

Photo tips to stimulate your creativity

In order to set your images a bit above the ordinary a little creativity helps. Such creativity does not need to be great, even quite subtle use can be effective. If someone looking at your captured image says WOW! or even wow! you have succeeded. Here are some tips to help your creativity.

1. Trust yourself. Your efforts are as valid as anyone else's. Don't take much notice of others telling you how to shoot. If you have an idea, develop it to your own satisfaction.



2. Take fewer photos but make what you capture better. Slow down and think about what you are trying to achieve and the quality of your shots will improve.



3. Try looking at the subject before you shoot. Try different angles, hold your head on the side, look up, look down. Change the position of your camera. Most people hold the camera at eye level so get down low, on your knees or even at ground level. Hold the camera high. Move to one side or the other to get the best composition. Imagine what the captured image will look like.



4. Think about things differently. Try to be original in the way you capture an image. The shots that attract most attention are those which are the result of original thinking. Keep a notebook handy to record ideas, camera settings etc. so that you may repeat your successes.



5. Be ready. When you are out to find a photo opportunity have your camera out and turned on so that if an opportunity presents itself you don't miss out. Try to shoot a photo every day, practise will improve your skill.
6. Get out in bad weather. This may be difficult no so much in the discomfort of being wet and cold but in protecting your equipment. You may not often capture a good image but when you do the rewards can be great. Light in early morning and late evening often gives great opportunities. Storm can give dramatic results.



7. Start a project. This may be long or short term. You may shoot the same subject in different light, at different times of the day. Shooting a variety of subjects on a theme, for example "Flowers in my garden", "Buildings round town" can result in an outstanding series.



The information used here were suggested on the Australian Photography web site in the Photo Tips page.