

PULSART MEDIA'S TIPS ON WHAT TO BRING AND WHAT TO WEAR FOR YOUR ENGAGEMENT PHOTO SESSION

The key to a successful portrait session is to take a few moments to preplan. Although the spontaneous moments are what make a great photograph, a little preparation will make the images timeless.

Preplanning:

- The first thing to think about what you will be using these images for. Will these be used for wall portraits, printed cards, thank-you notes?
- Think about if there is a particular theme that will require a special color scheme or perhaps props. Ex: if these are for Save-the-date cards, will you make a special sign to be photographed with that has your date?
- Plan plenty of time for yourself; not only for the session itself, but time to get your images retouched and printed for whatever you need.
- Flip through wedding magazines and websites to get an idea of poses and styles that you like. Pull out images and put them in a folder. This will give us an idea of what you are looking for with your session.



Clothing:

- When choosing your outfits, solid colors work best. If you have a pattern, try to keep it low-key.
- Both people do not need to be in matching outfits, but keep in the same color family. Keep in mind that darker colors tend to be more slimming.
- Be mindful of plunging necklines, short skirts and short shorts.
- We may also photograph your feet, depending on the type of images that you need, so make sure that shoes are clean and match the outfits.
- Make sure the style of the outfits match the setting. You wouldn't want to wear high heels and formal dress outfits for sunset images at the beach!
Maybe bring 2 outfits; 1 formal, 1 casual.
- Play-up the accessories. Earrings, necklaces, and of course the ring!

Make-Up and Grooming

- If you are going to get your hair cut or colored, try to do it a few days before the portrait session so there is time to work with the new style or make any changes if necessary.

Ladies:

- Be sure to accent your make-up a bit more than normal to make sure your eyes and lips pop with color.
- Try to stay away from high-gloss lip shine and white eye shadow as they do not photograph well.
- Make sure finger nails, as well as toe nails if applicable, are groomed and polish is either all on or all off.
- Double check to make sure eyebrows, etc. are groomed for close-up facial shots.

Guys:

- Make sure hands and fingernails are clean.
- No ragged clothing!
- Be sure your facial hair is trimmed and clean.

The engagement session is the first step in the wedding process. As always, we welcome your ideas and input of what you want and expect out of your session. After all, this is all about you!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns, no matter how big or small. The more prepared you are for your session, the better the experience will be!

