



# Phone Photography Checklist

## **What part of the image is my focus?**

Make sure to select your focal point before clicking the shutter. In fact, why not track your focus using AF tracking on your phone.

## **Should I include a backdrop, background or fill the frame with my subject?**

Understand that you're telling a story with your photos. The scene is just as important.

## **I need to crop this photo or is anything being cut off (like limbs)?**

Capturing everything in the frame is much better when taking the photo. You don't want to unnecessarily cut anything off.

## **Is my image and lens straight?**

Having crooked lines is one thing anyone will notice. Don't make your viewers dizzy with crooked horizon lines or crooked photos.

## **Is the space cluttered around my subject or are we free from distractions?**

Having the focus of your shot be free from distractions and unnecessary clutter will make a clean presentable photo.

## **What will I use this photo for and should it be portrait or landscape?**

Remember that Pinterest is best in portrait, Facebook is landscape, & Instagram is square.

## **Do I need to take multiple versions of this photo?**

Having multiple versions of a single photo makes it much easier to be happy with your photography skills. Don't miss an opportunity with a shot that's not taken.



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## **Would it help my purpose for this photo if I take a video while I'm at it?**

Video is the best type of content these days. So, why not take a behind the scenes video or document what you're doing to also share with your audience?

## **Am I missing any detail because my exposure is too high or low?**

Having your exposure up too high or too low will reduce detail in any photo - and you cannot get it back. So, adjust your exposure thoughtfully.

## **Is there enough light in the space or do I need to add light or move towards light?**

Light is your friend. It's why we even have photos in the first place. So use it and love it.

## **Where are the shadows and are they unflattering at all?**

Make sure there's nothing in the shadows that you want to be highlighted or to show detail of.

## **Will I need to adjust my camera settings for catching fast motion?**

Your phone has the capability of capturing fast moving objects with AF tracking and speeding up your shutter. Check your APP settings for these conditions.

**For more in-depth lessons on phone photography, go to:**

<http://ivorymixschool.teachable.com/p/phone-camera-photography-class>