

Damien Wootten's camera phone photography tips

When photographing inside or out think carefully where the light is coming from.

Don't take a picture directly into the light. For example, when inside don't place a person in front of a window, otherwise they will come out too dark. If you position them sideways to the window, the light coming through will fall across their face and the results will be much better.

The lens is the small circle on the back of your phone. Make sure you clean it with a soft cloth - this will make a photograph look sharp and not soft.

Always hold your phone very steady when you press the button to take a picture.

If you touch the screen with a finger at the most important part of the image (for example someone's face or important object), the camera will focus on that point. It can often brighten the image a little bit too.

You can always use the 'selfie' mode to photograph yourself, or ask someone else to take your picture in a way you want.

Think very carefully about composition - what is in the picture and what you decide to leave out. Depending on where you decide to place something within the rectangle frame of the image, it can result in a more successful photograph.

You don't always have to hold your phone upright - turn it on its side so the image is wider. You could also try holding it at odd angles to make a more exciting composition.

Don't zoom in to make something closer as it makes for a lower quality image - move closer to the subject, or bring it closer to you.

Don't just take one picture of something - take a few until it's right and keep checking what you have done until you are happy!

After you have taken a photograph, you can then zoom in to look at what you have taken to make sure the important bits are in focus and not blurred.

Also try to use some of the edit options on your phone to alter the image. When you look at your picture there should be a small 'edit' symbol to the edge of the screen.

There are filters that change the colour or make it black and white. There are also options to brighten the image too. Just play around and explore the options to get the hang of things.

If you alter an image it is not permanent until you touch 'save' - so don't worry if you try something and you don't like the result.

There should then be a share button, which will give you options to share the image with others via WhatsApp or Facebook for example.