

# MACRO PHOTOGRAPHY BACKGROUNDS

## Tips & suggestions:

### 1) Do needed housekeeping

- Check for stray flecks of dirt, dead insects, pieces of plant matter, etc.
- Take a shot then check for these things – don't trust your eye when you're taking the photo

### 2) Look for distracting objects & bright spots

- Try changing your position just a tad. Did that eliminate the item and/or bright spot that pulls the viewer's eye to the background instead of your subject?
- If not, can you do some housekeeping to take care of the problem? (Tip #1)
- Or...put something in front of the bright spot?
- Or...do all of the above? 😊

### 3) Consider color

- Color affects our emotions a lot so don't hesitate to play around to see how different colored backgrounds affect the feel and look of your macro image.

### 4) Consider contrast

- Utilize contrasting shapes, sizes, textures, and patterns to turn a semi-interesting subject and/or composition into something interesting and fully engaging.

### 5) Repeating patterns

- After you find a subject that may work well for this, try moving yourself just a hair in several different directions to see which one gives you the most interesting shot—and best composition—using those repeating patterns.