

Digital Camera Checklist

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- Choosing a Camera
 - Talk to friends and family to learn about which digital cameras work well.
 - Determine how you will use the camera.
 - Determine what kinds of prints you'll make.
 - Determine what size of camera you want.
 - Familiarize yourself with the terms and features involved with digital cameras.
 - Determine how much you want to spend.
 - Check opinions posted on the internet.
- Camera Features
 - Go for a 6-megapixel camera if you're undecided.
 - Pick a shooter with at least a 3x optical zoom.
 - Don't bother about digital zooms on digital cameras.
 - Choose for AA-size rechargeable batteries if you are a frequent traveller.
 - If you don't want to compromise on the size of your camera, choose for lithium ion batteries.
 - Go for a 2.5-inch LCD display with approximately 200k pixels.
 - Take a look at the type of flash memory - choose cameras that use the same memory card format as your other devices.
 - Look for a camera with easy flash mode settings and distance mode settings.
- If Buying at the Store
 - Be honest about your photography experience level.
 - Test a few models and find one that fits your hands.
 - Compare prices on the models.
 - Know the store's return policies and the camera's warranty.
 - Decide whether you want to purchase the extended warranty.