

WILD SKYES PHOTOGRAPHY

Engagement Session
Prep Guide





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Hey
there!

Congrats on your engagement!

Engagement sessions are one of the most fun parts of the wedding prep process!

Why do I love engagement sessions so much?

- It gives you the opportunity to get to know your photographer, and them get to know you, and you can connect before the wedding day.
- You get a chance to "practice posing" before the wedding so you know exactly what to expect from your photographer and they can learn your likes, dislikes, boundaries, etc
- You get to collaborate and be creative! Wedding days are usually crunched for time and you don't have a ton of freedom. Engagement sessions give you the opportunity to get creative and most importantly, have fun!
- Did I mention it's so much fun? Wedding planning is stressful and the engagement session is the chance to get dressed up, feel special, and connect with your favorite person! I encourage all my couples to schedule a date night immediately after their session to make it an even more special evening.



First Things First—Have Fun!

Your engagement session is all about celebrating your love story, and I want you to enjoy every moment of it! Unlike your wedding day, where time can be tight, your engagement session is a chance to relax, be playful, and focus on each other. Let go of any nerves—there's no pressure, no rush, just you two being yourselves!

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PREP & OTHER *Pro Tips*

Movement is Key

One of the biggest things to keep in mind is that you want to keep moving! Imagine your photographer is recording a romantic movie scene rather than taking still photos.

Movement brings your photos to life and makes them feel natural and full of emotion. You don't need to make big, exaggerated moves—just soft, slow motions throughout:

- Brush a strand of hair from your partner's face.
- Hold hands and gently sway together.
- Pull each other in close for an almost-kiss.
- Wrap your arms around each other and lean in.
- Whisper something sweet (or silly!) in their ear.

Your photographer should give you fun prompts to help keep things flowing, but don't be afraid to laugh, play, and be yourselves! The more natural and interactive you are, the more your photos will reflect your love and connection.





Embrace the Rom-Com Vibes

Think of your session as the montage scene from your favorite romantic comedy—the part where the couple is falling hopelessly in love. Be silly, be playful, and don't hold back! Real laughter and genuine moments will make your photos shine. If your photographer prompts you to run into each other's arms like you're in a dramatic movie scene, just go for it! Those unexpected, goofy moments often become the favorites.

Timing & Location Matter

If you're dreaming of that golden, glowy, magical lighting, you need to schedule your session during golden hour (just after sunrise or before sunset). If you want epic landscapes or a more private feel, you might need to venture a little further away from crowds. Trust me—it's always worth it! 😊

What to expect?



What to Wear

Don't stress too much about outfits, but a little planning goes a long way in making sure you love the final look of your photos. Here are a few tips:

Choose the Right Vibe

- If you're dreaming of a cityscape, downtown, bar, or classy date night feel, think elegant—dresses, heels, button-ups, slacks, and polished shoes.
- If you're feeling outdoor, picnic, romantic date vibes, go for flowy dresses (not too short!), jeans, nice tops, and comfortable shoes.

Stick to Neutral & Earthy Tones

Bright, bold colors can reflect onto your skin in ways you might not love. Instead, opt for pastels, earthy tones, or soft neutrals for a timeless, flattering look.

Coordinate, Don't Match

Your outfits should complement each other, not be too "matchy-matchy." Think coordinating tones and styles rather than identical outfits. Pinterest is a great place to look for coordinating color palettes!



SHOW OFF

Your Style

Flattering Your Features

Everyone has an area they feel self-conscious about, and the right outfit can make all the difference! Stick to silhouettes and colors that highlight your favorite features.

- Arms: Three-quarter sleeves are super flattering! If you prefer more coverage, bring a cute jacket, blazer, or cardigan. Avoid skinny straps or strapless looks if you want a slimming effect.
- Legs: Heels elongate your legs—closed-toe styles work best! If you're rocking peep-toe heels, consider a pedicure.
- Fabrics & Fit: Flowing fabrics photograph beautifully, especially for romantic, dreamy vibes.

Style Checklist

- Soft, neutral, or earthy tones keep the focus on you (avoid bright colors, busy patterns, and logos).
- Dresses always flatter—long and flowy feels extra whimsical!
- Coordinate, don't match—stick to a similar color family, but wear different dominant colors.
- Layers elevate the look—a blazer, vest, or sweater adds polish for the guys.
- Professional hair & makeup is worth it for that extra polished, camera-ready glow.

And most importantly—have fun with it!

Quick Tip: Bring comfy flats for walking between locations. Your feet will thank you!

THE ULTIMATE

Session Checklist

- Set date, time, and location
- Review guide for style tips
- Schedule hair & make-up appointments (*if applicable*)
- Choose your outfits
- Get your nails done
- Confirm location arrangements with your photographer
- Confirm weather forecast with your photographer (24-48 hrs out)
- Clean your ring
- Pack a bag
 - Flats for easy walking between locations
 - Outfit two (*if you want*)
 - Touch-Up Make-up
 - Water bottle (for summer)
 - Coat or cover-up (for winter)
 - Pick a fun post-session date spot

Some things you could consider bringing with you to your session are picnic items, a blanket with sentimental meaning for the two of you, flowers, champagne, your pets, or just anything else that the two of you love that would be fun to incorporate in your session!



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*After
the Session*

Your session is done — now comes the fun part ✨

Here's how to make the most of your engagement photos once they're delivered.

Be Patient with the Process

Your photographer will carefully edit your images, and that takes time. Turnaround varies, so trust the process and enjoy the anticipation.

Download & Share Thoughtfully

When your gallery arrives, download images directly for the best quality (screenshots reduce resolution). If you share on social media, tagging or crediting your photographer is always appreciated.

Put Them to Use

Engagement photos are perfect for save-the-dates, wedding websites, invitations, and décor. Choose images that feel most you.

Back Them Up

Save your images in more than one place — cloud storage and a physical backup help protect your memories long-term.

Consider Printing

Printed photos let you relive this season in a tangible way, whether through framed prints, albums, or keepsakes.

Soak It In

This session isn't just about photos — it's about celebrating your connection during a special chapter of your story. Enjoy it ❤️

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