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spring/summer style guide

N E W B E G I N N I N G S



Getting engaged is a whirlwind. The first few weeks are filled with congratulatory phone calls, jaws that drop at the sight of your ring, excitement that your Pinterest board can finally come to life, and A LOT of planning. If you're not familiar with the wedding industry, you may find yourself asking, "Now what?" You are excited to be engaged to the love of your life, but you have no idea how to start your wedding planning. My suggestion? Schedule engagement photos! (That's what Alex and I did!) Once your session is scheduled, you will want to start thinking about outfits for your session. This style guide was designed to inspire my couples to look their best at their engagement sessions. As a disclaimer, I am certainly not a fashionista. BUT- I have been in your shoes, and I know what it's like to not know where to start. In this guide, I am sharing my best advice for how to achieve complementary outfits, pick out the perfect colors, and make the most out of your engagement session. I'm dedicated to providing my couples with all of the resources they need to make their wedding journey as easy and memorable as possible, so I hope this guide will be valuable to you! Enjoy!

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pretty pastels

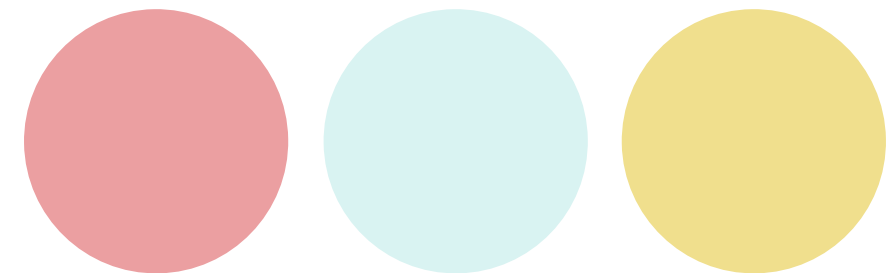
PAIRS WELL WITH WHITES AND GRAYS

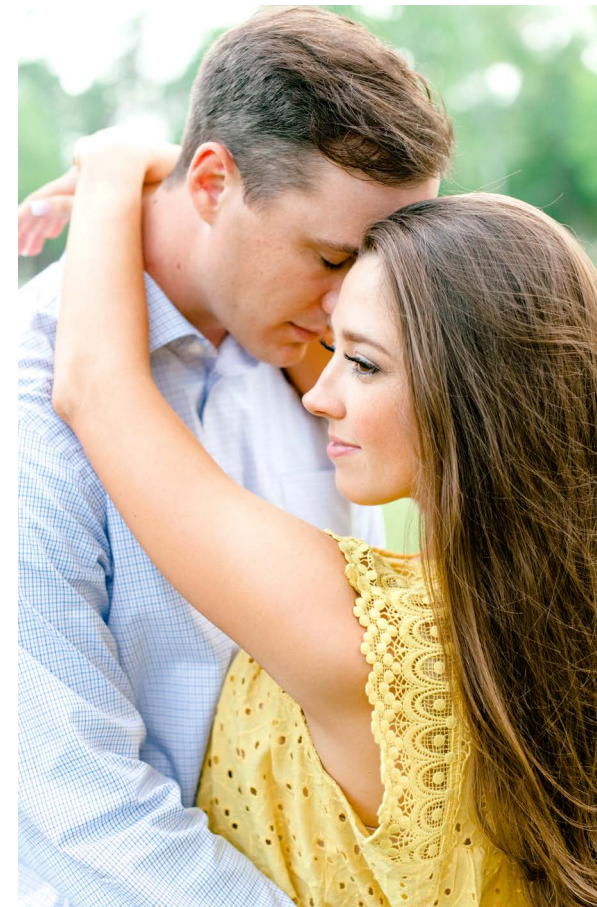
Dress Up

A fun way to make your engagement session special is by bringing at least 1 dressy outfit. A dressy outfit can be anything from a maxi to a short dress to skinny jeans with heels. There's something romantic about dressing up with your fiancé and strolling through a field during sunset. We will shoot a mix of casual and dressy outfits so that we have variety in your images. This comes in handy when you are picking out images for Save the Dates or selecting images to put on display at your wedding.

Order of Outfits

We will start the session in your casual outfits and end with your dressiest outfit. (I recommend 2-3 outfits!) The most formal outfit photographs well with the sunset in the background at the end of the session. This is one of many reasons that I love shooting right before sunset! Also, it's easier to slip into a dress at the end of a session than it is to put on a pair of jeans. You might want to consider pinning your hair back towards the end of the session to transform your look even more.



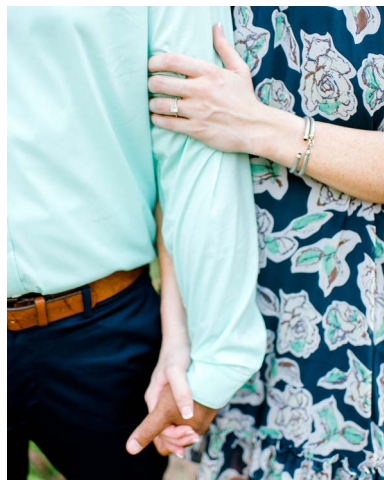


Get Inspired

I recommend going through a couple of engagement sessions on my blog together before the day of your session. This will give both of you a better understanding of what the day will be like and what will be asked of you! This is especially helpful for guys who may not know what to expect from this whole “picture thing.” I guarantee that your future groom will feel more confident if he has viewed my work prior to your engagement session. When I ask him to “nuzzle in a little closer to you,” he will know exactly what I mean...and he won’t feel goofy doing it! Here’s another plus: you might find a “must have shot” on my blog, and I can keep that in mind while we are shooting!

Pairing Outfits

For my own engagement session, I went through my husband's closet first. I picked out his favorite plaid flannel, and then I based my outfit off of an accent color in his flannel. This was the perfect way to create complementary outfits. It made shopping easier for me because it narrowed down what I was searching for and allowed me to focus on finding an outfit for myself instead of for both of us.





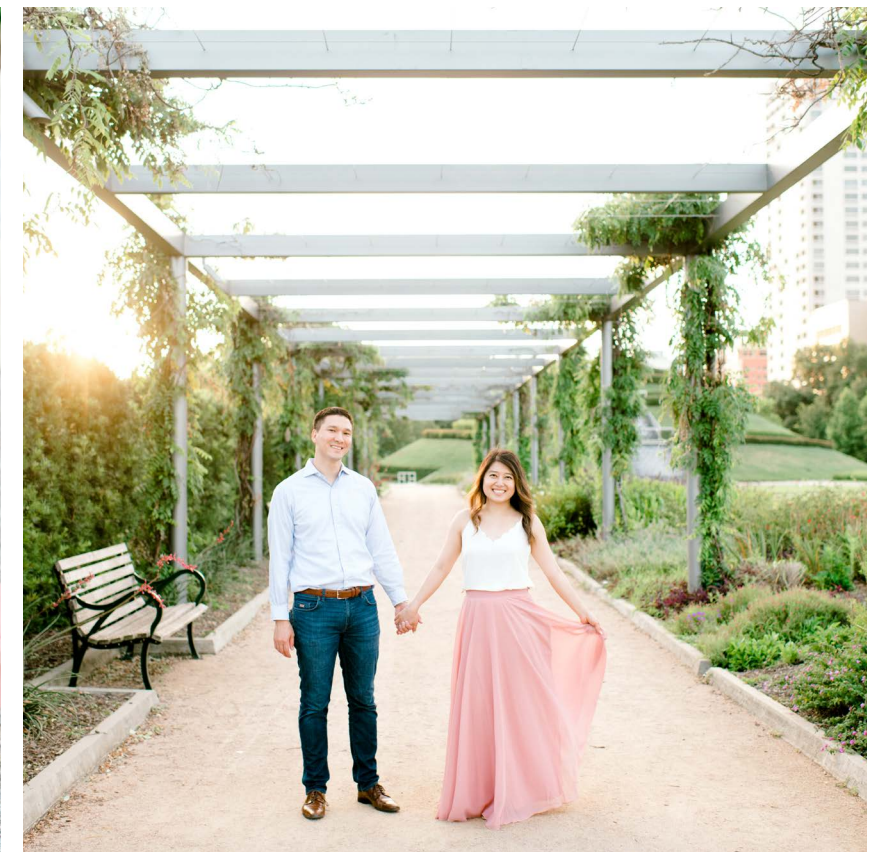
check list

What to Bring

- 3 outfits- At least 1 cute casual and 1 dressy
- Hairbrush
- Makeup for touch-ups
- Oil wipes for your face
- A quilt or blanket to sit down on
- Your engagement ring (no brainer, right?!)
- Class rings if you went to the same college
- A bag with your change of clothes in it
- A change of shoes (if needed)
- The proper undergarments for each outfit

On the Day Of

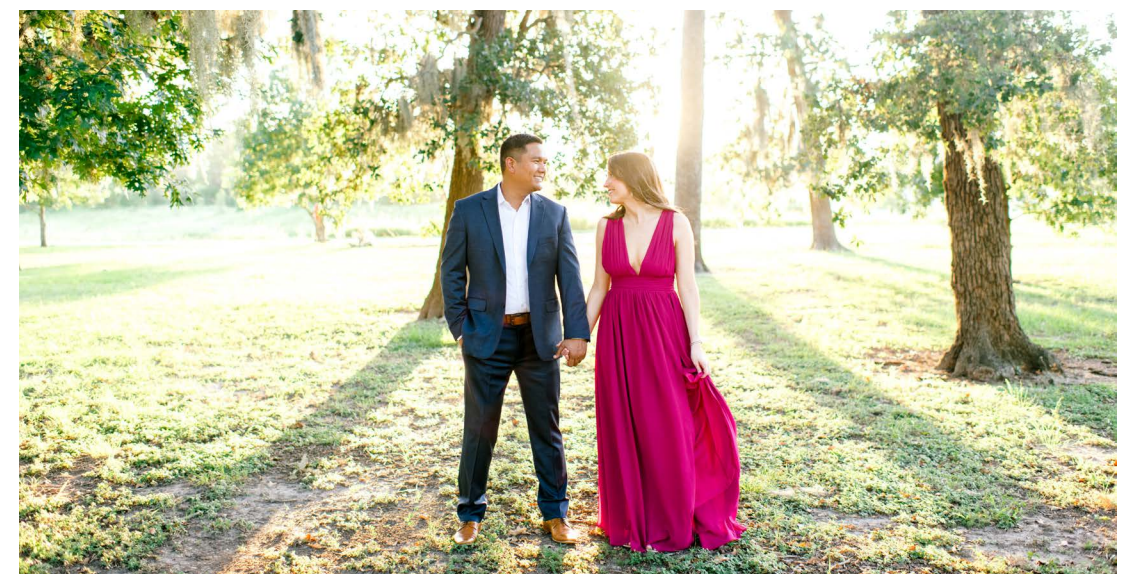
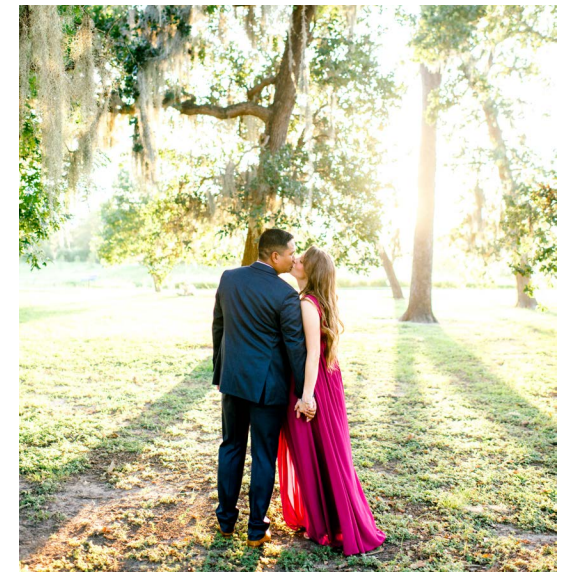
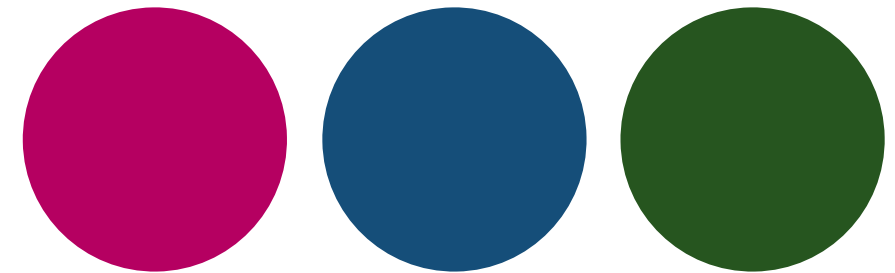
- Arrive on time, so we can get the most of the sunlight!
- Let's plan on shooting each other a text when we arrive.
- Wear your more casual outfit first. Your dressier outfit will be saved for sunset!
- If we are shooting at a field or natural park, plan to change outfits in the car. (An AC break is always nice!)
- During your session, I will walk you through different poses and help you interact naturally in front of the camera. Trust me- you don't have to be a pro at this!





pops of bright color

PAIRS WELL WITH NAVY AND PATTERNS





Textures

I can't talk enough about how incorporating texture into your outfits can transform your photos. It adds extra interest to your images by giving your outfits more depth. This textured shirts here are perfect examples. The delicate lace and rich colors really make the image pop! Another way to add in texture to your outfits is by

PAIRING COLORS

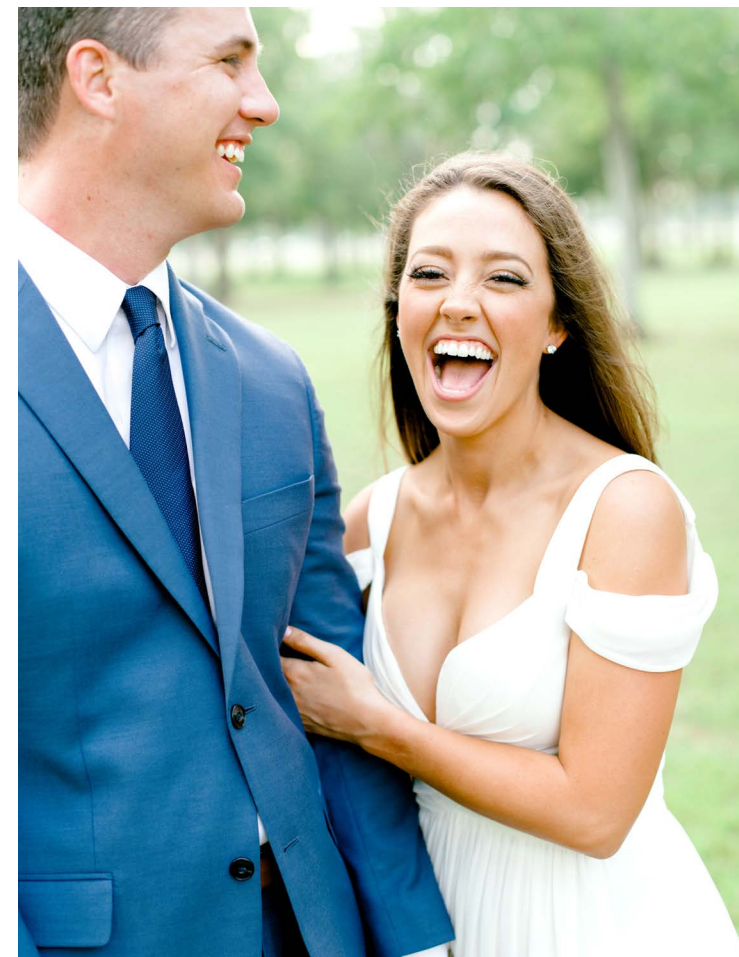
If you are wanting to wear a bright, bold color for your engagement session, I have a tip for you! Sometimes girls' dresses and shirts with bold/bright colors can cause a "color cast" on the guy's shirt. For example, if Rachel were wearing a bright red shirt in these images and Garrett was wearing a solid white shirt, the sunlight would cause a red shadow to be cast onto Garrett's shirt from Rachel's shirt. Instead, pops of bright color are best paired with another color (like shown here) or a darker color like navy so that no color casts are shown. This is something to watch out for if you plan to wear red or neon bright colors.



keepin it classic

TIMELESS DRESSES AND SUITS

Classic white dresses never go out of style! Channel your inner bride, and wear your favorite white dress to your engagement session. It gives your photos a classic look, and it pairs well with any suit or blazer your guy owns. I am personally a huge fan of maxi dresses because the flow of the dresses adds motion to your images. It's also the perfect dress style for girls who want the perfect "twirling" photo!

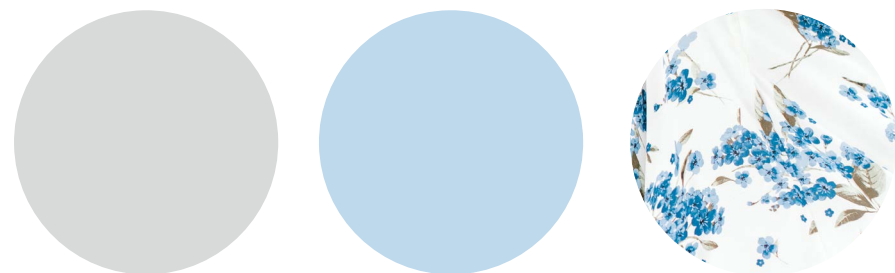
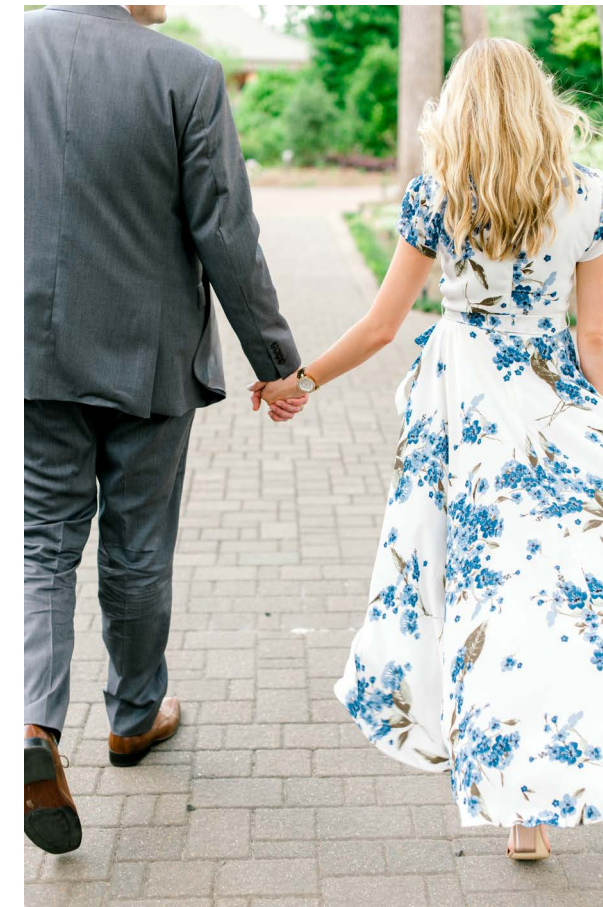
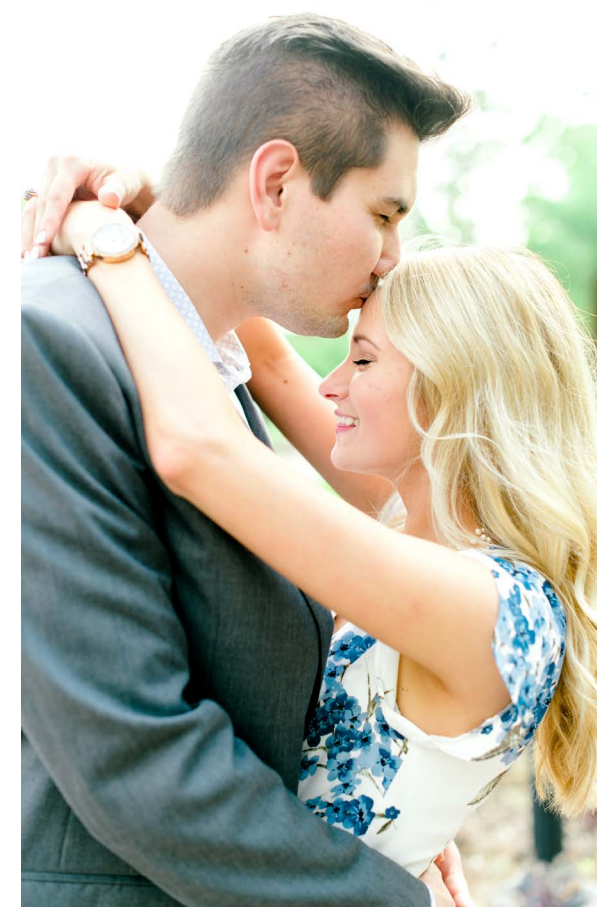






Hair Tip: Think about how the weather will affect your hair! It's best to pick a hairstyle that will stay the way you intended throughout the session. If your hair doesn't stay straight in the Houston humidity, go with waves instead! (Pack extra bobby pins!)

floral print faves



Floral Dresses

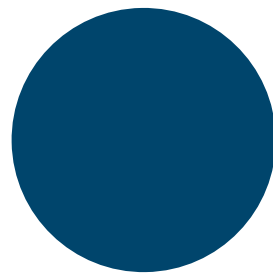
Floral dresses are perfect for spring and summer engagement sessions! Whether you opt for a short sundress or a flowy maxi dress, floral print adds the perfect amount of interest to your photos without being too busy. Floral print pairs well with a solid colored shirt for guys, so it makes pairing outfits a breeze!



LOGISTICS:

- I try to photograph engagement sessions on weekday evenings because weekends are dedicated to photographing weddings!
- I recommend one location so that we have plenty of time to change outfits. Natural, outdoorsy settings with wide open spaces, tall grass, or plenty of trees work best!
- All sessions take place 1.5 hours before sunset so that we can have the best “golden glow” in the photos!
- I love to travel to our shoots! Let me know if you have any special family properties, etc. Or, if you have a wedding venue with wide open spaces, that’s perfect for your engagement session. It also allows me to do a walk-through of your venue before the big day!

This is a perfect example of mixing all of the styling tips in this guide. Jen wore a textured, floral print dress and paired it with Shane's classic suit jacket that added a pop of color to their images.





thank you

Thank you for choosing me to be a part of your wedding journey! I'm excited to document this special time for you and ensure that you have gorgeous engagement, bridal, and wedding day photos to look back at!

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