



Newborn sessions are our joy. Those sweet brand new little angles are our muse. Photographing them makes our day. We spend some time every shoot learning to perfect our craft. Hopefully this little section will help you to prepare for your session as well. Preparing For Your Session:

-Once you decide to schedule a session with us, we will set a tentative date based on your due date. We understand that babies rarely come when predicted and we will accommodate their personal plans for arrival. But a due date will give us a base line. Once your infant is born, please get in touch with us and we will firm up our date and time. Babies are best photographed in the first 7-10 days of their new little lives. They sleep better, don't have colic yet, and usually haven't started developing baby acne or cradle cap. If you are a c-section Mom, we can work out something out. We know that recovery can be slow and painful. Some of our clients send baby to the Studio with Dad.

-When we schedule your session, we will have a conversation about what you are looking for. Do you want only pictures of the baby? Are you more interested in your infant being photographed with family than in some of our props? Are there specific poses you are looking for? For example, one of you is a soldier; do you want your infant to be photographed with props that you will bring from home like a flag or helmet? Are you bringing siblings? Will Dad be there? Do you want some skin on skin shots? All of these questions will help us to build a session that is a perfect fit for you.

-We are perfectly comfortable with your children in studio. There is a wonderful play area for them to stay busy when they are not holding their new sibling. My child is always happy to play with new friends. All I ask is that if they make a mess you help to clean it up. You know your children best. If your youngster has special needs then please stay with them.

-Please do not feed your infant before coming to see us. We recommend coming 15 minutes early and we will give you space and time to feed the baby and sooth him/her to sleep. The reason this works best is that if you feed your baby before you come he/she will start his sleep cycle while in his car seat. No good. We want him/her to do that at the studio.

-It is always nice to have a pacifier. This will help us to sooth your baby in between poses. If
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you have chosen not to use a pacifier, please be prepared to help us by having your finger ready for your baby to suck on.

- Some times we may need to ask for Mom or Dad to be apart of the shoot by holding baby's head under the material in which baby is laying on.

- We prefer to photograph babies in their birthday suits aka nude. Newborn babies just don't fill out clothes properly. They are so much sweeter without all that bulky fabric. We do have clothes and props to wrap your baby in and always have private parts covered. We would be happy to schedule another session down the road to photograph your baby in any special outfits, especially christening / blessing outfits.

-What should you wear? Wear something comfortable. Keep in mind that we rarely if ever show anything below the waist in a portrait. So you can wear shorts, jeans, or whatever else you choose. As far as tops are concerned we LOVE black tank tops for Moms. Black shirts and blouses are best. Bring something to change into after we are done photographing you with baby that is nice and cool. We keep the shoot area very warm and baby will be lying on a heat pad. It is all about the baby. So think about keeping cool when you are choosing clothing.

-We strongly encourage you to bring any special hats, hair-bands, bracelets etc.... You may not like what we have and we may fall in love with what you bring. So not only will your additions give us more to choose from they are also extra special since they belong to your little one.

-If you have scheduled your session in the late afternoon / early evening please take traffic into consideration. Poor timing can be hard to catch up on when dealing with a newborns schedule.

-Lastly, if you should think of anything before you come please feel free to contact us or if you find any ideas online please feel free to email or Facebook them to us. We live and breathe by checking Facebook! We will respond in a very timely manner.

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-Once you arrive we will give you some time to feed and sooth your baby. Once he/she is happy and sleepy please let us know so we can start the posing process.

-We start our sessions by taking some portraits of your baby on a beanbag. We are looking for some great body shots and capturing some of baby's bits and pieces like his/her hands and feet.

- We then will start using backdrops and props such as baskets and we will move on to photographing your newborn in the props that you have chosen.

-After that we will move on to some relationship poses. We will get pictures with Mom, Dad and Siblings at this time. We suggest waiting for a family picture until your newborn can hold his head up with out support.

-Before you leave, we will ask you to sign a model release. This allows us to use your images to promote our business without compensation.

Feel free to contact us with any questions.

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