

Four-Light Swimwear Editorial

Lighting Goal

This setup is designed to create a clean commercial swimwear portrait with strong subject separation, soft skin tones, and a warm editorial atmosphere. The lighting keeps the model crisp while adding a subtle pink ambience that complements the styling without overpowering the image.



Light 1: Large Octa (Key Light)

- Modifier: Large Octa Softbox
- Position: Camera Right, slightly ahead of the model
- Purpose:
 - Primary light source.
 - Soft, flattering illumination across the face and body.
 - The off-center placement creates depth and gentle facial contour while maintaining commercial-quality skin tones.



Light 2 & 3: Strip Lights (Edge Lights)

- Modifier: Two Strip Softboxes
- Position: Behind the model, one on each side
- Purpose:
 - Create clean edge highlights along both sides of the body.
 - Separate the model from the background.
 - Enhance body shape and add dimension without affecting the front lighting.



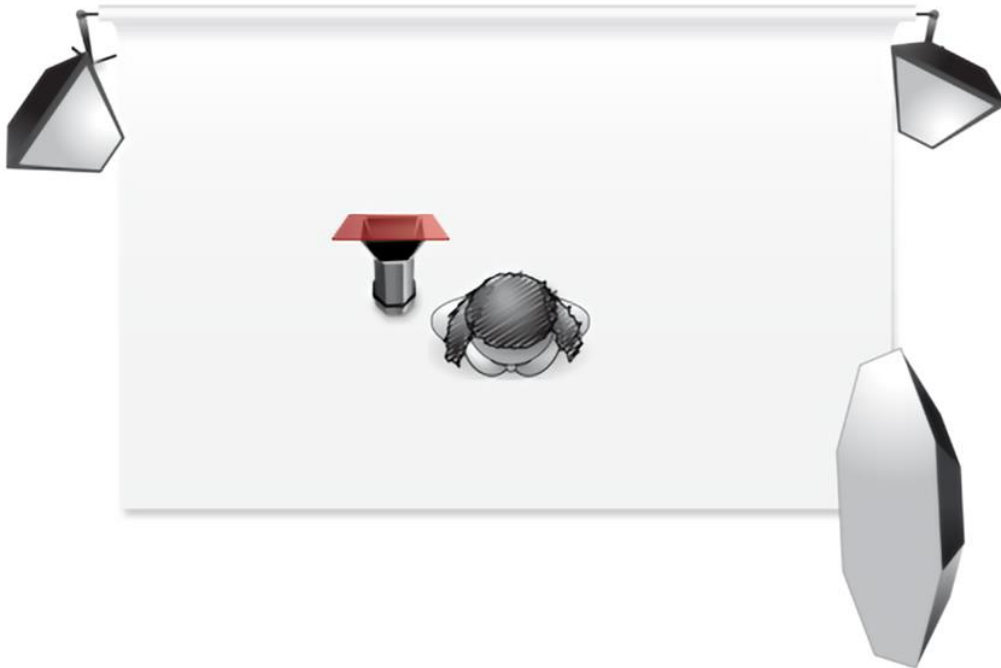
Light 4: Ceiling Bounce with Pink Gel

- Modifier: Standard Reflector with Pink Gel
- Position: Above the model, pointed towards the ceiling
- Purpose:
 - Bounces soft pink light throughout the studio.
 - Creates a subtle warm ambience instead of direct colored light.
 - Gives the background and skin an editorial pink glow while keeping the lighting natural.



Camera Settings

- Camera: Canon R6 Mark II
- Lens: Canon RF 24–105mm f/4
- Shutter Speed: 1/160 sec
- Aperture: f/9
- ISO: 100



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Why This Setup Works

The large octa provides soft, commercial lighting that flatters skin texture while maintaining shape. The strip lights introduce clean rim highlights that separate the model without creating harsh edges. Instead of pointing a colored light directly at the subject or backdrop, the pink-gelled ceiling bounce fills the studio with an even wash of color, producing a premium editorial feel. The result is a balanced image that combines commercial cleanliness with fashion-inspired atmosphere.

