The 5x5 Project

Five Is Nø Limit

Photography Tips from Our Friends At

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1. Shoot from the heart or what your eye is excited by, not your head. If your heart or eye is not excited or interested by the picture, it won't inspire your pen either.

2. Try not to use the flash on your camera - it can create an artificial look. Place your camera on something if it is dark and/or use artificial light to light your subject.

   Not everything needs to be lit evenly to create an interesting photo. In fact, having a mix of shadow and light can bring depth to your photo.

3. Use focus creatively. Sometimes a soft focus or out-of-focus photo can create a mood or atmosphere better than being in focus.

4. All photos are not created equally. Most photos we see in magazines, books and online have been prepared and staged. If

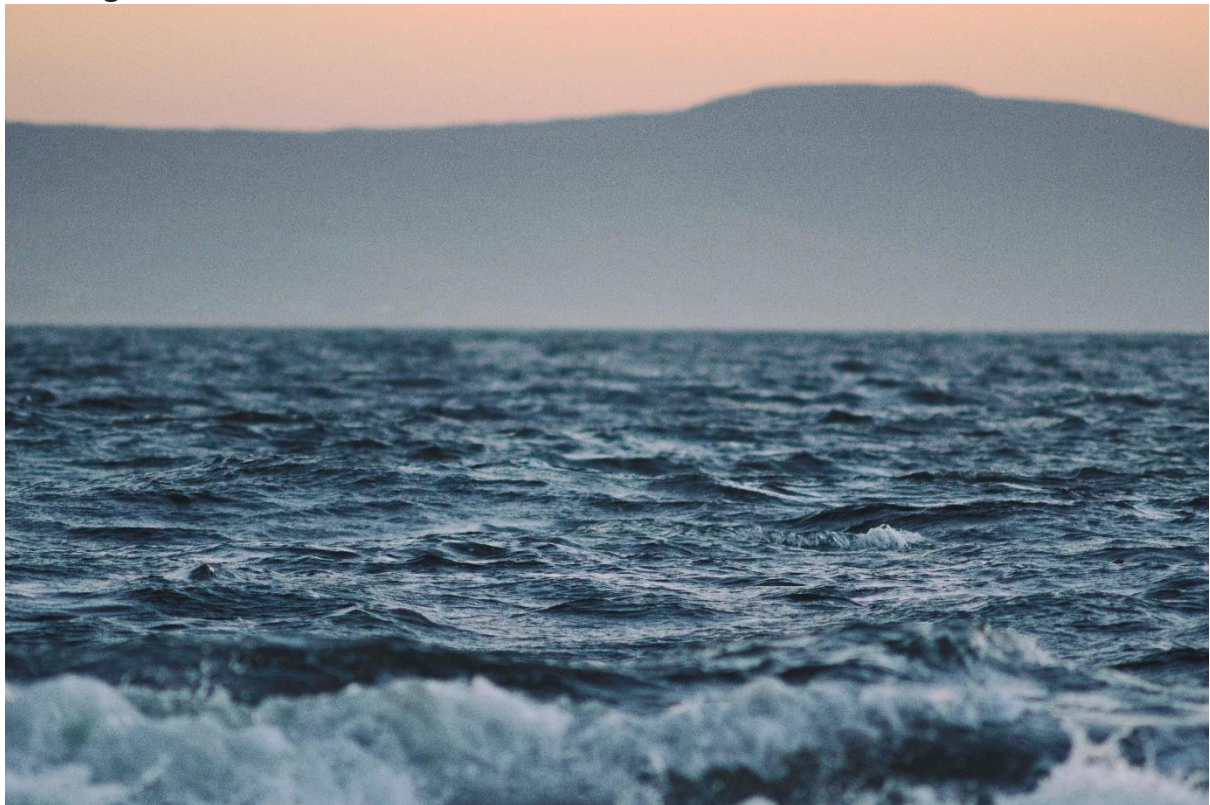you have an image in your mind, be creative and bring things together to make the photo.

Have fun and create your own ideas and rules.

5. Try taking pictures of your everyday life. Pick a day where you have the camera ready to capture what happens during that day. Don't overthink it- simply shoot what takes your fancy. No two days are the same.

Photography can help us appreciate what is right under our noses, even on difficult days. Capturing a simple moment and looking back on it later that day can change our perspective of that day.

6. Enjoy and don't overthink it!

For example, this photo inspired the five-word caption "There Are Big Changes Coming."

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