

Still Life

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Work at UMMA



Did a project called Artists In Jackson – 15 jackson-born artists



Also do still life, explore abandoned buildings, etc.
Do this for fun



Food photography is all the rage now! Thinking of project with apples, or cider, or something, last fall.



Victor Cousin

Took inspiration from classic still life paintings (BTW, Always a skull, a book, a candle, etc!)



Harmen Steenwyck

Dutch were really good at this, because they were getting rich in Rembrandt's time,
But wanted to remind people that life is short: hence all the skulls



Dmitry Sevryukov

Knew I wanted to do food, wine, do something fun.



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Phoblographer has great product photography – almost more than product photos
Light, shadow, richness



I took a leather jacket and a window, and played around with my favorite cameras
Artistic problem solving



Then I went outside, played with fall theme.
Not all were successful, but just used what I had on hand.
That got me thinking...



Giuseppe Arcimboldo,
"Summer"

Portraits made of food and still life style



Took a theme and ran with it. Themes help keep us focused.



Giuseppe Arcimboldo,
"Vertumnus"

This theme of food and seasons...betcha I could do that with still life photography.

My Project

- ✿ Represent the four seasons
- ✿ Fitting flowers/plants
- ✿ Color schemes
- ✿ Natural light
- ✿ All taken with 100mm macro lens



“Hortus”

Read somewhere that odds work better than evens: three settings here.

"Aestas"



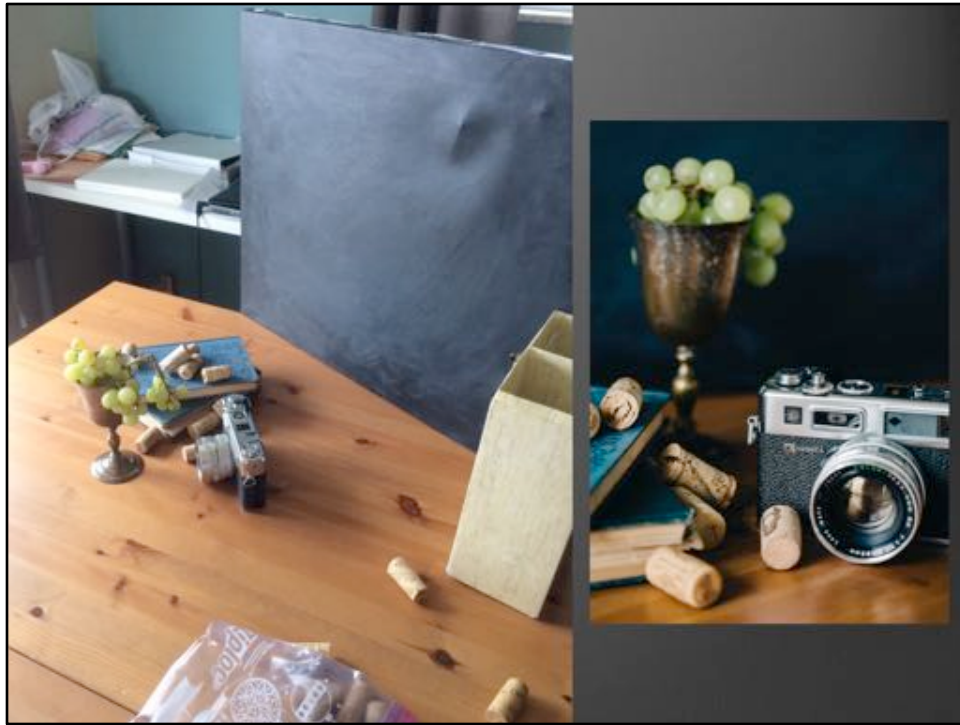
Colors play off each other

Also, took Latin names of seasons and objects to come up with titles



"Hiems"

Background is important, but not most important
Took canvas, repainted, made vignette appearance



Set up: I love window light, gives good shadows, reflections
Wanted a sense of layers: used shallow depth of field

To Think About

First thing: Practice, move things around



Nice to have a unifier: I think in terms of series
Gift yourself restrictions

Light



Unless you're doing flat/abstract (ala Van Gogh), light matters.
Texture, shape, shadows



Materials?

Think thrifty: Goodwill, yard sales, grocery store, parents' house
Texture, theme, colors, support



Let's Do One

----- Meeting Notes (11/15/16 18:57) -----
I have samples!

Questions?

Thanks!

