Creative Devices / Compositional enhancements / Photo Constructs

Three different labels for techniques you can use to make your photos look better.

They are not rules, but are guides to help you make an average scene look more visually interesting. Try a few when you are out shooting.

- 1. Rule of thirds
- 2. Repeating shapes
- 3. Symmetry
- 4. Dominate foreground / contributing background or layering
- 5. Silhouette
- 6. Leading lines
- 7. Framing
- 8. Juxtaposition
- 9. Truncation
- 10. Use of scale
- 11. Unusual vantage point low and high angles
- 12. Alphabet letter shapes
- 13. Introducing motion or panning
- 14. Selective focus
- 15. Color in a monochromatic scene
- 16. Color palette
- 17. Muted colors
- 18. Contrasting colors
- 19. Decisive moment
- 20. Reflections
- 21. Order in disorder, or disorder in order
- 22. High key
- 23. Low key
- 24. Unusual lighting or pools of light