

# ENGAGEMENT SESSION GUIDE



"You don't always need a plan. Sometimes you just need to breathe, trust, let go and see what happens."





It's okay to feel a bit nervous.

Being in front of a camera can be intimidating. But have no fear, your engagement session is designed to be simple, laid back and enjoyable.



It's the perfect way to connect and get comfortable with photos. You'll be amazed at how much of a difference this makes on your wedding day.



WHAT TO EXPECT



This is going to be way easier than you think.

I will be gently guiding you through the session, allowing you both to get comfortable.

Don't think of this as a photoshoot. It doesn't have to be perfect and you don't have to be a professional model to look good in front of the camera. It's all about the connection you share with each other and the natural emotions that are expressed as a result.

## Less is *More*

The less you focus on how you look or if you're doing it "correctly", the better the photos will turn out. Seriously, don't think too hard about this. Let loose and be yourself and I'll be there to make sure you look your best.

# WHAT TO WEAR



You should feel as comfortable as possible in your outfits. Wear something that makes you feel like yourself. An old band t-shirt and jeans? Sweet. A flannel and boots? You betcha.



A lot of couples decide to go shopping for new clothes, which is totally fine, but sometimes they regret not just wearing what they feel comfortable in. Feeling comfortable translates into a more enjoyable experience and more natural looking photos.



Above all else, the photos should represent your love for each other. That's what this is all about after all.

# Outfits and Locations

Think about the location of your session and choose an outfit that would compliment that environment. If we're shooting on a beach then bare feet instead of shoes makes sense. If it's freezing, bring lots of layers and warm clothes with socks and boots. If it's hot, then lean towards clothing that can breathe a bit more. You get the idea!



## Outfit Inspiration

### Layers

Layers instantly add interest and incorporate more movement and texture into your outfit

### Colors

Neutrals are always a safe bet. Think about neutrals outside of the typical black, white and grey. Other neutrals like olive, navy, beige and charcoal are personal favorites just to name a few.

# FAQ





## What time should we choose?

Lighting is the most important element in creating breathtaking photos. Ideally, light is best about an hour before sunset but we can always strategize a different time based on the weather that day.

## Where will we go?

The location really comes down to what vibe you're going for. This can be a collaborative effort or I can provide you with some great locations. Whatever you prefer!

## Can we bring our pet?

Absolutely! I recommend bringing along a friend or family member to hold your pet during the remainder of the shoot. Once the pet portion is complete, we can focus on the two of you!

## Do you travel?

Yes! I love to explore new places! Session rates may vary based on the distance of the location, so just let me know what you have in mind and we can go from there.

## Can we do multiple locations?

For sure! A typical session lasts about an hour, so we can split that time between locations if you prefer. Personally, I'm in favor of one location that offers a wide variety of options without having to spend time traveling but I'm completely on board if two locations are important to you.

## When/how will we receive our photos?

Your photos will be delivered via an online gallery which gives you instant access to view, download and share with friends and family. The turnaround time is approximately 2 weeks but may vary slightly based on the time of year.

Overall, the main goal is to get you both connecting while capturing real, honest moments that represent the two of you. So bring your authentic selves and do your best to relax, enjoy and embrace the process. I can't wait to see what we create together!

I look forward to our session!

Cheers!

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