

## How to Photograph Flowers

With your garden in bloom comes an irresistible chance to grab the camera and start capturing the sights of the season. How do you turn those shots of your favorite blooms into something special? View these tips on how to take better pictures of your flowers:

- Step 1: First, select your flower(s). Some particularly photogenic flowers are tulips, sunflowers, roses, lillies and irises.
- Step 2: View the flower at all angles to see how it looks with light coming from different directions. Watch carefully when the light is behind the flower, coming toward the camera. Often, the petals will glow with beautiful iridescence. This is called “backlighting” because the light is coming from the back of the subject to the flower. Backlighting is great for photographing translucent subjects like petals.
- Step 3: To make a flower picture come alive, wait until something lands on the flower. For example, a bee, butterfly, spider or hummingbird. It takes patience, but can pay off and make your photographs one of a kind.
- Step 4: Use a spray bottle to add the look of morning dew or rain on the flower.
- Step 5: Choose angles and backgrounds. Try interesting angles and backgrounds. Consider getting down low on the ground or shooting with the close up lens. Don't despair if the background behind the flower is unattractive. Try replacing it with a colored piece of paper or fabric. There are lots of different ways you can experiment when photographing flowers!

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### What you'll need:

- **Flowers: tulips, sunflowers, roses, etc.**
- **Camera**
- **Close up lens**
- **Colored piece of paper or fabric**