

Photography Composition Tips

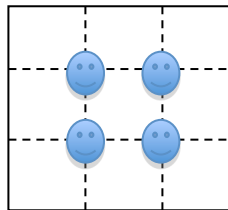
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Now is the time to start taking your photographs. Before you take your photo, frame the picture in the viewfinder. Simply shooting the picture will result in a snapshot, not a photograph. Here are some helpful photography guidelines:

- **Get close:** Take the picture on the same level as your subject. Have your subject fill the viewfinder.
- **Keep background simple:** Use backgrounds free from clutter. Avoid mergers (watch what is behind your subject's head, for instance). Subject should be isolated and easily identified.

- **Rule of thirds:**

The center of interest should be at one of the intersecting areas.



- **Steady the Camera:** Hold the camera still; use support or a tripod if necessary.
- **Move around:** Get shots from different angles and elevations.
- **Frame subject:** Use naturally occurring items to frame the subject.
- **Leading Lines:** Use naturally occurring lines to lead to eye, for example: fences, streams, roads.

Be sure to contact your photography leader if you have questions. Be CREATIVE and HAVE FUN with this project. For more information, visit the "Kodak: Beginnings of Photographic Composition" website at

<http://asp.photo.free.fr/Composition/photoProgramCompMainClass.shtml>.