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11 Practical Photography Assignments You Can Do From Home! 😊📷

Dear friend,

Many of us are currently stuck at home, and it might be hard to stay inspired in your photography. Here are some practical words of encouragement for you:

1. **Selfie project:** Shoot selfies of yourself! Shoot your hand, face, body limbs, silhouette, reflection, shadow, etc. You can shoot monochrome or color. Experiment with flash. You can also experiment shooting with -1 or -2 exposure-compensation (film noir black and white style).
2. Shoot 4K video (or 1080p video), and take screenshots on your laptop of your favorite stills.
3. **Get on the ground and do 20 pushups as quickly as you can, then run around the house and shoot photos of anything which interests you.** My theory: a hormonal rush from doing a bunch of pushups will give you a hormonal and creative boost, which can help you find more interesting things to shoot at home.
4. **Curate your portfolio.** To curate means to select the photos you CARE for. You can also turn it into a slideshow of your favorite photos, and upload it to YouTube! Here is a YouTube tutorial of how I make iMovie slideshows on my Mac with my photos.
5. **Photograph interesting textures at home.** Look around the house for gritty textures. Photograph the cheese grater at home. Photograph your carpet. Photograph your towels. Anything with textures is good!
6. **Shoot photos from your window.** You might not be able to go outside, but you can still shoot outside!
7. **Start your photography website.** I recommend bluehost.com and installing wordpress.org. How to build your own website here.
8. **Photograph your loved one.** If you're home with a roommate, child, partner, wife, husband, etc... photograph them! Photograph what and who you love.
9. Face-time or video-call your friends, family, or anyone you care for... and shoot screen-shots of you two having a good time!
10. Shoot a vlog and explain *why* you love photography. Then upload it to your blog.

11. Upload your best #1 photo to arsbeta.com and get real feedback, and give feedback!

Time is tough, but remember friend--

What doesn't kill you only makes you stronger!

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What I'm reading right now

I find deep motivation and inspiration from reading, even when stuck at home. Some things I'm reading and really enjoying:

1. The Iliad by Homer [[Alexander Pope PDF translation here](#)]
2. Calvin and Hobbes comic (I grew up to this!). [See PDF here](#).
3. Skin in the Game by Nassim Taleb ([Kindle](#)). Good essay by Nassim Taleb on Medium [[for free here](#)]. You can also [find different download options on Penguin website](#) (I read it on iBooks on my iPad).
4. Brave New World (Aldous Huxley, [free pdf here](#)).
5. The History of the Peloponnesian War, by Thucydides [[free epub here](#)]

Use this chance to catch up with great literature to inspire and motivate you to create more artwork!

[Create like today were your last!](#)

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Inspirational Films and Cinema to Motivate You From Home

If you wanna watch some great cinema, here are some of my personal favorites:

1. Ghost in the shell anime (1995)
2. 2001 Space Odyssey
3. 300 (SPARTA!!!!)
4. John Wick (all of them are good. My favorites are the 2nd John Wick, then the 1st John Wick, then the 3rd John Wick)
5. The Matrix (classic)

Suggestion:

When you watch these films, see them on your laptop and take screenshots of any stills you like!

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