

PREPARING FOR YOUR
ENGAGEMENT
SESSION



ENGAGEMENT PREP

It's always a little intimidating to have your picture taken, even if it's just a photo on an iPhone that is taken by a friend. We still want to look nice, make sure nothing is in our teeth and that our hair is behaving! I realize that preparing for your engagement session can be a little overwhelming. Here are some tips for outfits and accessories that will make the engagement shoot preparation a little more manageable!



- Don't try to MATCH... try to pick outfits and accessories that coordinate instead. If everyone wore the same exact color at their engagement shoot, how boring would those images be?

- Don't be afraid to be BOLD! Accessorize and make your outfits your own! Scarves, bold necklaces, and fun shoes are always welcomed!

- Consider the weather when planning your hair. For example I have naturally curly hair. So straightening my hair in the middle of summer is a giant waste of time and my hair would look like a hot mess two minutes in.

- Consider your outfit when you are tanning before your session. Tan lines are hard to edit out completely and you do not want them in your photos.

- Dress for the season! This may seem like a weird thing, but you do not want to be wearing boots and a scarf in the middle of a wildflower field. It just looks off!

- Most often, couples like to have one casual everyday outfit and then one outfit that is dressier! This will give your shoot two totally different "looks". I recommend beginning with the dressy outfit first!

- Be sure to check out my Pinterest boards for more outfit inspiration if you're having trouble!

- Blend your makeup! I am guilty myself of forgetting to blend my makeup into my neck, so I totally get it. But please blend, a lot of time I can fix it. But it takes a lot of time, and it is not always perfect like if you had blended.

- Relax! You don't have to be a pro at this! I'm going to help you along the way and it's going to be a blast! Enjoy this time together, and make a date out of it! Plan dinner afterwards and celebrate one more thing getting done!

- Try on your outfit before hand to make sure you have everything you need for your outfit! Also you don't want to bring an outfit that might not fit.



A FEW MORE TIPS AND TRICKS

- BE ON TIME! The later you arrive, the less time we have to shoot, and nobody wants that! Plus you two will definitely not be a great mood if you spent the car ride bickering over the fact that you were late to your engagement session.

- Clean the ring! I love to shoot a few rings shots while you change outfits! The cleaner the better! Even if you just swipe a glasses cloth over it, it will make a difference. Plus if it is clean it sparkles that little extra bit that makes it truly pop.

- Empty your pockets! Literally. You don't want to have key chains or phones showing through your pockets. (This is for the guys especially!) If you are worried about a place to put your keys, I am more than willing to hold them, or we can find a safe place to set them!

- Get your nails done! This may seem like a common sense thing, but I can not tell you how many times I have shot an engagement session and gone in for a close up of the ring and the bride has chipped half painted nails. Not exactly the gorgeous ring shot you were dreaming of. Take the time to get your nails done, or paint them yourself! You will not regret it.

- Come stress free. This may sound like a weird thing to say, but if you are all stressed out when you get to your engagement session it will show in the photos. You want to come relaxed and happy!

- Remember you are probably going to be changing in the car, so keep that in mind when it comes to your outfits. If you have an outfit that is really hard to get into I recommend coming in that outfit, so you don't have to try and struggle in the car!

