

Basic Photography by Mark Comon

Mark Comon's Basic Photography video course includes six one-hour lessons for all digital and film photographers. Basic Photography is ideally suited both for the snap-shooter with little or no photo experience as well as the experienced shutterbug. Learn to create stunning images, apply the "rules" of composition, exposure and light. Avoid the pitfalls and improve your photography in every situation. You will enjoy "Basic Photo" time-and-time again.

Lesson 1. The Camera

Which camera & film is best for you?
Shutter speeds for creativity.
Lens openings and f-stops.
Wide, normal, telephoto lenses.

Lesson 4. The Light

Use light to your advantage:
Understand quality of light.
See the direction of light.
Relish the color of light.

Lesson 2. The Image

Determine the best opportunity.
Capture the decisive moment.
The basics of composition.
Look at the details!

Lesson 5. Flash and Focus

Master electronic flash:
Bounce and fill-in flash.
Focus to concentrate attention.
Depth of field.

Lesson 3. The Exposure

Mid-tone and proper exposure.
Use your camera meter properly.
A 35mm Zone System.
Mark's rule of exposure.

Lesson 6. Improve Your Image

Creative filters.
The ultimate image quality.
Sharing your photographs.
Improving your photos in the future.

Jumpstart Photoshop Videos by Rob Sheppard

Editor of Outdoor Photography and PC Photo Magazines.

Jumpstart Basic. Applicable to Photoshop 5.0, 5.5, 6.0 and 7.0 plus Photoshop LE and Photo Deluxe

Jumpstart Elements Pt 1. Applicable to Photoshop Elements 1.0 or 2.0

If you've been intimidated by Adobe Photoshop and don't know where to start Jumpstart Photoshop is for you. Jumpstart Photoshop is created by a photographer for photographers. Jumpstart will help you understand how to improve your photographs simply and easily in the computer.

Jumpstart focuses on the parts of Photoshop software that photographers need to know in order to get started. Rob has simplified the details by highlighting core parts of the program as they apply to photographers. Each 83 minute tape teaches you the photo secrets you need to know! Jumpstart Photoshop will teach you:

- Image management tips and five ways to adjust brightness, contrast and control color.
- How to make adjustments in precise areas of the photo by using selections and gain true photographic control.
- How to straighten horizons and apply the Ansel Adams edge technique.

Jumpstart Layers. Applicable to Photoshop 5.0, 5.5, 6.0 and 7.0 plus Elements 1.0 or 2.0

Layers are both one of the most powerful parts of Photoshop and one of the most intimidating. Once you do understand layers you will find your creative control over the image grows immeasurably. In this tape you will learn how layers work and how to use them effectively. The 54 minute Jumpstart Photoshop LAYERS will teach you:

- Real-world explanation of how layers work and how to "think in layers."
- Duplicate layers and their many uses from experimenting to multi-layer adjustments and special effects.
- How to use layer masks and make effective use of selections and layers.
- How to get layers to "talk" to each other, including the four most important photographic layer methods.

Jumpstart Elements Part 2. Applicable to Photoshop Elements 1.0 or 2.0

Jumpstart Photoshop Elements, Part 2, begins where Elements Part 1 ends. Learn to develop your skill with Elements (version 1 or 2). Beyond the basic controls will allow you to "get into" your image and make real corrections! The 83 minute tape also includes a summary of new features in Elements 2.0

- Understanding and using layers, adjustment layers and duplicate layers.
- Darkening weak skies and color corrections.
- Sharpening techniques, edge darkening and understanding resolution.

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