

# NEWBORNS

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*teeny tiny*  
★ **bundle** ★  
*of joy* ★



# W E L C O M E



I would like to offer you my heartfelt thanks for choosing me to carry out the very special task of photographing your beautiful bundle of joy. There's nothing I love more than capturing the perfect, sweet innocence of a newborn baby. I put a lot of thought and a great deal of heart into what I do, and I want to make sure your experience with my photography studio is a blissful, safe and memorable one. With that in mind, here are some things to consider for your newborn photo shot.






# SAFETY FIRST

No photo is worth putting your wee one in harm's way, and that's why I am extremely mindful of newborn safety. At some points in the shoot, I may ask assistants or a parent/family member to assist by holding the baby, etc. This is because sometimes the perfect shot requires an extra hand or two in order to prioritize safety of the baby. I prefer natural posing for newborn sessions, meaning your baby will always look comfortable and secure. My newborn sessions are done with baby swaddled, which means no naked pictures. Swaddled baby is a happy baby.

I understand that letting me work with your newborn requires a lot of trust and I go out of my way to make sure your baby is safe. All props in my studio are washed/cleaned on regular bases. My studio is pet free and used for sessions only. I will wear mask for all newborn sessions. If I feel even a little bit sick your session will be rescheduled.

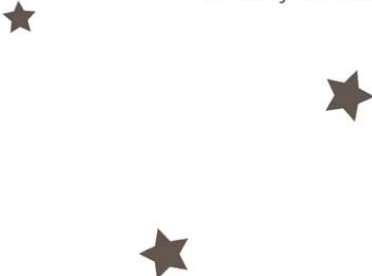
I have years of experience working with newborns and I very strongly believe that newborn photography should only be done by photographers who have a lot of experience with newborns.



# VISUALIZE THE FINISHED PRODUCT

Your baby's portraits will be more than just beautiful memories as they can also be used as classic décor pieces in and around your home. It helps me a great deal to know what you envision for your newborn portraits. Everyone has different aesthetics in their home and different visual preferences, so I encourage you to really think about how you want the photos to look, where you want to place these images in your home, and the colors you would prefer to use in order to have these portraits fit in with the rest of your décor. Doing this will ensure that I can plan every aspect of the shoot in order to not only achieve incredible images but create images that fit in with your overall vision.

My social media and website are great places to start looking for colours and styles that speak most to you.





# OUTFITS & PROPS

It's best to plan outfits and props well in advance and I will ask your preferences, so that everything is ready to go on the day of the shoot. This saves everyone time and allows for a more organized, stress-free approach.

I provide everything needed for a session. If you want to bring a special item to include in the session, please let me know in advance.

The better prepared we are, the smoother our shoot will be!

# TRUST THE PHOTOGRAPHER



I know that I have the tiniest yet greatest love of your life in my hands. Now I am asking you to remember that there's a reason you chose me for this special moment in time. Let me assure you that I understand the responsibility and care that comes with photographing a newborn baby, and my two main priorities are your baby's comfort and safety and creating the perfect images for you to cherish.

I always suggest both parents be a part of the shoot if possible as your voices and touch will help keep your baby calm. I will provide you with a few guidelines for the shoot such as when to be still as sudden loud noises or laughing can wake the baby and lead to a missed photo opportunity. I also ask you to please let me handle the baby myself when needed. After years of practice I know exactly how to change up baby's position in the gentlest way possible so that we can get the best possible shots. Please do let me know if you're concerned at any stage though as I want this to be a wonderful experience for you too.





# HOW SESSIONS WORK



## Before session:

After initial consultation and deposit, we will start discussing how you want your session to look. Some people have very clear idea and some prefer to give me full control over session set ups. I will ask questions about set ups and preferred colours. Best way to let me know what you prefer is by sending me images that you liked best from my other sessions.

If parents/siblings are part of a session, think about your outfits. I always recommend neutral colours that blend into the background. Pay close attention to your hands and get them camera ready. Remove old nail polish, temporary tattoos and chunky watches.

## Session day:

Newborn sessions are done at 10am on weekday mornings. If you need weekend session, this has to be discussed before deposit and not always a guarantee. I ask to arrive 10-15 min before your scheduled time. I understand that life with newborn is not always easy, but please respect mine and your time. If you are over 30 min late, your session will be cancelled and new deposit will be needed to reschedule a new session.

In order to capture those beautiful sleeping shots, I ask that you interact with the baby in the hours leading up to the shoot so that they will easily fall asleep once they get to the studio. If you live within 15-20 minutes of the studio, I ask that you feed your baby right before leaving the house. If you live further, it's best to feed your baby once you arrive at the studio. A full belly will help baby feel relaxed and most importantly, sleepy. Having a ready bottle, if you pump or formula feed, is very handy. Pacifier is another handy item to bring. Bring baby in zipper sleeper that is easy to remove without waking baby up.

I ask that only people participating in the session attend session. Both parents are welcome even for baby only sessions. If you need a support person, you are welcome to bring one. Newborn sessions take on average from 1 to 2 hours. It's often very boring to children, so if your brand new baby has siblings and they are not part of the session, please consider arranging childcare.

The session may seem busy, at times even chaotic. And because newborns are unpredictable (we can't exactly ask them to pose this way, keep their diaper dry, be awake at this time and asleep at that time, etc.), your session may not look exactly as you saw it in your head. Please know that I will provide you with beautiful images. What you see the day of the session is not the final product!



# OTHER THINGS TO KNOW



I try to provide as much information about sessions as possible. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me before session at any time. In a nutshell having your newborn session with me is very simple : contact me well before your due date, put down a deposit, select your preferred set ups and colours, let me know as soon as baby is born( same or next day) to schedule actual session, arrive to session on time, help me create best environment for baby during session by keeping them happy and well fed, sit back and watch me do all the work. I go out of my way to make this process as simple as possible. However here are some simple tips that can make in studio session even better experience for everyone:

- Newborn sessions are best done between 5-14 days and up to maximum of 6 weeks. The older your baby is the more session moves towards lifestyle type of session.
  - I only take limited amount of due date reservations, book early.
  - Your due date only goes in my calendar after deposit is paid. Deposit is non refundable in most cases.
  - Contacting me right after birth is very important to schedule actual session date that works within ideal time for newborn session.
  - Successful session is only possible when client and photographer work together. Session is a special event and should be prepared for and prioritized.
  - My studio is part of my home and by welcoming you into my studio I also welcoming you into my home. Please be respectful. Take shoes off, stay within studio area, do not wear heavy perfume due to allergies. There is absolutely **no smoking** allowed on my property. I have cats and while they are not allowed into my studio, please consider allergies when booking.
  - If session includes young siblings, consider taking two cars so one parent can leave with young siblings after family photos are done. Newborn sessions can take up to 2 hours and young children are not interested in quietly sitting for that long. My studio is designed for photography and all props are not to be treated like toys. Any studio damage will be charged to a client.
  - Please do not take videos and photos during session. You hired me as a photographer, please let me do my job.
  - Newborn sessions are unpredictable. I always go for as much variety as baby allows me. I never had a failed session to date.
- Common sense is applies to all rules. If you have any questions that were not covered, please contact me.

