



PREPARATION FOR CHILD/FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT

Keeping your attire simple allows for the focus to stay on you and not draw the eye to patterns and colors in fabrics. Your wardrobe should be free of logos, pictures and writing. For black & white photos – black, white and mid-toned pastels photograph beautifully. Tone on tone patterns appear interesting without being distracting.

Beware of wearing items that constrict your skin leaving behind marks. E.g. socks, waistbands.

Try to coordinate with each other as it adds continuity to your portraits.

Everyone should be barefoot.

Even if you are not intending to be a part of the shoot, I recommend that you be camera ready as well, since sometimes children are most comfortable being photographed with you at first. This often leads to a great shot you otherwise would not have had.

CHILDREN

They should coordinate with you as well and have simple attire. Make sure their eyes, nose, finger and toenails are clean and groomed. Lotion and lip balm will help with close-ups.

BABIES

A baby's skin photographs beautifully. I recommend that your baby/toddler wear a diaper cover (I always have various on hand) or cloth diaper and be barefoot. Make sure their eyes, nose, finger and toenails are clean and groomed. Lotion and lip balm will help with close-ups.

You should have at least one change of clothes or *two* so that if we find something is not working...we can change it on the spot and it also gives you different "looks" to choose from later.

If you have a special item that you would like photographed with your child, please feel free to bring it with you. E.g. Blanket, favorite toy, bear, etc.

HAIR & MAKE UP

Make -up should be classic and clean. **Finger and toenails groomed.**

Lotion and lip balm will help with close-ups.

Hair the same --loose is best...we can pick it up to suit a shot at that time. If you like, bring hats for outdoor shots.

Recommendations for a professional make-up artist can be made and is advised.

I highly recommend drinking lots of extra water for the prior two days...it will make your skin look particularly beautiful!

Leave the rest to me!

