

Our Friend the Filter

Filters are used to change the contrast, difference between black and white, on prints. Filters can make flat gray prints true black and white, while decreasing the contrast on photos that have too much black and white and no gray.

Filters are numbered 0-5 with half stops in between

Filters 0-2 1/2 decrease contrast.

Filters 3 1/2 – 5 increase the contrast.

When printing, find the correct exposure for the print. Then decide if a filter is needed. If a filter is needed you need to double the exposure time of the photograph.

Filter care:

Do not get the filters wet

Keep the filter sets at their enlargers

Do not take the filters apart

Make the filters your friend