

# getting ready guide

what to bring, clothing ideas & studio props

**1-12**  
days

newborn  
baby portraits



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INSPIRED CLASSIC PORTRAITURE

# newborn: pure & simple

Newborn babies in the first few days of life are so amazingly beautiful. Every single feature is tiny and delicate. The ideal time to capture their portraits is at the age of 5-12 days old when they will more readily fall into a deep sleep and will still curl up into a tiny bundle.



In our experience, a naked baby photographs best. Newborn clothing rarely fits their little bodies. Babies seem to get swallowed up by clothes. Besides, the goal of this session is to remember every tiny little feature!



# newborn: pure & simple

Classic black & white imagery can be stunningly beautiful, detailing every small feature of a baby's face and the texture of their hair. When it comes time to choose your portraits, we will make suggestions on which images would be most gorgeous in black & white.



# newborn: pure & simple



Our signature newborn pose.  
For when your baby is so tiny  
that they fit in the palm of your hand.

# newborn: simple props



The best feature of a newborn baby is their beautiful skin, so we use props rather selectively.

We keep a variety of wraps and delicate floral headbands on hand to add a touch of color to your portraits. We believe that a simple prop may enhance your portrait in a way that does not overwhelm or upstage the natural beauty of our subject.





# newborn: buckets & baskets



Once your baby falls deep into a comfortable sleep, we are often able to transfer their small bodies to one of our buckets or baskets for another unique look to your newborn portrait session.







# newborn girls

For girls, we have a selection of colored bows and headbands. We also recommend that you bring her favorite baby blanket, particularly if there is a family member who handcrafted a special item for the baby.







# newborn boys

We have a selection of blankets, wraps and hats in soft colors appropriate for a baby boy's room.

Bring along a blanket or stuffed toy to add a personal touch.





# newborn: wall collection



Canvas-wrapped wall portraits make beautiful art pieces for your home, whether you choose to hang them in the family room or the bedroom.

# check list

to get ready for your newborn session

## clothing

Your baby's naked skin is by far the most gorgeous thing he or she can wear! Newborn clothing rarely looks good in portraits. Bring any baby blankets or wraps for the baby to wear. For parents with the baby, we recommend wearing a simple long sleeve solid black top. We also suggest that your nails are trimmed and neat when holding the baby.

## props & accessories

We know there is a mountain of ideas on Pinterest, but not all items are made for newborns this small. Be selective if you choose to bring special props and costumes.

## personal mementos

We love it when you bring special receiving blankets or handmade gifts given to the baby by family members and close family friends. Classic stuffed animal toys are always great items to bring.

## feedings

We will likely be taking at least one or two long breaks for feedings. Bring whatever you need to be prepared for these feedings, whether it is extra bottles, formula or pumped breast milk, plus extra burp cloths.

## we're prepared!

We have plenty of supplies on hand. Extra diapers. Extra wipes. Healthy snacks. Bottled water. Coffee (for you, not the baby!).



# more tips

to get ready for your newborn session

## 1. relax & have fun

We know how challenging it can be just get out the door (often your first venture away from home) and arrive on time for your newborn portrait session. Once you arrive, we'll take it from there! Relaxed parents have more fun and your baby will respond to that energy.

## 2. well rested (and fed)?

We understand that you may have not had a full night's sleep, or even remembered your last meal. Rest assured that we will do what we can to ensure you are comfortable. We have snacks & coffee on hand. Plus, there is a cafe down the hall that offers breakfast and lunch takeout.

## 3. plan around doctor visits

Due to the nature of this first portrait session, we recommend that you plan any doctor visits for a day other than your session.

## 4. family members

Our goal is to focus on capturing a series of classic portraits of your baby alone. We also want to include parents and siblings, too. We will often make a plan in advance on how best to accommodate everyone in the session.

## 5. we're happy to help

Be sure to call us with questions at 978-744-6918 if we missed anything!