



Brittany Brown Photography Portrait Planning Tips

Clothing & Props

When choosing your outfit, think fun, bold colors and patterns. Also, accessories are huge! Some ideas are: hats, scarves, jewelry, boots or heels. Really take the time to plan out the things you want to wear, so that the shoot can go quickly and smoothly if you have outfit changes in the middle. Your outfit is the most important part of this whole thing, so think about how you want to look. Choose items that are flattering to you and bring out the unique personality that you are.

And, lets not forget props! Especially if this session is for a child, I really recommend it. But, regardless of age, props are ideal for adding something extra to the photo and also showing off your personality or interests. Think, family name plaque, a chalkboard, unique hobby items or anything that means something special to your family.

If we are doing a family session, this is super important. I highly recommend coordinating your color scheme or level of dressiness, but not matching outfits. Coordinating colors is key! It's so much more creative with just color coordinating outfits versus everyone wearing the same dorky outfit.

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****If you would please email or text me some photos of what you'll be wearing, this will not only help me plan for your shoot, but also I can help advise if your planned attire will work well for our session or if slight changes might be best for your particular session!**

Timing

The best time to shoot is about 1 to 1-1/2 hours before sunset, or else if you're willing to join me soon after the sun rises, that's also primetime. I always recommend the sunrise shoot if it's a Summer month where it's expected to be very hot and humid (Mid June - Late September). These times are merely my recommendations for the best results, but you are welcome to choose whatever time fits your busy schedule. If there is bad weather on the day of our shoot, we will need to reschedule. This means, if it's raining, storming, etc.. and if it's lightly snowing and you'd like the look of that for your shoot, we can discuss this that day. I will not put my equipment at risk of the elements, nor do I want your images to turn out poorly while getting rained on!

Location

Add some character and fun to your portraits by trying to think outside of the box for this. I know some people will want to stick to a park-like background, but I urge you to consider unique places we can have fun with it, such as... Downtown Cincinnati, a family/friend's barn or farmland, grassy field with a barn nearby, graffiti areas, train tracks, bright colored buildings and much more.

These are some ideas and places I like to go:

(Parks) Alms Park, Ault Park, Eden Park, Garfield Park, Governor Bebb, Hyde Park Square, Little Miami Whitewater Park, Cincinnati Nature Center/Rowe Woods, Loveland Trail/Historic District, Mt. Airy, Sharon Woods, Spring Grove Cemetery.

(City Life) Clifton Heights, Downtown Cincinnati, Fountain Square, Music Hall, Sawyer Point, Longworth Hall.

(Kentucky) Covington Main Strauss, Covington Riverwalk, Newport on the Levy, Purple People Bridge, Roebling Bridge.

(Misc) Your favorite area of town, fire station, train tracks/train car, graffiti wall, covered bridge.

Coordinating Wardrobe Ideas

