

FAMILIES

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your guide to a
stress free
photo session

what to wear
& more



welcome

Family photos are a great way to cherish the special moments you share with your loved ones through the years. They showcase your family's personality and bond.

While this sounds great in theory, it can be daunting and overwhelming for some to plan a photo session. I'm here to ease your worries.

With me behind the lens, and a bit of thoughtful preparation, it can be a great experience that produces lifestyle candid photos and hopefully a fond memory. If you choose me as your photographer, I will strive to provide you with beautiful family portraits that capture intimate, candid, fun, moments, that showcase the love in your family unit. (And I'll help your kids or furr babies have fun while doing it!)



4 steps for a *stress free* photo session with your family

As any parent knows, making sure everyone cooperates and behaves for an hour is no easy task! Family photo sessions can seem a bit scary. But with some preparation and patience, your family photo session can be enjoyable and a fond memory for the entire family. Here's how you can make sure your photo session is stress-free.

1. PREP YOUR FAMILY IN ADVANCE

Tell them about the photoshoot ahead of time and what to expect. Let them know how much you're looking forward to it and why your family is doing it. If you're excited, they'll definitely catch your enthusiasm!

2. LET THEM BE INVOLVED

Include your children in the planning process. Ask them what colors they think the family should wear. Help them pick out an outfit, either from their closet or at the store. When children feel involved, they're much more willing to participate.

3. BRING BACKUP

Make sure you're well prepared for photoshoot day. Bring along some snacks (or treats), water, toys, diapers, grandma (if necessary), etc. That way, even if the unexpected happens, you'll be ready for it!

4. MAKE IT FUN!

Make photoshoot day a special occasion! Plan on doing something fun after the session so they look forward to the outing all day. Ice cream, dinner out, the park are just a few easy options.



A family of five is walking away from the camera on a paved path that curves to the right. The mother, on the left, is carrying a baby and holding the hand of a young girl. The father, on the right, is holding the hand of the same young girl. A young boy is walking between the mother and the father. They are all dressed in casual summer clothing. The path is surrounded by lush green trees and bushes. The sun is setting in the background, creating a warm, golden glow. The overall mood is peaceful and nostalgic.

best times for your *family photo session*

Timing is always important to consider when it comes to photography, especially when children are involved. Timing can be the difference between a frustrating session and an enjoyable, memorable photoshoot. So when is the best time to have your family photo session?

THE BEST TIME IS WHENEVER KIDS ARE HAPPIEST

The morning light is more favourable than mid-day light when the sun is not shining directly overhead. The light is softer, and shadows are less harsh on faces. I avoid shooting directly in the sun and look for areas with trees or bushes in the shade.

Overcast or cloudy days are perfect for sessions anytime. The light is softer as the clouds act as a natural diffuser for the sun. Hard to predict but don't stress if the clouds are out.

Late afternoon or golden hour. The timing of golden hour sessions can be tough for families with little ones. During the summer it falls between 7-8:30pm. Late afternoon sessions are a good alternative when the sun is not too high.



tips on: *what to wear*



When it comes to family portraits, one of the most common questions we get is, “What should we wear?” It’s a tricky decision! Since these photos will last a lifetime, you want to make sure your entire family looks as good as possible. But at the same time, you also want them to look like themselves — not wearing stuffy clothes that make them feel uncomfortable. We always recommend wearing clothing that makes you feel and look your best, which can be different for every person. Here are a few other wardrobe suggestions that photograph beautifully.

WEAR COORDINATING (NOT MATCHING) OUTFITS

Make sure your outfits coordinate well with one another. Stick to a color palette of one or two colors. Matching outfits can look a little dated — coordinated outfits look harmonious and pretty. To make sure all of your outfits go well together, try laying out everyone's photoshoot outfits together the day before.

LET YOUR KIDS HAVE A SAY

Ask your children what they'd like to wear. Asking their opinions will help to make sure they feel comfortable and involved. (Just make sure they know their picks are subject to your final approval — otherwise, you might have a little Spiderman in your family portraits!)

DRESS WEATHER APPROPRIATE

Keep an eye on the weather forecast and make sure you dress accordingly. Choose colors that are appropriate for the season. And if it'll be chilly during your photoshoot, be sure to bundle up a bit!

A FEW DON'TS:

While what you decide to wear is ultimately up to you and your family, there are a few things that tend not to photograph well.

- Patterns: one or two family members wearing a pattern is okay, but too many patterns tend to clash and draw too much attention.
- White: wearing too much white can wash out fair skin.
- Large logos: graphic tees tend to distract from the most important part of the photo — your beautiful faces!



Location

It's important to choose a location that signifies your family and the vibe you are trying to achieve. Maybe there is a park with special ties to your story as a family or maybe you really want to wear a certain colour palette that would work well displayed around your home. You will have these memories forever, so some thought should go into the location!

OUTDOOR SESSIONS

Brainstorm some common areas with your family. Continue to include the kids in the location they will get to explore.

Some of my favourite spots:

- Kings Park, Crescent Park
- Parkade
- St. Malo Beach, Matlock
- Waterfront Drive
- Harbourview Park
- Henteloff Park
- Flower Garden
- Assiniboine Forest
- Harte Trail
- Charlie May Farm - greenhouse
- Birds hill - field, trees, beach
- Indoor options: Hotel lobby, in-home, May11 Studio, The Leaf,
- St. Norbert Monastery
- St. Vital Park
- Silver Springs Park
- Lagimodière-Gaboury Park
- Birds hill
- Kennedy House
- Fort Gibraltar
- Manitoba Legislative
- English Garden at Assiniboine Park
- Bunns Creek



pricing

All sessions include time & talent of photographer, posed/candid variety captures, professional retouching, and High-res files sent by digital download.

*'Best Photos' refers to final photos being chosen by the photographer (*based on colours, quality and most flattering*). Pets welcome. Travel fees may apply.

OUTDOOR / IN-HOME SESSION

½ hour / 1-hour

Great for 1-family unit, grad, portraits, maternity, newborn, one year/cake smash,

Extended family sessions are additional

- Newborn 1 hour
- Cake smash 1/2 hour

MINI SESSION / PIGGY BACK SESSION :

15 minutes - offered 3 times a year or booked in alignment with a session I already have booked.

Multi-booking discounts offered to book at once.

Events are at an hourly rate

Studio fees are extra



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