How to Set Up Your Photos for Editing in

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP
LIGHTROOM

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Before

After

STEP 1

Download Lightroom to your computer. You can download a 30-day free trial, or purchase the Creative Cloud.

STEP 2
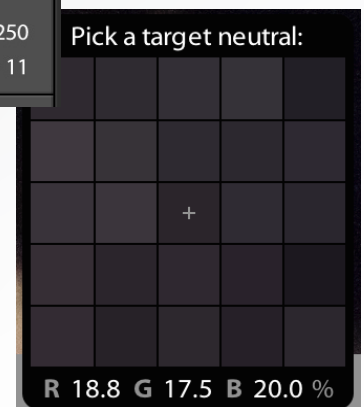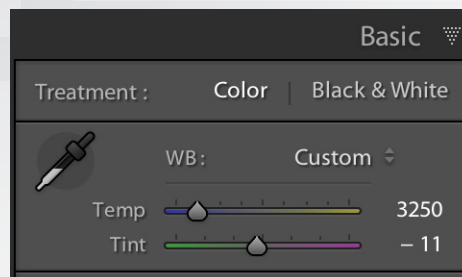
Insert your memory card into your computer.

STEP 3

Import your photos.

-Choose one: Copy as DNG (Copies RAW files to folder & converts to DNG*), Copy (Copies RAW files to folder), Add (Adds RAW files to catalog only)

-Select your source (your SD card)

-Select your destination folder (where you are going to store the RAW, unedited files)

-Rename files (date-filename)

STEP 4

Fix your white balance.

-Choose a picture with a nice grey in it

-Click the eyedropper under "basic"

-"Pick a target neutral"-select a color where all three numbers are as close together & as close to 18% as possible

-A grey card works the best, 18% grey card you take a picture with

Basic ▽		
Treatment :	Color	Black & White
WB :	Custom ⬍	
Temp		3250
Tint		− 11

Pick a target neutral:

R 18.8 G 17.5 B 20.0 %

STEP 5

Synchronize your white balance
-Select the picture you fixed the while balance on first
-Hold shift and select only pictures that were taken in the same atmosphere
-Click "Sync" and always choose "Check None" first
-Click "White Balance" and then "Synchronize"

STEP 6

Sort your files with flags
-Use "X" to flag photo as a reject
-Use "P" to flag photo as a pick
-Use "U" to unflag a photo

STEP 7

Sort your files with filters and the spray can
-Go to "Library" & click the spray can
-Click an option from the dropdown menu:
       -Keywords (Set your own word)
       -Labels (colors)
       -Flags (reject, pick)
       -Rating (0-5 stars)
       -Rotation (If your camera doesn't auto rotate)
-Make sure you are in grid mode
-Click each picture with the spray can that you want that filter to apply to
-Now you can go to "Develop" and click a filter, and any photo with that filter will appear
-If you are in "Develop" and want to apply filters to just a couple photos, right click and set a flag/rating/label/keyword

Filter : ◇ ◇ ◇ ≥ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Flagged, Unflagged, Rejected   Rating   Color Labels

*List of File Types Accepted By Lightroom   *List of Lightroom Key Shortcuts