

Pro Android Photography Tips for Lash Artists

Advanced settings + tricks most people don't use (but should)

Samsung Galaxy:

- Open the Camera app and switch to *Pro Mode* if available
- Set your aspect ratio to 3:4 for the clearest detail
- Turn off Scene Optimizer and Beauty Mode
- Use *manual focus* to zero in on the lash line

Use Pro Mode When Possible (Samsung, some others)

If your Android has Pro Mode (Samsung Galaxy especially), you can manually adjust your settings for studio-like results:

- ISO: Set lower (100–200) for less grain
- Shutter Speed: Keep around 1/100–1/200 to avoid blur
- White Balance: Manually match your light source (cooler for daylight, warmer for ring light)
- Focus Slider: Pull it to the lash line manually for sharper detail

Google Pixel:

- Use *Portrait Mode* for blurred background + sharp lashes
- Tap to focus directly on the lash line
- Adjust the exposure slider to avoid over-brightness

Avoid Autofocus “Breathing”

Android cameras sometimes shift focus mid-shot. If this happens:

Lock focus manually if your camera allows

Or tap and hold to lock focus on the lash line before snapping

Focus, Don't Zoom

- Always tap to focus, right where the lashes are
- Avoid using digital zoom (it reduces image quality)
- Use the rear camera, not the selfie cam, for the best resolution

Grid Lines = Better Framing

Turn on grid lines in your camera settings for better symmetry and straight shots. Helps you align the client's face and lash line.

Turn Off HDR (High Dynamic Range)

While HDR can help in landscapes, it sometimes softens detail on close-ups like lashes. Turn it off for sharper lash texture.

Shoot in HEIF or RAW (if available)

- HEIF = higher quality in smaller file sizes
- RAW = great for serious editing (Snapseed and Lightroom support RAW)

Lighting is Everything

- Use natural light if possible, face your client toward a window
- If using a ring light, angle it slightly to avoid shadows on the eye
- Avoid overhead lighting that casts harsh shadows
- Try placing a white foam board or towel under the head to bounce light

Get the Right Angles

Switch it up for variety and to show different details:

- Top View (Client eyes closed): shows symmetry and mapping
- Side View: shows curl, density, and texture
- Angled View: best for wispy or dramatic sets
- Open Eye Shot: shows shape + how lashes enhance eye

Edit Like a Pro

Keep edits light and realistic, your work should speak for itself.

Best Android-Friendly Editing Apps:

- Snapseed – use the “Details” and “Healing” tools
- Lightroom Mobile – adjust exposure, contrast, sharpness
- VSCO – for clean filters and soft lighting tweaks
- Canva – for adding text or posting to social media

Pro Tip: Zoom in and remove stray hairs or lint using the healing tool in Snapseed.