

Dressing Up for Your Photo



Decide whether you want formal or casual. We can do both (or several) in the same sitting, in which case make sure you bring all the bits you need – blokes always forget cuff-links, girls always forget the ear-rings.

If you are a couple or family, make sure you co-ordinate your clothes, you both need to wear formal at the same time, you both need light at the same time for example.

Try to keep clothes plain, single colours, no stripes, all dark or all light. Try and avoid logo's or picture t-shirts. This portrait should be of you, don't let the clothes distract. If you have a very specific set of clothes, be it formal or casual then bring them along.

Our sessions are usually in the studio, but if you want to do an outdoor shoot then we can do this.



Above all else though this shoot is for you. If you have favourite clothes bring them along. If you have pictures in books or magazines, bring them along. If you have particular ideas or themes then please let us know. We can accommodate most things.





Make-Up for Your Photo

Photo's tend to flatten your features and reduce the effect of any make-up so the basic rule is: "Use more than normal", you are almost certainly looking for night-wear rather than day-wear. Photo's also tend to make the skin look shiny, so you want a good all over matt pan.

The eyes are the most important part of the photo, so your eyes need to look their best. Pencil in the eyebrow – your eyebrows will tend to fade in photo's, which looks odd, don't be afraid to darken them down.

Apply mascara and make sure it's nice and strong and the lashes are well separated. Often the lashes will make or break a photo. Even if you wear no other makeup, mascara will bring out your eyes.

If you really, really want to go for the natural look, then you must at least do your eyebrows, eyelashes and lips. But trust me, you can wear more and it will never show.

Can I have a make-over?

Yes! Particularly important if you want something done with your hair that you find difficult yourself. You can of course use your regular hair-dresser and come to us afterwards, or you can book our own stylist. You must book the Make-Up and Hair Stylist in advance.

Many of our experience vouchers include a make-over, your voucher will tell if you if this is part of your gift package.

Why Supermodels don't have zits

You may not think you look like a supermodel, but the truth is, neither do the supermodels! We apply the same digital techniques to remove those odd zits, spots and what-nots. We'll smooth out your skin, clear those wrinkles, fade away the morning-after bags. Not so much that it's no longer you, but enough that you would have the same treatment as the supermodels get.



How many changes?

We recommend two changes, one for more formal, another more casual. Too many clothing & background changes leave little time to focus on what truly matters. You will lose the excitement of the session.

Practical Stuff

We do have private areas for you to get changed in. We have mirrors for make-up and the like. However, unless you have a make-over booked we do not provide make-up, you must bring your own.

Working with children

Children can be very shy and can also find the whole process is a bit intimidating. *Please resist the urge to tell your child to smile or insist they be on their best behaviour as this often backfires.* Simply say "we are having our portrait taken and it will be fun."

Get the children involved in choosing some of their favourite clothes, hats, toys etc. We would rather take time and lots of photos to get the right image, than make do with a sulky face!

If you want your newborn or youngster photographed without nappies you need to be prepared for accidents (we're chilled about it), you might need a change of clothing for yourself.

Children find it hard to keep the concentration up so we try and be real quick with the session for children - we try and make it fun. If your child has a particular hobby or interest, please bring along props and toys that relate.

Some things to bring

Pictures you like
Personal props
Map & Phone Number

Hairbrush! (all girls seem to forget this!)
Jewellery & Accessories (keep it simple)
Make-up Kit

Be ready for some fun!