

## Taking photos of your work and creating a digital portfolio of your artwork

A portfolio is a collection of art work that represents your skills and style. Photographing your artwork is an important part of compiling a portfolio.

### You will need the following:

A camera or a phone that takes pictures.  
A space with good lighting or a copy stand

### Guidelines:

Each image needs to meet the following criteria:

- The image is sharp, not blurry.
- The image has even lighting.
- The image is cropped to the edge of the image.
- The image is an accurate representation of your work.

No fancy camera? No tripod? No problem!

### Quick and Easy Photographing Tips:

- Use your smart phone or borrow someone else's.
- Find a spot with even lighting. Outside on a cloudy day is great. Inside between 2 lights to avoid a shadow is good too.
- Experiment with lighting until you get what you want in the viewfinder of your camera or phone.
- The image on your camera/phone should look like it does in real life.
- If you have shaky hands, calm down, breath out and take the picture on the exhale of you're breath.

Here is a video showing you Francie Riddle, Chair of the Fine Art Department at Springfield Technical Community College, on instructions taking photos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKvKmtPcVE8>

If you are using your phone, play around with the editing tools on your phone to crop the photo to the edge of the artwork.

Here is a video showing you how to edit your photos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwEPTNqh3gw>

Here is another video about photographing your work, just in case you find it helpful:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vpj28da03JQ>