Storytelling Through Photography

There's a difference between photography and visual storytelling. Anyone can take a photograph, but can anyone use photographs to tell stories?

Where is storytelling with photography best used?

- Personal blog posts
- Memory blog posts
- Recipe blog posts
- Crafty blog posts
- DIY blog posts
- Tutorial blog posts
- Event blog posts
- ANYTHING that has a story in it that YOU can tell

How can you improve your storytelling with photography?

1) Choose shots that tell a story.

2) Take special note of lighting, and natural is often best.

3) Follow rules to tell your story, and break rules when it's better to tell your story that way.

4) Set up your scenes, and paint them, by experimenting with angles.

5) Frame your story with natural frames, interesting shapes, and leading lines.

6) Photograph from your heart, the way you write from your heart.

7) Take photos of things YOU love, and where, when, why, and how you love them.

8) Focus on details to tell your story. Lots of details.

9) Convey history, humor, and strong emotions with your photos, and that will tell stories in many photos, or as little as one.

10) Remember that no one can tell your story better than you can.

What should you use? Whatever you have! I'm a big fan of DSLR cameras, but sometimes they tell only half the story. A phone camera is often the camera you have on you, so use that. Don't miss an opportunity to capture the most important part of a story — the visuals — because you don't have a fancy camera in your hand as it's happening.