Common Photo Problems and How to Solve Them

Problem: Photos have ugly yellow cast when you take them in indoor light

Guess the Solution

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-take in daylight instead
-set white balance
-use flash
-use photo lights
-get closer to window if there is daylight
-shoot raw
-adobe bridge edit jpeg as raw
-color correct in Photoshop
-let more light in room
-change light bulbs to LED
-make b&w

Photos have lots of speckles (noise)

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-add more light
-change iso to lower number
-might need to change shutter and aperture
-for example long shutter speed with tripod
-noise reduction in camera/photoshop/plugin

the wrong part of the photo is in focus

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the wrong part of the photo is in focus

-manually focus
-magnify focus
-choose focus point
-focus and recompose
-cameras can’t focus in dark
-focus on something with contrast
-don’t use extreme open aperture
-stop down to lower aperture so its greater depth of field

Photos have really white blown out areas

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-try diff meter mode (spot, matrix, center weighted)
-meter on another part of the image
-auto bracketing
-avoid hot light
-change ss/ap to give camera less light
-shoot raw
-don’t use flash if it creates a hot spot

Problem: I just can't seem to get shallow depth of field

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-Macro
-portrait setting
-lower fstop/aperture
-focus on something closer
-More space behind subject
-buy better lenses
-don't use zoom

low light situation & my photos are too dark or are blurry

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low light situation & my photos are too dark or are blurry

-use tripod
-Flash
-up the iso so faster shutter (but get more noise)
-open aperture so faster shutter
-open aperture so more light
-bring in lights
-shoot in a brighter area
-don’t zoom
-if out of focus, need more light to autofocus or manually focus
-take photo of still subject