



MINI SESSION

Session Guide & Tips

WELCOME!

I'm so excited to be photographing you! It is my hope that this guide will be a resource for you as you begin to prepare for your session with me.

I want you to know exactly what to expect so your session can be as smooth and stress-free as possible.

*Feel free to re-visit this guide as often
as you like before your session*

A photograph of a family of four—two adults and two young women—laughing together outdoors in an autumn setting. The man on the left is wearing a blue sweater and glasses. The woman next to him is wearing a patterned dress and glasses. The woman on the far left is wearing a denim jacket, and the woman on the far right is wearing a blue dress. The background shows trees with yellow and orange leaves, suggesting a park or wooded area during fall. The text "the TIPS" is overlaid in the center of the image.

the TIPS

01. Arrive 5-10 Minutes Early

It's super important to arrive at least 5-10 minutes before your session-- especially if you have kiddos! This ensures you are not eating up any time in your slot. You also want to make sure to leave plenty of time for parking and walking shortly into the park.

02. Prep the Kids

If you have children, another good reason to arrive early is to prep the kids! Make sure and wipe the snack faces before you get out of the car, tuck in shirts if necessary, and brush out hair.

03. Plan Your Outfits

Make sure to coordinate your outfits and try not to make them too matchy. Neutral colors go well together as well as jewel tones for the fall! Follow my tips below!

04. Take a Deep Breath

I know how nervous or intimidating it can be to get in front of the camera. And if you have kids, it can be a whole other kind of stress getting everything ready! So my best advice is to take a deep breath before your session. And leave the rest to me!





Outfit Guidance

It's always a little intimidating to have your picture taken, and I realize that preparing for your mini session can be a little overwhelming! Here are some tips for outfits and accessories that will make the preparation a little more manageable.



01. Try Not to Match Too Much

Don't wear the same color shirt or have everyone in your group wear a similar ensemble. Instead, try to pick outfits and accessories that coordinate and compliment. Neutrals are typically a great starting point and I would suggest wearing mostly neutrals and soft tones.

02. Beware Graphics and Certain Patterns

Most patterns are actually okay, however, graphics are not favorable for portraits. If you're wearing a pattern, make sure it's not overwhelming and distracting or too bright and avoid tiny stripes.

03. Empty Your Pockets

This is for the guys especially - you don't want keys or phones showing through your pockets.

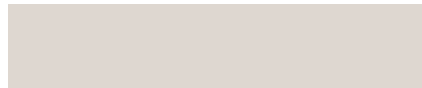
04. Look at My Pinterest Board & Mood Boards!

For couple and family outfit inspiration, take a look at my Pinterest boards and mood boards (in the pages ahead). It can really help get you some ideas for color palettes and pieces to wear. If you need more specific help, email me and I can guide you in the right direction!



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Family Mood Board



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Family Mood Board - larger group





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FAMILY OUTFIT INSPIRATION!

DURING YOUR SESSION: *Families*

First, I start with a full family photo

I always start with a full family photo to warm everybody up and to keep everyone together at the beginning. We'll do a few smiling and looking at the camera and a few more candid ones in a group setting!

Next, I take photos of the siblings together...

If you have more than one child, this is the time when I take a few photos of them together! Again, we'll do a few more traditional/posed photos and some candid. If they're really little, it might be mostly candid...but those are my favorites!

Then, I take individuals of the kids...

Next, I'll quickly take a few individual photos of each child. This typically doesn't take very long at all and I always make sure and get some close ups of the kids in those group settings too, so there's plenty to choose from.



Lastly, I will take some photos of the adults

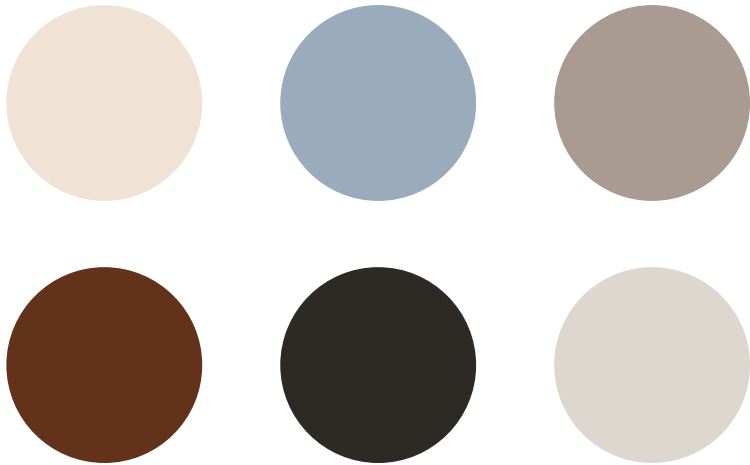
It's important to get some photos of yourself as well! I have been taking couples' photos for so many years now, it's second nature. These are quick, easy, and fun!

I know not a families look the same...

so if you have a different family dynamic, I will work in a similar order within the dynamics of your family or group setting.

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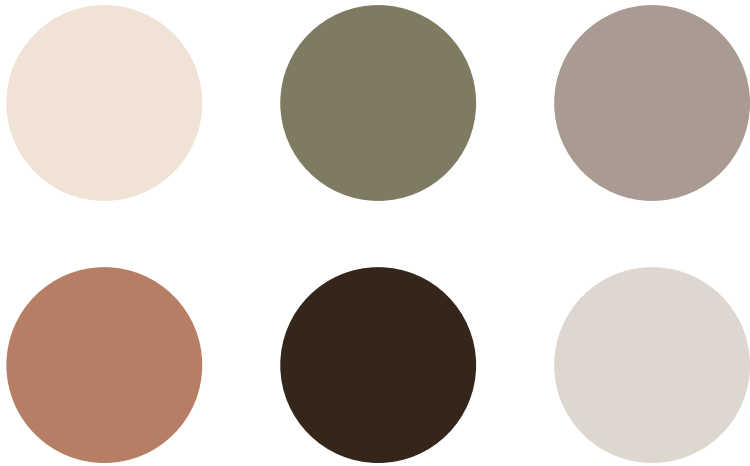
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COUPLE OUTFIT INSPIRATION!

DURING YOUR SESSION: *Couples*

I treat these sessions like a mini engagement or anniversary session...

I typically start with some classic portraits, looking at me and smiling and then warm up into some walking shots. I will guide you the entire way through the session to get you a variety of photos that are fun and authentically you! I also take photos of you individually if you would like.



THE FULL PROCESS



1 week before your shoot...

you will receive an email from me, reminding you to pay the remaining amount online. Don't forget this step!

1 day before your shoot...

you can expect to get a confirmation from me, making sure we are on the same page about start time, end time, and location.

The day of your shoot...

Don't forget to arrive 5-10 minutes early to the shoot. My assistant will guide you to our spot from the parking lot and we will get started!

Once the shoot begins...

you can expect me to give you tons of encouragement and direction. I will guide you through each pose and encourage improvising whenever you feel comfortable.

Soon after your session...

you will receive an email to schedule your viewing session with me. All decision makers must be present at this session, so make sure the time you pick works for everyone.

At your viewing session...

1-2 weeks after your mini session, I'll show you 20-25 photos to choose your 10 photos from. You'll have the option to upgrade and purchase your full gallery for \$200 . Most clients choose to order holiday cards, prints, albums, or additional digital files so come prepared. This is a very casual and no-pressure meeting!



Within 1 month of your viewing session...

all of your products will be ready for you! These items will be shipped directly to you, so there's no fuss. Let me know what you think of your final products!



ANY QUESTIONS?

Feel free to ask me any questions that might arise after looking this over! I can't wait for our mini session together!

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