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Session Tips

Clothing: When taking family photos it is best to keep clothing color coordinated. Outfits don't have to match perfectly or be identical, but they should coordinate. If you choose to wear jeans, please make sure everyone wears similar washes. Light washed denim against darker washes will stand out in a bad way. Solid colors and soft prints allow the beauty of your eyes and smiles to shine while busy patterns can cause the eye to be drawn to the clothing instead. Some tried and true portrait colors include black, navy, khaki, green, and burgundy. When possible, avoid solid white shirts or pants as they emphasize the clothing and not the person, often creating countless issues in harsh or intense light. Longer sleeves and darker colors create an instant slimming look. Avoid sleeveless shirts whenever possible. Some clothing options are provided on page two.

Makeup: It is important for women wearing makeup to use a slightly heavier hand than normal when applying makeup for a portrait session. Avoid wearing any facial products that contain SPF as it can create unnecessary shine. Translucent powder will help eliminate shine without adding any additional color. Keep in mind that iridescent facial products can reflect like creating an undesirable result. Matte eye shadows, cheek colors, bronzer and powders are preferred over frosted or sparkled options. Even if you don't normally wear makeup, it is highly recommended that you wear mascara and a neutral lip gloss to help bring dimension to your photos.

Maternity: Schedule your session in your 7th or 8th and month and decide if you want a black and white session, a color session, or a mixture of both. Black is a great option as it's very flattering and can help minimize areas you don't want emphasized. We welcome Mom and Dad for this session and encourage you to schedule your newborn session at the same time of your maternity capture.

Babies: You will want your baby's beautiful face to be the focus so please avoid outfits that are uncomfortable for baby (too big, itchy fabrics, tight, etc.) or very busy. Often the best baby shots are those where your wee one is clad in nothing more than a diaper. Consider fun diaper covers for your baby and accessorize with hats, headbands, ribbon and bows. We have a selection of choices, or you can bring your own. Also keep in mind your baby's temperament and limit clothing choices to no more than two or three outfits if they despise having their clothes changed. Dress your beautiful baby in your favorite outfit first just in case he or she doesn't make it through the entire session for whatever reason. Finally, be sure your wee one is full. Babies with full bellies are easier to photograph, but please be careful not to over feed baby to minimize the chance of spit up. If baby is bottle fed, coming prepared with a bottle (or snacks and a Sippy cup for older babies) can make all the difference.

Weather: An overcast day is a photographers dream as it helps eliminate harsh shadows, squinty eyes and a host of other things. A light drizzle can add character to a capture as well. Should weather be an issue on the day of your session, we can bring the session indoors or reschedule it.

Keep It Fun: The best smiles are natural. Don't be surprised if you laugh and giggle your way through your entire session. Please also feel free to bring any of your own props to create a capture just as unique as you are. Yes we can capture Johnny with his BMX and Susie with her tutu and no, Dad doesn't have to wear a tie. Mom you can leave the heels at home if you'd like. When a session is as fun as it is personal the end result is an image everyone can be proud of.