

Photographing your entry – Some handy tips

Once you have your entry ready to submit you'll want to be able to photograph it in a way that best displays your entry so the judges can see your hard work and it gives the best representation of your work.

Step 1) Find a nice location

Find a nice location to photograph your entry. Think about what's in the background. For plants this might be harder to do but for crafts try finding a nice neutral background that doesn't distract from the subject. Often a nice clean piece of white paper will work as a good backdrop or a clear table.

Step 2) Lighting

Think about the lighting. Having good light is always the key to good photography. Harsh artificial lighting can often make the colours lose their depth. If possible try photographing near a window or outside using the natural light around you.

Step 3) Staging your entry

It can be hard to make your entry stand out or appear as you would like. Taking an aerial shot (looking down on it) might be the only option. Alternatively using blue tack or something to lean it against could help. We're not looking for prize winning photos of still life unless you're entering the photography section.

Step 4) Make sure your entry is clean

Make sure your entry is clean of fingerprints and any other debris. It's worth taking the time to just give it a little clean if possible.

Step 5) What equipment do you need?

Taking your photograph doesn't require a fancy camera. You can get a good shot on a mobile phone. If you have good lighting this will be more effective than a posh camera. Just try and photograph in the highest quality available to you.

Step 6) Using Filters

Please refrain from using filters unless you're entering the photography section. As much as it might add certain feels to the subject it can detract from your entry.

Step 7) Uploading your photo

Once you have a photograph that you're happy with, upload it to the site using the entry form.