

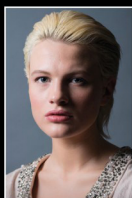
LIGHTING GUIDE

MASTER PRO PORTRAIT LIGHTING WITH THESE 24 ESSENTIAL STUDIO SET-UPS

REMBRANDT WITH A SOFTBOX



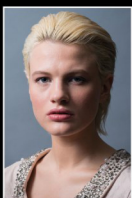
KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, one 20-inch softbox
Position the light high and to the side to create a triangle of light on the model's cheek. The shadow of the nose should point towards the edge of the lips. The softbox creates a soft directional effect.



REMBRANDT THROUGH A BROLLY



KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, one white shoot-through brolly
Position the light high and to the side to create a triangle of light on the model's cheek. The shadow of the nose should point towards the edge of the lips. Shooting through a brolly creates a similar effect to a softbox.



REMBRANDT WITH A HONEYCOMB



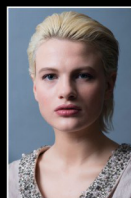
KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, one honeycomb grid attachment
Position the light high and to the side to create a triangle of light on the model's cheek. The shadow of the nose should point towards the edge of the lips. The strong directional light is a great way to create drama.



REMBRANDT WITH A SILVER BROLLY



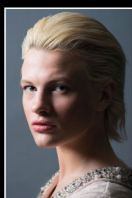
KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, one silver brolly used as a reflector
Position the light high and to the side to create a triangle of light on the model's cheek. The shadow of the nose should point towards the edge of the lips. The reflector causes the light to spread a little further.



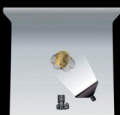
REMBRANDT SHORT



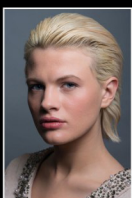
KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, one 20-inch softbox
Use the principles of Rembrandt lighting to create the triangle of light on the face. Position the model's head at an angle and light it from the opposite side, so the side of the face closer to the camera falls into shadow.



REMBRANDT BROAD



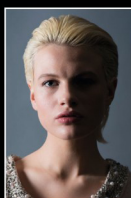
KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, one 20-inch softbox
Use the principles of Rembrandt lighting to create the triangle of light on the face. Position the model's head at an angle, and light it from the opposite side, so the side of the face closer to the camera is lit.



SPLIT



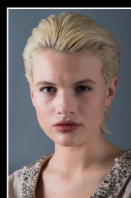
KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, one 20-inch softbox
Position a light to one side of the model in such a way that no light spills onto the other side of the face, with a shadow line running down the centre. We've used a softbox here, but any of the modifiers will work.



SPLIT WITH FILL



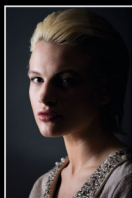
KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, one 20-inch softbox
Position a light to one side of the model in such a way that no light spills onto the other side of the face, with a shadow line running down the centre. Position a reflector on the opposite side to fill in the shadows.



SPLIT/SHORT



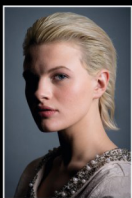
KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, one 20-inch softbox
Use the split technique with right spilling onto one side of the face, and pose the model to have her head at an angle. Position the light so the far (back) side is lit and the rest of the face is in shadow.



SPLIT/BROAD



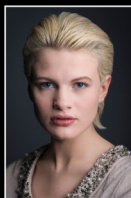
KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, one 20-inch softbox
Use the split technique with right spilling onto one side of the face, and pose the model to have her head at an angle. Position the light so the near (back) side is lit and the rest of the face is in shadow.



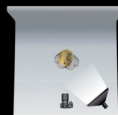
KEY WITH A CLOSE SOFTBOX



KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, one 20-inch softbox
Position the softbox above and to one side of the model for a classic Loop or Rembrandt effect. Place the softbox just a couple of feet away. This creates softer shadows. Look at the soft shadow from the nose.



KEY WITH A FAR AWAY SOFTBOX



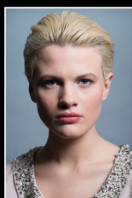
KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, two 20-inch softboxes
Position the softbox above and to one side of the model for a classic Loop or Rembrandt effect. Place the softbox six feet or more away. This will create harder shadows. Look at the shadow of the nose.



LOOP



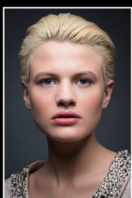
KIT: Two strobes, one lightstand, one 20-inch softbox
This set-up is similar to Rembrandt, but rather than creating a classic triangle of light on the subject's cheek, the shadow from the nose should create a loop pointing towards the corner of the mouth.



BUTTERFLY



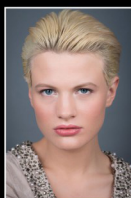
KIT: One strobe, one lightstand, one 20-inch softbox
Position one light above and directly in line with the centre of the subject's face. Notice how there's an even shadow under the nose. It's best if this shadow doesn't reach the way down to the upper lip.



FLAT LIGHT



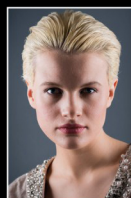
KIT: Two strobes, two lightstands, two 20-inch softboxes
Use a second light and softbox for this set-up, and position both lights set at the same power each side of the subject at the same distance and angle, and head height. Notice the lack of shadows.



BADGER



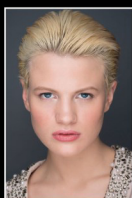
KIT: Two strobes, two lightstands, two 20-inch softboxes
This is very similar to the Flat Light set-up. To create a more shadow, simply move the newly positioned lights slightly behind the subject. This can create a more low-key look, and works well with male subjects.



CLAMSHELL



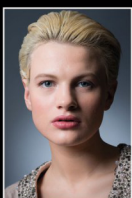
KIT: Two strobes, two lightstands, two 20-inch softboxes
This is a great beauty set-up. Position one softbox above the model in the centre, and one below, also in the centre. A boom arm to support the above light directly above the model is useful, but isn't vital.



LOOP WITH A BACKGROUND LIGHT



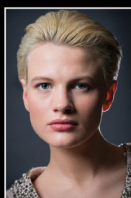
KIT: Two strobes, two lightstands, one 20-inch softbox
Use a simple Loop or Rembrandt set-up. Position a second light behind the model, pointing at the background. Adjust the strength and angle to vary the intensity and gradient.



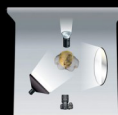
LOOP WITH A RIM LIGHT



KIT: Two strobes, two lightstands, one 20-inch softbox, one honeycomb grid attachment
Use a simple Loop or Rembrandt set-up. Position a second light with a honeycomb grid and snoot attached, high behind the subject. Angle it so that it catches the edge of the hair.



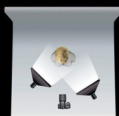
HIGH KEY



KIT: Two strobes, two lightstands, one 20-inch softbox, one reflector
Use one softbox as a key light and a large silver reflector close to the subject to fill in the shadows. To make the background completely white, point a strobe towards the background and set it to full power.



KEY AND FILL



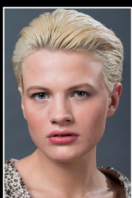
KIT: Two strobes, two lightstands, two 20-inch softboxes
Set a key light above the subject at a 45-degree angle to create a basic Loop set-up. Position a second light in a lower position to the other side of the model, reduce its power to roughly half that of the key light.



KEY, FILL AND HAIR LIGHT



KIT: Three strobes, three lightstands, one honeycomb grid attachment
Start with a key and fill set-up. Add a third hair light above and behind the subject. Attach a honeycomb grid to narrow the light beam.



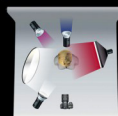
HARD KEY WITH KICKERS



KIT: Three strobes, three lightstands, two 20-inch softboxes, one strobe with reflector
Position two softboxes slightly behind the subject. Place a third light using a reflector and snoot in front of, above and at an angle to the subject.



COLOURED GELS



KIT: Four strobes, four lightstands, one 20-inch softbox, three strobes with reflectors, three sheets of gel, one silver reflector
A softbox with a red gel creates a glow from the right. A strobe with a blue gel lights the background. A strobe with a purple gel adds an accent.

