



Creative Curriculums

CAN YOU PICTURE THIS?

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Best for 4th grade and older

PA Standards Aligned:

CC1.4-5.Q: Choose words and phrases for effect

9.1.3-5.A: Know & use the elements & principles of each art form to create works in the
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STILL LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

Let's get in focus, as we explore the art of still life photography!

Materials: wide paper for a backdrop, tape, objects to photograph, and a camera (one on a phone is just fine)

Video: www.Trustarts.org/CreativeConnections



Place a table or desk near a wall and tape your paper in place to create the backdrop. Be sure you have plenty of light. Place the subject of your photo onto your background, leaving some space between it and the background. Get eye level with your subject and take a photograph straight on. Double check that your photo only has your subject and background in it, not the uncovered wall or the table.



Experiment with taking photos in different ways, such as close up to the subject or from different angles such as from above. Take several photos and then choose 2—3 you like best.

Write a short caption for the 2 –3 pictures that were your favorites.

A caption is a short description of a photograph or image, which usually appears under it.

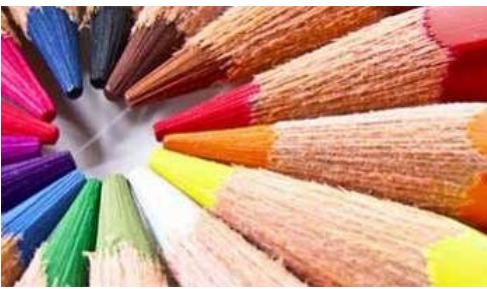
PICTURING PATTERNS & TEXTURES

Now that you have learned to photograph objects, let's see if we can find some interesting textures and patterns to photograph.

Materials: camera and room to explore



Let's start with textures. Grab your camera and get up close to find some interesting ones.



In texture photography, the goal is to show detail in the surface of something to reveal a perspective that is not normally seen. To accomplish this, you must get very close to what you are trying to photograph. Once you take a photo, look at and see if it shows the texture. If not, get closer and take another one.

Now let's broaden your view and look for patterns. You might have to stand back to see the pattern



In pattern photography, the goal is to show the repeating pattern in the image. The pattern might be created through color, texture, or shape. Once you take a photo, look at and see if it shows the repeat of the pattern. If not, get farther away and take another one.

Once you have taken several photos, choose 1 from each type and write a caption for them.

EDITING CAN BE A SNAP!

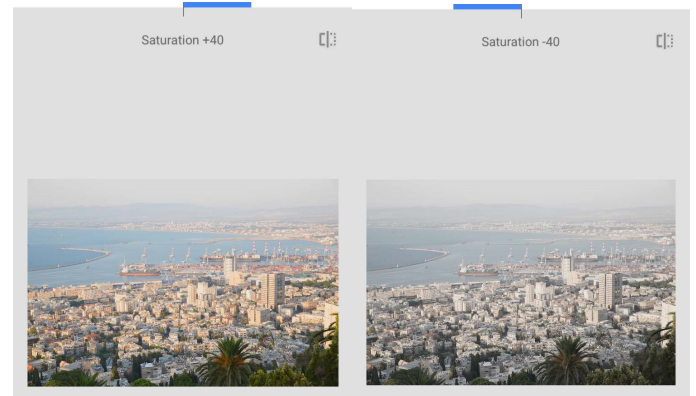
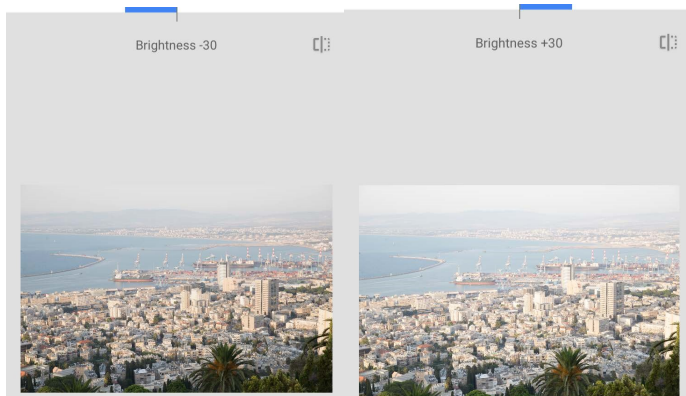
Now that you have some photos, let' edit them with Snapseed!

Materials: photos and a phone or tablet to edit them on

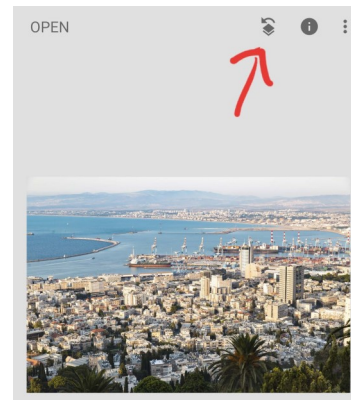
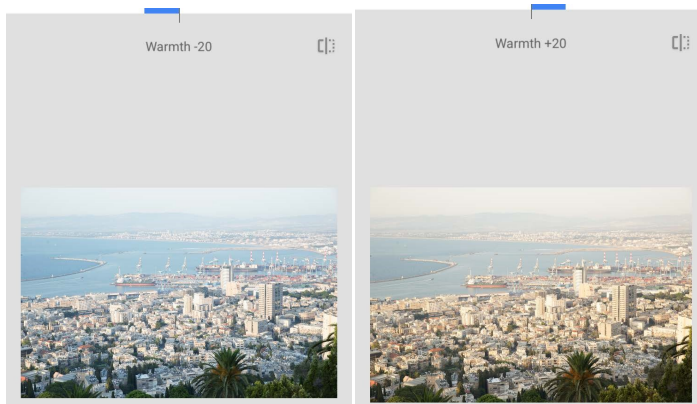


Snapseed is a free app, so first download from the app store to your device.

Once you have entered the application, click the "looks" tab. This will show you the different photo filter options. Pick whichever one you like, if you don't want a filter, that is just fine. Next we will work with some editing tools.



Brightness affects the highlights and shadows in an image. **Saturation** affects how much color is in the image. Slide your finger across the image to increase or decrease whichever aspect you are focusing on.



Warmth affect the tone, making it warm or cool. Play with the all tools and experiment. If you need to undo anything, you can click on the reverse arrow at the top of the screen. To switch tools, slide your finger up and down on the screen and more options will appear. Click export to add them to the "photos" on your device.

Create two different edits of an image and write a caption for each one.

HIDDEN LETTER PHOTO HUNT

Let your imagination run wild and reveal the hidden letters that are all around. Work with your family to see what letters you can find!

Materials: camera and your imagination



Open your eyes and open your mind, as you look around to see what letters are hiding in plain sight!



Some letters you can see better from far away...



Others are revealed once you get really close. You can look around inside your room, out your window or outside.

Once you have the hang of it, see if you can spell out your names or even find the whole alphabet. Don't forget you can find capital and lower case letters.