

My Setup for Snowflake Photography

Cloth (Fleece works best so far) to catch snowflakes on. Made mine so that I can roll them up like scrolls when not being used. I keep them in the garage to stay cold.

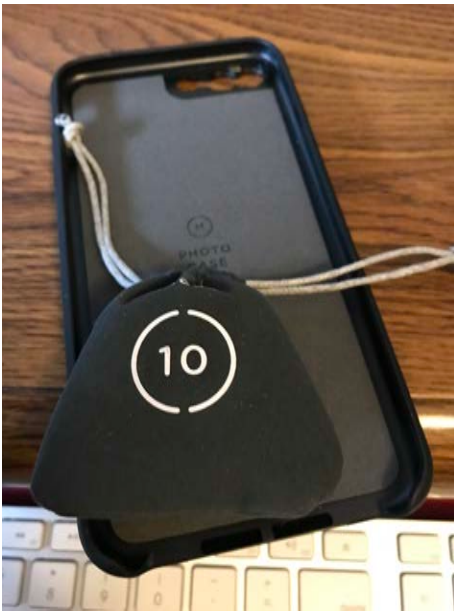


Bag to bring cold camera back into the house. Can just use plastic bag, or camera bag. This is to allow it to cool down slowly and prevent condensation with equipment.



DSLR or Cell phone with Macro Capability. I use my Tamron 90mm macro with 36mm extension tube added on. Gets me closer to the snowflake for focusing on it.

I also use my iPhone 7 Plus with a Moment Macro lens. The case is made to fit specific cell phone (iPhone and Android).



Lighting options. Works best to light the snowflakes to highlight contrast of them. I have bought but not tried out yet this ring light. It was a VERY good price on amazon.com.



Mostly I hand hold when shooting snow so I can go to the snowflake. Another way to go is setting up a tripod and bringing the snowflake to you to take photos. It's important to try and take the photo straight on as much as possible in order to get as much of the flake in focus. Using macro lens, there is a very narrow field of view.

I've had more luck so far with DSLR shots versus cell phone but I'm still experimenting. It takes just the right conditions for the perfect snowflakes.