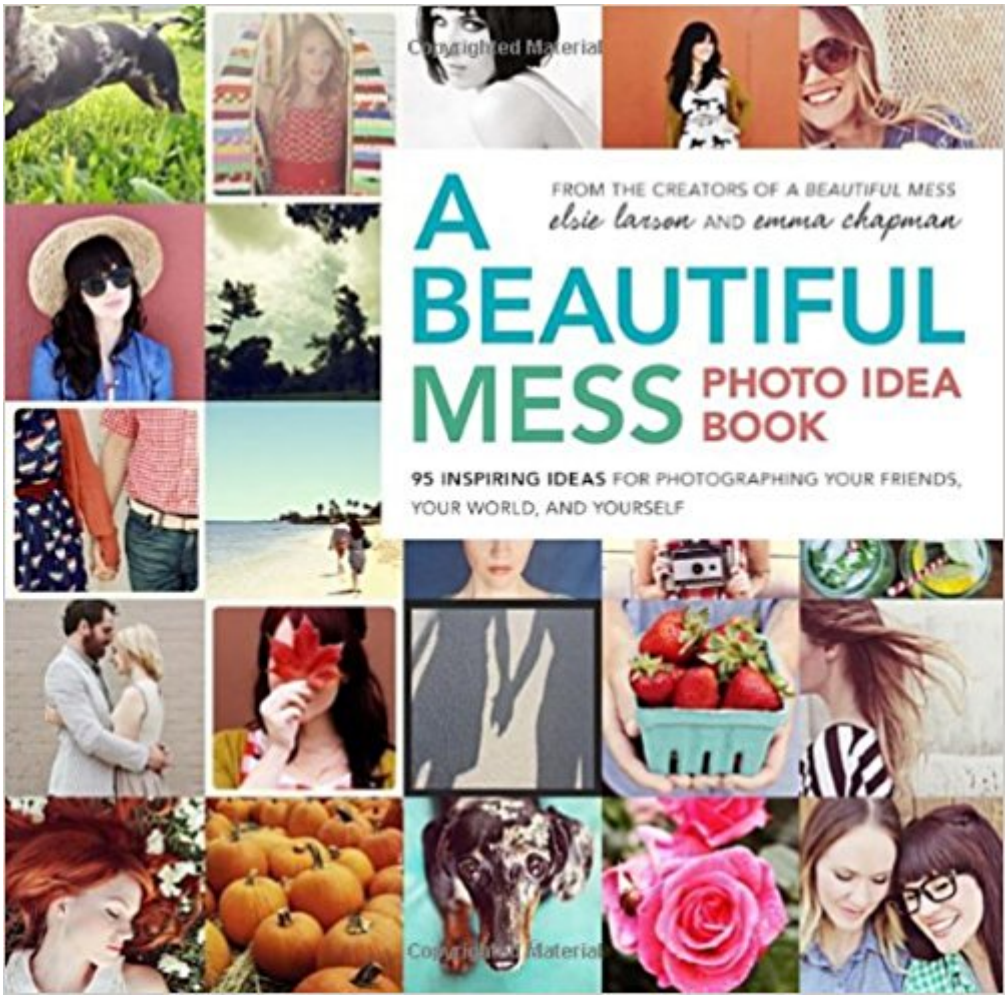
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A Beautiful Mess Photo Idea Book: 95 Inspiring Ideas For Photographing Your Friends, Your World, And Yourself



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Synopsis

Ready to show your photos some love? Ã Â Whether itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s of your sisterÃ¢â ¬â„¢s smile, your morning coffee, or your new puppy, photos are a way to connect on Facebook and Instagram, keep a visual diary of our lives, and create momentos for future generations. Elsie Larson and Emma Chapman, creators of the mega-popular DIY style blog A Beautiful Mess, are in love with photographing everyday life. Here, they share that love with 95 all-new tips and photo challenges that will inspire you to style and snap better photos and then transform them into simple yet stunning projects and gifts. YouÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll learn how to: Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Â¢Ã Â Take the most flattering self-portraits Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Â¢Ã Â Be your own stylist to turn dull, cluttered photos into pretty lifestyle photography Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Â¢Ã Â Capture adorable couple portraits Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Â¢Ã Â Turn everyday moments, hobbies, and rituals into amazing photos Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Â¢Ã Â Show off your favorite photos by turning them into handmade jewelry, home dÃƒÂ©cor, and gifts Ã Â Packed with Elsie and EmmaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s happy spirit and unique style, A Beautiful Mess Photo Idea Book will inspire you to capture your days, your friends, and your dreams in beautiful photos!

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Elsie Larson and Emma Chapman are sisters and the creative minds behind A Beautiful Mess (abeautifulmess.com), one of the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most popular DIY style blogs. Founded by Elsie in 2007, A Beautiful Mess covers craft, photography, recipes, decorating, style, and beauty. A Beautiful Mess has received press in Lucky, Bust, Readymade, and Southern Living magazines, and online at Design Sponge, Style Me Pretty, the Nest, and Apartment Therapy. Elsie and Emma are also the creators of a bestselling line of e-courses.

No question that the ladies put a lot of work into this book, and it is very cute & pretty! Alas, so much of the information is basic -- and yet also not basic enough. An interesting contrast. I knew that the book would not be all that technical, but I ordered it in the hope of wanting to order more to give as gifts to some of my friends who want to be creative but are not naturally inclined to think that way. I was hoping for JUST A FEW basics when it comes to camera settings. The book, however, is definitely NOT for someone who is not already comfortable with a dSLR camera. Sure, there are a few references to photos with phones, but in general, you need to know what you are doing already when it comes to photography in order to achieve a lot of the styles in the book. But therein lies the contrast: For folks like me who do know what they are doing, a lot of the book's ideas seem really basic. And for people who do not know what they are doing with their cameras, the ideas are out of reach.I also think that the book could have been much more interesting with better editing. Some of the concepts are simply too basic to be a full spread (eg, two pages devoted to turning a photo upside down after you take it, literally -- don't get me wrong, a cute concept, but worth just a mention in a list of ideas, not a spread). The book is 240 pages, and it has a lot of lovely & delightful ideas, but it could have been 175 pages and been a MUCH stronger, tighter book.Finally, and this point might be more controversial for the intense Elsie & Emma fans out there, but a vast majority of the photos with people in them feature the ladies themselves. They are very pretty ladies, and they love taking photos of themselves and do a great job of it, but with their success, I am disappointed that they did not feature a broader range of people and perhaps even show a bit of diversity (and I say that as the palest person I know). The book could be much more informative, not to mention more interesting to read, with a greater range of subjects. Examples: I understand that the ladies do not have children at this point (I don't, either), but, really? Not even one spread on ideas for photographing children? Or maybe I missed it? Or what about working with larger groups of people? Or on a busy city street? Or even just featuring different models to highlight the points of the book, perhaps even some people of color? And, most oddly to me, they dedicate the book to their grandparents and yet I am not sure a single person over the age of 30 is featured in the book. I

understand that you cannot cover everything, but the book definitely became repetitive by being so focused on them. (And, yes, I also understand that using other people can involve an expense if you do not have willing friends/family, but the ladies have been very successful and should know to build it into their contracts if they do not want to cover the expense themselves.)I say great effort for a first book, and it is very attractive, but if they want to reach a broader audience and achieve long-term book success, they will need to expand beyond their limited personal space. This book really is just an extension of their website. I understand wanting to write what you know, but they have a thriving business doing that already (ie, ABM). They should certainly be proud of the book, and I know that you cannot please everyone -- but, really, I am hoping that these talented ladies think bigger in their book future!

If you love the style of the girls at A Beautiful Mess, then you're going to love this book! It is them to a T. Their style permeates from these pages while offering great ideas for how to better your photography.The pictures are bright and dynamic. It's simple to understand a beautiful to look at. This will definitely be a book that I keep looking through for inspo throughout the year. As someone who owns and uses a DSLR, I do wish that I had more technical advice.LOVE this book. Love these girls. I may even have some outfit inspo as well!

Not that great but this book will still light a bulb in your brain to get creative in something.

This book is so delightful and offers plenty of easy-to-do ideas for photos. I found especially inspiring and helpful for creating photos to use in blogging. The lovely way each idea is presented by these gals is really refreshing - they are clearly having fun both in front of and behind the camera. Great book for those getting into photography and creating unique and fun content - totally friendly layout and writing style so there's no chance getting intimidated or overwhelmed by by taking "serious" photos. Just have fun!

I bought this book for 2 reasons: 1 - I am a dedicated reader of the ABM blog, and 2 - I love photography and have been practicing with different cameras and techniques for about 2 years now. So I got this book hoping they'd have some really great tips, techniques and interesting projects.After reading through the book, my initial reaction was "wait...I've seen most of this before!" Most of the projects in this book can be found on their blog, and/or are pretty basic. I would definitely recommend this book to a novice photographer or someone who does not read the ABM

blog.I am rating it 3 out of 5 stars due to the content (as I said above, it's quite basic and a replay of their website).They did mention on their blog that if you pre-ordered the book, you'd get a bonus email with a PDF of 4 exciting, brand new projects. I pre-ordered, but never got the email. So not knowing what those projects actually are...I can't factor that into this review. If someone else got the email - am curious what the projects are like (basic, different from blog, etc).

good tips, but the types of photography and examples used are outdated already like the heavily filtered square instagram styles that were popular when the book came out in 2013.

I gave this to my twelve years old grandchild/photographer for inspiration. Since her parents and I are very careful about the media she is exposed to, I looked through every page before giving it to her, and found it provided fun, wholesome ideas for social photography. I consider it money well-spent and would recommend it highly.

I did like this book, but wished it might have been slightly different. I bought a book on iPhone photography and in a much smaller book, it packed way more information on taking unique and interesting photos than this one. However, after saying that this book might have benefitted from being focused on taking the beautiful mess and matching it with journaling OR similar type themes. My daughter thought it was great - she is 12. I was hoping for more ideas to pull things together, but still an ok read.

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