How to Load Film into a 35mm Camera

This provides information on loading film and adjusting the main settings on a 35mm camera.

Steps:

1. Locate the Rewind Knob, on the left side of the camera, and pull up until the back of the camera opens.
2. Cut a Leader for your film to load into the Take-Up Spool. The leader must be approximately 22mm to fit into spool.
3. Place the film into the left side of the camera. Push the Rewind Knob down to create a snug fit on the film after it is placed into the pocket.
4. Pull the leader of film over to the Take-Up Spool. Insert the narrow end of the film leader into the slot. Hold the spool steady with one hand and push the film deep inside until film is way inside spool or comes out the other side.
5. Make sure the teeth are properly placed on both sides of the film. Use the rewind knob to take in any slack in the film, tighten the film to the camera. Then close the back of the camera and use the film advance to wind the film.
6. Take 3 pictures. If the film has been loaded properly the rewind knob will turn ever time you crank the film advance lever. If not, make sure the slack has been taken out of the film by retightening the film to the camera. Make sure you take at least 2 pictures to clear out the exposed film and start with fresh film. Once you see the number 1 in the window, you are ready to take pictures.
7. Now it's time to set your ISO Film Speed. To set film speed, gently lift up the ISO speed ring and turn it to your desired ISO speed shown in the window. (This should rotate the numbers on the INSIDE window on the ring).
8. To set Shutter Speed, rotate the shutter speed ring to desired shutter speed. The shutter controls the length of exposure, on this camera, the higher the number, the less the exposure time. (This should rotate the numbers on the OUTSIDE of the ring).