

Photo Selection Checklist

Pick photos that convert into clean, printable line art

Work through this list for every photo before you convert it. A photo that fails three or more checks will almost always print as grey mush — swap it for a better shot rather than fighting it.

– Before you convert

- ☐ **One clear subject**
A single face, pet or object filling most of the frame. Group shots lose detail fast.
- ☐ **Even, bright light**
Daylight or a window. Night shots and heavy shadow give the AI no edges to trace.
- ☐ **Simple background**
Plain wall, grass, sky. Busy shelves and patterned wallpaper become visual noise.
- ☐ **Sharp focus on the subject**
Zoom to 100% and check the eyes. Motion blur cannot be recovered.
- ☐ **No filters or heavy edits**
Filters flatten contrast, which is exactly what line art needs.
- ☐ **Subject not cropped at an awkward point**
Head-and-shoulders or full body — avoid cutting through a chin or paw.
- ☐ **Original resolution**
Screenshots and messaging-app copies are compressed. Use the file from the camera roll.

– Score the shortlist

#	Photo (file or description)	Checks passed	Use it?
1		/ 7	
2		/ 7	
3		/ 7	
4		/ 7	
5		/ 7	
6		/ 7	
7		/ 7	
8		/ 7	
9		/ 7	

Rule of thumb: keep every photo that passes six or seven checks, retry the five-check ones with a tighter crop, and drop the rest.