

Scrap Your Day

Photo Fact Sheet #09 :: December 2008

brought to you by
www.ukscrappers.co.uk
www.shimelle.com

Each month as we near the 25th, there will be a new photo fact sheet to download. Although we all have different levels of experience and different styles, I hope you will find some photographic inspiration whether you're sharpening existing skills or trying something new for the very first time.

Things to remember...

- ★ Charge. Your. Camera.
- ★ The 25th is this Thursday.
- ★ Consistent shots for every month: clock when you wake, each meal, view from a window, self-portrait, clock when you go to sleep.

We started in April, so although it's the end of the year, it's not the end of our year-long project. But we have done quite a bit so far! And now we're up to the 25th of December -- so many of us will be celebrating Christmas as well as Scrap your Day, which means we won't have any trouble finding something to star in our photos.

This month's photo challenge is to put the last seven months of photo fact sheets to work, so you end up with a set of holiday photos to cherish.

*This month:
Putting it
all together*

In April, we got started with the idea of taking snapshots of the every day. So be sure to take pictures of a few small things as well as the big ones -- look for the things that really stay with you every day, like a cup of tea or your favourite chair.

In May we scouted out the light in our homes to find the best places for photos and how to overcome poor lighting in places where we might be taking photos regularly. This is definitely one to spend a few minutes reviewing -- the light will have changed since May, so you'll want to see which spots still have light on these darker days. But also keep the light in mind for Christmas morning photos. Open the curtains and get as much natural light near the tree and present madness as possible. Look around the room for ways to prevent dark photos that don't capture those priceless expressions on Christmas morning.

In June we used the camera to look out, look up and look down. Repeating this indoors will find you snapping wrapping paper and slippers as you look down, perhaps. Look up outside and the trees you snapped in full greenery in June will now be bare branches. Get the camera down on ground level and you might capture a moment like [this](#).

In July we looked for colour, and colour is bound to be everywhere this month. Grab photos of colourful decorations, festive outfits and bright wrapping paper, as well as the colourful items on the table for Christmas dinner. Try a few of your resulting shots in black and white for a lovely contrast as well.

In August we snapped the parts of the whole by zooming in on little details then out to capture the bigger picture. Try this with your tree -- zoom in on special ornaments and zoom out to capture how the tree looks in your living room.

In September we looked for reflections. Be a Christmas magpie and look for anything with a shiny surface. Capture a reflection in an ornament, a mirror or even super shiny wrapping paper.

In October we used the rule of thirds to compose shots with plenty of empty space to one side of the subject. Keep this trick in mind while you're snapping photos of the people you see on Christmas day!

And in November we capture ourselves with the self-portrait. This year make sure you appear in some Christmas photos, even if you're always the one behind the camera!

Happy 25th to you, and enjoy a day of celebrating and snapping the beautiful details of your day.