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# Light Trail Photography

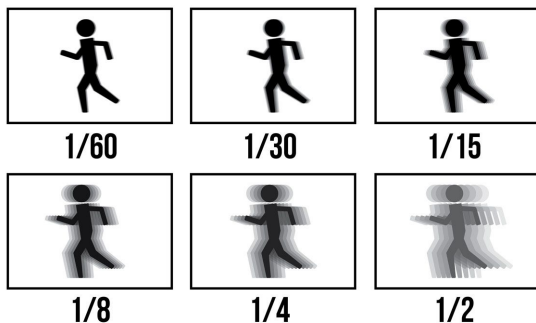


Photo by Richard Cawood

## Tips

White Balance can be tricky in urban settings. Take a few test shots and adjust your camera until you see results that you're happy with. Try making images in black & white and color.

Slower shutter speeds will increase blur effect.



Shutter Speed Diagram from [Creative Live](#)

## Supplies & Tools

- Computer, Smartphone or Tablet  
Computer for Editing
- Digital Camera w/ Manual Options
- Tripod or Mini Tripod
- Moving Light Source (could be a person with a flashlight or moving object)
- **Optional Tools**
  - Remote for Camera or Smart Device that is Capturing Images (This helps with reducing unwanted blur.)

## Preparation & Execution

1. **The Set Up.** Set up your camera on your tripod and slow down the shutter button speed (the length of time your camera will keep it's eye open while taking the picture).
2. **Night Time or Darkness for Best Results!** You will need to adjust your camera for taking photos in low or no light. Digital cameras with manual options will allow you to adjust the light sensitivity to its lowest setting while slowing the shutter speed. Free phone camera apps like [Yamera](#) will allow you to adjust shutter speed.
3. **Experiment! Experiment! Experiment!** Don't be afraid to try different moving light sources. Ask a friend to move around using different colored light sources for different effects.
4. **Edit!** Use a program like Photoshop or [Gimp \(free and open source\)](#) to adjust your images before printing or posting.
5. **When you're done,** upload and mention us in your social media and use **#urbanartsspace** and **#crafternoons**. If your young artist is working with you, also use **#artexplorations**