

# Activity Idea

## Street Photography

*Recommended for Adults*

Street photography is a genre of photography in which the purpose is for the artist to capture the subject in everyday life, most often in public spaces. Documenting people in daily life as an art form began in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century with painters such as Edgar Degas and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, who worked alongside photographers. French photographer Charles Nègre produced the first examples of the genre as he documented laborers, musicians, and peddlers in the 1850s. One of the most influential street photographers, Henri Cartier-Bresson, was a renowned photojournalist who travelled the world with his beloved Leica camera which supported both spontaneity and anonymity while shooting.

Many well-known street photographers focused on various themes in their work, from capturing the marginalized of society to focusing on a specific city and time period. Renowned photographers such as Garry Winogrand, Diane Arbus, and Robert Frank are notable for enhancing the street photography movement. Bill Cunningham made a name for himself as an iconic fashion photographer who rode a bicycle through the streets of New York wearing his signature blue French workman's jacket. Cunningham chronicled New Yorker's wardrobes for decades, showcasing avant-garde looks and stylish attire perfect for inclement weather.

### **eBooks:**

*Fashion Climbing: A Memoir* by Bill Cunningham on Overdrive [tinyurl.com/y9on3fsn](https://tinyurl.com/y9on3fsn)

*Street Fashion Photography* by Dyanna Dawson and J.T. Tran on Hoopla [tinyurl.com/ybcdxhqe](https://tinyurl.com/ybcdxhqe)

### **Audiobooks:**

*Diane Arbus: Portrait of a Photographer* by Arthur Lubow on Hoopla [tinyurl.com/yd5dtyq6](https://tinyurl.com/yd5dtyq6)

### **Videos:**

"Bill Cunningham New York" on Kanopy [tinyurl.com/y7m67tf7](https://tinyurl.com/y7m67tf7)

"Jamel Shabazz Street Photographer" on Kanopy [tinyurl.com/ybzadu74](https://tinyurl.com/ybzadu74)

### **Courses:**

Street Photography: Two Hours in a Neighborhood on Lynda [tinyurl.com/y7gm367w](https://tinyurl.com/y7gm367w)

Learning Natural Light Portrait Photography on Lynda [tinyurl.com/yc3lsm34](https://tinyurl.com/yc3lsm34)



**Online Resources:**

International Center of Photography Interviews [www.icp.org/interviews](http://www.icp.org/interviews)

The Museum of Modern Art: Works of Garry Winogrand [tinyurl.com/y8hxmnov](http://tinyurl.com/y8hxmnov)

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These photography activities can be tried at home using a few household materials:

Watch this video ([tinyurl.com/yd4mpvak](http://tinyurl.com/yd4mpvak)) of how you can make your own room into a Camera Obscura

Light painting is a photo technique where a light source is used to draw images during a long exposure time, as explained at “the tinkering studio” website from ExplOrationium [tinyurl.com/t2ges2r](http://tinyurl.com/t2ges2r).