



## BABY PORTRAIT SESSION DETAILS

From just a few days old to your baby's first-year portrait, Firefly Photography will create a precious keepsake that you will cherish for a lifetime. Timing is key to your baby's portrait session. Choose the time of day when your baby is happiest. Try to avoid scheduling portrait sessions near nap time or mealtime. Below are some helpful tips to help make your baby's portrait session a great success!

### TIPS FOR A HIGH QUALITY PORTRAIT SESSION

- When planning a portrait session, keep in mind the colors and style of the room where the photograph will be displayed. You can dress your children in colors that will coordinate with your decor. Safe colors (when going neutral) include white, cream and khaki.
- Soft medium tones (dark red, forest or olive green, indigo blue, plum) and neutrals (white/ivory, black, gray, khaki, beige or brown) work great for outdoor portraits.
- What are your baby's favorite things? Is there a special blanket, doll, stuffed toy? The best choice of props for a photograph is one that portrays your baby's personality and what they are fond of. The prop should be small enough not to over power your baby in the photograph.
- As you select clothing for your child, remember that simple is better! The more complex the outfit the more likely it will be out of place during the session.
- Avoid selecting outfits that compete with your child for attention when you look at the image. Be careful about too much bold color, fluff and frills around the face. These will only detract from the beauty of your child.
- Try to avoid collars on infant clothing. They usually "pop-up" during the session and we spend a lot of time fixing them and often miss some great expressions during that time.
- Solid colors work best keeping the attention to the face. Patterns are fine if they are subdued. A strong pattern will compete with your child for attention. Avoid large or bold patterns, wording, checks, stripes and dots as they draw attention away from the face and this is the most important part of the photo!
- You may choose to bring a casual outfit and something a dressier for your little one.
- Shoes are optional. However, if you want your baby to wear shoes, they should be clean --- including the bottoms! Try to avoid brightly colored characters or decorations on the bottom of the shoe. We may decide to go "shoeless" too – barefoot pictures are fun!
- If your baby uses a pacifier, try to limit its use prior to the photos (we want to avoid the "ring mark" on your baby's face!)
- Don't use up all the smiles! (An infant or toddler who is played with a lot before the session can get tired of being "happy".)
- Relax. It's important for the parents to be calm. The calmer you are, the calmer your baby will be. Your job is to get them to the session – we'll take it from there!

These are not considered "rules" – they are just suggestions. If you aren't sure about an outfit, bring three to four outfits and we'll help you pick the ones that photograph best.