

# Want to make self-portraits like Chinelle Rojas?

Here's what to keep in mind from her Create With Me video



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## Utilize camera features

As you step away from the camera itself and into your scene, reliance on its performance is essential. A modern body is capable of plenty, but it's down to you to dial useful settings in first. For Chinelle, the interval timer is a must. Her preference is a photo every second, for infinity – until she returns to the camera to stop it! It offers a high chance of freezing a moment she loves, as she flows between poses.

Next, manually set your focal point to the area you'll be in, or opt for face/eye autofocus. With the latter, be aware of your surroundings. If you're sharing a scene with passersby, they may draw the focus point away from you.



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## Embrace new challenges

Chinelle urges all fellow creatives to attempt something they've never done before. Step outside your comfort zone – maybe even try the thing that scares you most. In her example, Chinelle ventured out to a public space to make images. Other ideas include new lighting setups and editing in a fresh way.

Self-portraits are free from client or subject expectations. You're creating for yourself, so take full advantage of that and step outside the box.



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## Look for inspiration

*"I would really love for you to experience the freedom to be inspired,"* Chinelle effuses. Inspiration itself can be found all around, when you remain open to it. Her dreamy example was made close to home, when Chinelle saw vines growing in her backyard. From here, she cultivated a look and achieved a gorgeous final result.

The possibilities truly are endless. Be perceptive, view all you can with a creative eye, and consider how you might incorporate one interesting detail into a more complete scene. If it doesn't work out, there's no harm done. That's the joy of being the photographer and subject at once. When it all comes together well, the images may astound you.

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