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Negative space, (sometimes referred to as white space) is the space around and between the subject(s) of an image. Negative space may be most evident when the space around a subject, and not the subject itself, forms an interesting or artistically relevant shape, and such space is occasionally used to artistic effect as the "real" subject of an image. The use of negative space is a key element of artistic composition.



-Frame: The frame is the border that is all around the rest of the image.-

-Positive Space: The subject of the image. This is generally the item on which the camera is focused.

-Negative Space: The rest of the image. It is located between the positive space and the frame.



When many people go about composing an image, they concentrate their attention on the positive space. The negative space, gets very little thought. If it receives any consideration at all, it is more of an afterthought. This kind of approach can result in second-rate images. When correctly utilized, the negative space can serve *two very important functions*:

-It can help in defining what the positive space is all about. Basically, it helps to tell the story of the positive space.

-It can improve the positive space. Essentially, the negative space helps to make the positive space more noticeable.



Negative space is an effective technique if used properly. Use these techniques to help you.

-Keen observation.

-Exclude the distracting elements in the scene to maintain simplicity.

-Attaining shallow depth of field to blur the background clutter and thus present the subject against the complimenting hues.

-Avoid including conflicting subjects, in fact try to be minimalist in your approach and focus on only one subject.

-Convey the emotions or sentiments.



Go out and practice, with special emphasis on what has already been learnt, and with negative space as your theme this week. Negative space can also be large part of minimalism photography.

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