

# 1. How To Master Digital Photography

“ Have you already mastered the art of taking photos without 'red-eye' syndrome? Are there some pictures that you know you should have turned out a lot better than they did? It happens to all of us - even the expert photographers.

**Here are five tips to help you move from beginner to Master of Digital Photography, whether you're using your cell phone or a point-and-shoot camera to snapshots.**

## **☐ Compose Carefully**

One of the most basic digital photography tips is to pay attention to what's in the frame of the viewfinder.

Fill the frame. Nothing but blue sky, for instance, behind a single subject throws off the proportions of the photo and decreases interest.

## **☐ Take Great Close up Photos**

Your digital camera has a "macro mode" - think of it as a super magnifying glass. An extreme close-up of something like flower petals can bring out textures that you never knew existed and will add excitement to your photos. Play with this feature, you will find dozens of ways to use it to enhance your pictures.

## **☐ Buy a Tripod**

Digital cameras are prone to blurry photographs if your hands shake even a little bit. Several companies manufacture light, portable, inexpensive versions. Digital photography tips like this can save you hours of frustration and preserve otherwise perfect shots.

#### **Get Active**

Take your shot from the top of a teeter-totter, off the side of the boat, or standing on your head. Thinking outside the box can really pay off in unexpected ways. You will truly get once in a lifetime shot by adding a bit of creativity to your thinking.

**“ Becoming an expert at digital photography takes time; you won't become a professional photographer in your first week.** Just keep trying new methods each time you use your camera, and before long, your friends and family will be admiring your newfound skills.

#### **Take a Class**

Are you still hungry for digital photography tips? There's nothing like practice to improve your photography - except practice plus experience gained by learning from a pro. You can find photography classes online, at your local recreation centers, and at community colleges.

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