

Materials

- Your pet, your favorite object, or yourself
- A well-lit wall inside your home
- Bedsheets or lightweight sheets of fabric
- Push pins
- Shoebox or platform if needed
- Camera phone or camera

Instructions:

1. Prepare Workspace

Find a sunny wall in your home where you can safely and comfortably create your backdrop. Think about your subject and what you want to celebrate and highlight. This may include an outfit styled to express your identity, a backdrop with a complimentary color, or even fun and colorful party favors like balloons.

2. Create a Backdrop

Using push pins, drape your lightweight fabric or bed sheets to transform your wall into a backdrop. Make sure the backdrop is larger than your subject and extends to all sides creating a border.

3. Create a Platform

Does your subject need a platform? A piece of furniture or shoebox covered in another sheet of fabric easily creates a platform to elevate your subject. If you are taking your own picture, using a platform and shoebox will help to prop your phone while using the self-timer camera setting. Take test shots and adjust the subject on the platform and against the backdrop as needed.

4. Document

Is your subject ready for their close up? Are there objects that can be added to highlight and celebrate the subject even more? If documenting a pet, be sure to have treats or a toy to capture their attention.