

Composition & Color

GOAL:

Participants learn the skills of using composition and color in their photography.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

ACTIVITY TIME:

30 mins to 1 hour + Group Discussion

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Something to take photos with (i.e. digital camera, or phone camera)
- Writing instruments to write down some notes

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Be present. Take some time to see what is around you and think about what is available to you to make photographs.
2. Keep in mind the concepts of composition and color, take about 15 minutes to make some photos. Take many photos.
3. If you are working on composition:
 - a. Pay attention to the edges of the frame.
 - b. Take some photos with "bad" composition.
 - c. Take the same photos with "good" composition.
4. If you are working on color, take some photos using color as a strong element:
 - a. If possible, take some photos with complementary colors.
 - b. If possible, take some photos with analogous colors.

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Share your best photo with the group. This can be done by uploading it to a shared site and viewing them as a group, or simply by showing your photo to others.
2. Each person will present and talk about their photograph.
3. If focusing on composition, discuss: What is the subject of the photo? What shapes, lines, or patterns are in the photo? Is the photo balanced?
4. If focusing on color, discuss: What colors are in the photo? Are they bright and saturated, or muted and pastel? What are their relationships? What do these colors make you think of, or feel?
