## **Photography: Found Alphabet**











## Your photography challenge:

Spell a word through photographing letters that you find in your everyday environment. Shoot all of your letters in the same direction, either horizontal or vertical. Make the images without photographing any existing writing, typography, billboards, graffiti — in other words, nothing that was intended to be read as a letter. Now, which photography above breaks that rule?

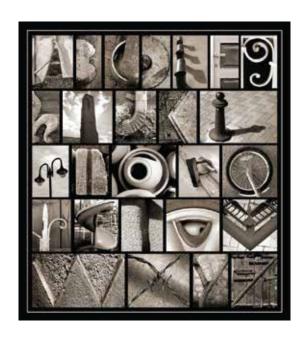
Photograph as many letters and variations in compositions as possible. Bonus if you are able to use objects and environments that relate to your word.

## What this challenge does:

- Strengthens your observational skills.
- It makes you think about composition and cropping
- It forces you to think about depth of field.
- It may allow you to explore positive and negative space; making the letter the focal point of the picture.
- Provides an opportunity to apply the elements of art and principles of design to, again, making the letter the focal point of the picture.
- Allows you the opportunity to practice editing to enhance the photographs and present the chosen word.

## Artist to look at:

Photographer Abba Richman uses the idea of a scavenger hunt to create a photographic alphabet made from everyday items like wheels, bricks, light posts, architectural curves, trees and so much more. It is simply amazing to see.



Canadian photographer Jennifer Blakeley founded **Alphabet Photography Inc.** She was inspired by the children's book **Alphabet City**.