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photo shoot checklist

A Cooper Studio shoot experience is a unique opportunity. Between us we can create some truly moving images that tell your unique story and which will become a treasured heirloom.

So we've created this checklist to help prepare and inspire you for your shoot.

Remember, great photography is always a collaboration between photographer and subject, so a little planning will really pay off!

FOR EVERYONE

- check out our website and Facebook to get inspired and the idea ball rolling!
- temporary skin blemishes etc can generally be removed in post production, so don't stress about last minute pimples, scratches etc.
- consider your decorating style (modern, traditional etc) so you have an idea of what sort of artwork will suit your house.
- also think about where you might put new artwork (many of our customers measure their wall space prior to the shoot).
- we accept Visa, MasterCard and AMEX, as well as cash payments
- we do have a variety of payment options - if you think you might want to use one of these, make sure you bring your drivers license and bank account details.
- as we only do the one viewing, consider who you want to bring with you to assist you in choosing artwork.
- remember that we are unable to photograph minors (under-18s) without a parent or guardian present throughout the shoot and viewing.
- allow 3.5 - 4 hours for your booking (shoot and viewing) so you can relax and enjoy the experience and don't feel rushed.

BEAUTY SHOOTS

- ask us to book a freelance hair & makeup artist for you if required, otherwise ensure you are ready for your shoot when you arrive (we use beautiful soft light, so many customers are happy to do their own makeup). **NOTE:** come without any makeup etc if getting hair & makeup done at studio
- consider what clothes you want to bring - as its an individual shoot we can normally get through 2-3 different looks.
- if you are considering getting skin or lingerie shots done, bring suitable lingerie and wear loose fitting clothes etc to the shoot so you don't have elastic marks digging into your skin

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COUPLE SHOOTS

- discuss ideas with your partner and get their input on whether they are happy to show skin etc and what clothes they want to bring in.
- bring in a couple of outfits for each of you.
- think of what you love about your partner that we can capture (e.g. their smile, the way they cuddle you in close, their playful nature etc)

NEWBORN/SMALL CHILDREN SHOOTS

- we allow plenty of time for the shoot, so don't worry if baby wants a feed, change or a nap during the shoot (we can get beautiful shots when they are both asleep and awake).
- consider bringing in any sentimental accessories e.g. hand made baby blankets or other props you want included in the photos.
- consider if you want skin shots of your baby (and how much skin you and your partner are willing to show).
- remember, we include other family members, so also refer to the tips under 'Family Shoots'.

FAMILY SHOOTS

- remember, we always photograph your whole family, so make sure you and your partner come dressed for the shoot too.
- choose clothes for each participant that help express their personality - the outfits don't necessarily have to all match with each other.
- discuss ideas with your partner and get their input.
- consider bringing props that showcase each participant's individuality and talents e.g. musical instruments, sporting outfits etc.
- it's best if small children don't eat during the shoot, but it's a good idea to bring snacks for after.
- kids can sometimes get restless during the viewing, so it is a good idea to bring some age appropriate toys/amusements to keep them occupied (we have a few things in studio if you forget)

PET SHOOTS

- ensure your pet is well groomed for the shoot so they are looking their best as well!
- wear them out prior to the shoot to ensure they are settled and well behaved (remember its a new environment so even the most well trained dog will require time to settle)
- arrive early to allow time for 'walkies' - there is a park down the road from the studio if more energetic dogs require a run before the shoot
- treats and toys are useful in getting their attention and rewarding them for good behaviour - so remember to bring them with you.
- if your pet has a nice soft bed/pet beanbag, it is often a good idea to bring it to help them settle, especially if they love curling up in it for a nap!