

# Bitesized Review

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## Bitesized Review: Kood 5-in-1 Reflector Kit

There are times when you need to reflect some light onto a subject or diffuse some light because it is too strong. This is where a reflector kit comes in very handy.

The one being reviewed here is manufactured by Kood and retails at about £30 (Sept 2016). When folded it fits into a handy zipped bag just 12" (300mm) in diameter and a couple of inches (50mm) thick. The bag has a loop so that it can be hung onto a camera bag or tripod bag's strap.

*Here I have photographed it next to a tripod to give a sense of scale.*

Other sizes, both bigger and smaller are also available.



When you unzip the bag and remove the contents for the first time - BEWARE. It springs open and unfolds into a 32" (800mm) disc like something out of a clowns act.

The basic disc is actually the diffuser part and is semi-transparent so that it can be used to diffuse light on the subject - very useful for minimising harsh shadows and blown highlights. It is very light and can easily be held in one hand.



Also within the disc is a multi-sided cover, each side of a different colour: white, black, silver & gold.



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Just slide the cover over the diffuser disc and zip it around. It's a snug fit but isn't too difficult.



On one side is matt black - useful for cutting out reflections or as a black background.....

.....turn it over and it is silver - the most effective side as a reflector.



Take the cover off, turn it inside-out and put it back on again. Now it's a gold reflector which can add warmth to a shot - but can also give a colour-cast....

.....turn it over and it is good old plain white - another good reflector but not as effective as silver. Use it on very bright days when the silver one could cause clipped highlights.



Don't forget, in breezy conditions it can also be used as a wind-break to stop flowers from wagging backwards and forwards. But be careful, it has the aerodynamic qualities of a kite and you don't want to swipe the flower off its stem, do you?

You can leave the cover on when you fold it back up to go into the bag. And this is the bit that often confuses people. But just grab either side of the rim and turn your hands in the opposite direction (as though you are trying to make the disc turn into a figure-of-eight). You will find that it magically folds right back up again into a 12" package.

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So whether you are taking photographs of models or flowers a reflector / diffuser is a good investment. And this 5-in-1 type is very light and easy to carry.

## Pro's

- Adaptable
- Effective
- Light
- Small to carry
- Creates a large reflector / diffuser

## Con's

- Hard to handle in windy conditions

*Similar products from other manufacturers are also available.*

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