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Scheduling

Contact me as soon as possible to let me know when your little one is due so I can pencil you into my schedule. Then send a note (call, text or email) as soon as you deliver so we can schedule our session to take place in the next 3 to 7 days. Once baby is older than 7 days, posing him in those adorable positions becomes more difficult as he begins to stretch and move around more. Plan on a mid-morning appointment that lasts 2 hours but be prepared if it takes longer than that. Everything depends on baby's willingness to sleep!

PENCIL ME IN.

Location

The majority of my newborn photoshoots take place in the client's home in the mid-morning, in order to get the best lighting near an open window. Don't be surprised if it's in the dining room or some other seemingly odd place. It's all dependent upon the best light! I can set up a studio space anywhere. I may also choose to use artificial lighting if needed, but I will bring that to the shoot. We may need to move around some things in order to have space for the set.





Props + Clothing

I will bring an assortment of baskets, blankets, hats and headbands to your session. If there are other outfits, family heirlooms, toys or props that you'd like to use in photos, let me know ahead of time to ensure I am adequately prepared. We may not get a chance to use all of them but we can look through them together to choose some that will work.

Baby will be in his birthday suit for most of the photoshoot, but I will make sure privates are covered in the photos. If you would prefer to keep a diaper on baby, please choose a cloth diaper or diaper cover to put over disposable diapers (they don't look so cute in photos). Also consider whether you would like to have photos taken of you and your little one "skin-to-skin".

As for mom, dad and siblings, choose simple outfits free of logos and busy patterns. There's no need to make sure everyone is in the same thing, but choose outfits that do not draw attention. Long or short sleeve knit tops are best, along with a pair of jeans. Baby is meant to be the star of this show! If you need help choosing an outfit, let me know! I would be happy to assist you.



Day of Session Prep

Make sure you are camera ready on the day of your appointment! This is a great excuse to get a blow-out at the salon or have your make-up done professionally, though not necessary. Just make sure you are relaxed and ready to just go with the flow. Here are some last-minute details to look after on the day of your photoshoot:

2 HOURS AHEAD:

Prior to my arrival, please open all blinds and curtains so I can find the best location near a window as soon as I get there. Please also make your bed! I love getting a few cozy shots of you and baby cuddled up in bed. Choose a solid, light-toned blanket or comforter that doesn't take focus off the baby. I can bring a blanket as well in case you don't have something suitable.

30-60 MINUTES AHEAD:

Most of the poses I like to do work best if baby is sleeping. For this reason, do whatever it takes to make sure he is exhausted at the time of your session. Please feed and burp baby just before your session to make sure he is happy and sleepy and keep in mind that we will take many breaks to give baby a chance to re-fuel and get a diaper change.

30 MINUTES AHEAD:

Babies like to be warm and tend to get fussy when I come in and remove all their clothes. Please crank up the heat to 80 degrees or so, about 30 minutes prior to our session. We all may be sweating but it's worth it to have a peaceful baby! I will also bring a small space heater to help keep him warm.



Miscellaneous Tips

I am happy to include siblings and other family members in the photoshoot, but most of the session will be devoted to mom, dad and baby. Please make arrangements for other children in the home to be cared for while you are with your photographer in order to minimize distractions and noise. I will bring a sound machine to help keep baby asleep during the session but it won't block out all noise. A peaceful, calm environment will make it easier for baby to sleep and will help keep you relaxed.

Since baby will be in his birthday suit for most of the shoot, you can count on a few bathroom messes! Please keep a stash of old towels, wipes and blankets to help keep things clean. Don't worry if some of it gets on blankets, or even on me when I am moving him around! This happens all the time and I always wash all of the blankets after every photoshoot.

Your own hands and feet may be in a few pictures too, so make sure they are photo-ready (this includes dad)!