Here’s to smart shots Photography on your smartphones
First, start with a clean slate

The First Rule

• Always clean your phone camera lens before you take an image.

• While wiping your lens on your jeans might do the job, using coarse materials, like a cotton shirt, or a napkin you dipped in water, may end up damaging your lens over time. If you’d like to keep scratches at bay, use a softer material — like a microfiber cloth — to clean any smudges off your camera lens.
Rule of thirds

• Use gridlines to balance your shot.

• One of the easiest and best ways to improve your mobile photos is to turn on the camera's gridlines. That superimposes a series of lines on the screen of your smartphone's camera that are based on the "rule of thirds" — a photographic composition principle that says an image should be broken down into thirds, both horizontally and vertically, so you have nine parts in total.

• According to this theory, if you place points of interest in these intersections or along the lines, your photo will be more balanced, level, and allow viewers to interact with it more naturally.
To switch the grid on ...

- **iPhone, iOS**: Go to "Settings," choose "Photos & Camera," and switch "Grid" on.

- **Samsung Galaxy and On Android devices**: visit **Settings > Apps > Camera**, and scroll down and switch the "grid lines" option.

- Suggest making sure that everything in the frame is there because you want it there.
Use of Grid Sample Images
Look for symmetry.

- Symmetry can be defined as "a vague sense of harmonious and beautiful proportion and balance." And pictures that contain symmetry can be incredibly pleasing to the eye — it's also one of the simplest and most compelling ways to compose a photo.
- And remember — use those gridlines from the previous slide, to line everything up perfectly.
Ditch the digital zoom

Avoid zooming in.

• When you take a photo from a distance, it's tempting to zoom in on something specific you're trying to capture. But it's actually better not to zoom in — doing so can make the photo appear grainy, blurry, or pixelated.

• Instead, try to get closer to your subject — unless it's a wild animal, in which case we would advise keeping your distance — or take the photo from a default distance, and crop it later on. That way, you won't compromise quality, and it's easier to play around or optimize a larger image.

• That includes shots taken on phones with multiple camera lenses, like the iPhone XS or Samsung Galaxy Note 10+.

• In general, avoid digital zoom as often as possible.
Look for light before making your own

• The flash of an LED light from a smartphone doesn’t flatter anyone, no matter what pose you’re striking. And that glaring light coming from a single source will more often than not give your images a harsh, odd-colored look compared to light being diffused from one or multiple sources.

• Instead of depending on an underpowered light to properly illuminate your subject, try to find other sources of light you can use, be it the waning sun, some indoor lights, or even some candlelight if you want to get artsy with it. If you’re really at a loss for light, you could always employ another smartphone’s flashlight mode to provide a more consistent light source.
Using any device’s **portrait mode** feature, which simulates the shallow depth of field found in photos shot on professional cameras, will usually net you a more visually appealing shot. It’s better for taking portraits of people.

While everyone loves the look of a photo from an expensive real camera, relying on it too much can hurt more than it helps, especially if your environment isn’t exactly conducive to portrait shots, like in dimly lit rooms. But if you’re using an iPhone, use portrait mode only when you have sufficient light.
Talk to your phone

- Since your smartphone’s already constantly listening, waiting for you to demand its attention, why not make it take your selfies, too?

- On Android smartphones, you can ask your Google Assistant to take a photo, selfie, or timed image and watch your smartphone open the camera app. On Google’s Pixel smartphones, you can have Google automatically detect the perfect moment for a photo, be it a big smile, thanks to its AI-powered face detection features like Top Shot and Photobooth.

- On iOS, Siri will open the camera app for you, though you’ll have to press the button yourself.
Edit your picture

• When you see your picture in the gallery, you may get a message – Fix lighting.
• Click on edit and you can fix the lighting.
Use the edit option on your phone to improve the image

- Once you open the picture in the gallery, you can use the option to edit.
- You can see the difference in the pictures. The picture that is edited as warm is a brighter one.
- Once you edit please save it. The save option will appear on the bottom right.
Carry on Clickity click!!!

Practice to make your pictures perfect.
Anyone can take good picture