

The family portrait is one image that will be displayed and cherished for many years to come. Be creative and follow these tips to compose a fun and beautiful shot.



GROUP IN GROUPS

When photographing a large family, get people to stand together but in groups. Tall, younger people at the back, older people at the center and children at the front. For a casual effect don't have any strict, 'short to tall' order to make it more natural-looking.



CATCH A CLOSE-UP

Close-ups are a great way to convey emotion. Take two people who are close – a parent and child, for example – and get them to talk to each other as closely as possible. Use a macro or standard lens and crop closely. Wait for the perfect moment; it can be a smile or a look then take the photograph.



EXPERIMENT WITH ANGLES

These kinds of photos are interesting and conversation pieces. A great technique to try is to get on the ground and look up with your subjects standing over you. You will need to use flash to light up the subjects' faces against a bright sky. Get the subjects to tip their heads down so you aren't shooting up their noses.



DRESS TO IMPRESS

Have everyone to wear shades of the same color or the same type of clothes for an interesting effect. However, try to avoid the overly harsh look of reds. Also experiment with the mixing and matching of colors for a more relaxed look.

