

Hints and Tips to Improve your Photography - Shadows

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SHTANAKOVA, Shadow Photography
Ideas To Explore

<https://skylum.com/blog/shadow-photography-ideas>

Why do shadows matter?

- Adds emotion
- Adds structure
- Adds volume
- Hint of mystery

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Why use shadows?

- Improved composition.
- Sharpens technical and creative skills.
- Light direction, distance, and hardness affect edges and gradients.
- Learn to control emotional impact with smart adjustments.



Building a Foundation: Light, Contrast, and Exposure

Study how light behaves and how your camera reads it.

A basic command of contrast and exposure lets you control what the viewer sees and what disappears into darkness.

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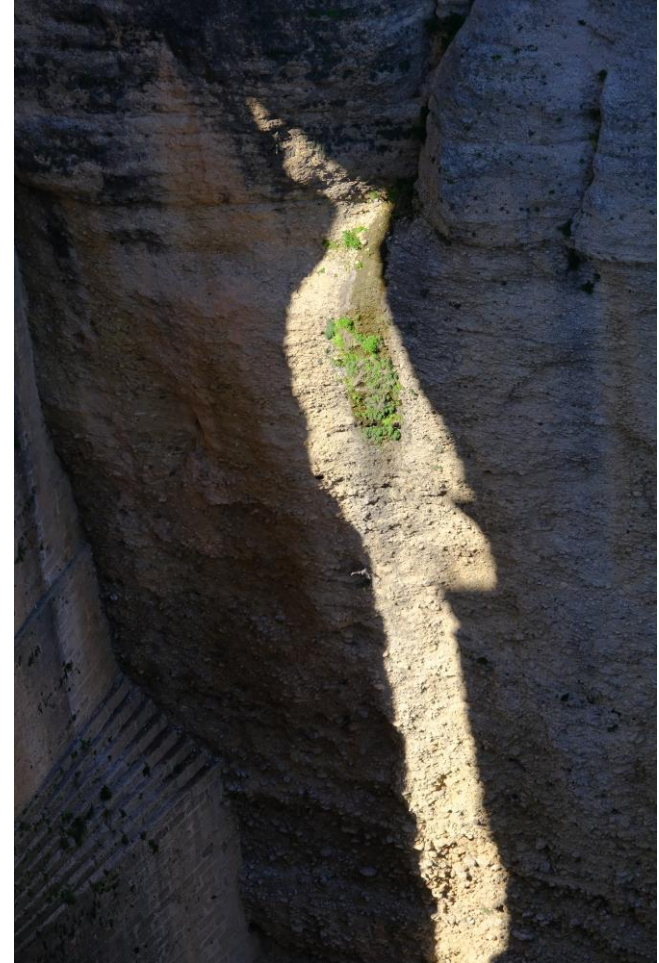


Hard vs Soft Shadows

Hard Shadows

Affected by the light source's size and focus.

Silhouettes



Hard vs Soft Shadows

Soft shadows

- Light gets bigger or filtered, shadows soften.



Controlling Exposure for Powerful Shadows

- Built in exposure meter meters for mid-tones
- Negative exposure compensation keeps highlights in check, shadows rich & undefined
- Watch the histogram – should lean to left



ck to add Text



Some ideas for Shadow Photography

Experiment with Objects at home

Try using everyday items as shadow makers.

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Some ideas for Shadow Photography

Experiment with lamps, flashlights, and phones.

Watching a shadow rise on the wall, slide over the floor, or vanish is basically watching light at work—study and utilize this behaviour.

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Identity and Mystery

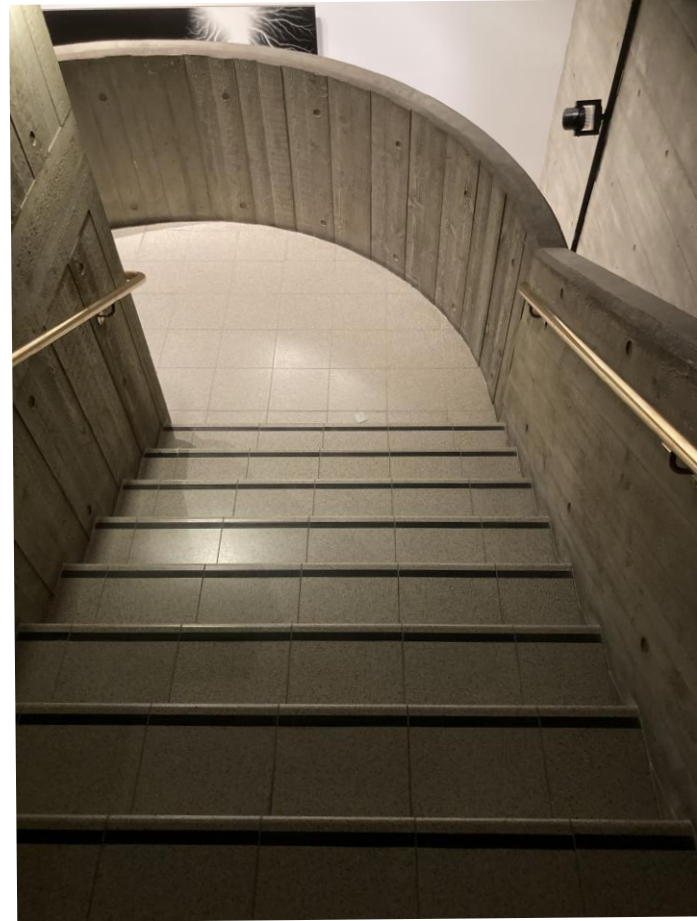
Control what the audience sees.

Silhouette of a shadow on a wall,
Dark outline of hands gripped around
a cup or the long stretchy limbs of
shadows sprinting down the street.



Abstract Patterns and Geometric Designs

Convert familiar
places into shapes



Mismatched Reality

What happens
when the object
and shadow don't
match?

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The Masters of Shadows

Harvey Stein

From: Coney Island People 50 Years



The Masters of Shadows

Fabien Dendiével

Winter sleep



The Masters of Shadows

Fan Ho 1931 -2016

From: Cinematic street
photography master



The Masters of Shadows

Scott Robert Lim

From: Cinematic Wedding
Photography



Thank you for your attention

Any Questions?