

**Nik Collection** from <https://nikcollection.dxo.com/>

- Was owned by Google, now owned by DxO
- Was free but had not been updated for a couple of years
- As of June, 2018, this product is no longer free. and now costs \$69.
- New license good for three computers.
- I just installed the newest version and **briefly** tested it. Looks and acts like the old version, but faster.
- Lots of options including sharpeners, HDR, B/W conversion, color adjustment, etc.
- My favorite choices include Color Efex: Detail Extractor, White Neutralizer, Indian Summer
- Sharpen for final printing/display with Output Sharpener
- Accessed through the Filters menu.
- Download the 30 day free trial and try it. Check out all the filters available.

**Pixel Genius Toolkit** from <http://www.pixelgenius.com/>

- Mature plugin directed at darkroom-like manipulation and extensive sharpening
- Three Parts: **Photokit**, **Photokit Color** and **Photokit Sharpeners**
- **Photokit Color** is made from the other two and I don't use it. It is installed, but not used.
- Accessed through File > Automate > Photokit 2
- Free

### **Photokit**

- dodge, burn, B/W, color, tone, contrast collection, digital effects, etc.

### **Photokit Sharpeners**

- Capture Sharpener, Creative Sharpeners, Output Sharpeners
- I often use the Output Sharpener.

## **On1 Borders**

I have been using the Borders package from On1 Standalone Effects 10 for some time. I like the borders for selected images, usually pinhole, maybe with infrared. I use them sparingly.

When I went to install the software for demo tonight, I found they have “improved” their product and it is now “On1 Photo Raw 2018.5” and costs \$50 (“summer special”).

The demo will show borders from the Standalone Effects 10 software. I assume the new Photo Raw 2018.5 software is similar.

## **Topaz Labs Plugins**

Another ecosystem of plugins. Very functional. Lots of options. I have them, but do not actively use them.

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So many plugins: How many different ways do you need to do the same thing?

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