

Art in Your Home Studio with
URBAN ARTS SPACE

Still Life

Photo Composition



Still Life Composition by Adam Hillman

Tips

Don't be afraid to experiment!

Do it with a friend or family member!

Make sure you have enough light.

Make a series using different items you've found around your home, office or other spaces.

Try it in black & white.

Try it outside using the sidewalk as a background.

Print it and frame it!

Supplies

- Digital Camera, Smartphone Camera, iPad (other device that can take a picture)
- Plain Sheet of Paper in any Color, Plain Cloth or other Material for Background
- Stuff (coins, crayons, pencils, marbles, batteries, vegetables, straws, toothpicks, utensils, legos, etc.)

Preparation & Execution

1. **The Set Up.** After you have gathered your items, find a place where you can arrange them in a visual custom pattern on top of your plain background. A table or empty space on your floor. It should be a place where you can look down on your creation and take a picture comfortably.
2. **Think** about how you want to arrange the pattern. Experiment and don't be afraid to take shots of a few different patterns.
3. **Use your smartphone or other device**, to photograph each still life. Try to frame it so that only the plain background and your arrangement can be seen. Or edit out unwanted edges with your camera app.
4. **When you're done**, upload to your social media and use the **#urbanartspace** and **#crafternoons**. If your young artist is working with you also use **#artexplorations**
5. Do it again and don't forget to title your work!