Lens Filter	Effect	Photography Type
UV & Skylight Filter	<ul><li>Protects lens glass</li><li>Shields old photography film from UV rays</li></ul>	All
Polarizing Filter	<ul><li>Reduces reflections and glare</li><li>Enhances colors and contrast</li></ul>	All
Neutral Density Filter	<ul> <li>Reduces the amount of light entering the lens</li> <li>Allows the use of slower shutter speeds and wider apertures</li> <li>Helps create motion blur</li> </ul>	Landscape and Flash Photography
Hard-Edge Graduated ND Filter	<ul> <li>Reduces the amount of light entering the lens through the top half of the filter</li> <li>Provides a sharp transition between dark and clear for flat horizons</li> <li>Balances exposure and high contrast between bright midday skies and dark foreground</li> </ul>	Landscape Photography
Soft-Edge Graduated ND Filter	<ul> <li>Reduces the amount of light entering the lens through the top half of the filter</li> <li>Provides a smoother transition between dark and clear so use of filter is not evident</li> </ul>	Landscape Photography

	Balances exposure and high contrast between bright midday skies and dark foreground	
Reverse Graduated ND Filter	<ul> <li>Reduces the amount of light entering the lens around the upper midline</li> <li>Provides a smooth transition from dark to less dark from the middle to the top edge</li> <li>Properly exposes the sun for clearer sunsets and sunrises</li> </ul>	Landscape Photography
Colored Filter	<ul> <li>Corrects colors for accurate white balance</li> <li>Enhances or blocks one type of color</li> </ul>	All
Close-Up Filter	<ul><li>Allows closer focusing on subjects</li><li>Helps capture sharp close-ups</li></ul>	Macro Photography
Special Effects Filters	<ul> <li>Produces multi-point star sparkles</li> <li>Softens or diffuses edges for dream-like effect with sharp center</li> <li>Creates multiple copies of a subject or scene</li> <li>Blocks infrared light and passes visible light</li> <li>Customizes the shape of bokeh lights</li> </ul>	All