

WHAT TO WEAR

We have put together a list for you of all the things that you might want to consider in preparation for your session. Please print this out and use it as a 'get ready' checklist. We are here for you as well if you have any questions. You can also email us pictures of what you are thinking of wearing and we will happily help you and give you our feedback.

THE CLASSIC SESSION

TIMELESS, SIMPLE AND TONAL COORDINATION



THE EXQUISITE SESSION

LAYERS, TEXTURE AND COLOR



ALL FASHIONS ARE FROM THE GAP, OLD NAVY & PIPERLIME

CLOTHING STYLES – GIRLS

Be careful of baggy clothes that might make you look larger than you are. Make sure your clothing flatters you. For instance, if you think you have large arms, be careful of sleeveless styles, they can make your arms look fuller. If you feel good in an outfit, you probably look wonderful. Make sure you are comfortable. If you are a maternity client, please make sure to not wear anything tight prior to your appointment that would leave any clothing marks on your beautiful belly.

CLOTHING – GUYS

Bring a dark t-shirt to wear under dark shirts. A white t-shirt triangle under a dark shirt sticks out like a sore thumb, so please bring a black or gray undershirt. The white t-shirt is for wearing under light toned shirts. If you have to go straight back to work after your newborn session, we suggest bringing an extra change of clothes as accidents do happen.

SHOES

Most often we remove shoes, especially the children's shoes. So, please do not stress out about buying the perfectly matching shoes. If you want shoes in a shot, make sure they go well with the outfit in tone or that they add personality and style.

FINGER AND TOENAILS

Your nails will show so consider this an excuse to get a manicure and pedicure. Many casual shots are done barefoot; so don't forget about those toes! We don't want to draw attention to your nails so avoid real bright colors. Natural or basic work best. Simple is best. Please make sure to remove nail polish off little girls unless you are wanting them specifically painted for your images.

MAKEUP

Makeup should only be slightly heavier than normal, more like what you might wear in the evening. Mascara should be clean and contain no clumps. So if your mascara is old and clumpy, replace it first. Shiny lips can make a photograph so please bring your favorite light lip gloss. Chanel #94 is our favorite!

SHAVING

Please make sure you are clean-shaven. Retouching stubble is difficult and is still does not look as good as a clean shave. Please focus on the back of the neck as there are some shots that will include your neck.

HAIR

Avoid changing your hairstyle or cutting your hair right before your session. Let it be natural. Bring your hair care tools and products with you if need be. Although Kim tries to help with hair, it is hard to know what your hair "is supposed to look like", so make sure you like the look or let her know your preferences.

JEWELRY

Best tip here is to keep it simple. We want the attention on you. We will have you remove watches as the face of the watch can be a major distraction in a portrait.

PROPS

Small additions to a session are welcomed. Favorite toys, colorful lollipops or candy canes or sentimental items are just a few ideas. For newborns, we have a large selection of hats and wraps but feel free to shop at www.etsy.com and order one if you have any specific color requirements. If you have any other fun and creative ideas, please bring them along as we are open to suggestions on how to make your session more personalized.

GLASSES

Most glasses glare with some prescriptions more than others. Your best bet is to check with your optometrist. Most will loan you an empty set of frames similar to yours for your photo session. If you are okay to take them off during your session, that is preferable as long as you still look like 'you'.

SKIN

Please avoid getting a sunburn and be aware that tan lines are not attractive in portraits. We suggest you vary your swimsuit top or use a tanning bed to minimize any tan marks. If your baby or child has a small bruise, bump or scratch, we can easily remove them. However, black eyes or bumps that change the appearance of someone would be a case where we would recommend rescheduling. If your baby has baby acne or cradle cap, we can remove this as well.

TATTOOS, SCARS, BRACES

Please don't forget to remove the wonderful pirate tattoo from yesterday's birthday party before your session. It is difficult to remove these and they often leave the arm red so please have your children arrive tattoo free. Scars are not automatically retouched, but can be removed or softened at your request. Extensive work may have a slight extra charge. Braces? Don't worry. You can ask your orthodontist to have the tops taken off for the photo session, or we can retouch them out by computer (extra fees may apply). However, don't fight smiling; a braces smile is better than a "holding back a smile" look.