PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

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PHOTOGRAPHY



NAIL COMPOSITION

- The quickest way to improve your photography on any camera!
- Make sure you have a FOCAL POINT
- Look for SIMPLICITY
- Compose using the RULE OF THIRDS
- Look for LEAD IN LINES
- Make sure you build in FOREGROUND INTEREST
- Keep your EDGES CLEAN

CAMERA APP - TOP MENU



- Top menu options from left to right (based on Android, but iPhone similar)
- Flash suggest leaving OFF at all times as phone flash is harsh and unflattering
- Timer set to 3 seconds if using phone on a tripod to stop camera shake, or 10s to run and be in the photo too!
- Al scene enhancement uses Al to try and improve your photo based on the scene type (ON or OFF)
- Aspect ratio change aspect, either square, 4:3, 16:9 (TV aspect) etc.
- Three dots takes you into settings where you can specify things such as having an on screen grid (to help with rule of thirds)

CAMERA APP - BOTTOM MENU



- Bottom menu options from left to right (based on Android, but iPhone similar)
- STREET optimised for street photography (usually low light, fast movement)
- VIDEO Video mode
- PHOTO Standard photo mode
- PORTRAIT for photos of people (usually blurs background)
- 50M 50 Mb photo mode (not advised as it interpolates and produces strange effects)
- MORE shows an additional screen of options including the following...
- PRO enters pro mode where you can change ISO and shutter speed (and sometimes aperture)
- PANO for creating horizontal or vertical panoramas by sweeping the photo left to right or down to up

CAMERA APP - BOTTOM MENU



- MACRO optimised for taking macro photos
- SLO-MO for taking slow motion videos
- TIMELAPSE for taking timelapse video (speeding up time)
- TEXT SCANNER produces editable text from a photo
- STARRY MODE for night time star photos (not likely to be great quality)
- TILT-SHIFT -

CAMERA APP - IMAGE WINDOW



- Options from left to right at the bottom of the image window:
- Google lens image recognition
- Image magnification options depend on your camera (this one has 0.6x 1x and 2x)
- Magic wand allows you to use live filters (including switching to B&W)

SETTING FOCUS & EXPOSURE



- Camera normally gets focus & exposure right, but if it doesn't you can override
- Click on screen where you want to focus (yellow box)
- To change exposure, press and hold the sun symbol; sliding up increases exposure, and sliding down decreases it

QUICK TIPS



Pro mode screen

- Background blur in portrait mode may not work in low light
- On some cameras you can adjust the amount of background blur in portrait mode
- For action, use burst mode and choose the best photo (press and hold the shutter, or slide and hold it on some phones)
- On some phones you're able to use RAW photo mode which increases ability to edit effectively
- On many phones, pressing both volume buttons triggers the camera, or some you can tell your phone to take a picture!