

PATTERNS

Camera



ELEMENTS OF
COMPOSITION
IN PHOTOGRAPHY

What is a pattern?

**While repetition in the daily
life can be a little boring –**

**capturing it in your
photography can create an
image with real impact.**

Life is filled with patterns.
We tend to overlook them.

However once you get an eye for spotting them,
(and it takes being intentional and some practice)
you'll be amazed by what you see and you'll
wonder why you didn't incorporate them into
your photography before.

When it comes to capturing repetition in photography there are a couple of techniques.

You can either **emphasize it** or **break it**.

Emphasize the Patterns

Filling your frame with a repetitive pattern can give the impression of size and large numbers.

The key to this is to attempt to zoom in close enough to the pattern that it fills the frame.



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The picture of bottles gives the sense that there could be hundreds or thousands of them – even though there could be as few as 20-30.



Breaking the Pattern

**What do you think
this looks like?**

Breaking the Pattern

Capture the interruption of the flow of a pattern.

Broken repetition might include adding a contrasting object (color, shape, texture) or removing one of the repeating objects



Breaking the Pattern

Sometimes you'll find these broken patterns naturally appearing around you and on other occasions you might need to manipulate the situation a little and interrupt a pattern yourself.





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