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Hi newly engaged couple!

This is such an exciting time, and I'm so glad you found me! Engagement photo sessions are an incredibly valuable piece of your pre-wedding plans. In fact, I find them so helpful, that I always include an engagement session in ALL my wedding packages. Why are they so important?

1. It gives you a much needed romantic time out from wedding planning to reconnect as a couple.
2. You have a chance to learn some easy couple poses and get comfortable in front of the camera.
3. If your session is with your wedding photographer, it's the perfect chance to get to know them.
4. You will have some beautiful photos to use for save the date cards and your wedding website.
5. They are fun and have a way of calming nerves before the big day.

The next few pages will give you a few easy suggestions, guidelines, and inspiration for your own engagement session outfits.

*Cheers,
Janelle*



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1. Location

It's a great idea to first consider where you will be having your photos taken. Will you be at a flower farm, mountain, riverfront, beach, large park? There are endless options when it comes to amazing engagement photo shoot locations! You will want to be sure your outfits suit the scenery. Does that mean you shouldn't wear a big fancy dress to a mountain session? Actually, you can do that! And, in fact, it can look really fantastic. Just be sure to pack a pair of comfortable shoes to walk in and a jacket or sweater for when it gets chilly.

2. Time of Year

First, I would suggest scheduling your engagement shoot for a time of year that you enjoy and love styling outfits for. Then, build your wardrobe from there. If you plan on a springtime session by the water, consider light blues and neutrals in romantic silhouettes. Winter photos can mean darker colors, boots, and jackets. Or a dramatic, long dress with a warm coat. Fall can be more rustic and cozy and in the summer sundresses and light colors are lovely.



Soft pastels for a spring engagement at the beach



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3. Plan More Than One Outfit

Having more than one outfit is key to giving you plenty of variety in your final gallery. I suggest one more casual outfit, and one or two dressier options. You can also bring along different shoes and some accessories to switch things up even more. Wondering where to change? Some locations will have a restroom or you can change in your car. But I always offer to bring along a pop up changing tend if we will be far from a changing area.

4. Be Comfortable and You

No matter what, I want my couples to feel comfortable and confident. Stay true to your own sense of style. If casual clothing is what you are happiest in, that's okay. There are plenty of ways to elevate the style of your favorite things. So dress up as much or as little as you want. And always get help if you need it! I love to steer my clients in the right direction.



Be comfortable and be you!



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5. Try to Coordinate Tastefully

It's a good idea to coordinate your outfits and color palette, but not get too matchy matchy. Complimentary colors, neutrals, and a few pops of color here and there are a nice way not to go overboard. If you are unsure, just ask for help. On the next page, I will show you a few seasonal styling choices that work well together. And I am always happy to create color palettes and inspiration boards for my clients.

6. A Few Don'ts

There are just a few things for you to avoid in your styling selections.

- Too many patterns or very bright neon colors can be distracting and don't look as great in photos.
- An outfit that is uncomfortable and you need to fiddle with constantly.
- Something with a lot of wrinkles.
- Worn out clothing or holes.



Dressing up at a casual location works beautifully.



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Seasonal Inspiration

Spring



In the spring, I love a soft color palette with a lot of neutrals. The natural colors outside this time of year are bright greens and more yellow tones, so the softer colors help balance that out.

Summer



In the summer you can opt for a few more pops of vibrant color if you want. That, mixed with brighter whites and lighter neutrals fit the natural summer landscape.



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Seasonal Inspiration

Fall



Fall is a beautiful time for engagement photos. Warmer tones combined with some rust, blue, and brown look beautiful.

Winter



The darker and less vibrant winter landscape pairs well with more saturated colors. I love blacks and dark grays, camel and ivory, and pops of red, green, or another jewel tone.



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I hope you are on your way to planning a fantastic engagement photo shoot. They really can be a lot of fun and a wonderful time out for you as a couple. But if you are stuck, just reach out for some help. I am always happy to chat and come up with a gorgeous wardrobe plan for my clients.

Happy planning!

xo, Janelle

