How to take a picture using your iPhone's built-in Camera

Access your phone's camera

1. Tap on the Camera Icon
2. Which looks like this:

Quickly open the camera

1. Swipe up from the right-bottom corner of the lock screen (where the little camera icon is)
2. Or via the Control Centre panel which is accessed by swiping up whenever the phone is unlocked

Swiping is your new friend

1. The Camera app is now broken up into swipe-able 'video', 'photo', 'square' and 'pano' sections
2. To access the different modes swipe left or right between them

Applying filters

1. Available filters include Mono, Tonal, Noir, Fade, Chrome, Process, Transfer and Instant
2. They're accessible via the funky three-dot logo in the bottom of the screen
3. You choose a filter and snap the pictures you want
4. You can also apply a filter to Photos retroactively

Square

1. Taking a cue from apps like Instagram and Hipstamatic, you can now shoot photos with a square setting
2. Swipe right from the default Photo option and your now shooting like you are using a medium format camera - well the photo shape at least

Panorama

1. Go into the camera app
2. Swipe to the far right to the Pano option
3. Tap on the arrow to change direction of the panorama you want to capture - left to right or right to left
4. You'll have to hold the phone in portrait for it to work
5. Hold the phone in landscape mode to do a "vertical" panorama up to the stars
6. Press the photo button and you will hear a "ding"
7. You can now begin to move
8. Move in the direction you chose as **slowly and as smoothly as possible**
9. Check out iPhone Panorama tips and tricks feature with the iPhone 5 to find out more on how to take the best panoramas in town

http://www.imore.com/how-create-stunning-panoramic-photographs-your-iphone

Turning the flash on and off

1. Tap the lightening bolt symbol at the top left of the screen in the camera app
2. Set it to be either Auto/on/off
3. I recommend turning the flash Off as the iPhone flash is rather harsh

HDR

1. Standing for High Dynamic Range, HDR takes three pictures at the same time and then merges them together without bothering you about it
2. It is great if you are taking a picture of a something that has lots of light and lots of shadows
3. If you don't want to store the original non-HDR shot at the same time, go to Settings
4. Photo & Camera
5. Turn off the feature "Keep Normal Photo" at the bottom of the list

Taking a selfie

1. I would first recommend not using the phrase "selfie" if you are over 17 years old
2. Press the camera logo at the top right of the screen to turn on the front-facing camera
3. Now smile

AE/AF Lock

1. To change the exposure or the focus of your shot, tap anywhere on the screen and it will change instantly
2. To lock that exposure or focus (great for dramatic panoramas) press and hold on the screen until the square box "locks in"

Grid

1. Go to Settings
2. Photos & Camera
3. Camera Grid
4. Turn on to give you a standard camera grid to help you compose your pictures better

Some Additional Helpful Tips

1. Hold your phone like it were an actual point-n-shoot camera.
2. You can use the Volume buttons on your phone to take pictures (either one will work)
3. You can also hold down the volume button to take rapid shots – great for shooting waves or other fast-moving action.

Some Free Camera Apps

- VSCO Cam
- RePix
- SnapSeed
- Litely