

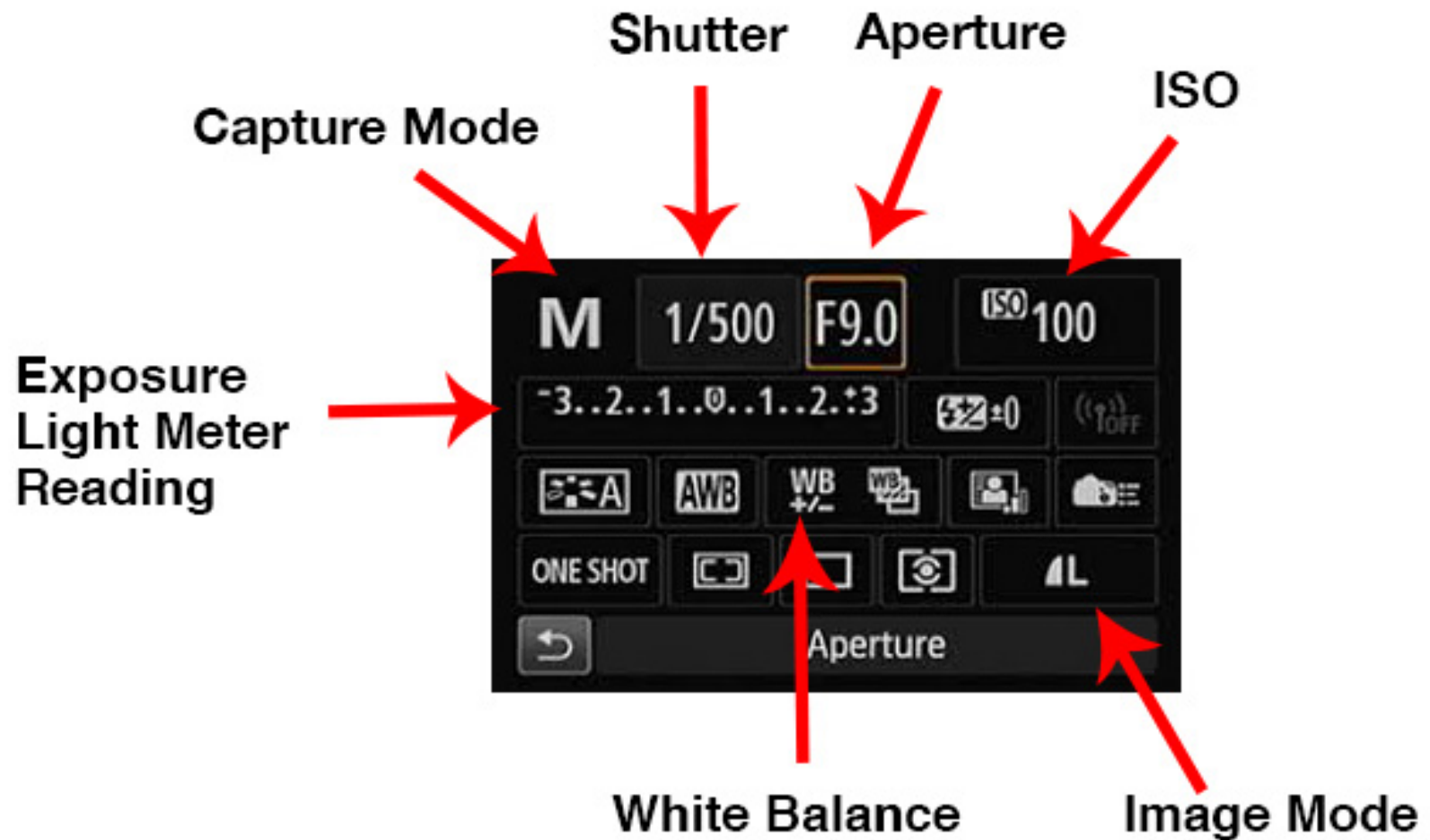
Photographing Artwork

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- Camera
- Capture environment: studio or outdoors
- Camera is stationary or on a tripod
- Focal Length: 50mm if using DSLR
- Lighting
 - Indoor using lights
 - Outdoor in shade
- White Balance setting
 - Auto, Daylight, Shade, Fluorescent
- ISO: controls the camera sensor's sensitivity to light
 - High ISO settings produce digital noise
 - Low ISO settings produce significantly less digital noise
 - Try using a low ISO setting from 100 to 400
- 3-D artwork: consider two options: 1) tilting your camera slightly at a downward angle and 2) positioning the lens of the camera at the same level and parallel to the object
- 2-D artwork: position the lens of the camera at the mid-point height of the artwork and ensure that the lens is parallel to the artwork
- Goals:
 - Clarity
 - Diffused lighting
 - Reduced shadows
 - Beware of reflections
- Effective artwork documentation allows viewers to see through the photograph to the artwork and forget that they are viewing a reproduction of the artwork



Diagram for the LCD Display on the Canon Rebel DSLR

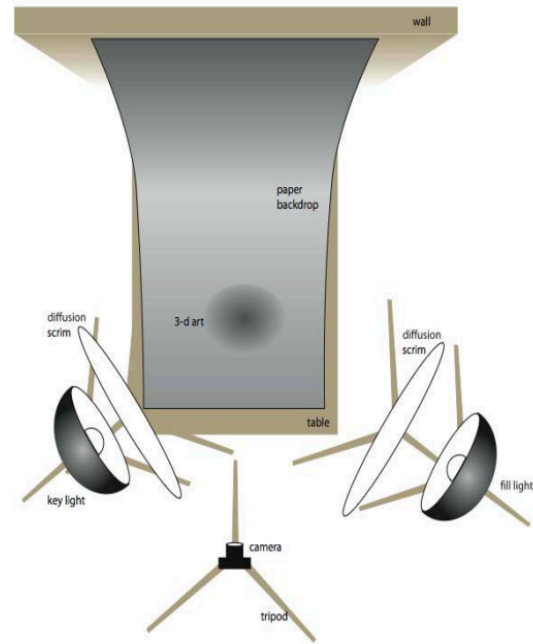
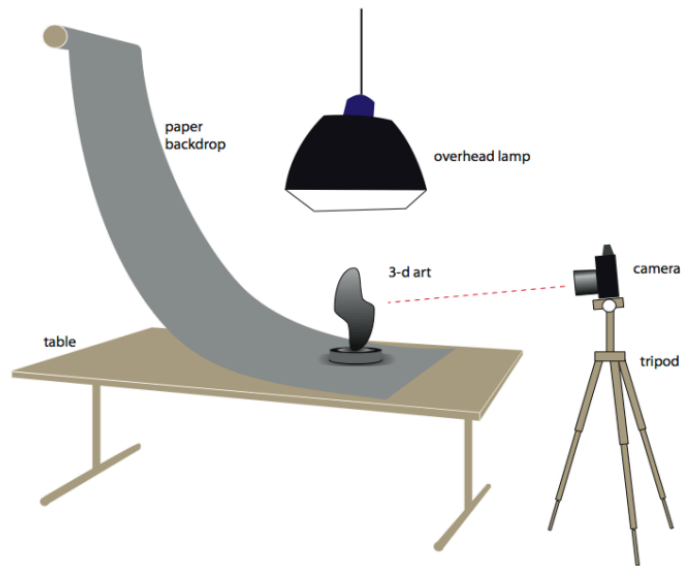


Setting your camera to RAW

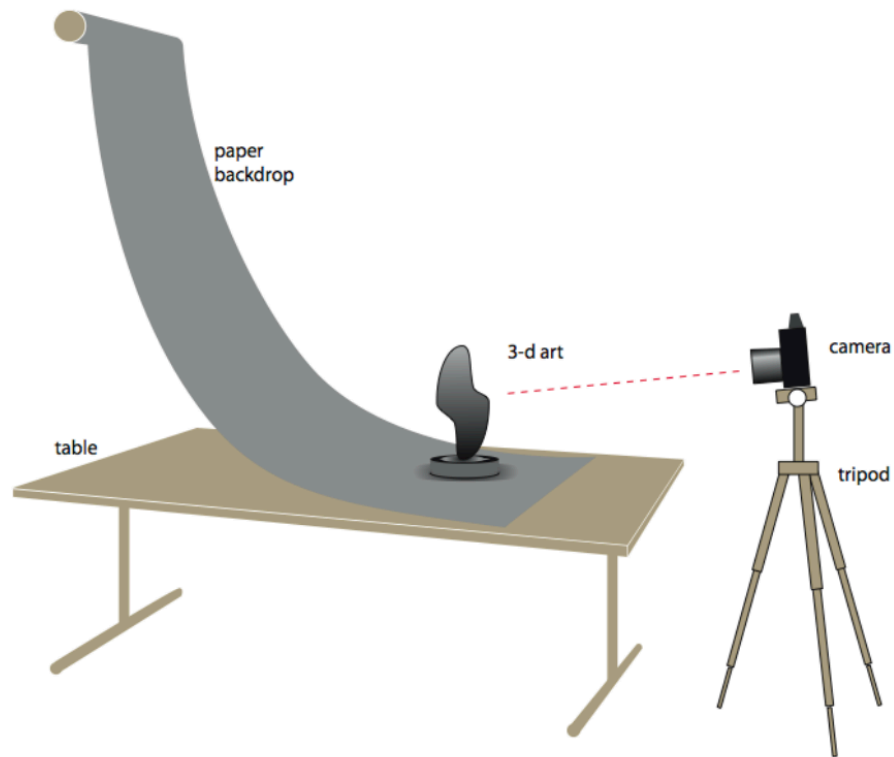
- **Menu > Image quality > RAW + JPEG “L”**



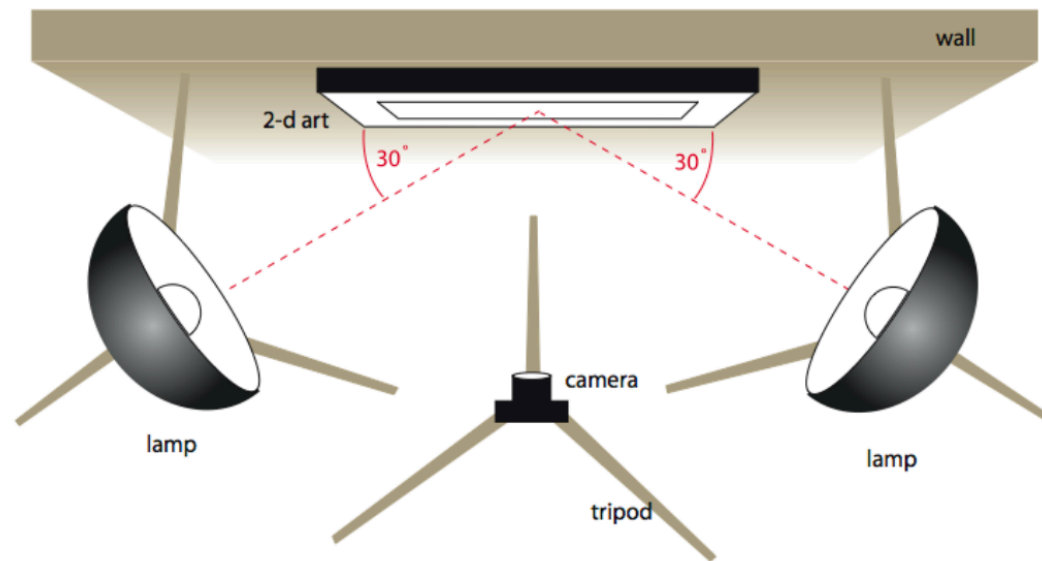
3-D Artwork Indoor With Lighting



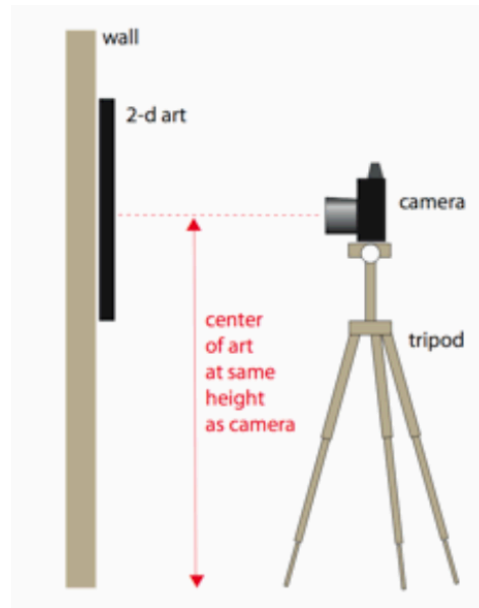
3-D Artwork Outdoor Without Lighting



2-D Artwork Indoor With Lighting



2-D Artwork Outdoor Without Lighting



Photographing Artwork

- **Remember that artwork documentation will most likely exist beyond the life of your artwork!!!**



Replacement Ink for Epson Printers (PK+C+VM) on Epson Exhibition Canvas Matte, archival pigment print, 50 x 54 inches, 2020



Replacement Ink for Epson Printers (Matte Black on 25% Grey 222603) on Epson Enhanced Matte Paper, archival pigment print, 29-1/2 x 24-1/2 inches, 2017



Prius Wheel, unfixed gelatin silver print, 16.5 x 20.5 inches, 2021

Adobe Alternatives

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Single Purchase 

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Honorable Mentions

- Paint Tool Sai •
- MyPaint •
- Paint.NET •

- Affinity Photo
- Clip Studio
- Krita
- GIMP
- Fire Alpaca
- Medibang Paint
- Photopea

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Honorable Mentions

- Clip Studio •

- Affinity Designer
- Inkscape
- BoxySVG
- Vectr
- Figma

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Honorable Mentions

- Canva •
- SpringPublisher ••

- Affinity Publisher
- Viva Designer
- Scribus

An

Honorable Mentions

- Krita •
- Pencil 2D •
- Fire Alpaca •

- Cacani
- TVPaint Animation
- ToonBoom Harmony
- Clip Studio (EX version)
- Open Toonz

Lr

- RawTherapee
- Darktable

Dw

- WebStorm
- Aptana Studio

Ae

- DaVinci Resolve
- Blender

Au

- Fairlight
- Audacity

