# Using LUTs to Color Grade Photos

### LUTs Overview & Download

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In this section, the instructor introduces the topic of using LUTs (Look-Up Tables) to color grade images using ON1 Effects. Although the tutorial is demonstrated in ON1 Effects, it is noted that the same technique can be used within ON1 Photo RAW. The instructor guides users on how to find and download free LUTs from the ON1 website by navigating to the "Free" section and selecting "Free LUTs." A variety of LUT packs are available for different styles and programs, including ON1 Effects, ON1 Photo RAW, Lightroom, and other software. For the tutorial, the "Lifestyle and Commercial LUTs" pack is chosen for download.

### Installing LUTs in ON1

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After downloading the LUT pack, the instructor explains how to install the LUTs into ON1 Effects. The folder contains subfolders for different applications. For ON1, the correct path is to open the "For ON1 Photo RAW" folder and locate the ONPreset file. By right-clicking and selecting "Open with ON1 Effects 2024," the program will launch and prompt the user to install the preset package. Once installed, the user is informed that 20 new files were added successfully.

### Applying LUTs in ON1

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The tutorial proceeds with demonstrating how to apply the installed LUTs within ON1 Effects. A photo is opened, and the user adds a LUT filter. In the filter panel, the newly imported LUTs appear under the "My LUTs" section, specifically within the "Lifestyle and Commercial" category. The instructor selects a LUT with a cinematic, warm tone and emphasizes that the choice of LUT is a personal preference depending on the image's desired look. Users can also apply LUTs through the preset drawer, where all installed LUTs can be previewed and applied directly.

### Using LUTs in Lightroom

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Finally, the instructor explains how to use the same LUTs in Adobe Lightroom. In the Develop tab, users can import presets by clicking the plus icon in the Presets panel and navigating to the "For Lightroom" folder in the downloaded LUT pack. After importing the .xmp files, users can find and preview them in the Profile section. The tutorial shows the availability of multiple downloaded packs, including the Lifestyle and Commercial LUTs, demonstrating how to preview and apply these looks in Lightroom. The video concludes with encouragement to explore the free LUT packs.

## 🎨 LUTs in ON1 Effects: Quick Cheat Sheet

### ✅ What Are LUTs?

LUTs (Lookup Tables) are pre-made color grading profiles that apply specific tones, moods, and styles to your photos—ideal for cinematic or commercial looks.

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# 🔽 Step 1: Download Free LUTs from ON1

1. Go to **ON1.com**

2. Navigate: **Free > Free LUTs**

3. Download a pack (e.g., *Lifestyle and Commercial LUTs*)

4. Unzip the file – you'll find:

   - `For Lightroom`

   - `For ON1 Photo RAW`

   - `For Other Programs`

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# 💾 Step 2: Install LUTs in ON1 Effects

1. Go into: `For ON1 Photo RAW > ON1 Lifestyle and Commercial LUTs`

2. Right-click `.ONPreset` file → **Open With > ON1 Effects 2024**

3. Click **Yes** to install → Confirms successful addition (e.g., 20 files)

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# 🎲 Step 3: Apply LUTs in ON1 Effects

## Method 1: Add Filter

1. Open image in ON1 Effects

2. Click **Add Filter > LUTs**

3. Open **Category** dropdown → Scroll to **My LUTs**

4. Select *Lifestyle and Commercial* → Click through options

## Method 2: Use Preset Drawer

1. Open **Preset Drawer** (left panel)

2. Find *ON1 Lifestyle and Commercial LUTs*

3. Hover to preview, click to apply

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## 💡 Tip: Try Different LUTs

Each LUT offers a unique mood—warm, moody, cinematic, etc. Choose based on your photo's style.

## 🖼️ Bonus: Use LUTs in Lightroom

1. Open **Develop Tab**

2. Go to **Presets > + > Import Presets**

3. Navigate to `For Lightroom > .xmp` files → Click **Import**

4. Open **Profile Browser** in Develop

5. Locate & preview *Lifestyle and Commercial* LUTs

6. Click to apply

## 🎉 You're Done!

Refer to this reference sheet whenever you need a reminder of the LUT process. It's perfect for a quick glance on your phone or printed out (double sided) by your computer.

Enjoy quick, professional-grade color grading using LUTs in ON1 Effects or Lightroom. Explore different packs for creative results!

📌 **Tip:** Download multiple LUT packs to build a personal library of looks!

# Mind Map

Using LUTs to Color Grade

- What are LUTs?
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  - Types
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    - 3D LUTs
  - Compatibility
    - Most major photo and video apps
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  - Import, Adjust, Fine-tune
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  - Speed
  - Creative Control
- Effective Color Grading
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- Common Uses of LUTs
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  - Photography
  - Video Editing