

What should you wear?

This is something that is not only extremely important to the quality of your images, but also something that I believe is unique for each family.

Whether it is preppy, trendy, classic, or formal. There are endless options of things that will photograph well and it should be based on your personal style, your vision for the session, and of course what looks good on you!

The best advice I can give you is to keep with lots of layers and textures! This gives your images another element of interest. Avoid matchy matchy, and instead, coordinate. Using the same colors for everyone tends to look generic unless you are using earthy tones. I generally suggest starting with mom in an outfit that makes her look and feel fabulous and then dressing everyone from there. I can help you with wardrobes as much as you want by sending you links, if you are out and about and see some stuff you love, text me for opinions! Always choose more than 3 colors. I like to start with 5 colors.

I love talking wardrobe and want to ensure you will love your images in the end. It is very important that the clothes fit properly on your children. If anything, too small is better than too big, so it's very important to try everything on and not size up for portrait clothing. Before our session I ask that you lay everything that you will be wearing on the bed and send me a picture.

It's important that I make sure everything will photograph well and fit in the scene, as well as coordinate any props that I will use.

I have many color palettes in my Pinterest page you can view as well for ideas.

<https://www.pinterest.com/moments2photo/colors-vivid-other-ideas/>

Some other color ideas can be found at: <http://colorpalettes.net/>

Can you change outfits?

I love outfit changes to add variety into my full sessions but only if you are confident your child will tolerate it well. It is not worth losing the kids attention for an outfit change. I recommend keeping changes quick and easy for little ones :)

Suggested stores to shop!

For kids, Gap, Crewcuts (J.Crew), Boden, H&M, Janie and Jack are full of great styles.

For moms, of course you'll try your favorite shops first. But generally anything from bohemian to trendy, to classic styles.

For dads, I recommend sticking with classic styles such as button downs, linen shirts, V-neck sweaters, Henley's, denim shirt, or military shirts, fat front khakis or jeans. Dads are easy, just please don't let him wear a polo or a t-shirt;) Do not forget footwear unless we decide on bare feet! For girls, timeless classics work best (i.e. Mary Jane's) but my very favorite is lace-up boots for extra dimension and detail. For boys, try Gap or Crew cuts for classic styles or go retro with converse. Hunter boots create a fun vibe for both boys and girls.

What if my family doesn't cooperate?

Kids will be kids. I have 4 of my own so I understand this! I generally start my sessions with an activity to let everyone warm up, even you- mom and dad:) My goal is for the session to be fun and real, because that is how great images are made. If snuggles are what they need most in the moment that is what we go with! I have plenty of tricks up my sleeve to make the session fun for the kids, so rest assured I will get a beautiful gallery for you. Just come prepared for a loving evening with your family:)

What should we bring?

Bring your kids well rested and well fed. Bring a non-messy snack just in case hunger strikes. Make sure nail polish, hand stamps, tattoos are removed, hair is brushed, and faces are clean. Bring a hairbrush and bug spray. Please keep cell phones and wallets out of your pockets for the session. Watches are also distracting in photos. Bring any lovey or toy that you might like photographed, as well as any fun accessories like hats or sunglasses.

What if the weather is bad?

In general, I do not take into consideration the weather forecast until the day of the session, and I do not make the call until 3 hours prior to the session unless it is actively raining or storm clouds are imminent. I do not cancel for clouds. If you have hair and makeup scheduled, let me know in advance so we can plan to make the call earlier. If you are traveling for the session, I keep my schedule open so we can move the session to whatever time the weather looks best.

<http://www.moments2photo.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Moments2photo/>

(414) 628-2783

Lynette Busche