

Below is a clear, beginner-friendly tutorial on how to turn an old tablet or smartphone into a nanny cam or security camera using **Alfred Camera**. No rooting or special technical skills required.

How to Turn an Old Tablet or Phone Into a Nanny Cam or Security Camera Using Alfred

Alfred Camera is a popular free app that lets you repurpose older iOS or Android devices into home security cameras. You just need **two devices**:

- **Camera Device** — your old phone/tablet (this stays at home and acts as the camera)
- **Viewer Device** — your everyday phone (this lets you watch the live feed)

Below is a full step-by-step guide.

What You Need

- An old **Android or iOS** phone/tablet
 - Your main smartphone (Android or iOS)
 - A stable Wi-Fi connection
 - A Google or Apple account (for login)
 - A charging cable for the camera device (important for 24/7 use)
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Step-by-Step Setup

1. Install Alfred Camera on Both Devices

1. On **both** devices, download **Alfred Camera** from:
 - Google Play Store
 - Apple App Store
 2. Open the app on each device.
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2. Choose Roles for Each Device

On the screen you'll be asked to choose whether the device is a:

- **Viewer**
- **Camera**

Choose **Camera** on the old tablet/phone.

Choose **Viewer** on your main phone.

3. Log in Using the Same Account on Both Devices

Alfred uses account syncing to pair the devices.

- Sign in with the **same Google or Apple ID** on both.
 - Once logged in, the Viewer device should automatically detect the Camera device.
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4. Set Up the Camera Device



Basic Setup

- Give the camera device power (plug it in).
- Keep Wi-Fi connected.
- Disable sleep mode:
 - Android: Settings → Display → Sleep → choose the maximum value
 - iOS: Settings → Display & Brightness → Auto-Lock → "Never"



Positioning Tips

- Place the device where you want monitoring: nursery, living room, door, etc.
- Prop it up securely using a stand or wall mount.
- Make sure the camera lens has a clear view.

Optional: Enable Advanced Features

Inside Alfred Camera settings:

- **Motion Detection**
- **Low-Light Filter (Night Mode)**
- **Two-Way Talk**
- **Siren**
- **Recording Schedule** (paid version)

Turn on whichever features you need.

5. Start Monitoring From Your Main Phone

On your **Viewer** device:

- Open Alfred → tap the camera feed → you'll see the live stream.
 - You can take snapshots, record video, talk through the camera, or activate motion detection alerts.
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Using for Nanny Cam Purposes (Ethics & Tips)

If the camera will be used as a nanny cam:

✓ **Notify caregivers**

In many places, **audio recording without consent is illegal**. Always check local laws and inform caregivers if required.

✓ **Secure Your Account**

- Use a strong password.
 - Enable two-factor authentication if possible.
 - Do not share your login with anyone else.
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Tips for Best Performance

- Keep the camera device plugged in 24/7.
 - Turn on **Do Not Disturb** mode to avoid pop-ups on the camera device.
 - Use a **wide-angle clip-on lens** for broader coverage (optional).
 - Ensure Wi-Fi strength is stable in the camera's location.
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Troubleshooting

! Feed is Lagging or Freezing

- Move the device closer to the router.
- Reduce video quality in Alfred settings.
- Close other apps on the camera device.

! Camera Device Keeps Locking Screen

- Recheck sleep/auto-lock settings.
- Enable Alfred's "Keep Screen On" option if available.

! Motion Alerts Not Working

- Confirm motion detection is toggled on.
 - Make sure Alfred has "Camera," "Microphone," and "Notification" permissions.
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You're Done!

You now have a working **nanny cam / home security camera** system using devices you already own. Alfred makes it easy, secure, and free (with optional paid upgrades).