

# EXPERIENCE GUIDE

## *Christmas Sessions*



# welcome

Congratulations on booking your  
Christmas Photos with me!

I created this guide to give you all  
the important information that you  
need along with plenty of tips &  
tricks on how to prepare for your  
session so we can make it as stress  
free & memorable as possible.

Hopefully I've answered all of your  
questions within this guide however  
please feel free to reach out if you  
have something not covered.

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# WHAT TO EXPECT

*from your Christmas session*

## BEFORE

After you receive your Invoice for the booking fee, you need to make sure that it is paid within 48 hours or you will relinquish your time slot.

1 week prior to your session I will email you all of the remaining details including directions, where to park & where I will meet you. If there is potential for rain, I will also discuss our options within this email.

## DURING

During our photo session, be prepared for lots of fun & laughter. Don't worry about feeling uncomfortable or not knowing how to pose / what to do with your hands etc - that's why you come to me! I will teach you all the tricks to help you feel great and enjoy the time we get to spend together.

## AFTER

Once we are done, the hardest part now is waiting to see your amazing images!

Within 4 weeks after your session you will receive an email with a link to your online gallery. I suggest taking some time to sit down with a nice drink & enjoy looking through your beautiful memories.

You have a choice to download your chosen photos (Christmas Sessions include 5 digital images) or upgrade your package to download the entire gallery!

# STYLING TIPS

*ideas for what to wear*

## DRESS IT UP

Don't be afraid to get dressed up! Photos where you are dressed up always stand out more than when you're dressed casually.

## WHERE TO START

It can be super hard working out what to wear but my biggest tip that I can give is to make sure you are comfortable!

If you don't like things tight around your tummy, make sure you wear something flowy. If you don't like your thighs, make sure you don't wear skinny pants.

I find it easiest when I pick my main piece (can be any member of your family!) and then build it out from there. Stick with 2 to 3 colors & try to keep it bright & light - black always makes us feel skinnier but is really hard to capture in a beautiful way so I encourage you to avoid too much black and super dark colors!



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# STYLING TIPS

*ideas for what to wear*

## THINGS TO AVOID

- Very bright & neon colors - they can be super distracting & will draw your eye straight to them.
- All matching. It sounds easy but it's actually really hard to pull off & doesn't look that good. Complimentary colors look gorgeous together & will make your images pop!
- Loud patterns & graphics - it takes the focus off of you & draws our eyes straight to the pattern or picture. It also just doesn't look as good. You can always choose one pattern piece as your hero piece, just make sure not overwhelm everything with it!
- Small stripes / squares - they can cause digital cameras absolute chaos!



# STYLING TIPS

*for the ladies*

## SAY YES TO THE DRESS

If you have a long, full length, flowy dress or skirt, say YES! Bonus points if it's in a beautiful pastel color that you can build your outfits around!

## FLATTER YOUR FAVE FEATURES

When you are choosing what to wear, make sure to focus on your favourite features and choose an outfit that totally flatters that area!

If you don't like tight things around your stomach, wear something flowy. If you love your legs, make sure to wear beautiful heels to flatter them!

## TREAT YOURSELF

Now is the perfect excuse to pamper yourself! Get your hair done, get your nails done & even your makeup. You will not only feel great, you'll also look great in your images as you will feel confident!



# STYLING TIPS

*for the gents*

## FIND THE BEST FIT

For men, if you're looking for a sophisticated look, closed toe shoes & fitted pants always do the trick! It places the attention on your face where you want it.

## REMEMBER THE DETAILS

If you have a classy watch, that you love, a special tie or hat, make sure to bring it along so we can incorporate them into your images.

It's also a great idea to make sure you wear clean, tidy shoes!



# STYLING TIPS

## *for the kids*

### CHOOSE DRESSY

Dressy clothes for the kids will automatically make your photos stand out more! Always choose something more dressy over casual wear. There are so many great places now to buy kids clothes (bonus tip: you can find amazingly beautiful handmade clothes at markets that you could use to build your outfits around.)

### DON'T BE SCARED TO ADD ACCESSORIES

There are so many beautiful headbands, wraps, bows, neck ties & even bow ties for kids these days - don't be scared to add them to your outfit combination.

### WHAT TO AVOID

Avoid wearing the Frozen dress, or the Emma dress or any kinds of "costume" related clothing. It will ruin the quality look of your photos. Make sure you also avoid any t-shirts etc. that have massive prints or brands on them - always err on the side of plain!



# WHAT TO EXPECT

## *working with the kids*

Don't worry, we all get a little stressed when we first start to think about having photos done when there are kids involved!

My biggest recommendation is not to worry!

I've got my own two little toddlers who at times can be a real handful but we always get there in the end. The key is to not get too stressed into forcing them - you don't need to worry about making them behave because that is what I am here for, to get them comfortable enough to capture.

Prior to your session, I will email you with a questionnaire that I'd love you to complete, it's all about finding out what your kids like, what they are interested in & what their beautiful personalities are. This gives me a head start in creating a relationship with them

## BRING BRIBES

Sometimes we just need to have a reward! Don't be scared to have something in your bag that we can use if we need to bribe them a little!!!

## KEEP IT LIGHT

We will use jokes, funny noises & pretty much anything crazy that we need to keep the kids with natural smiles & a good time. We don't want to force the kids too much or they will forever have negative feelings around having their photos taken.

