

PhotoLyric

Imagery

Frequently Asked Questions

Infant Portrait

1. Where do I take my pictures?

For infants, we recommend that you schedule your session to take place at your home. Generally, children are more comfortable at home in their normal environment. For the most part, until your child is walking (or at least sitting up), the location of the shoot is of very little importance in regards to the composition of the image. Props are more appropriate for younger babies than location. For your toddlers we can go anywhere you like! All shoots are on-location, at your choice in the Greater Houston area. Parks and playgrounds are the best places to go. We want them have fun during their shoot. That's where we will find their real smiles.

2. When should I schedule my portrait session?

Portrait sessions are done all year. But, as for time of day, we will need to follow your baby's schedule. Ideally, the baby should be fed, changed, and napped (not necessarily in that order) before we begin our shoot. As the parents, you know their schedule the best. So, we will leave time of day up to you. However, we completely understand the unpredictability of little ones, and we are willing to work with them on their needs. We schedule only one session per day in order to give even our littlest clients the fullest attention. In the event of a fussy day, we will reschedule the session if necessary.

If you are choosing to include images in photocards or announcements, you will need to schedule your shoot at least one month prior to mailing your announcements. This will allow enough time for your images to be edited and posted; for you to view and pick favorites of your images, and enough time for your order to be printed and shipped.

3. What should I wear?

Again, it's totally up to you. There are no outfit limits for sessions that take place at your home. Please limit your changes to three for outdoor location shoots. For toddlers, you will want to include at least one outfit that they can wear for casual playtime shots. If you choose two or three outfits, you can choose a different style for each, or three simple faves from the closet. Black and/or white are always "safe" colors, but for the most part you just want your child to stand out against the background. Ex: If we're doing a nature shoot, you'll want to stay away from greens and browns. Solid colors work best, but feel free to experiment with colors, layers, and textures.

4. Should I bring anything with me to the shoot?

You are welcome to bring anything you like to your photo session. Personalize your shoot with props from your favorite pastimes or activities that your family is interested in. Any ideas you have on props are welcomed, and very often add quite a bit of uniqueness to the shoot. For newborn infants: Blankets, pacifiers, soft toys, hats, heirlooms, etc. For older babies: include their favorite toys, books, pets, etc. Props are especially important for children's shoots. This will help hold their interest in the shoot and make for some really great shots that display their personality. Bring water with you if your shoot is on-location outside, especially during the warmer months.

5. How do I view my images and place an order?

We will create a photo gallery that is for your images only. You will be able to reach it from the 'Galleries' link from the PhotoLyric Imagery website. Your gallery will also be available for friends and family to view and purchase prints. We edit each image for color balance, contrast, and cropping. So, allow up to two weeks for your images to be posted. You will be sent an email as soon as they are available for viewing. From your gallery, you will be able to save your favorites and place orders for prints. You may take as much time as you like to choose your best shots. Be sure to register and log in so that your favorites are saved, and you will be able to view them from any computer with internet access. Contact us if you need any assistance.

6. How do I build my custom package?

We have designed our packaging to offer you the most options with the most control over your order as possible. You may build your package with any of the products we offer in any amounts you choose, and in any combination. Prints may be ordered online through your gallery. For other products, contact us for personalized invoicing. A complimentary DVD of all of your images will be sent with purchase orders of \$100 or more.

7. How do I reserve a date for my portrait session?

Contact us to check for availability. We schedule only one session per day so that we can give our clients all the attention they deserve. Weekday afternoons are often the easiest dates to book. For scheduling purposes, we require a non-refundable session fee of \$100 to reserve the date of your session. This fee also covers all of the initial edits to your images, and online posting of your gallery. We will send you an email invoice with payment instructions for credit/debit or check payment.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us at kmiller@photolyricimagery.com.