



GRAD
session
GUIDE

welcome!

I'm am so overjoyed you are here. What an exciting and eventful time in your life! I'm thanking you for inviting me into this season with you!

I've created this resource that will give you all of the details on what to expect for your session. I'll also help you in picking outfits that photograph well and express your style.



what to expect



01. PLANNING

We will decide on a date and location together. I'm happy to send over location recommendations if you need them. You'll also receive a pre-session questionnaire to help me get to know you better!

02. YOUR SESSION

My goal is to make my sessions feel laid back and very easy going! I will give you plenty of guidance, but also just let you be yourself. I like to bring a speaker to play music and it is always a good time!

03. YOUR PHOTOS.

I will send over a few next day sneak peeks, because I know you cannot wait to see them. Your full gallery will be delivered via online gallery and ready for you within 3 weeks of your session date.

WHAT TO WEAR

01. THINK MOVEMENT

My shooting style is to have you moving around a lot. Make sure to wear something you are comfortable moving in. Flowy skirts or dresses photograph beautifully because we can play with the movement of them.

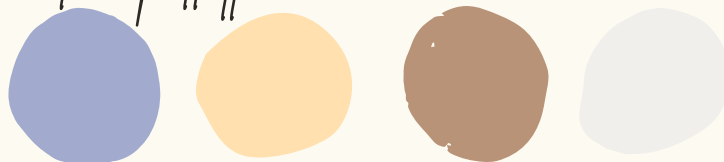
02. BRING OPTIONS

Feel free to send over outfit ideas for input beforehand, and bring multiple options to the session. That way we can get an idea of how the outfit looks with the specific location. Bringing options for accessories such as hats or jackets is also recommended.

03. COORDINATE COLORS

If you have a family member or partner stepping in for a few photos, instead of trying to perfectly match your outfit to your partner's outfit, think of choosing complimentary colors. You can never go wrong with neutral colors. I always suggest choosing earthy colors that are not too bright or distracting.

my fav color palette!





04. PLAY WITH PATTERNS

Incorporating unique patterns and textures such as fringe, faux fur, linen, denim, etc. can add a fun pop to your photos. Vintage clothing shops or thrift store often have great finds for unique textures.

05. HAIR & MAKEUP

Please make sure to allow plenty of buffer time incase hair and makeup is running behind, you don't want to be late to your session. If you need hair & makeup recommendations, here are a few of my favorites:

Arizona/California: @janiceramos_

DFW Texas: @getprettywithkylie @alayzacaseymakeup

03. STAY TRUE TO YOU

Lastly and most importantly, these are YOUR photos and the most important thing is that you feel comfortable and confident in what you are wearing. Let your outfit reflect your personality for the best photos!



what to bring



MAKE YOUR PHOTOS UNIQUE.

I love when couples bring props or special items that are unique and true to them. Here are a few of my favorite ideas for what to bring:

YOUR DOGS!

RETRO SUNGLASSES

HATS

GUITAR

OLD CARS/MOTORCYCLES

LONGBOARDS

FAVORITE FOOD (PIZZA, ICE CREAM, ETC.)

BLANKETS

CHAMPAGNE

+ ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF!

Lastly,

I cannot wait to shoot with you!
I'm so looking forward to this
opportunity to get to know you
better!

Think of these photos as an
opportunity to intentionally
celebrate the exciting season
you are in.



LET'S ADVENTURE!



SO EXCITED FOR YOUR SESSION!

If you have any questions beyond this guide, I am here for you and happy to help!

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