

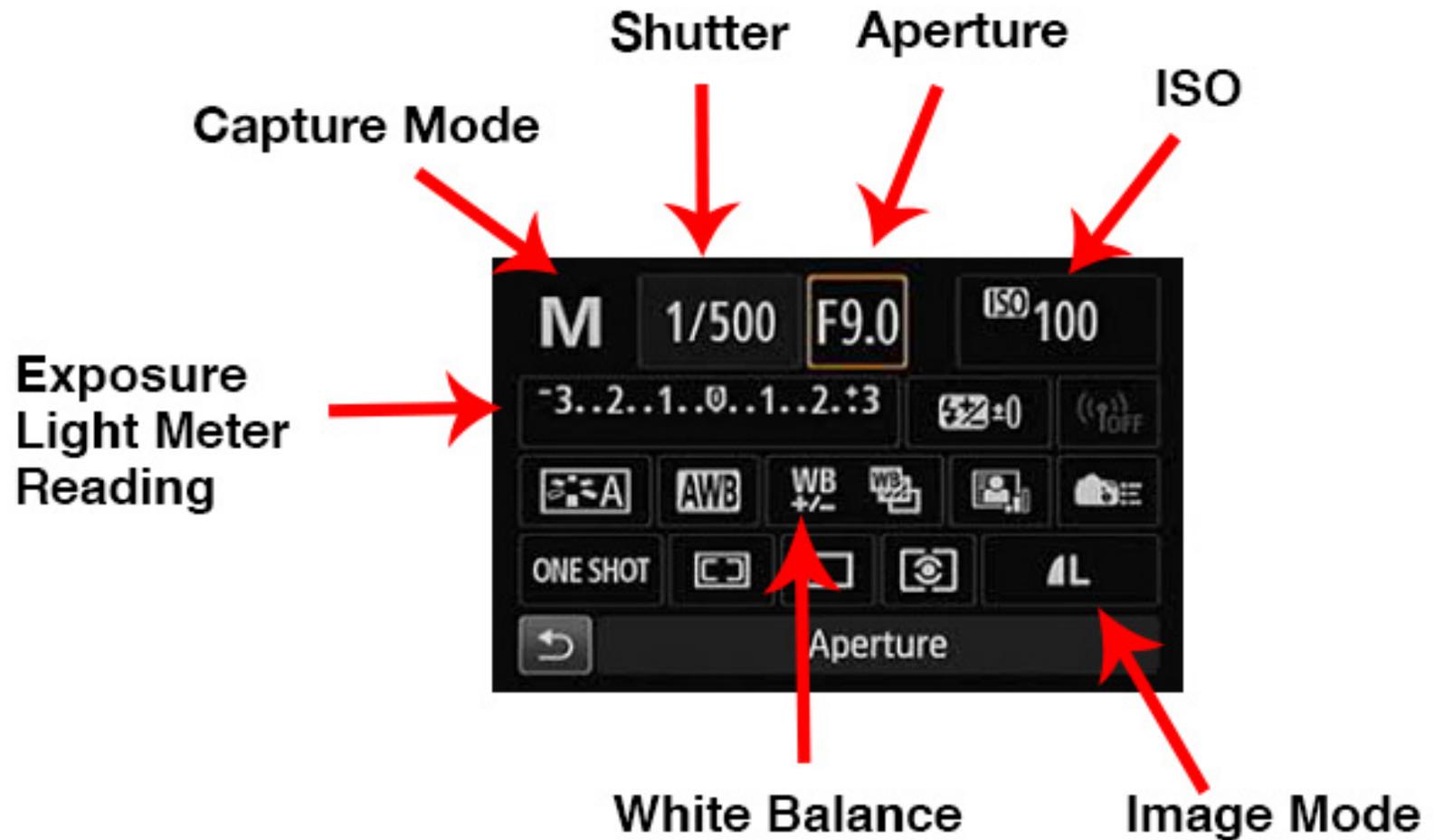
Photographing Artwork

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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

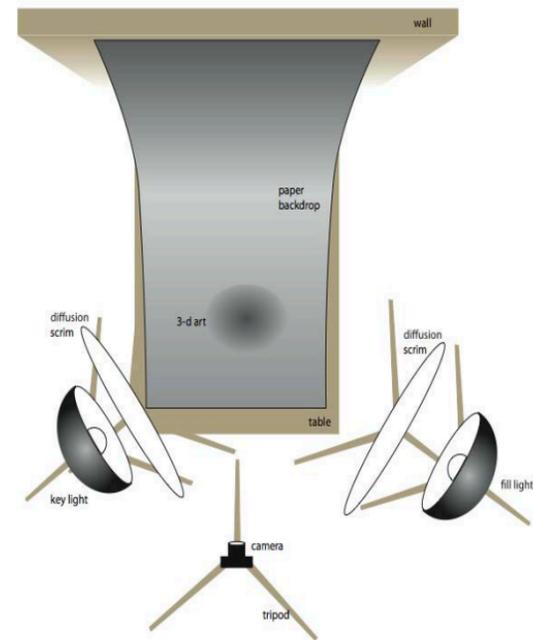
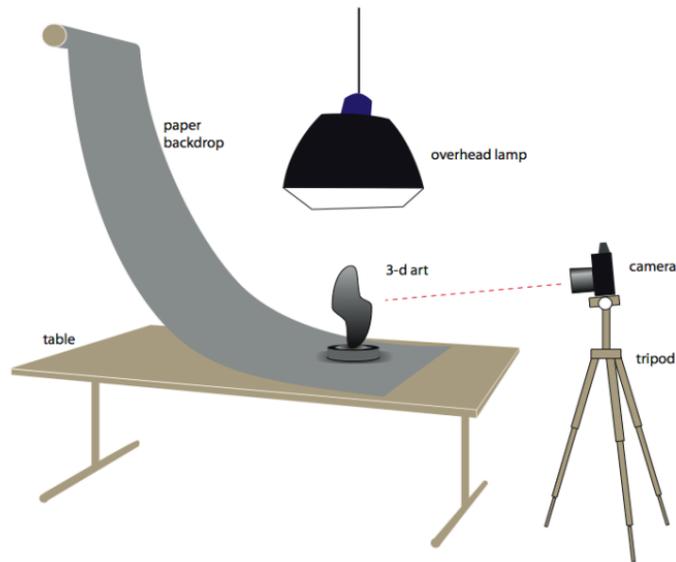


Setting your camera to RAW

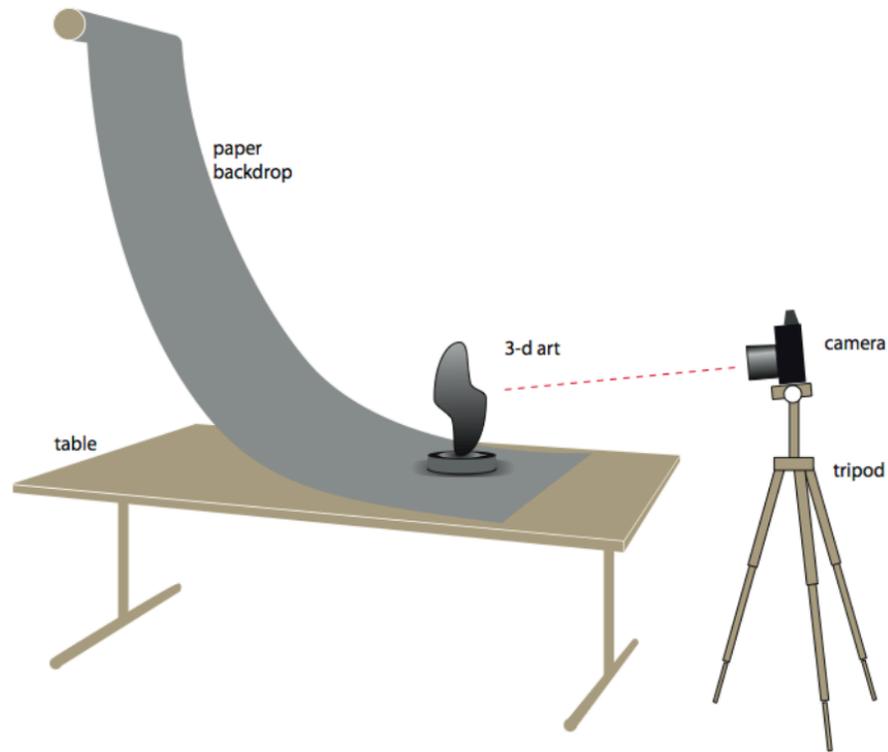
- **Menu > Image quality > RAW + JPEG “L”**



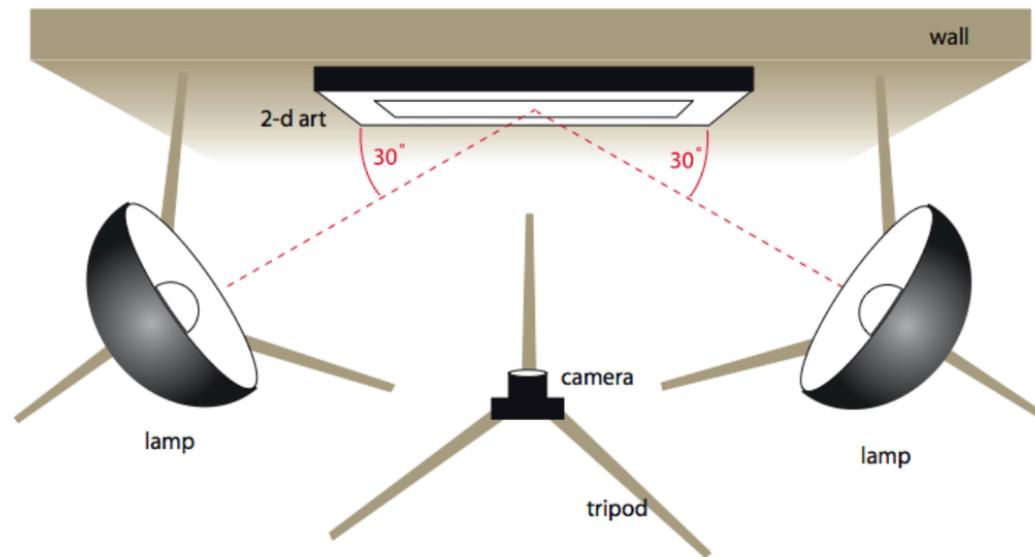
3-D Artwork Indoor With Lighting



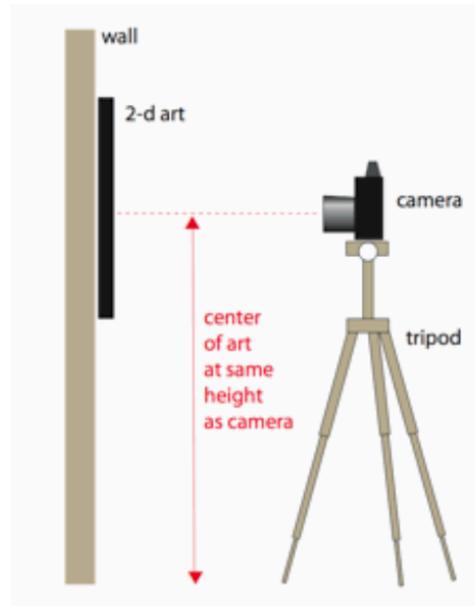
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2-D Artwork Indoor With Lighting

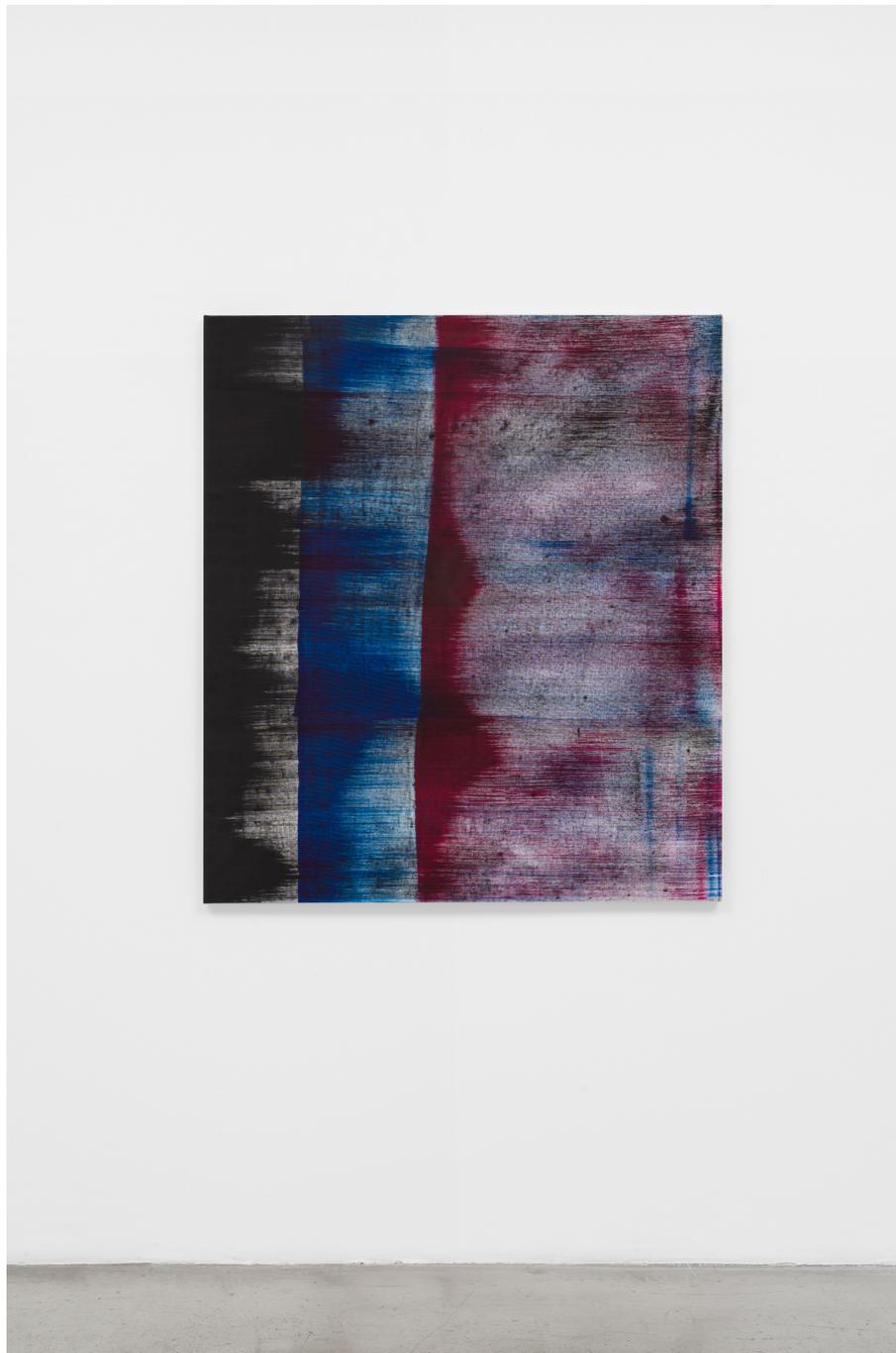


2-D Artwork Outdoor Without Lighting



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- **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

Free ●
Single Purchase ●

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Honorable Mentions

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

- Paint Tool Sai ●
- MyPaint ●
- Paint.NET ●

Ai

Honorable Mentions

- Affinity Designer
- Inkscape
- BoxySVG
- Vectr
- Figma

- Clip Studio ●

Id

Honorable Mentions

- Affinity Publisher
- Viva Designer ●●
- Scribus

- Canva ●
- SpringPublisher ●●

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Honorable Mentions

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

- Krita ●
- Pencil 2D ●
- Fire Alpaca ●

Lr

- RawTherapee
- Darktable

Dw

- WebStorm
- Aptana Studio

Ae

- DaVinci Resolve ●●
- Blender ●

Au

- Fairlight ●●
- Audacity ●

