

# Focus Stacking

Using CombineZM <http://combinezm.softpedia.com/>

This is a Freeware program for Windows. Yes, it is free, but for Windows only. I found out about this in Photography Monthly magazine, July 2013 issue.



## How to focus stack

1. Find a subject and stabilise it.
2. Set your camera up on a sturdy tripod. This is essential, as you need to keep your camera in exactly the same position throughout.
3. Focus on the very front of the image and take a photo.
4. Focus slightly further into the subject and take another image.
5. Continue to do this until you have taken a series of photos that have one section of the subject sharp all the way from the front to the back. In the images above, I manually focussed on each face. All the images are straight out of the camera.
6. Load your series of photos into the software (File > New).
7. Start the stack (Macro > Do Stack).
8. Sit back, have a cup of coffee and wait whilst it works its magic!