

BUMP TO BABY

PHOTOGRAPHY

YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH MOTHERHOOD

MATERNITY, NEWBORNS & WATCH ME GROW PLANS

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Hello & Welcome

Congratulations! Having a baby is a very exciting time in your life! It does not matter if this baby is your first, second or even your fifth, it is still a very exciting time for your family.

There is so much time that passes between purchasing maternity clothes to picking out your baby's first birthday cake. This time goes by very fast and no one wants to forget about it. You will want to remember every moment of the first year of your baby's life.

This is where I come into the picture. I would love to help you document and remember those special milestones. This can be done from the time of maternity to when your baby turns one-year-old. My job as a photographer is to capture all of these moments and turn the photos into something that you will treasure forever. I understand that when photographing a baby, there is a large amount of planning as well as a very large amount of patience that goes into that time. You should be assured that I am good at both of these.



SHOWCASE





MATERNITY SESSIONS

When a woman is going through a pregnancy, she will soon learn that it is a fast time of development. Your body is growing a baby and it is wonderful, but at the same time it is not always the most comfortable thing. You will experience cramps, bloating, swelling, as well as many other things and you may not find yourself feeling great - and that is okay! As a photographer it is my number one priority to make you look and feel like a superstar even if it is only for an hour or so. Once the photo session is complete, you can get back into your comfy clothes and eat whatever you want for the rest of the day.

This kind of maternity session is designed to help you celebrate, document and remember the life that you are growing inside of you. I love the glamour, romance and most of all, the beautiful belly that comes with a maternity session. A maternity session can take place anywhere you want it to. It can be in my studio or offsite at a location that you select. Examples of offsite locations are a field right before sunset, a park, a garden or wooded area.

Photographs such as these will help your children know that you are proud to be their mother and will show them how happy you were to have them inside of you.

When to Schedule

For most soon to be moms, the perfect time for your maternity session is somewhere between the 30 and 32-week mark. You might wonder why this time is preferred. It is the time where your belly is the perfect size but you are not swollen and puffy like you will be towards the final couple of weeks of your pregnancy.

In the past, I have completed sessions close to the delivery time and have had excellent results, but feedback I received from the soon to be moms has helped me with the decision to encourage any future clients to select a time earlier in the pregnancy. This is when you are feeling your best and are more comfortable.

What to Wear

One of the most important decisions you will make regarding your maternity session is what you will wear. This will play a major role in how you feel during the session as well as the photographs once they are completed.

My goal is to show off your beautiful baby body so some of the clothes you pick should be more snug fitting. A couple of examples of these are chunky sweaters or long dresses that flow. I also have a selection of beautiful gowns that you can use if you choose to do a more glamorous look.

Solid colors tend to photograph the best. Some of my favorites to photograph are jewel tones or soft, neutral colors. It is most important is that you feel comfortable, confident and beautiful.

A Little bit of Advice

One piece of advice that I give all of my moms to be is to take time to pamper yourself before your session. What this means is that you should get your hair and nails done or take a bubble bath to relax.

This is something that will not take very long but it will help you feel relaxed and wonderful!

By simply feeling relaxed, you will find you receive the best photographs you can. You will see in the photos how relaxed you were as well as comfortable and confident. The thing to remember most is that this should be a very special and fun day for you.

NEWBORN SESSIONS

These are definitely one of my favorites. I live for sweet little newborns and taking their photos is something that truly makes my day. I can absolutely assure you that I'll go out of my way to ensure that your sweet bundle of joy is warm, comfy and most importantly safe throughout the session.



Preparing for Your Session

The first thing to do is to contact me before the baby is born so that we can set up a date related to your due date. We make this a tentative date because babies like to come on their own schedules.

Once baby arrives, you can contact me to confirm or schedule the actual newborn session. It's best to schedule when the baby is between five to ten days old. The reason for this is because they still want to sleep a lot and this allows for he or she to be posed easily. If you have had a C- section, please let me know. It will be important to have an extra set of hands at the session to help.

When you schedule your newborn session, we will discuss your expectations including the types of photos you want. If there are any poses or special props you wish to try please let me know ahead of time. Especially if these props are ones that you are bringing from home. Any props from home will give your photos more meaning and will make it much more special.

Sessions normally last three hours but you should plan on being here for up to four hours. For this reason, I try to schedule newborn sessions at about nine or ten in the morning when babies tend to be sleepier. A majority of this time is for switching blankets and props, feeding the baby, changing the baby, cleaning up and putting the baby into poses.

Babies are usually more cooperative during the session with a full tummy. Please try to feed the baby right before you leave or right after you arrive. Do not worry if you need to feed when you get here. I will need time to set up and you can feed while I do this.

When you arrive and before you start feeding, please have the baby wearing only a diaper. I prefer to photograph babies without clothes on.

If the parents or siblings are going to be in any of the pictures I suggest that they wear clothing that is simple, light and comfortable. If you have made the suggestion of a black background, you should be sure that everyone has a black shirt to wear as well.

WATCH ME GROW

The watch me grow plan is something that I am very excited to offer. If you know that you will want to have the first year of the baby's life documented in pictures, this is the perfect package for you. Many parents choose this plan before the baby is even born.

When you make the decision to purchase the Watch me Grow plan, you are actually purchasing a certain number of sessions as well as products and services from me. This is a plan that is scheduled at different stages during the first year of your baby's life. Examples of these stages are: a maternity session, newborn session, a sitting/crawling session and of course the one year cake smash session.

If parents prefer we can schedule the sessions on the baby's age instead of development stages. Examples of these are newborn, 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and one year!

Of course if you want something completely custom I can accommodate that too. We do not care when you choose to have your baby's sessions. This is a decision that is made entirely by you. But it is important to mention that all Watch Me Grow! sessions must be completed by the baby's first birthday.





MATERNITY



NEWBORN



3 MONTHS



6 MONTHS



9 MONTHS



ONE YEAR

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What should we bring with us for our newborn session?

Bring diapers, wipes, and baby formula for feeding. If baby takes a pacifier, bring it. If you are nursing the baby, you should come prepared to nurse several times while you are here. The room will be very warm, so dress appropriately.

Should we bring props with us?

I have a variety of props that include hats, pant sets, headbands, wraps, buckets, baskets - just about anything else you can imagine. If you have something of your own that you wish to bring with you, please feel free to do so.

Can the photos include the baby and older siblings?

Yes! I love sibling shots. Even if siblings are young, it is still possible to get some great images. I have lots of tricks and different ways to make it happen, but little ones are unpredictable and you never know how it will go. I'm always willing to give it a try. A good suggestion is to have the siblings dropped off right before that part of the session.

When do we pay you?

Your session fee is due at the time of session. Portrait orders require half down at the ordering appointment and the balance is due at time of order delivery. Watch Me Grow plans require \$500 at the first session and the remaining balance is divided over the remaining sessions.

How do we pay you?

I accept cash, check, paypal and all major credit cards - whatever is most convenient for you.

How long will it be before our images are ready?

Your images will be ready for reveal at your ordering appointment within two weeks of your session date. Portrait orders will be ready within two to three weeks from the ordering appointment. Albums can take up to six weeks for final delivery.