

Beginning Photography Tips - Simple Tips For Better Photos



Here are some tips to make your photo taking better. Most people never bother to take the time to learn a bit about basic photography so the pictures they take are really terrible. The good news is with the advent of digital photography we can now see the result of our picture taking almost instantly. This is really great because we have another chance to take a photo of a once in a lifetime event. Here are some tips that based on my experience will help most beginners out there.

Beginning Photography Tips #1 - Buy the right camera for the job

Many people make the mistake of buying the wrong camera for their needs. Consider some basic criteria which will make the decision easier. Are you a point and shoot person? Do you need a camera that takes great pictures out of the box without adjusting anything? Finding a camera that needs little or no adjustment is important if you just want to press the shutter button and nothing else. Also, what size prints do you normally make? If you normally just make 4x6 prints then anything above 4 megapixel will do just fine. Consider the speed of the camera. Do you take pictures at sporting events? If you do, you need a camera that boots up fast and has a very low shutter lag.



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Beginning Photography Tips #2 - Compose the photo

How many times do we need to see a photo of someone's face with the top of their head cut off? Really, centering a person's face in the picture does not a portrait make. Take the time to compose your picture. Off center photos have more interest. If your subject is so small that you need a magnifying glass to pick them out in the scene, you should have zoomed in a little more. You can also experiment with camera angles. Take a picture from above or below the subject for an interesting twist. Use your judgment here because you don't want to shoot a picture angled down your girlfriend's mother's dress!

Beginning Photography Tips #3 - Use both hands to stabilize the camera

I can't stress this enough! Every single time I go to one of our kid's events, I see some parent waving their camera with one hand and shooting pictures like there's no tomorrow. Here's a news flash: those pictures will really be out of focus. It is bad enough having poor indoor lighting; using one hand and shaking the camera makes it ten times worse. Use both hands to keep the camera steady especially if there is not enough light.

Beginning Photography Tips #4 - Don't shoot pictures with the light behind your subject

Yes, everyone does this at one time or another. If your boyfriend is standing in front of the window and you take a photo, all you are going to get is a dark outline. The light source should be behind you, not behind your subject. You can compensate by using the flash fill function of your camera. You get better results if you just make sure the light source is behind you.

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