Bokeh

Equipment

macro lens black paper masking tape craft knife

scissors pencil tripod

Camera Settings

very low f-stop (large aperture), light meter for correct shutter speed. ISO 100. manual focus

Making a bokeh lens cover:

1. Swap the normal lens for the macro lens by pressing the button and twisting to remove the normal lens. Line up the red and white dots on the macro lens and camera body to place macro lens on. Remember: always replace protective cap onto lens while it's not in use (keeping dust out).

NEVER leave the camera sitting around without a lens.

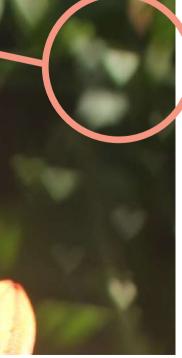
- 2. Trace around the macro lens onto black card to get a circle
- 3. Add 4 tabs onto the edges (these are to stick to the sides of the lens)
- 4. In the dead centre of the circle, draw a shape (heart, star, arrow, music note etc)
- 5. Very carefully cut out your shape with a craft knife (see Mrs Sztekel if unsure)
- 6. Cut out the circle (keep tabs on) with scissors
- 7. Masking tape the bokeh cover to the lens (but don't tape over the focus ring)



Taking your photograph:

- 1. Find an object that is close up and has an object (preferably a tree) between it and the sun (OR use an artificial light source like Christmas lights).
- 2. Manually focus on your focal point, you'll probably see the bokeh shape appear in the unfocused areas of sunlight in the background. If not, you may be too far away from your focal point. Get closer.





- 3. Take extreme close ups of the object making sure that the background is out of focus (very short depth of field with a macro lens).
- 4. Check that the out of focus part of your image has the bokeh shapes.



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If the photos are not correct, problem solve by checking above settings and instructions, watching the linked video and go again until your time is up.