

## Equipment

We purchased and tested the following equipment for this story from B&H:

- Eiko 250 watt/120 volt 3200 K incandescent lamps, \$3.99.
- Impact 12-inch Reflector with socket and cord, \$39.
- Impact 32-inch Reflector Disk, white, \$20.
- Impact Two Monolight Kit (300 watt seconds each), with lights, umbrellas, light stands, without case, \$350; the same product with the case is \$400.
- Savage Background Paper, 53-inches by 12 yards, Fashion Gray, \$26.
- Vello Wired Remote for Canon, \$7.50.
- Vello Hotshoe Adapter for Canon, \$30.
- Westcott Rapid Box Octa Mini (diffusion box for Speedlight), \$150.

## Online Resources for Photo Techniques and Equipment

- **Adorama** sells a wide range of new and used equipment online and from its New York City superstore. It provides workshops and information about photo techniques and a range of services from printing to equipment rental.
- **B&H** not only sells a vast range of equipment online, new, used and rental, the site also provides training classes and discussion of basic photographic techniques. Reasonable prices, good service, and a New York City superstore.
- **Calumet Photographic** sells new, used and rental equipment and offers a range of photo services online and at over a dozen retail locations nationwide.
- **Camera West** has two West Coast locations operated by passionate photographers who sell new and used gear.

## Online Sources for Photographic Techniques and Information

- **Cambridge in Color** provides clear explanations of even the most technical material—including how lenses work, what aperture means, and how to judge depth of field. The producer of the site is not only a photo enthusiast, but knows the science behind what he describes (and holds a PhD in chemistry).
- **DPRreview** offers excellent discussions of new gear, with tests and ratings
- **Luminous Landscape** caters to well-off but incredibly enthusiastic photographers who want the best equipment and the best results. You can search on extensive discussions of technique and equipment. Though aimed more at landscape photography, it offers a depth of information.
- **The Digital Picture** consists of in-depth camera and lens reviews for equipment that will work on Canon and Nikon bodies. The rigorous lens tests show detailed results for lenses going back at least a decade—so this is a useful site for judging both new and used equipment, in terms of image quality.

## Similar monolight kits:

- Interfit Two Light Kit (300 watt seconds each), with an umbrella, a soft box and light stands, \$400 from Adorama and B&H.
- Smith Victor Three-Light Kit (110 watt seconds each), with two umbrellas and light stands, \$370 from Adorama, Amazon, B&H, and Calumet Photographic.