



### JUDGES DESCRIPTION:

January 2019 Theme: **Tools**

- ▶ The main subject of this image must be a tool or tools, not merely someone using the tool.
- ▶ This could be still life, light painting, macro or some other method to depict the tool.
- ▶ Please ensure that the main thrust and focus of the picture is the tool or tools.

We are into the time of year that inside photography may be more comfortable than out. This is a great time to stir your creative juices around table top photography or try your hand at light painting. Below are some sites which I thought might help in that endeavour.

To start with, I would suggest going to Pinterest and the almighty Google for examples. Although some of the pictures are pictures of paintings, there are some marvelous ideas:

<https://www.pinterest.ca/art4tab/art-still-life-of-tools/?lp=true>

[https://www.google.ca/search?q=Still+Life+Pictures+of+tools&hl=en&tbm=isch&source=iu&ictx=1&fir=c0tMI0Rz0-6pQM%253A%252CAYpmb6S-Xc6fIM%252C\\_&usg=AI4\\_kTDvOquttA1QiqxGCo\\_pRIhpycNXQ&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwihy8ju94PfAhUxNH0KHfJoAlwQ9QEwAHoECAUQBA#imgsrc=MNMH4mdgT84enM](https://www.google.ca/search?q=Still+Life+Pictures+of+tools&hl=en&tbm=isch&source=iu&ictx=1&fir=c0tMI0Rz0-6pQM%253A%252CAYpmb6S-Xc6fIM%252C_&usg=AI4_kTDvOquttA1QiqxGCo_pRIhpycNXQ&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwihy8ju94PfAhUxNH0KHfJoAlwQ9QEwAHoECAUQBA#imgsrc=MNMH4mdgT84enM)

As mentioned under the judge's description, how you shoot this theme is up to your imagination. One of the more popular categories for shooting tools seems to be still life. Following is a longer article penned by Andrea Minoia for Expert Photography. Her own tools of the trade are very creative, from her light sources to camera equipment. Please note that most of the articles she shoots in this article are outside the theme description, but the ideas are easily extended to "Tools."

<https://expertphotography.com/complete-guide-still-life-table-top-photography/>

Following is a site with wonderful creative ideas. The artist shows the tools she used to create interesting shots of tools and other subject genres. The writer artist is Dina Belenko.

<https://iso.500px.com/the-5-most-important-tools-in-my-still-life-photography-kit/>

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The last site is a dangerous one. Light painting in regards to our current theme. This example comes from [lightpaintingphotography.com](http://lightpaintingphotography.com) In the example shown, a human model is used and numerous aftermarket tools are demonstrated. Don't let this dissuade you as it is easy to build your own tools and transfer the theme of this example to any you might want to try.

<http://lightpaintingphotography.com/light-painting-tutorials/jason-d-page/how-to-light-paint/>

And why is this site dangerous? It is kind of like that old potato chip add, "bet your can't eat just one." The videos and the photography in this site are very creative and very interesting- it would just not let me go!