

# Props, Preparation and Taking of Photos to Showcase Australian Bonsai for the 9th World Bonsai Convention

## Props as per AABC Instruction.

Blind from Spotlight (Brooklyn Blockout Roller Blind, White, 1.8 x 2.1m.)

Material cover from Spotlight. (Top Pop Poplin, Bright Blue, 108cm wide)

Any suitable table.



## Preparation.

Setup a table in a room with good natural, indirect light coming in from a window or opening.

Hang the blind behind the table.

Cover the table with the blue material.

Stretch the material a little to eliminate creases, by taping both ends and sides.

Because the light will be coming from one side, use a plain white board propped up at the opposite end of the table to reflect some light back onto the subject.

Use any good camera or good phone camera at highest resolution.



Position your bonsai and companion plant if you are using one, so that everything fits inside the blind when looking through your view finder. We need to be able to crop your photo to show just the display items and not what is outside the blind.

If you find it simpler to photo just the bonsai, no problem.



Suiseki need to be photographed on a white painted wood box. This one is made very simply from MDF and is 50 x 30 x 20 cm. This would accommodate many Suiseki but if you have much larger stones to photograph, directly onto a white cover would be fine.



This photo is just to show the reflecting board.

This photo was taken at 10am in a room that does not receive acceptable indirect light until around 2pm, so it does not show reflected light. Just for example.



We will run all submitted photos through Photoshop and crop and enhance where necessary to sharpen, fix shadows if any and generally improve the photo if it needs it.

We will need the Botanical name and height of each bonsai from soil level to apex.

If a suitable stand is available, please photo the bonsai on a stand.

and the Country of Origin and length x height x width of each suiseki.



If you are already an expert taking photos, please disregard these notes however photos can only be accepted with the props outlined.