video to a tall one.
Chroma Key	Edit tab, <i>Clip Info</i>	Removes a green screen, so you can put another picture behind a person.
Speed, Reverse, Freeze Frame	Edit tab, <i>Clip Info</i>	Slow motion, time-lapse, backwards, or one held picture.

TOOL	WHERE	WHAT IT DOES
REC	Row under the preview	Records your voice. Tap it again to stop. It lands on the timeline at the playhead.
AI VO	Row under the preview	Turns text into a spoken voice.
Video templates	Media tab	About 500 ready-made animated videos. Tap  Video templates (500+) .

Each of these works the same as on a computer. See the matching parts of the [desktop manual](#) for every setting: [Auto captions](#), [Silence, scenes and filler words](#), [Chroma key](#), [Background removal](#), [Auto-Reframe](#), [Speed](#), [Voice recording and AI voiceover](#) and [Video templates](#).

Reels & Shorts size

Instagram Reels, YouTube Shorts and WhatsApp Status use a tall 9:16 video. Set this before you export:

1. Swipe the toolbar and tap **Canvas size** (it shows *Auto* at first).
2. Choose **1080×1920**. For a smaller file, choose 720×1280. For a square post, choose 1080×1080.
3. Check the preview. If a clip doesn't fill the frame, select it and raise *Transform* → *Scale* in the Edit tab, or switch on **Auto-Reframe** for a video clip.

Saving your work

Nova Clip saves your edits on the phone every 30 seconds. If Chrome closes or the phone restarts, open Nova Clip again. A banner will offer to **restore** your last project.

Your video files are not stored inside the project. After restoring, import the same videos again from your gallery, and your edits reconnect to them.

To keep a project for later, or to move it to another device, switch to **Pro** mode, tap **⋮ More** and then **Save project**. It downloads a small `.nova.json` file. Open it again with **⋮ More** and **Load project**.

Export & share

1. Tap **Export** (top right).
2. If you haven't signed in yet, tap **Continue with Google** or sign in with email. You only do this once, and your project stays open.
3. Choose the **resolution** and **format**. MP4 works everywhere, and 1080p is a good choice for social media.
4. Tap **Export & Download** and wait until the progress bar finishes.

5. The video is saved in your phone's **Downloads** folder. Open it from the *Files* app, or from Chrome's **⋮ → Downloads**.

To post it, open WhatsApp, Instagram or YouTube, choose to upload a video, and pick it from *Downloads*.

 Keep the screen on and Nova Clip open until the export finishes. If you switch apps or lock the phone, Android can pause or stop the export.

Offline & updates

Once you have opened the editor with internet, Chrome keeps a copy, so it also opens without internet: on a flight, in the metro, anywhere. Importing, editing and exporting all work offline. Signing in needs internet, so sign in once while you're online.

Updates arrive on their own. Whenever your phone is online, Nova Clip fetches the newest version in the background and uses it the next time you open it.

Common problems

Where do I get the Android app?

The Nova Clip app is coming to Google Play. Until it's there, open novaclip.tech/editor.html in Chrome. It's the same editor. If a link opened inside Instagram or WhatsApp, tap **⋮** and choose *Open in Chrome* first, because those built-in browsers can't run the editor well.

I can't find **⋮** More, Save or Lumetri

The phone editor starts in **Beginner** mode, which hides them. Tap the **Beginner** button at the left of the toolbar to switch to **Pro**.

The timeline scrolls when I want to move a clip

A quick swipe always scrolls. To move a clip, keep your finger still on it for about half a second until it lifts and the phone buzzes, then drag.

Clips are too small to grab the edges

Spread two fingers on the timeline to zoom in. Clips get wider, and the trim edges become easy to hold.

A video won't import or plays as a black screen

Some phones record in a format that Chrome can't play on that device (often HEVC/H.265 or "high efficiency" video). In your camera settings, switch to *Most compatible* / H.264, or convert the file first. Update Chrome, too: newer versions play more formats.

Export is slow, stops, or the phone gets hot

Your phone does all the video work, so long 1080p exports take time. Keep the screen on and stay in Nova Clip. Plug in the charger for long videos. Close other apps. If it keeps stopping, export at 720p or split a long project into parts.

"Not enough space" or the export fails at the end

The finished video has to fit on your phone. Free up space (clear old downloads, or move photos to cloud storage), then export again. A lower resolution also makes a smaller file.

Google sign-in doesn't open

Allow pop-ups for novaclip.tech in Chrome (⋮ → Settings → Site settings → Pop-ups), and make sure you're online. Signing in with email and password also works.

Where is my exported video?

In the *Downloads* folder. Open the Files app → Downloads, or Chrome ⋮ → Downloads. Some gallery apps only show it after a minute, or under *Albums* → *Downloads*.

Still stuck? Visit the [Help Center](#), or write to team@novaclip.tech with your phone model and Chrome version.