

# How to photograph your quilt for Show & Tell



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Yes, you can  
use the camera on  
your phone.  
No special skills  
needed!



Think about where to photograph your quilt:



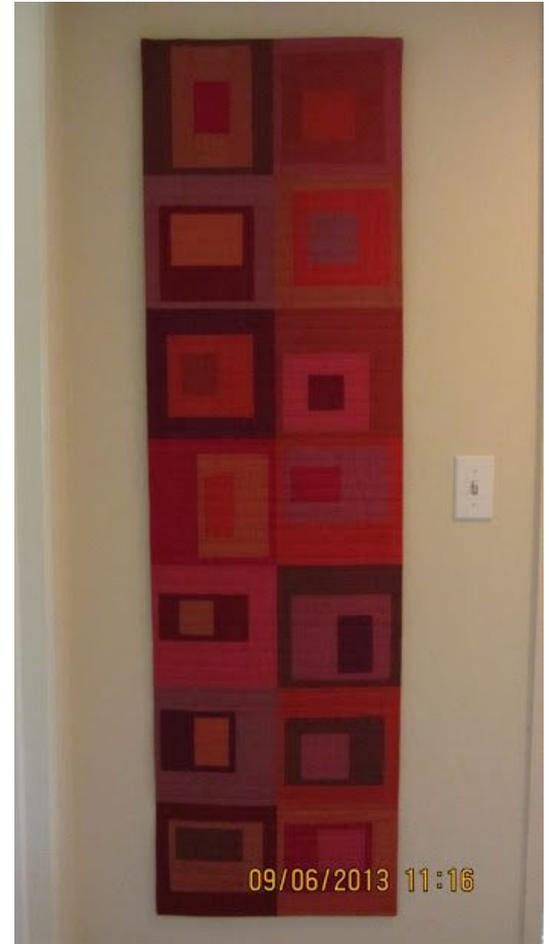
Ideally, backgrounds, people and pets don't distract from your quilt!



Good lighting is important.

Take photographs during the day to use natural (but not direct) sunlight.

Don't use the flash as it will remove all details and definition.





Direct sunlight can wash out colour and detail.

On a sunny day, use an area in light shade, but beware of shadows!

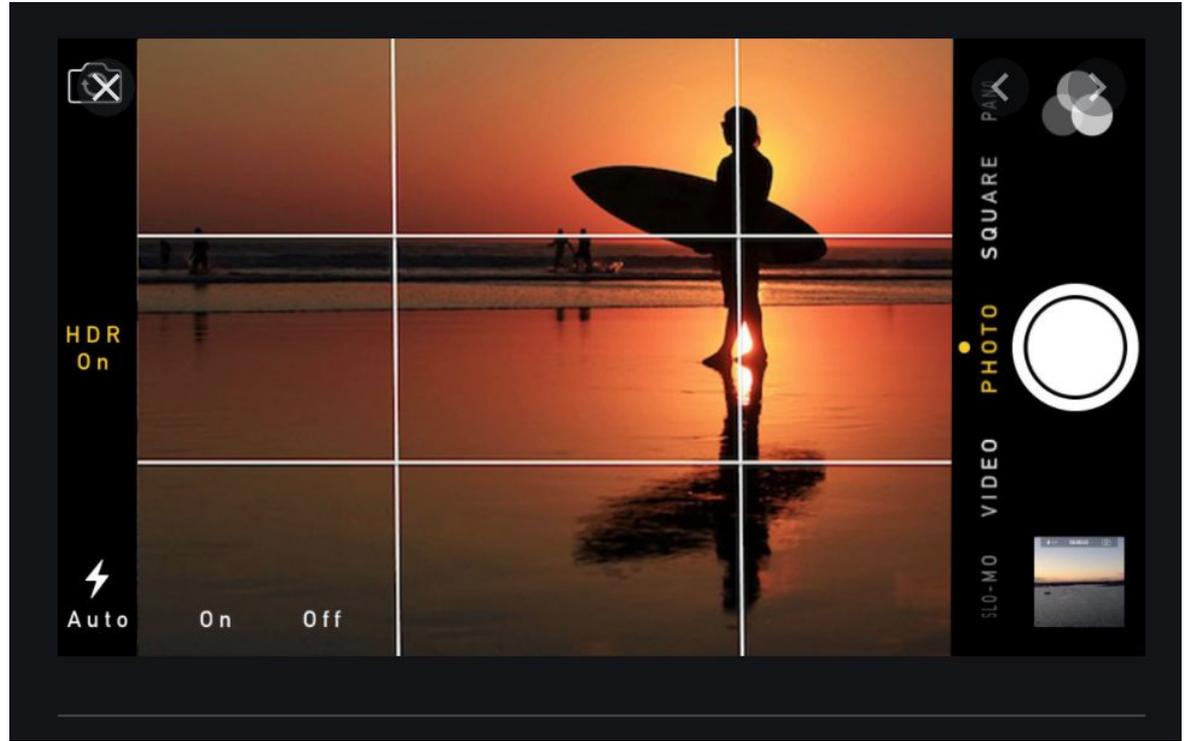


# So what is keystoneing and why don't I want it?



To avoid keystoneing or trapezoidal quilts, make sure the quilt and camera are in the same plane!

Use the grid function to take a better photo.







It's important to be steady and balanced when taking photos to avoid blurring.

Take multiple images to ensure you get a good photo - more to choose from is best!

White, or plain  
contrasting,  
backgrounds are  
less distracting  
and show the quilt  
edges more  
easily.



Try and include texture on quilt photographs.  
Lighting is the key! But angle also makes a difference.



And finally,  
try to avoid  
distracting  
creases!

