

8 Overlooked Useful YouTube Tools

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When most people think about YouTube they think about sharing videos and or about all of the videos they can discover. Most people don't think about the useful editing tools that are built into YouTube. The YouTube video editor has some useful features for teachers and students. Here are eight overlooked YouTube features to explore.

1. Create photo slideshows. The YouTube photo slideshow creation tools allow you to specify the length of time that each image is displayed for. After uploading your images you can use the annotations tool to add as much text as you like to each frame of your video. Directions for creating a YouTube photo slideshow are [available here](#).
2. Create slow-motion videos. The most recent addition to the YouTube editing tools is an option to record videos with a regular speed camera and then turn that into a slow-motion video. Directions for doing this are [available here](#).
3. Use annotations to create a linked series of videos (or choose your own adventure videos). Directions for doing this are [available here](#).
4. Blurring faces in your videos. Directions are [available here](#).

5. Stabilizing shaky footage and adding color/ light filters to your videos.

The screenshot shows the YouTube Video Editor interface. The left sidebar contains navigation options: DASHBOARD, VIDEO MANAGER (with sub-items: Uploads, Playlists, Tags, Copyright Notices, Search History, Purchases, Favorites, Likes), CHANNEL SETTINGS, ANALYTICS, and INBOX. The main content area is titled 'My Slideshow' and features a video player with a 'Trim' button and a progress bar at 0:01 / 0:30. Above the player are tabs for 'Info and Settings', 'Enhancements', 'Audio', 'Annotations', and 'Captions'. The 'Enhancements' tab is active, displaying a 'Preview' window and a grid of filter options. The filters include 'Auto-fix', 'Stabilize', and various color and light filters. A 'Revert to original' button and a 'Save' button are located at the top right of the editor. At the bottom, there is a link to 'Try the YouTube Video Editor'.

6. Add captions to your videos.

The screenshot shows the YouTube Video Editor interface with the 'Captions' tab selected. The left sidebar is identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'My Slideshow' and features a video player with a play button and a progress bar at 0:00. Above the player are tabs for 'Info and Settings', 'Enhancements', 'Audio', 'Annotations', and 'Captions'. The 'Captions' tab is active, displaying a 'Track list' section with a dropdown menu for 'TRACK LANGUAGE' set to 'English' and a '+ Add track name' button. Below this is a 'VIDEO TRANSCRIPT' section with a text area for entering the transcript and a 'Sync' button. There is also an 'Upload transcript' button and an 'OR' separator. At the bottom, there is a text box for 'Upload timed caption file' with a note: 'This includes .sbv, .srt, and more'. A 'Send feedback' button is located at the bottom right of the editor.

7. Add a music track to your video.

The screenshot shows the YouTube Studio interface for editing a video titled "My Slideshow". The "Audio" tab is selected, displaying a "Featured Tracks" list. The video player shows a black dog wearing an orange vest. The "Featured Tracks" list includes:

Track Name	Artist	Genre	Duration
Chicken Music	Jim Kimo West	Country & Folk	1:28
In The Dark	Joi Veer	Pop	3:32
Sitar Madness	LTJ Xperience	Electronic	5:53
Bring It Back	Michael Mills	Instrumental	3:47
Feel My Love	Havana	R&B	5:08
D and D	DFIVES	Rock	4:04
2nd Try	Supergarage	Rock	3:21
All That We Are	Creel Commission	Pop	5:02

Buttons for "Revert to original" and "Save" are visible at the top right of the editor.

8. Hide your video from public search results. Under the privacy settings select "unlisted" or "private."

The screenshot shows the YouTube Studio interface for editing a video titled "My Slideshow". The "Privacy Settings" dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box and labeled "Privacy Settings". The dropdown menu is open, showing the "Public" option selected. The "Basic Info" tab is active, showing the video title "My Slideshow", description, tags, and category "Education". The "VIDEO INFORMATION" section shows the video was uploaded on April 4, 2013, at 9:28 PM, with a duration of 0:31. The "Privacy Settings" dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box and labeled "Privacy Settings".

Buttons for "Cancel" and "Save changes" are visible at the top right of the editor.