

Want to instantly up the artistic quotient of any photo you take? You can by keeping your backgrounds simple. Here's what to think about...

In photography, "busy" backgrounds or even backgrounds with only a single out-of-place item can distract your audience. In effect, when people look at your otherwise well-composed photos they may think, "hmmm...pretty good," instead of, "wow, that's great."

Here is an outstanding example of using a simple background for elegant results.

How can you ensure simple backgrounds?



One method for simplifying backgrounds is to find an angle or setting that let's you put the background in dark shadow. This often works best with close-ups, where controlling the use of shadow becomes easier. Similarly, artificial backdrops are a good method for simplifying your background. For portrait work, this may be a large sheet of neutral colored material, while for close-ups of flowers and other macro work, it may be a piece of construction paper.

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