

Jewelry, Make-up, Fingernails & Toenails

Classic traditional photography has always taken a conservative, subdued and understated approach to making a great image, though individual tastes may differ. Age, status, and the goal of the photography session are all important aspects to consider when making choices of what to wear, what to bring and how your session progresses.

With that in mind, these suggestions are for the more traditional photography session. If the goals of your session are different, to ensure we accomplish them, please discuss them with us at your Session Consultation.

JEWELRY:

Keep jewelry simple and avoid wearing a watch to your session. Jewelry and watches tend to catch the light and divert the viewer's attention from where you want it to be...on you! Of course this doesn't mean that you shouldn't wear your favorite necklace, ear rings, brooch or rings. We want you to be comfortable and look your best.

MAKE-UP:

Keep your look natural and fresh, yet apply make-up a little heavier because of the lighting. An evening look is best. Please remember to bring your make-up with you for touch-up and slight color changes, if needed, to coordinate with your outfits. Do not apply any lotion or make-up that gives a shimmered or glittered look. Glitter can look like white specs on a portrait.

If at all possible, make-up should not contain any SPF factor as it will cause an unwanted sunburned effect from the lighting. Be sure to discuss alternatives with us during your Session Consultation; make-up consultants are available, if so desired.

FINGERNAILS & TOENAILS:

Nails show and many casual shots are done barefoot, so remember those toes! If polish is used on fingernails and/or toenails be sure the application is fresh to further enhance your presentation. Like clothing, avoid bright colors. (Also see notes on "Clothing".) Natural or basic colors look best and are more likely to compliment your outfits, particularly if multiple changes are scheduled.