**Photography Basics**

Once you’ve taken the time to get to know your equipment, it’s time to start practicing. Begin by seeking out examples of photographers you admire and planning out the type of photography you want to do. Save your favorite example photos for reference and plan out locations for your photoshoots. Then, once you’re ready, refer to the steps below.

How To Photograph

1. Research and find photo inspiration.
2. Read your camera’s manual.
3. Make sure you understand the language. Refer to our [photography terms glossary](https://www.shutterfly.com/ideas/photography-term/) for help.
4. Find your location and set up your equipment.
5. Frame your photo through the lens, and make sure the light and color are balanced.
6. Hold your camera carefully.
7. Take your time.
8. Take many photos, and try not to check each one as you take them.
9. Edit your photos post photoshoot.
10. Keep practicing!