

ENGAGEMENTS

What to Expect

Congratulations on your engagement! I am so thrilled to be working with you. To make sure you have the most amazing experience, I figured it would be helpful to give you some useful tips on how to prepare.

Here are some basic tips for the day :

What to Bring The first thing you need to bring is some excitement! I don't expect you to know how to model, or how to smile, or even how to engage the camera. All of that is pretty easy, and I can explain once you arrive. The best thing you can do is to come ready and excited so we can work together to create some amazing images! If you're open to it, I also recommend the couple have one drink before hand to help you loosen up in case you are feeling anxious about the shoot. It really helps settle the nerves.

Outfit 1. Bring something trendy, fun, comfortable and you. If you don't feel comfortable in the clothes, you won't look comfortable in them. Bring clothes you feel GREAT wearing, because if you feel great you will look GREAT. So be happy, be trendy, be dressy, but most importantly be YOU, and remember the more epic the clothes the more epic the photos. 2. Embrace lots of fun colors, fun designs, and fun sayings on your clothes. These photos will reflect one of the best times of your life, so bring something that will represent that, and you! 3. I usually shoot each couple in two outfits for some variety. Look at your outfits together to make sure they don't clash. If you're not sure what to bring or what will look good with your location, I recommend bringing 4-5 sets of clothes to choose from. We will then narrow it down to the two outfits which will best fit our locations. Some ideas: jeans and Ts, Anthropology type clothes for both, or a summer dress for girls for the first outfit. For the second outfit, possibly something more formal like a cocktail dress or evening gown for the ladies, and suit, vest, sports jacket or whatever your version of "dressy" is for the guys. Remember the accessories for both looks- jewelry, scarves, hats, vests, or anything to tie the outfits together nicely. 4. Make sure to bring shoes, boots, and flip flops! The more colorful and fun the outfit the better! 5. Bring a prop. A baseball bat, a surfboard, a bike, tennis rackets, your dog (not your cat unless it's a tiger), your purple couch...anything that tells the story of who you are. It's not required, but its tons of fun, and helps make your images you!

Makeup You only get to do engagement photos once, so if you are doing makeup yourself make sure to plan enough time to make it perfect! Alternatively, this could be the ideal opportunity to get to know your makeup artist before the wedding day and hold a little practice session. Great makeup is essential. Some tips: pay attention to your eyes! Your eyes will be the a huge factor in many of your images, so spend extra time making them look perfect! Eyeliner and good mascara are a must - you don't want clumpy eyelashes. Natural color with a little pop on the eyes is often the key. You don't want to overdo it, but keep in mind that the camera minimizes the appearance of makeup, so don't be afraid of "full coverage" and covering blemishes.

Day Of 1. You will probably want to leave your purse or any bags in the car. I can carry your car keys, cell phone, lip gloss, or other such things in my camera bag during the session. That leaves you free to be adorable together. 2. Go to the restroom right before you leave. A lot of the places we shoot might not have easily accessible restrooms, and it could end up using a lot of your session time finding one. 3. Kissing photos aren't required for engagement session, but there's just something about the romance, the intimacy, and the beauty of a great kissing shot that somehow makes a collection of photos complete. So if that will be a part of your session be sure to check out the attached article on how to kiss. Feel free to let me know if you have any other questions, and I can't wait for your session!

