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Portrait Session Prep Checklist

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I'm so
honored
you're here!



I'm Bethie!

WEDDING AND PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHER

Whether you're planning a session for your sweet family or you're a graduating senior or doing a session to celebrate a special moment in your life, like your wedding anniversary, pregnancy, or engagement session, I want you to know that I'm honored to be your photographer and humbled that you've trusted me with the responsibility of helping you create memories that you'll look back on and cherish for a lifetime.

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It's always a little intimidating to have your picture taken even if it's just a photo on an iPhone that is taken by a friend. We still want to look nice, make sure nothing is in our teeth and that our hair is behaving! I realize that preparing for your session can be a little overwhelming.

My goal is simple: for your session to be as fun and stress-free as possible! That's why I've created this guide just for you! The following pages will help you get the absolute most out of your photos.

This guide is packed with my best tips, tricks, and insider secrets for prepping for your portrait session. Your only job is to be yourself, laugh a lot, have fun and let me do the rest! I can't wait to get you in front of my camera and I'm so excited to see you soon!

I recommend printing off these pages, so you can easily check off everything on the list and know right where you are at with planning your session.



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The Basics & What to Bring

POCKETS

Empty your pockets! Literally. You don't want to have key chains or phones showing through your pockets. (This is for the guys especially!)

RING CLEANING

If you are prepping for your engagement session, clean the ring! I love to shoot a few ring shots while you change outfits! The cleaner the sparklier.

DEEP BREATHS

I'm going to help you along the way and it's going to be a blast! Enjoy this time together, and make a date out of it! Plan dinner afterwards and celebrate!!

CLOTHING

I send all my clients a style guide that goes into more detail on this, but usually, my couples like to bring one casual outfit and one dressier outfit!

FLIP FLOPS

If you're wearing shoes that are difficult to walk in but look awesome, bring some comfy shoes to change to while we walk to each shooting location!

TIMING

The sun sets quickly especially if your shoot is not in the summer months. The later you arrive, the less time we have to shoot! Once the sun is set, the shoot will be over.

CHANGING CLOTHES

As much as I would like to say that we always have restrooms for outfit changes, more often than not, our clients do quick outfit changes in their car if there are no other options!

PARKING FEE

This may not apply to your shoot, but you always want to plan in advance for a cash-only parking fee that we may encounter. We've had instances where this has caused some stress and stress is what we want to avoid!

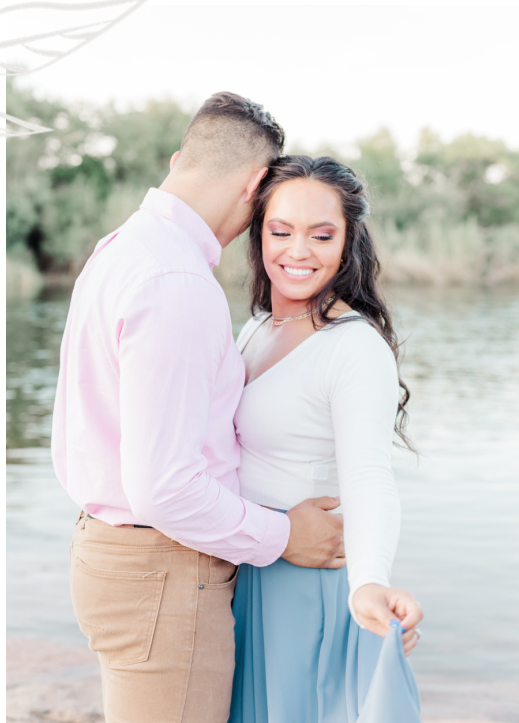
LIP COLOR & HAIRSPRAY

You may need to apply more lip color after one outfit change and a few kisses. (If you have a bold lip color, try to have a matte finish so it won't transfer with any kisses!). Hairspray and a brush will be helpful if your hair struggles in the humidity!

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- ☐ Email bethiegrondinphotography@gmail.com to schedule a date, time, and location
- ☐ Review Style Guide for outfit inspiration
- ☐ Choose your outfits (drop off at dry cleaner if needed!)
- ☐ Get your nails done
- ☐ Have your ring cleaned (for engagement sessions)
- ☐ Pack a bag with:
 - ☐ Flats or flip-flops for walking between photo spots
 - ☐ Outfit two (including shoes and accessories)
 - ☐ Touch-up makeup
 - ☐ Props
 - ☐ Water Bottle
 - ☐ Coat or cover-up (for colder sessions)
 - ☐ Snacks for little ones
 - ☐ Small eye-catching toys to grab little kids' attention



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I hope this portrait session checklist helps you stay organized and on top of things! But if you have any questions at any point, please know, I'm here for you!

At the end of the day, though, the location you choose and the outfits you wear won't matter nearly as much as the fun you have at your session and the memories you make. Remembering all these little details will definitely enhance your photos, but the most important accessory to bring with you is joyfulness -- which is the one that makes the biggest difference in your photos anyways. Just show up with a smile, and you'll have a great time and gorgeous photos :)

- Bethie