

Tips for Photographic Framing



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Framing is the technique of drawing attention to the subject of your image by blocking other parts of the image with something in the scene. Framing brings more depth to the picture and a better focus on what the main subject is. Frames can be anything, from a branch in a tree, to a doorway, a window, etc.



We often put the photos we take into frames as a way of displaying and drawing attention to our favorite photos.



Framing can give the viewer a sense of depth. Putting something in the foreground adds an extra dimension to the photo. Sometimes a **Frame** will draw a viewer into the photo just by its shape.

Some photographers feel a **Frame** will hold a viewer's attention longer.



Sometimes it is helpful to blur the foreground of the frame so the viewer will concentrate more on the subject.



Framing can sometimes tell you something about the location. You may want to consider photographing a person or a landmark through a door or window frame. The window frame helps direct the viewer's attention towards the subject.

A rule of thumb when considering framing, will this add to or take away from the photo? Sometimes framing can just add clutter to a shot and make it feel cramped, but other times, it can be the difference between an ordinary shot and a stunning one.