

# Going Big

How to use your TV to view your photos and videos

**According to** insider.com, the first cellphones with a camera were released in the U.S. in 2002, four years after Japan.

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Need you've taken photos and videos on your smartphone, how often do you look at these captured moments? If the answer is not often, you're not alone. Perhaps you don't want to squint to see images on a small screen.

Instead, you can better appreciate these photos and videos-and relive the memories associated with them-when they're on your big-screen television, which is more conducive for enjoying them with

family and friends, as well. Here are three ways to do it.

## Using the cloud

Many smartphone users take advantage of cloud backup, which automatically uploads all photos and videos to an online account, just in case the phone is lost, stolen or damaged. This is done through apps such as Google Photos, OneDrive and Dropbox.

If you have a smart TV, you could install the same app on your television to view all your images there. You will need to log in to the same cloud account on your TV as your phone.

With Apple's iCloud, you'll need an Apple TV box to wirelessly stream content, per



below.

### **Going wireless**

Many smart TVs let you wirelessly "cast" images from your smartphone. The process will vary based on the kind of TV you have.

The technology may be called DLNA or Miracast, or your TV might have built-in Chromecast, Roku or AirPlay support. In most cases, simply choose a photo or video on your mobile device and then tap the Share icon for it to magically appear on your TV. Your phone will likely need to be connected to the same Wi-Fi network as your smart TV.

### **Choosing USB or HDMI**

You have options even if you don't have a smart TV or if you prefer a non-wireless solution. If you're an Android user, plug your phone into the TV's USE port, using your charging cable. Make sure the phone is unlocked. The images should appear on the screen as thumbnail images. Now use your remote to scroll through them all. For iPhones, you'll need a Digital AV Adapter and HDMI cable, sold separately, which connect your Apple device on your TV's HDMI port (as opposed to the USE port).

#### **More options**

There are many other ways to enjoy your personal photos and videos on your TV. You can load up a flash drive with images and plug it into your TV's USB port. You can connect your laptop to an available HDMI port on your TV. Or you can bring a Roku stick with you to a hotel and wirelessly mirror your smartphone content to the TV in your room.

All in all, it's easy to view your photos and videos on a big screen.-MS