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## A Printer Like No Other

## \$25.00 Yours Free

MG8120. Not a glorious name, but one heckuva printer. Canon's newest photo quality inkjet printer designed for home or very small business use does a couple of things no printer in its class has done before.

In addition to a typical color ink set, it uses a gray ink to print neutral toned black & white prints, instead of just using less black ink. It also uses dye based color (and gray) inks along with a pigment based black for results much closer to laser text sharpness.

The really amazing new concept, however, is that the MG8120 also makes astoundingly high quality prints from any HD video file shot with any Canon EOS or PowerShot camera. It will not make prints from videos shot with a camcorder. It also will print directly from many newer smart phones via a downloadable Canon app.



Yes, it also scans prints, 35mm negatives and 35mm slides with built in restorative software. The printer is now in stock in both stores for well under \$300!

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## New Camera Blues (and Reds and Greens)

Nikon's new D7000 SLR camera has been getting a lot of press lately, but not all of it is good. We are presently not accepting delivery on the model. Nikon has an entirely new sensor with matching firmware for this model camera, and it is a bit problematic - at least for now.

All digital cameras can have "hot" or "dead" pixels in their arrays, but they are not always noticeable and/or are corrected by software. It appears that the D7000 in video mode is suffering from very noticeable "hot" pixels in their initial production run(s). Typically, the camera masks them out, but in the D7000, they are obvious, especially when shooting

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shooting in High Definition video mode. It is widely assumed that Nikon will remedy this problem with firmware updates, but they have yet to do so (as of this writing). Until this otherwise fine camera is problem free, consider a different camera or wait before purchasing a D7000.



### Thanksgiving Photo Hints

If you are roasting a turkey, take a picture of it being removed from the oven or fryer. The steam coming off the hot bird creates a warm feeling in the viewer (as well as in the turkey itself).

With everyone gathered around the table, use your camera with your zoom set to its widest angle. Bend, squat or lean down to get a shooting angle of just above the highest item on the table and then snap away. The resulting photos will look more natural and less posed because the point of view will be closer to that of someone seated during the meal.

Remember that as sugar is consumed, redden is more pronounced. If possible, take pictures before cocktails or desserts are served.

When someone falls asleep in front of the football game on TV after the feast, take a photo from a couple of different angles. The subject might not be enamored with the shot, but the rest of the family will!

So much for another month's newsletter. Have a great Gobble Day and have fun taking great photos. You never know if one of them will be your Holiday greeting card a few weeks later.

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