

PHOTOGRAPHY 101

instagram husband

quick tips

CHECK YOUR EGO — From the proper angle, laying on the sidewalk as people walk by, a true Instagram boyfriend must ignore the snarky remarks of passersby in order to focus on the task at hand: getting as many photos as possible so your girlfriend can tell you exactly how the next one should look.

KEEP A PHOTOGRAPHER'S EYE — While you're looking at lighting, background, focus, etc., she is going to most concerned about blinking, her hair, and shadows on her face, so be aware of that before you tell her which one is your favorite.

LOOK FOR A CLEAN BACKGROUND WITH NO MISC. THINGS — The focus should always be on the outfit, and it works well if the colors of the backdrop suit the clothing. Any lampposts or trees coming out of her head? Make sure to not let that happen.

SHOOT FIRST THING IN THE MORNING AND THE HOUR BEFORE THE SUN SETS — When you shoot in the middle of the day you are constantly battling against the harsh sun and shadows. If you have to shoot in the sun, try to find the shade of a building or a tree, and shoot with the sun at the subject's back.

REMEMBER THE RULE 'HIGHER IS ALWAYS BETTER' — When taking photos of your beloved, remember the higher one holds the phone the more flattering the picture. Never bend down and catch her at an unforgiving angle and always take at least 20 photos at a time so she can select the ones she likes best.

SHOOT IN BURST MODE TO GIVE YOURSELF MORE OPTIONS — Click away and let the subject move. Move, walk, twirl around, laugh, fix your hair, sit, stand, look in your purse. That is how you get natural and believable pictures. Also, do something funny so that she loosens up a bit after you've taken the first round of shots.

STAY ALERT AT ALL TIMES — Be on the lookout for any hazards (like moving vehicles and approaching cliff-faces) she may not see whilst posing for or uploading her latest selfie.

DSLR? — You want to have your shutter speed as "fast" as possible to get sharp pictures, the F-stop as low as possible to blur the background, and the ISO up enough to have light pictures but not too much that you create a ton of noise.

IPHONE? — Try having an even light and a nice backdrop. If there isn't a lot of movement, HDR helps to get better pics.