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Tips for Preparing for your Family Portrait

Choose clothing for your family that everyone is comfortable in. The clothes you wear help set the mood for the portrait, and should complement the location you choose, as well as the décor of your home where your portrait will be displayed. Formal settings call for dressier clothes than a woodsy setting.

You can choose old favorites or shop for a new wardrobe especially for your portrait. If you need any help or have questions

Colors

It's best if the colors are complementary, or choose to have everyone wear the same color for a more uniform look. Avoid having one person's clothing stand out from everyone else. Your faces should be most important in your portrait, not your clothing. Solid mid-range colors generally photograph best and don't distract from your faces. Black recedes and slims. White can dominate and make everyone look heavier. Avoid patterns, large or small, as they look "busy." Think about where your portrait will hang in your home and choose colors that complement the other furnishings in the room.

Knees and Feet

Knees show when seated, so women and girls need to consider skirt or dress length.

Some poses will show your feet especially in full-length portraits. So be sure to bring shoes and socks for each outfit you plan to wear. Some poses, like casual portraits may look better in just stocking feet, flip-flops or bare feet. Single color socks work best. If you are in light colored clothes, keep the socks light. If you are in dark clothes, wear matching dark socks. Oh and if you go barefoot, make sure your feet are clean and your nails are trimmed.

Grooming

You want to look your best, so pay a little extra attention to your grooming before your portrait session. If anyone needs a fresh haircut, have it done about a week ahead. Facial shine is extremely detrimental to a great portrait.

Men, if you have an afternoon/evening appointment and a heavy beard, you may want to shave mid-day to avoid the “five o’clock shadow” look. If you wear a beard or mustache, they should be neatly trimmed.

Women should wear your normal makeup and lipstick. Even if you prefer a natural look, a good foundation can smooth out skin tones, and a little lipstick and mascara can bring out your features. You may want to apply your makeup slightly heavier than normal and add some color to your cheeks and lips to enhance your appearance and help minimize any imperfections.

Children don’t need makeup and shouldn’t wear any. We can retouch

typical teenage pimples and other blemishes. Avoid large or bright hair bows or headbands on little girls.

Black and White

The actual colors you wear is not important. However, avoid outfits that are predominantly black or white. Remember the image will only show black, white and grey. Mixing tones and textures makes a more interesting black and white image. Clothing with lots of texture (corduroy, flannel, denim, will) look great in black and white. Layers always add a classy look to black and white images

Eyeglasses

If you normally wear glasses, they should be part of your portrait. We control the reflections to the best of our ability by adjusting your pose, but sometimes it's impossible to completely eliminate glasses glare. If you have thick lenses or have had severe reflection problems in the past, you may want to ask your optometrist to loan you a frame with no lenses for your portrait.

Some Final Thoughts

THREE MOST IMPORTANT RULES!

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If you need any help or have questions please do not hesitate to give me a call.