

Starting Point

Set your camera to "P"
Take sample image, look at Histogram
If too Bright/Dark, use +/- and check Histogram
Rotate wheel to change Aperture/Speed Combination

First Steps – Aperture Priority

Set your camera to "A" or "Av"
Set aperture to smallest number
Take sample image, look at Histogram
If too Bright/Dark, use +/- and check Histogram

Landscape

Set your camera to "A" or "Av"
Set aperture to F11
Take sample image, look at Histogram
If shutter speed too slow, increase ISO or use tripod
If too Bright/Dark, use +/- and check Histogram

People, greater than 2 Metres, No Mountains

Set your camera to "A" or "Av"
Set aperture to F6 or lower
Focus on People
Take sample image, look at Histogram
If too Bright/Dark, use +/- and check Histogram

People, greater than 2 Metres, with Mountains

Set your camera to "A" or "Av"
Set aperture to smallest F11
Focus on People
If shutter speed too slow, increase ISO or use tripod
Take sample image, look at Histogram
If too Bright/Dark, use +/- and check Histogram

People, less than 2 Metres

Set your camera to "A" or "Av"
Set aperture to F4 - F8
Take sample image, look at Histogram
If too Bright/Dark, use +/- and check Histogram

Sport

Set your camera to "A" or "Av"
Set aperture to smallest number (fastest)
Take sample image, look at Histogram
If too Bright/Dark, use +/- and check Histogram
If shutter speed too slow, increase ISO

Waterfall

Set your camera to "Tv" or "S"
Set speed to approx 1 sec
Take sample image, look at Histogram
If too Bright/Dark, use +/- and check Histogram
Use Tripod or rest on solid rock/fence
Use self Timer

Indoor with Flash

Set to Manual
Set Speed fast enough to remove blur (1/60 to 1/250)
Set Av to F8
Take Sample Image
Change Aperture if flash making subject too bright/dark
Change Speed to make background lighter/darker
Take Sample Image and star again
(Note +/- will not have any effect in manual)

Check Composition

Line of thirds
Simplicity
Any Distractions? Including Harsh light.
Balance
Framing
Lines
Patterns

Check Position

Move left/right
Get High/Low
To remove distractions
Get better balance between Foreground and background