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your guide to a
stress free
photo session

what to wear
& more



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welcome

Family photographs are an amazing way to celebrate what makes your family so unique and capture happy memories. For some parents, the thought of taking family photographs can sound more stressful than enjoyable.

Luckily, it doesn't have to be that way! With a skilled, friendly and experienced family photographer behind the lens and a bit of thoughtful preparation, it will be a great experience and we will capture some beautiful images of your family.

As your family portrait photographer, I'll provide you with beautiful family portraits that capture all of the friendship, fun, and love in your family unit. (And I'll help your kids have fun while doing it!)

4 steps for a *stress free* photography session with your kids

As any parent knows, making sure your kids cooperate and behave for hours at a time is no easy task! Family photography sessions can seem a bit daunting. But with some preparation and a lot of patience, your family photography session will be an enjoyable experience for the entire family. Here's how you can make sure your photo session is stress-free.

PREP YOUR KIDS IN ADVANCE

Tell your kids about the photoshoot well ahead of time. Tell them what to expect. Let them know how much you're looking forward to it and why your family is doing it. If you're excited, they'll definitely catch your enthusiasm!

LET THEM BE INVOLVED

Include your children in the planning process. Ask them what colors they think the family should wear. Help them pick out an outfit, either from their wardrobe or buy them something new to wear but involve them whilst choosing. When children feel involved, they're much more willing and eager to participate.

BRING BACKUP

Make sure you're well prepared for your photoshoot day. Bring along a change of clothes, plenty of snacks, drinks, water, nappys, wet wipes etc. That way, even if the unexpected happens, you'll be ready for it!

MAKE IT FUN!

Make your photoshoot a special occasion! Bring along snacks and favourite toys to keep their energy up. Plan on doing something fun after the session so they look forward to the

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best times for your *family photography* *session*

Timing is always important to consider when it comes to photography, especially when children are involved. Timing can be the difference between a frustrating session and an enjoyable, memorable photoshoot. So when is the best time to have your family photo session?



DURING WARM WEATHER

If you're planning on having an indoor photoshoot in a studio, try to schedule it during pleasant weather. If it's too hot outside, you might all feel sweaty and uncomfortable. If it's too cold, your kids might complain — and their irritation will likely show through in photographs. No matter the season, just be sure to plan accordingly. Bring plenty of layers if it's cold outside, and wear breathable fabrics if it's warm.

AFTER A MEAL

Make sure children (and adults!) are well-fed and watered before your photoshoot. If they're hungry, they might start to get a little antsy and cranky. If you're planning on going to dinner after the photoshoot, give your kids a healthy snack before your session and bring along a few extra snacks just in case.

WHENEVER YOUR KIDS ARE WELL RESTED

Nothing makes kids grouchy and uncooperative like being tired. Be sure that your family photoshoot doesn't interrupt any of your kids' naptime or bedtime routines.



tips on:

what to wear



When it comes to family portraits, one of the most common questions we get is, "What should we wear?" It's a tricky decision! Since these photographs will last a lifetime, you want to make sure your entire family looks as great as possible. But at the same time, you also want them to look like themselves — and nothing that will make them feel uncomfortable. We always recommend wearing clothing that makes you feel and look your best, which can be different for every person. Here are a few other wardrobe suggestions that photograph beautifully.

WEAR COORDINATING (NOT MATCHING) OUTFITS

Make sure your outfits coordinate well with one another. Stick to a color palette of one or two colors. Matching outfits can look a little dated — coordinated outfits look harmonious and pretty. To make sure all of your outfits go well together, try laying out everyone's photoshoot outfits together the day before.

LET YOUR KIDS HAVE A SAY

Ask your children what they'd like to wear. Asking their opinions will help to make sure they feel comfortable and involved. (Just make sure they know their picks are subject to your final approval — otherwise, you might have a little Spiderman in your family portraits!)

DRESS WEATHER APPROPRIATE

Keep an eye on the weather forecast and make sure you dress accordingly. Choose colors that are appropriate for the season. And if it'll be chilly during your photoshoot, be sure to bundle up a bit!

A FEW DON'TS:

While what you decide to wear is ultimately up to you and your family, there are a few things that tend not to photograph well.

- Patterns: one or two family members wearing a pattern is okay, but too many patterns tend to clash and draw too much attention.
- White: wearing white tends to wash people out.
- Large logos: graphic tees tend to distract from the most important part of the photo — your beautiful faces!

Large Family Groups



If you have a large family and your wanting something a special family portrait for Grandma's 70th, or you maybe celebrating a Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary then we have the perfect studio for large family groups upto 12 people on one image or we can also capture smaller family groups







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