Holiday Photo Advice for Amateur Photographers

We've all been there – trying to get the perfect family photo in front of the Christmas tree, but something always seems to go awry. To get some insight on how to capture that gorgeous family holiday photo, we asked a professional photographer for some tricks of the trade.

Aim for Family Fun, Not Perfection

Have fun! Life isn't perfect – it's the messy moments in between that make life beautiful. Remember to enjoy time with your family.

Get the Light Right

Hands down, natural lighting is best. When outdoors, aim to take photos later in the afternoon. When indoors, use lamps and natural lighting when possible.

Scope Your Scene

Showcase the best aspects of your background, and don't forget to take test photos!

Capture All the Moments

Document all your holiday moments, including getting your real Christmas tree, baking cookies, and decorating. That way, you'll have more family photos to select from.

Say, Watermelon!

If you are stressed, everyone will be stressed. Keep it lighthearted! Set up your shot in advance, use a timer, take lots of photos, and tell a funny story to lighten the mood.

Share the Spirit

Don't forget the most important lesson: life isn't perfect. But no matter what, your family photo will be!

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