

COMPOSITION TIPS: BLACK & WHITE

TEXTURE

The key to creating powerful black and white photos is to pick the right subject. Anything with texture looks great. The monochrome treatment gives your photos a tactile quality that color can't match.



TONAL CONTRAST

Black and white photos are built on the difference in brightness between the lightest and darkest parts of the scene. This portrait shows the dramatic effect created by placing the model against a dark background.



SIMPLICITY

Black and white photos benefit from a simplified approach to composition. Look for shapes, patterns, texture and tonal contrast. The landscape photo below shows a minimalist composition with just the rock stacks and the sea.



USE DIAGONAL LINES

Diagonal lines pull the eye through the photo and give the composition a sense of energy. Use diagonal lines to make your black and white photos exciting and energetic. Intersecting lines, like in the photo below, are even more dynamic.

