

# session prep guide

yay! you're here!

If you're reading this, it means you have chosen me to photograph a certain season or moment in time in your life. Whether it be an intimate engagement, an annual family session, or a new development, such as a first birthday! If we haven't already, let's take a moment to chat about when you would like our session to take place: ie, time and date. I have a handful of locations that I typically use for my local clients, locations that I know like the back of my hand. I know where the perfect lighting is going to hit, and at exactly what time. The important thing for my prospective clients to remember is that these sessions are supposed to be fun, carefree and light - which means a lot of laughing, saying really silly things and maybe some sweet tickles for the little ones. If you come with the "can and will do" attitude and let me take the lead, we are going to make magic!

Take a deep breath, because I am going to do the hard part for you - the details. So take a read through this handy little prep guide I have put together and let me handle the leg work!

Gratefully,

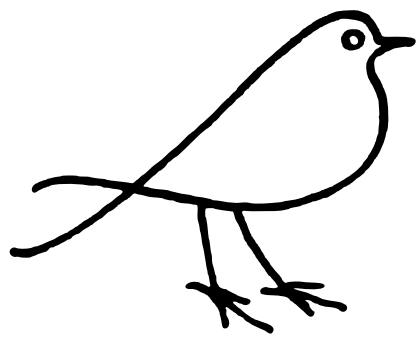
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## session times:

For the most part, I shoot my outdoor sessions according to sunset and the "golden hour". That soft, golden, glow is very much a part of my brand, which is hopefully what influenced you to book with me. This being said, I try my very best to shoot during this time of the evening so as to deliver the best quality gallery possible. I also offer sunrise sessions for those who cannot make a sunset time slot work. It is VERY important that you maintain a timely schedule and are not late to our session. Since we are probably utilizing the last hour before sunset to shoot, every minute that you are late is one less minute that I have to get what I need to make you happy. If your start time for a 30 minute session is 6:20PM, and you arrive at 6:40, we will only have 10 minutes to shoot. I cannot stress enough, how important it is to be on time (or even early!) for our session, so that we can both be respectful of each others' time!



what should i wear?



Alright, I hear you, mama. This is literally always one of the biggest stressors for the women I photograph.

The hard answer is this: There is no perfect or correct outfit choice. It is a balance between what photographs well and what feels comfortable to you and your family.

The easy answer is this: I am here to help! I am always one email or text message away to assist you in your search for the perfect get up but in case you're just the brave go-getter who likes to grab the bull by the horns, here are my tips:

- Earthy colors! Cream, navy, forest greens, and rusty oranges are a few of my favorites.
- Don't match, Coordinate! Shoot to coordinate with the other members of your group instead of matching them. Too much of one color can throw off the colors of your photos. Instead, coordinating tones and colors, can enhance it.
- Be Cautious of Prints! Too many outfits with prints on them can make a photo look really busy . Try dressing in solids with small details such as buttons or jewelry instead. If you must mix in some print, I tell my clients that for every 2 people in solids, one person in print.



## the day of your session

On the day of your session, try not to be the over-achiever you are, by nature ;). Having a day that is too jam packed with activity can stress you and the other members of your group out.

For the littles, this can cause grumpiness/unwillingness to participate, resulting in images that reflect that! Make sure to have small children napped and snacked before go time, so that they are ready to have their best time!

I will typically bring a small treat or snack for the children in the family, so please let me know ahead of time if there are any food allergies etc. or if you would rather I do not!

## when should i expect my pictures? -----

You should expect a sneak peek within 24 hours. For regular sessions (15, 30, 60 minutes), this sneak peek will typically consist of about 4-5 photos. For weddings and special occasion photography, this will consist of 15-20 photos.

The remainder of your session will be delivered in 1-2 weeks for regular sessions, and 2-3 weeks for special occasion.

Your gallery will be delivered in a digital photo gallery via a website called PixieSet unless otherwise specified/requested.

