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## Speakers Erik Johannson: Photographer and retoucher



Photographer Erik Johannson creates impossible but photorealistic images that capture an idea, not a moment.



**Erik Johannson: Impossible photography**  
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### Erik Johannson on the Web

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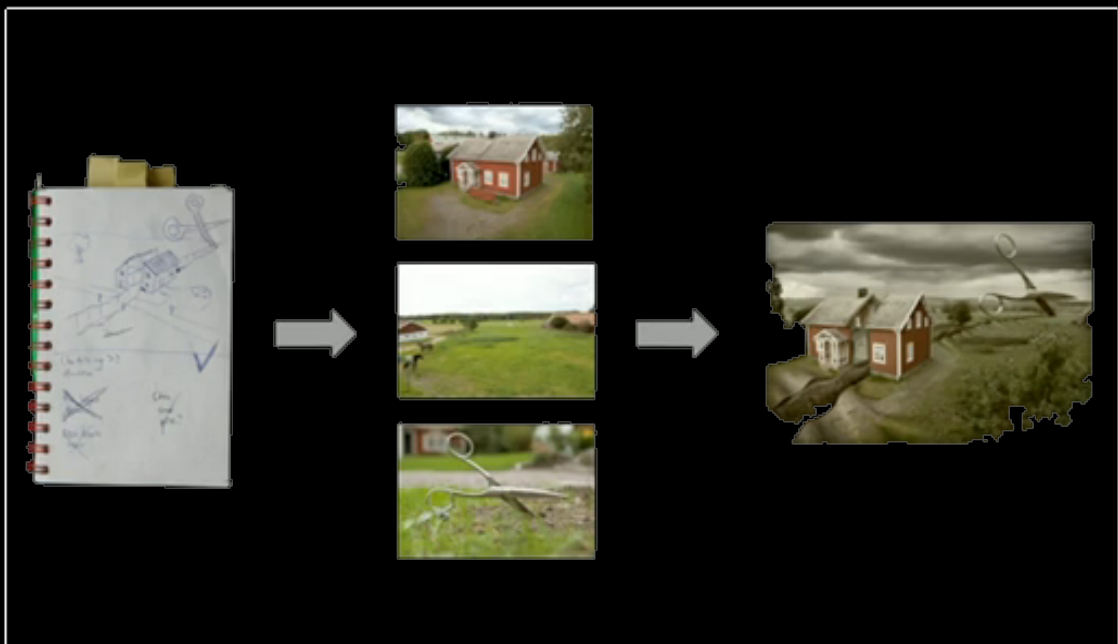
### Why you should listen to him:

Erik Johannson is a self-taught photographer who learned how to retouch photos to make impossible and extraordinary images. Growing up with a grandmother who painted and a penchant for escaping into the other worlds of video games, he naturally blended the two into a technique using computers to generate images that couldn't be captured by a camera.

"Who hasn't wished to simply iron out a kink in one's character? Or to punch one's own face after making a mistake?"

— Environmental Graffiti

Point to remember:  
The most important part is the planning



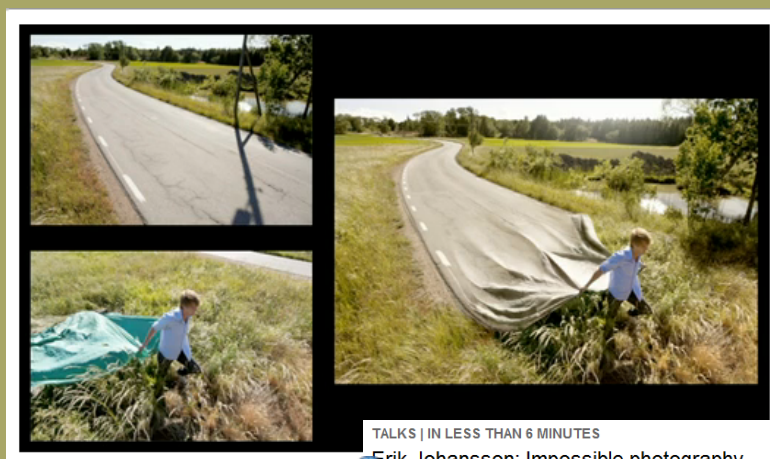


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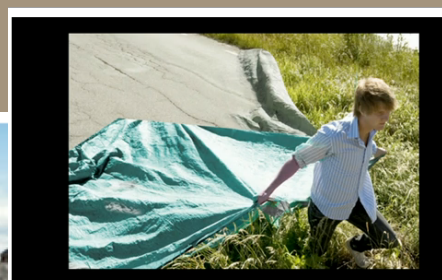
Three rules:

1. Photos combined should have the same perspective (same angle, same height)
2. Photos combined should have the same type of light.



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3. Make it impossible to see where the images begin and end - "Make it seamless"



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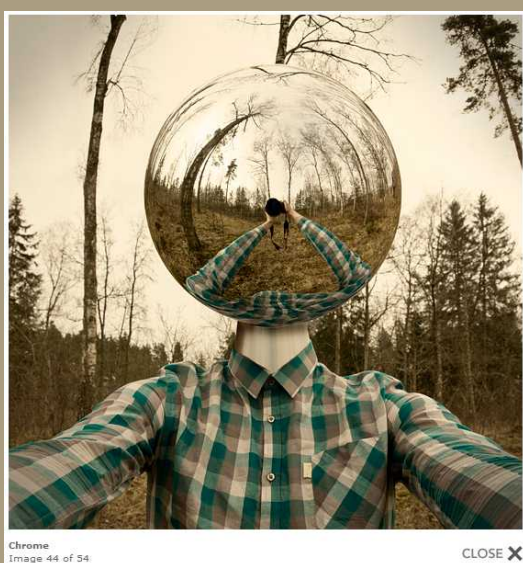




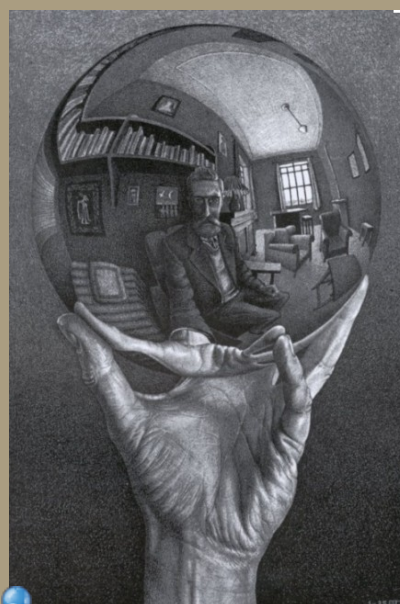
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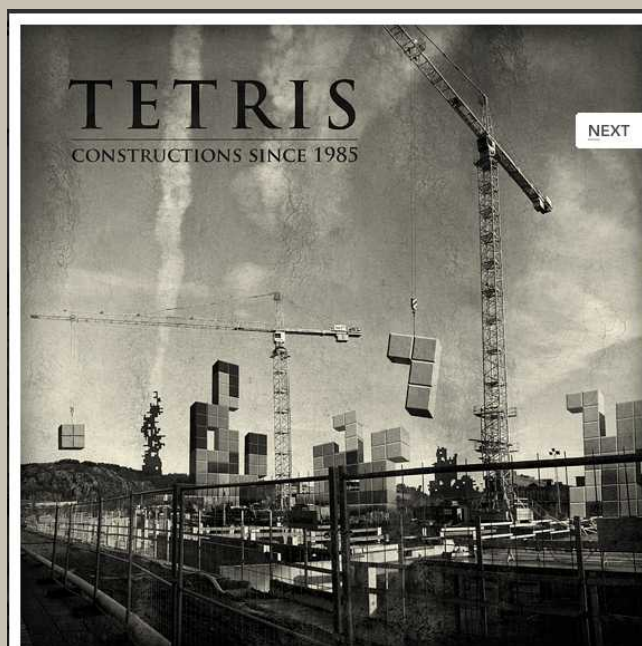
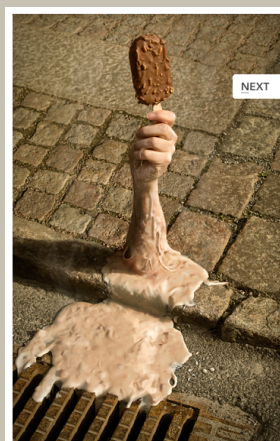




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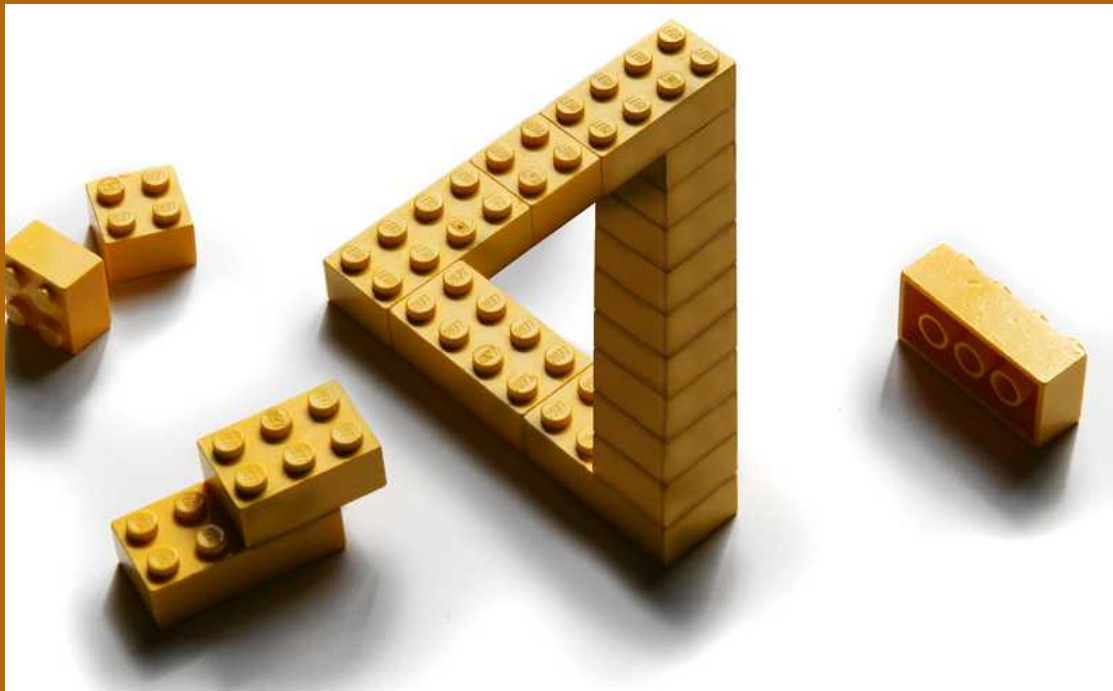
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"Not what is realistic but what we think is realistic."

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