

Image Resizing: When resizing, should I save the original picture for printing large format photos later?

Full Question:

Resizing pictures is soooooo confusing: inches vs pixels vs dpi. Yesterday I took a bunch of pictures with my new 8 megapixel digital camera. I wanted to send some of them by e-mail. They were huge, so I resized them so that they would send quickly and easily. My question is: should I have saved the original picture as well, in case I should want to print an 8 x 10 photo? Or will the print quality be just as good when printed from the reduced size? Or is there a way to change the picture back to its original size???? I am so confused! Most of the time I just want to look at the picture on my computer, but I certainly want the option of printing a large, GOOD quality picture if I want. Can I do both of these things after I've reduced the size? Can you help? Thanks!

Answer:

Yes, you should keep the large photos around for pictures you want to print later. Depending on the photo and how small you make it, there could be a big difference in quality.

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