

## Preparing for Your Portrait

### **Clothing**

Style - Keep it simple. Decide ahead of time if you want your portrait to be formal or casual. We recommend staying away from bright colors, graphic prints and patterns for larger groups. We suggest that you stay away from white. The brightness of white can take away from the people who are being photographed. The most flattering clothing colors are pastels and earth tones.

### **Shoes**

Don't forget your shoes! Solid colors tend to work best, and be sure to check that they go with your clothing choices. For children, stay away from bright colors, cartoon characters, or flames coming down the sides!

### **Hair**

Once again, keep it simple! Now is not the time to try a daring new hairstyle... If you are going to get your hair cut, try to have it done at least 1 week prior to your portrait session. We want you to look as natural as possible for your portrait and giving it some time to grow in after a cut looks best!

### **Make-up**

Please arrive to your session with hair and make-up already done, that way you can make the most of your time with your photographer! When applying make-up for portraits, most of our clients find it best to wear what they might wear when going out for a night on the town.

### **Hands and Feet**

Don't forget to take care of your hands and feet! It's a possibility that hands or feet may show in some of your images, which makes it the perfect excuse to get a mani/pedi!

### **Jewelry**

Keep it simple. Your jewelry should be a reflection of your style today. It's also not just for women... classic watches, necklaces or rings are perfect for the men in your family too!

### **Eyewear**

We recommend that you have the lenses removed from your glasses to avoid glare. Our photographers are highly trained to minimize glare, but even non-glare glasses may have some glare in photographs.

### **Items with Personal Meaning**

We love to incorporate items with personal meaning! This can add some beautiful emotion to your images. If you have any items at home with personal meaning that you would like to include in your session, please bring them with you. These items could include a child's favorite book, an heirloom rocker, a special gift from grandma etc.

### **Blankets**

For on location sessions, we recommend you bring along a blanket that coordinates with the wardrobe you have chosen. If the grass is wet, this can be handy to place beneath you.

### **Note to Moms**

Don't leave yourself for last. You will treasure these portraits for a lifetime. Take time to make yourself look and feel special. You deserve it!