12 Days of P52: Day Six

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Sketch / Notebooks

I am a big believer in sketching out image ideas. And you don't have to be an artist to do so. Remember, these notes are for your eyes an brain to scan and understand, not for hanging on gallery walls.

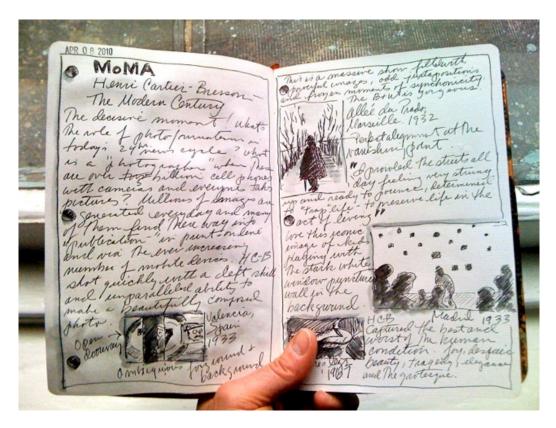
From concept preparation to lists of props needed to lighting ideas and more – there is nothing better than a small notebook or three.

There will be a workbook furnished to you for the class and it will have a section for each assignment. However, you may also want something smaller to do extensive notes on as well/

I recommend the small type that can easily be carried in a pocket. I have one in my auto, on the bike and always one in the camera bag. I have a larger one for daily notes and such in my notebook bag.

A tool that will also come in handy is a tape measure. Just a small one that will do 10 feet is fine.

Use this to measure distances for your notebook. Lights, background, scrims etc... This will help you make more accurate notes, and also begin to learn the power / distance relationship of your lights.



Keeping a journal can be creative in its own right. At left, a page of Henri Cartier Bresson's journal.

Check this article out for a lot of truly inspirational journal types.

