

Flower Photography Tips and Tricks

Lighting

- Use indirect, soft light
- Cloudy conditions will enhance the color of your flowers

Aperture

- Try shooting the same flower at different apertures and see what you like better
- Use different apertures to get different looks and feels, ex: F2.8 vs. F16

Composition

- Don't forget about composition – Rule of 3rds is a good place to start
- Slow down, look at the flower from different angles & take time to compose your shot
- Don't forget to explore multiple angles, including low to the ground/table & from above
- Try filling your frame with the flower
- Remember, you don't have to show the whole flower to make a beautiful image
- Use leading lines to draw your viewers eye to the main subject

Subject

- Separate your subject from the background
- Use props like vases or glassware to add interest
- Take shots that focus on the small details of the flower
- Be picky about your flower choice...use flowers that are in good condition. It will save you a lot of time in the end
- Remove distractions from around your subject

Background

- Blur the background or use background light to create bokeh
- Pay attention to the background and consider how it enhances your image
- Use other flowers in the background to create color

Other

- Don't be afraid to try black and white for your images
- If its windy, make sure to use a fast shutter speed
- Use a tripod in low light
- Use grass, leaves, etc. in the foreground to give your image depth