

Digital Photography

Double Take – You vs. Yourself

You will be taking several photos of a person in one space...whether it's of you or a friend or family member, it may help to use a tripod.

Some of the things to look for in order to have a "realistic" photo:

1 - Shadows -- forgetting to have the shadows means that the person/people will look as if they are floating in the air. This doesn't help the picture look real at all but like a bad cut-n-paste job. The same goes for reflections.

2 - Edges of selected objects -- they need to be slightly blurred. If the edge looks too hard, the person might not look like they belong.

3 - Overlapping -- The group shot is the most difficult because people tend to forget where everyone was and they go back and sit in the same spot or they do something that falls in the same spot. If the student knows what they are doing, they can easily work around this but if they don't... WHOA! Have your student plan out where everyone will be in the shot before taking it.

4 - Shifting -- if the photographer shifts the camera even slightly, this may hurt the final picture. They will find it difficult to put people into the final layout because their hands do not line up properly or their feet aren't matching up to the flooring... This is a bad thing that can be rectified with a tripod.