

YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER'S GUIDE TO SUMMER MEMORIES

CAPTURE & PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES WITH
YOUR PHONE CAMERA THIS SUMMER



WELCOME

Thank you for downloading my guide to
capturing your summer in pictures.

ABOUT ME

My name is Becki and I've been a baby photographer for 8 years. I work from my home studio in Milton Keynes and I love creating gorgeous images that your family will cherish.



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INTRODUCTION

The summer holidays may be stretching out in front of you, but before you know it, the kids will be back at school and the holidays will be a distant memory.

I love photographs for the very reason that they encapsulate your memories. Tiny moments that may mean nothing to anyone other than you, preserved forever to cherish.

I've created this guide to help you capture every tiny detail of your summer.



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EQUIPMENT

You definitely don't need fancy equipment if all you want to do is capture nicer snaps of your children over the summer.

As long as you understand the limitations of your phone camera or bridge camera you'll be able to create a gorgeous album to remember your summer.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

A camera - your phone, a basic camera or a DSLR.

A way to print your photos - you can do this at home, or I have a list of printers in this guide.

A handy place to keep this guide. Save it to your phone, or print it out.

SUMMER LIGHT

The light can definitely catch you out during the summer months. understanding how to make it work in your favour can be the difference between a great photo and an unusable one!

Here are my tips:

When the sun is high, around midday, these are when shadows are the harshest so your best pictures will be taken in the shade.

If your children are facing into the sun, they'll be squinting - again, shade is your friend.

'Golden hour' is when the light is most flattering - an hour after sunrise and an hour before sunset.

Avoid dappled light - your camera won't be able to cope with the changes in light very well.

SUMMER LIGHT



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SUMMER RELAXING

Capturing candid moments is one of the most beautiful aspects of family photography.

Try and take your time when you see your family is relaxed. Compose your picture carefully and take several snaps of the same image to be able to choose the best one.

Here are my tips:

The area of the body closest to the camera will appear the largest. You can be creative with this, but it will also look unnatural if you get it wrong. Experiment!

Resist the urge to direct or pose your children. Candid moments are best.

Try and shoot on the same level as your family rather than from above them. This allows you to capture more of their faces.

SUMMER RELAXING



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SUMMER ACTIVE

It can be really difficult to capture active children with your phone camera. Quite often the shutter speed won't be fast enough to freeze the action - hence you'll end up with blurred images.

Most phone cameras, and definitely all bridge cameras will give you the option to increase your shutter speed (or will have a 'sports' mode)

You will need to experiment with this setting, but usually, on your phone camera, you'll find it in the Pro settings. Slide the shutter speed to adjust. The bigger the number, the slower the shutter. The smaller the number, the faster the shutter.

This works best in daylight as a faster shutter speed will make your photographs darker.

Experiment with this feature before you need it as action can take you by surprise!

SUMMER ACTIVE



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SUMMER DETAIL

We're all guilty of missing the little details sometimes. And yet the details can sum up an entire summer.

The drinks we loved, the brand of ice pops the kids couldn't get enough of, that favourite, must have toy that dominated the summer.

Photographs of the details can really enhance your summer album so stay on the look out for them

Here are my top detail tips.

Use portrait mode on your camera to capture details so you still get a sense of the surroundings.

Capture your details in context. They may not be the main event in the image to feature.

Take notice of the things your family have mini obsessions over this summer and commit them to camera!

SUMMER DETAIL



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PRINTING YOUR MEMORIES

You'll find the images you capture on your phone are great for social sharing and also for printing to albums. It's highly unlikely the equality will be good enough to print big for your walls but make sure you get prints - its the best way to make sure your children can keep and enjoy the images.

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