

Background and Foreground Distractions – Fact Sheet

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The iPhone in the photography world is basically a Point and Shoot Camera. You pick it up, point it at a subject and shoot. There are no controls to worry about. Unfortunately, that is what a lot of people do, Point and Shoot without regard to what might be in the photo besides the subject.

The iPhone will take good pictures, however you must shoot good pictures to get them.



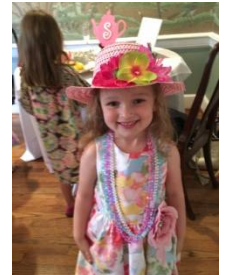
This is a good example of just pointing and shooting. The photographer did not take time to remove the distractions. In some cases the subject may move if you try to pick up around it. This cat would not move, he would just keep on sleeping. On the other hand, if you are shooting pictures of babies or toddlers you, have to shoot then and there because you may not get another chance.



Sometimes all you need to do is move to the right or left or get closer. Or change the location. This is called practicing Border Control. Always check around the borders in your view finder.



Be aware of where you pose people for a picture. Be sure that there is nothing growing out of someone's head.



A clean background and/or foreground will allow your subject to stand out.

