

A newborn baby is lying on its side on a grey, textured surface. The baby is wearing a grey and white striped hat with a small square patch on the side and matching striped pants. The baby's eyes are closed, and it appears to be sleeping peacefully. The background is a plain, light grey color.

PREPARING FOR YOUR SESSION
WITH MARIE DIANE PHOTOGRAPHY

HELLO!

Congratulations on your new baby! Thank you so much for allowing me the amazing and rewarding job of photographing your new little mini in his/her first few days of life. I consider myself truly blessed to be around these little miracles so much.

My studio is located at:
104 Harrison Ave
Harrison, OH 45030



Directions:

From Cincinnati:

Take 74N to Exit 1 - New Haven. Turn Left on New Haven. At the third light, turn Right on Harrison Ave. Continue for 1.3 miles. MDP will be on your left next to Deborah McKeney Law Office.

From Indianapolis:

Take I-74 to Harrison Brookville Rd/Old U.S. 52 S in Harrison Township. Take exit 169 from I-74. Turn left on Harrison Brookville Road. Continue for 2.9 miles. Turn left on Harrison Ave. MDP will be on the right next to Deborah McKeney Law Office.

Additional instructions:

There is a church parking lot across from the studio. You are more than welcome to park there if there isn't any available street parking.



WHAT TO EXPECT



For Baby

Before the shoot, please feed baby 2-3 hours prior, and plan on feeding him/her as soon as you get there! Also, please do not let him sleep beforehand, instead try giving him a bath, let him kick with only a diaper, tickle his toes, and even let him fuss for a little bit (no pacifiers) for the few hours beforehand. This will ensure those squishy, sleepy newborn pictures!

I can't stress that it's so important to do your best to keep him awake.

Many parents come in saying "baby has been sleeping all morning, but trust me, he sleeps SO good this time of day!" only to have baby wake up, since they will be unclothed and unwaddled!

It will be at least 80 degrees in the studio. Due to this, I come dressed for a warm few hours and suggest you do too!

Sessions last between 2-3 hours, sometimes longer if baby is a light sleeper, or is hungry! The easiest way to ensure a sleepy baby is the willingness to nurse/bottlefeed off and on.

If you can, bring the soothie pacifier the hospital sent you home with. It's the bendable, green/blue/orangish one, and won't leave marks. Even if you haven't used one, just for the 2 hours that I'm posing him/her usually really helps.

If you don't happen to have one, I keep unopened soothies here in the studio (as well as plenty of newborn diapers). However if you really prefer that we don't use one, that's fine as well!

WHAT TO EXPECT

For Mom & Dad

Mom & Dad you are a big part of the show. Photographing the connection between you and your baby is one of my all time favorite things. Just as they encourage in the hospital, skin to skin contact creates the most beautiful images.

Dads: if you prefer not to be shirtless I ask that you bring a tight fitting solid t-shirt to wear with a good, snug pair of jeans.

Moms: I have a few gowns in the studio for use if you don't know what to wear. They fit size 2-16. Solid is best! Keep the color neutral and design simple. Be sure that you have no nail polish as your hands will make their way into the images. Also, rest assured, I aim to photograph using flattering angles and light to bring out the natural beauty in your family.



For Siblings

Including older brother/sister(s) in your newborn's portraits is the perfect way to document this fleeting time in your lives.

Sister(s): I provide a wrap that will act as the perfect top, or please bring along a snug fitting tank in a neutral color. I ask that girls hair be natural (or in braids) and free of bows, headbands, etc. Just as with mom, no nail polish please.

Brother(s): A snug pair of jeans and shirtless are preferred, please take a few moments to chat with your guy about this so he feels prepared for the session - though if he prefers not, a tight-fitting solid t-shirt is fine.

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR SESSION

Most parents want to bring a collection of outfits they've purchased over the months of anticipation for their bundle. While outfits can be adorable, most babies tend to curl up and hide anything written on outfits. I usually recommend bringing something sentimental, such as a quilt grandma made, instead of clothes.

If you have custom accessories, such as Briggs' hat shown here, feel free to bring those and I will do my best to incorporate it.

More than anything, bring enough supplies to be here for a few hours!



A FEW ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

If sblings will be joining you for the session I have a DVD player, books, and toys as well as having The Coffee Peddler next door. Feel free to bring a favorite movie or two to help them pass the time!

It is my hope that you come to the studio feeling comfortable and at home. I am truly honored to be able to document this incredible time in your lives and look forward to getting to know you and your sweet baby!

Any questions at all please feel free to call me at the studio at 513-202-3186





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