

Improving Your Photography

- * 7 Deadly Sins of Composition for Beginners
 - * Questions to Ask Yourself Before Taking a Photo
 - * 6 RULES of Composition
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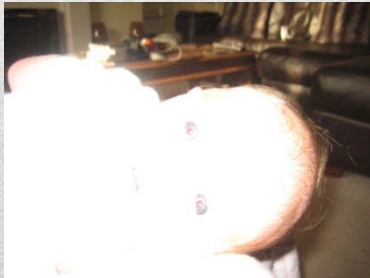


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- What story am I telling?
- What do I want the viewer to see?
- Should I be shooting this in portrait or landscape orientation?
- How will the viewers eye travel through the image?
- What's in the background?

Questions to Ask Yourself...

- Are there any distracting objects in the foreground or background?
- Am I close enough?
- Do I need to move to another position?
- Is anything in the scene moving?
- What is my main source of light? From Where?

Questions to Ask Yourself...

- 1. Keep It SIMPLE
 - What's my subject?
 - Get Close



- 2. Rule of Thirds
 - Place subject on an intersection or along a line



6 “Rules” of Composition

- 3. Balance
 - Balance the subject with another element opposite it

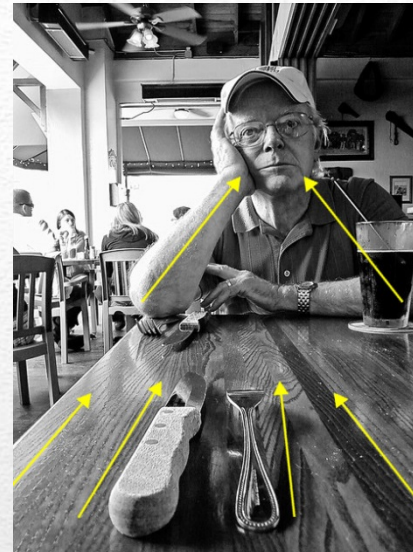


- 4. Framing
 - Use the foreground and background to give depth
 - Use something else in the photo to show scale



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- 5. Lines
 - Use them to lead the viewer to the subject



- 6. Rules are made to be broken!
 - There are exceptions to every rule...
I prefer to call them guidelines to better photography...
NOT rules OF photography



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