

## How to Prepare for Engagement/ Couples Photography



When you're prepping for your engagement session, there are a few things to keep in mind. This is supposed to be FUN! This is the shoot with no pressure.

### Outfits

Most couples have two outfits, one casual and one that is dressier. The BEST advice I can give about outfit selection would be to try to COORDINATE instead of matching. Try to stay away from really tiny patterns, they won't show up in your images. Also, bold jewelry, scarves, and colored shoes photograph really well! Make sure you look like YOU and feel comfortable! Use this as an opportunity to get dolled up and feel a little extra special.

### Prepare your Partner

I will ask you to nuzzle, and kiss, and just be playful. This type of photography isn't just about looking into the camera and smiling. Share why this session is important to you and help your partner become more comfortable. I will try and crack jokes at times just to get genuine smiles. I also suggest remembering that this is a time when you two are simply spending time together. Remember to breathe, feel as relaxed as you can, and be conversational (both with us and with the love of your life!) I will make suggestion for poses, and my style is to keep things natural but to also highlight your best attributes.

### Relax

I don't expect you both be pros at this, and it will take some time to ease into having a camera pointed at you. I work with normal, everyday couples

ALL the time. I don't work with models. I ask for your trust to allow me to help this session capture the moments of your love.

## Be on Time

We photographers are 100% dependent on the sun. Your time might have been picked to best plan for the natural lighting. The best time to shoot any portraits is normally 2 hours after sunrise or 2 hours before sunset. This rule of thumb can be applied to any time of the year. When it comes to picking the location for your portraits, I love shooting engagements in locations that mean something to my clients!

## Clean the Ring!

If this is an engagement session I will be taking photos of the ring/s. Please have them cleaned ahead of time!

## Pets?

Absolutely! I love having your furry friends join us. I suggest having someone else come along so that your pet(s) can go with them after their done with their photos. Another great tip if you're hoping to bring your dog along: take them to a dog park and let them run around for a few minutes before your session! This will help them to be a little more relaxed since they'll likely be more worn out and ready to sit for a few poses.

As always, feel free to ask me about any questions you may have.