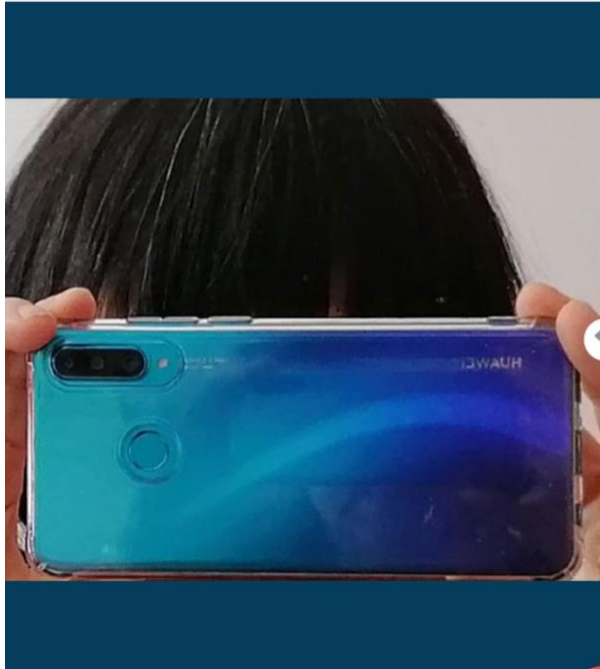


Hello!

In this short video/tutorial we will give you some tips on how to take better photos with your camera or phone.

Your first choice might be what format to choose: Look at your subject and decide if it will look better as a landscape or a portrait shot.



Landscape = when you turn your phone camera on its side, making the shot wider than it is tall...perfect for shots when your subject is wide like a landscape, or a line of people.

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Portrait = when your shot is taller than it is wide, it's great for, yes you guessed it...portraits!

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The camera is your eye – be aware of framing your subject. Try not to chop peoples' heads/feet off if they are the main focus of your photo.



Also...do check what is in the background to avoid things like trees (or antlers!) sprouting from subjects' heads etc and reposition yourself accordingly.

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Lighting is very important, both indoors and out. For best results, your main source of light should be behind or to the side of the photographer so that it lights your subject. If you stand your subject with lighting behind them they will be in shadow.

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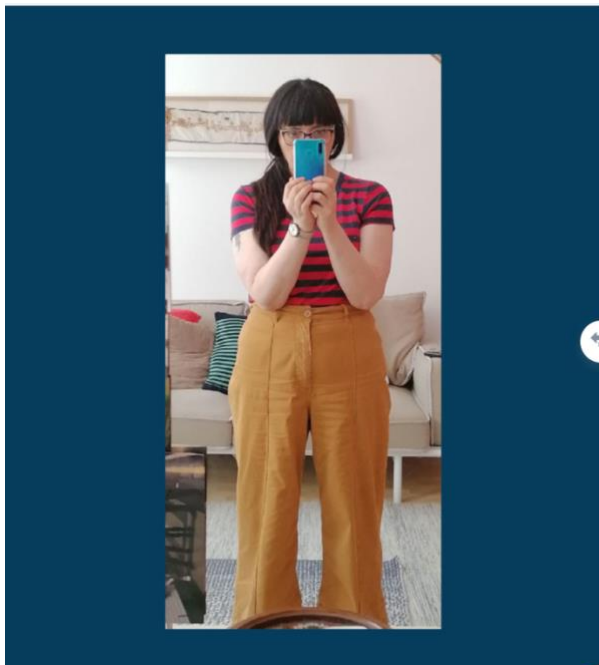
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This time the figure positioned correctly, with the light from the window in front of her. See the difference?!

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For nice sharp shots, with minimal camera shake, think of yourself as a human tripod...



stand, legs apart for stability and arms close to your body for support.

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Avoid arms reached out like this as you are much more likely to get camera shake and a resultingly fuzzy photo.

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Sometimes the main focus of everyone's attention, is not the most interesting shot. Like in this picture...where the boy looking at the Burryman is the point of interest.

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When you are out and about, or even in your house, get used to looking all around for interesting shots and behind the scenes drama!

Don't always go for the obvious shot, sometimes what's going on in the background is far more interesting.



When photographing people, be respectful. Where possible always ask permission beforehand and be mindful of people's privacy.

A quick checklist to bear in mind:

- Think about composition and format
- Check your lighting
- Respect your subject
- Be a human tripod
- Don't always go for the obvious shot

...and finally...

All rules can be broken! It's up to you the photographer to take chances and make interesting choices, so get snapping and have fun!

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