

The Flower Shot

Description:

Put your focusing skills to work by photographing a flower. If you have one outside your home, use it. Otherwise pick one up from a local florist or garden shop. Use a macro lens or extension tubes if you have them (but if you don't that is ok too).

Keys to Success:

- Get as close as you can to the flower so it fills the entire frame.
- Use a large aperture and create a shallow depth of field.
- Focus on the center of the flower: be sure the focus is precise.
- Try using back button focus.
- Practice the "focus then recompose" method by setting your exposure and then moving your camera to get the composition you want.
- Beware the slightly moving flower! It will throw off your focus and ruin the picture.

Upon Completion of this Assignment:

People love pictures of flowers, so hopefully you got a good one. In any case, you've now seen the challenges that can go into precise focus. You should have a good grasp on that process, which you can put to good effect in your other photography.