



# Top 5 Photography Hacks

...take pictures like a pro

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**1.**

**ALWAYS USE THE CORRECT SHUTTER SPEED**

**Don't let the camera choose the shutter speed for you.**

**For a sharper image, always use a shutter speed at least the length of your lens or higher i.e shooting on a 200mm - use at least a 1/400 shutter speed.**

## 2.

### WANT A BEAUTIFUL BLURRY BACKGROUND

Don't let the camera choose the Aperture (f-stop) for you.

For a blurry background, either use a lower f stop number  
i.e f2.8 or f4 OR

Use the longest focal length you have and move further back i.e. if you shoot with a 18-55mm, use 55mm and move back to reframe the subject. Also move your subject so the background is further away.

# 3.

## MANUAL OR SPOT FOCUS

Don't let the camera choose where to focus.

Set your camera lens to manual or spot focus - learn to focus on the eyes of your subject.

# 4.

## SHOOT RAW

Learn how to shoot with editing in mind.

Set your camera to capture RAW images. Download a free trial of Lightroom and start to practice with the basics.

Shadows / Highlights / Vibrance / Contrast

# 5.

## KEEP YOUR ISO LOW

Try to keep your ISO as low as possible.

Start to understand how to compensate for using a lower ISO to keep your images less noisy.

I.e low light photography - set your ISO to the highest you want to allow, not the highest your camera will go - then set your f stop and shutter speed to help compensate.

Consider using a tripod or monopod to help.