

What do we wear? – Children & Families

The Children: Simple goes a long way! Keeping focus on the subject in the most important aspect of my photography so simple clothing choices are best for creating timeless portraits.

I suggest loose fitting solid colors, avoiding busy patterns or logos and/or words. Blue's Clues is cute for playtime, but can look out of place for your child's portraits, so please think timeless when selecting clothing. Jeans, overalls, sun/slip dresses; khakis are classics and photograph well. Boys look adorable in jeans and plains tees and girls are sweet in simple sundresses.

Hats can also be very effective as well as other accessories such as scarves or funky belts. If children are being photographed together, clothes that are similar in style give a more coordinated look. Bare feet are especially fun and the kids love running around. If shoes are preferred, please make sure they are in good shape and not scuffed. Consider dressing in the color white sparingly for this color often reflects light strongly.

Bare skin is my favorites on newborns and babies. You may have other clothes to put on baby, but keep in mind; baby may get grouchy when there are too many clothing changes. Diaper covers are a great idea too!

I suggest bringing a few outfits that you are considering and allowing me to help you make the final choice on what would best suit the look and feel you are going for in your child's portraits. I also have on hand a few items such as dresses and tutus that you are welcome to incorporate into the session.

If you want a trendier look for your child I am happy to help you with clothing selection. I love the timeless looks in the clothing mentioned above, but also enjoy photographing a session with a more "hip" feel to it. I still caution against bold logos or cartoon characters on clothing.

Please let me know ahead of time if you'd like to try for a trendier look, or a more classic look, or even both!

The Family: Family photographs are special. They are a legacy of who your family was for future generations to enjoy. Clothing choices are just as important for family sessions. I recommend clothing for each family member that has the same tone and not necessarily the same color. Please be wary of stripes, plaid, words and logos on your family's clothing. These things can be a distraction from your beautiful family. Oh, and bare feet are great for family sessions too!