

8. Enhancing Your Digital Photos

Juice is one of the most popular drinks in the world. Just bought a new camera? And very excited to start taking photos with your new gadget?

But why does the picture not look as good as you wanted to! Fret no more.

Below for some tricks to taking more interesting and memorable photos:

Try Out Different Camera Exposure Settings

By exploring the exposure settings of your camera, you could have pictures looking more brilliant with 0.5 to 2 stops underexposed in bright surroundings, and scenes appearing clearer with some overexposure. Just by simple tuning of the exposure level, you can create pictures that can bring out different moods from people viewing it. That's why the quote "A Picture Says A Thousand Words" is very true indeed!

For newbies, try out bracketing (i.e. Take the same photos with different exposure levels) and take your favorite pick from them.

Bring Out Some Creative Blur In Photos

By introducing some well-planned blur in photos, you can bring across certain important features, while using the rest as a good complement, providing an overall nice touch. This can be done in 2 basic types.

The first type is a **depth-of-field blur**. Varying the lens aperture can create a lovely, soft background blur that brings sharp focus to the subject in the foreground.

The second type is **movement blur**. Done by setting the camera exposure on shutter priority, and keeping it slow so as to capture interesting streaks as the subject moves in front of the camera.

Create Something Out Of Nothing

What does it mean? This exercise encourages you to take a step back and rethink how you can take wonderful pictures with things you already encountered on a daily basis.

One approach is to create your shot around the common elements around you such as lines, space and patterns. This can mean anything from the roads to the bridges, the trees, the railings, etc. You start to see more possibilities and room for creativity.

Take Unique Photos

Try to avoid taking photos from already popular places where everyone else has taken before, it will not be fresh, and the excitement is also much diminished.

Try out new extreme photography (for example underwater photography), or it could be as easy as shooting through thick glasses for that extra 3D feel or shooting reflections of objects in water or other reflective objects.

Taking Better Pictures With Your Digital Camera

Today's cameras make taking pictures a lot easier than the ones of yesterday. There is always room for improvement, however...

Use the following tips to help make your photos go from acceptable to great:

Always Be Aware Of The Background

You don't want to find trees growing out of people's heads or a passing vehicle to draw attention from your subject. Sometimes moving your subject just, a couple of steps to either side can make all the difference.

Use Available Light

If your digital camera has an option to turn the flash off and it's light enough outside to read a book, then use the available light and turn the flash off. In general camera, flashes are too harsh for human skin and make all of us look pale. Indoors, where there isn't enough daylight, place your subject by a window and use your fill flash feature.

Aim Your Camera Slightly Down At The Person's Face

Also don't shoot just face on to the person, try a little to the side, a three-quarter view, so that you see more of their face. Remember camera higher looking down and a three-quarter view, it will slim your subject.

Remember Your Focus

Get closer to your subject. Fill the frame with your subject and there will be no doubt as to what the picture is saying.

Never Put Your Subject Dead Center

Put your just slightly off-center; not a lot just a little. When you're shooting groups of people, find the imaginary center line of your group and put that line just a bit off-center in your view through your lens or screen.

Following these tips won't turn you into an award-winning photographer today, but you will be on your way to better, more powerful photographs that others will comment on for years to come.

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