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ENGAGEMENT SESSION



Style Guide



The engagement session is one of our favorite times with our couples. We get to style it together, make memories at an awesome location, and get to know each other better. You will be married for the rest of forever, but you are engaged for a short period. Let's capture this joyful time in your life with some amazing photos!



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Tailor

KNOW YOUR BODY

Your outfit should fit just right. You don't want to wear something that is too loose or too tight; aim for clothing that work with your body type and accent the features you love about yourself. Choose something that will not need constant adjusting, pulling, and tugging. If possible, go with an outfit that is made especially for you! A tailored suit, a belt, or safety pins can give your outfit the final touch!



*PRO TIP avoid any outfit that will show underwear or bra straps!
Wear a strapless bra or use dress tape!

show what you love

HIDE WHAT YOU DON'T





Outfit Inspiration

DRESS IT UP!

flowing dresses



*PRO-TIP

Wear shorts or spandex underneath your dress, so we can really adventure

*PRO-TIP

Heels and wedges flatter every body type; just bring a comfy pair of shoes for walking or hiking in

shop

Forever 21
H&M
Ross

Lulu's
Morning Lavender
Amazon

Also, Check out boutique thrift stores!

Agents in Style
Twice Upscale Resale
Chic to Chic

rent

Renting is a great option! You can look for someone local or borrow from a friend!

We personally love these rental companies:

Rent the Runway
Jack's Suits
Men's Warehouse

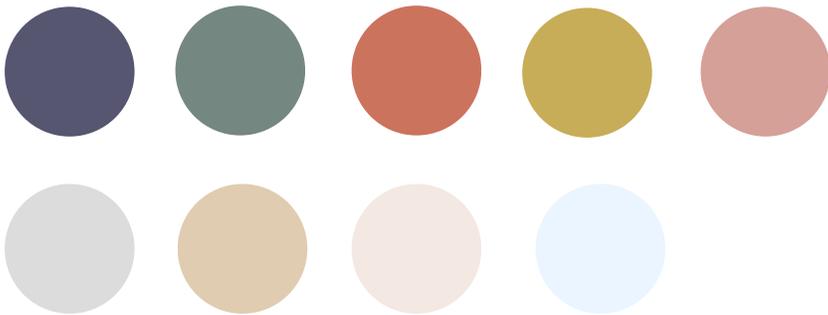


The Colors

KEEP IT LIGHT AND MUTED

Lighter colors flatter your skin and make the photo look brighter and more dreamy. At the same time, be aware of what goes well with your skin tone; for instance, pale skin does not look best in yellow or green.

Our favorite colors to photograph are earth tones:
navy blue, army green, burnt orange, mustard yellow, blush, gray, tan, light pink, light blue, and white.



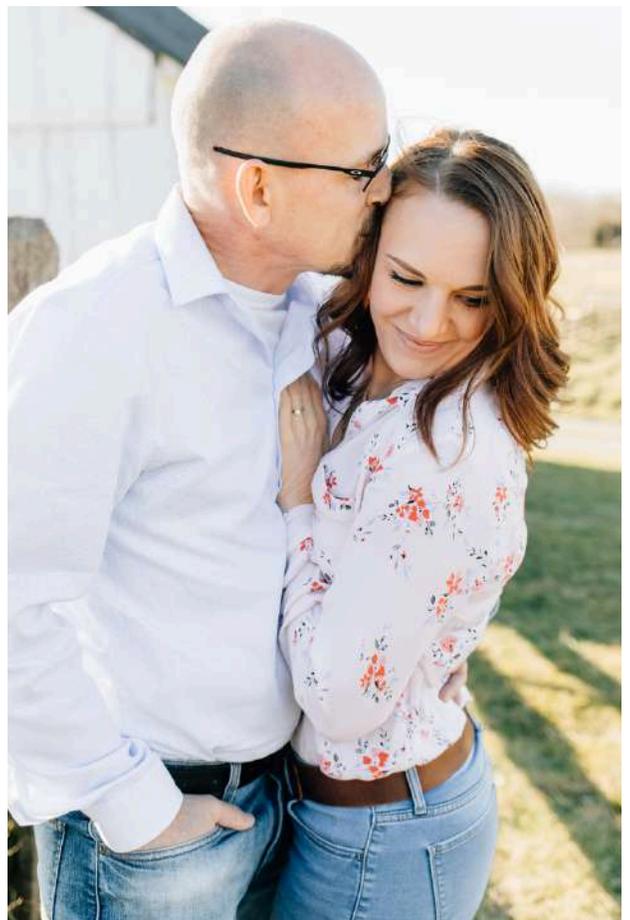
Avoid bright, vibrant, and neon colors because they will reflect on your skin and make you look funky.

Patterns

THE SIMPLER THE BETTER

Floral and bohemian patterns always photograph nicely. Just remember — if one of you is wearing something busy, the other should complement with something plain. Otherwise, it will be overwhelming.

Avoid tiny patterns, horizontal stripes, small-print flannel, and plaid. They do not photograph very well and can cause weird effects from the camera (called "moire").





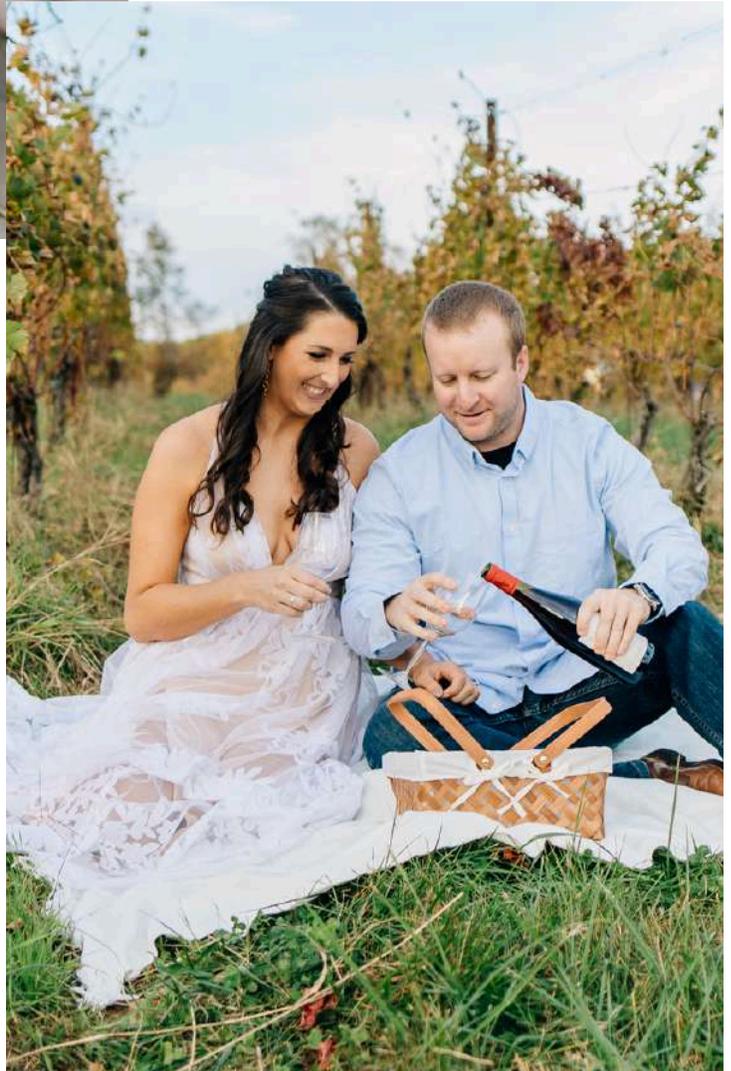


accessories

ADD SOME INTEREST

flower crown
sunglasses
floppy or felt hat
beanie
jacket
simple necklace
earrings
rings

Avoid big watches and any jewelry that will distract from your lovely faces.



props

KEEP IT NATURAL

Only bring props that are a special part of your normal life. Avoid props that are random and staged, like a sign or frame, or props that will not match our outdoorsy location. Some ideas:

Dogs are always welcome
(bring a friend to handle them though)

Blankets
Instruments
Canoe/kayak
Paddle board
Picnic basket
Champagne/wine
Favorite food
Bouquet
Smoke bombs



Beauty Pro Tips

INSIDE & OUT

1

Get your nails done! Most commonly forgotten, they will show when we get close-ups of your ring! Getting your ring cleaned helps, too!

2

It's okay to practice! Use a mirror and see what your good side is. Practice pushing your chin forward. Smile with your eyes. Tell yourself you are beautiful.

3

Snuggle with your man! Practice kissing. No duck faces! Fun kisses, romantic kisses, passionate — whatever you want!

4

Drink lots of water! No greasy foods before your session. (Save those for a treat after we are done!)

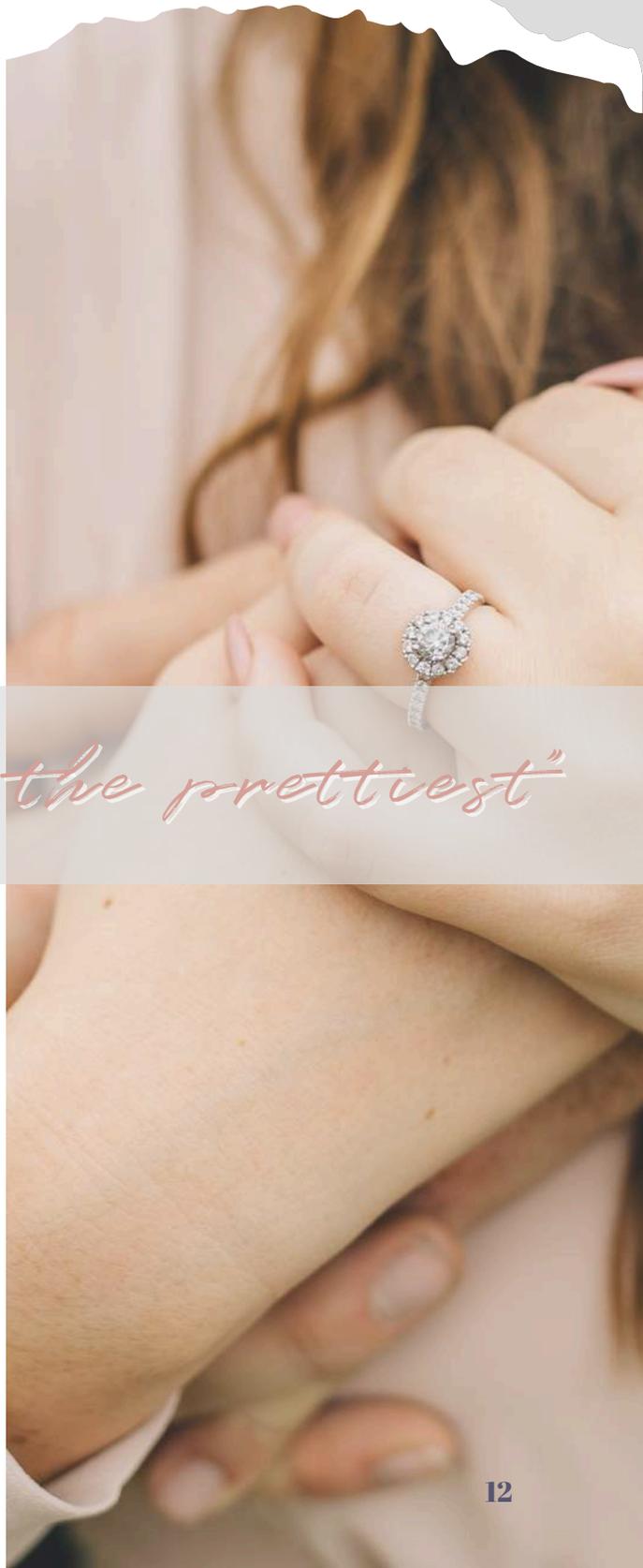
"Happy girls are the prettiest"

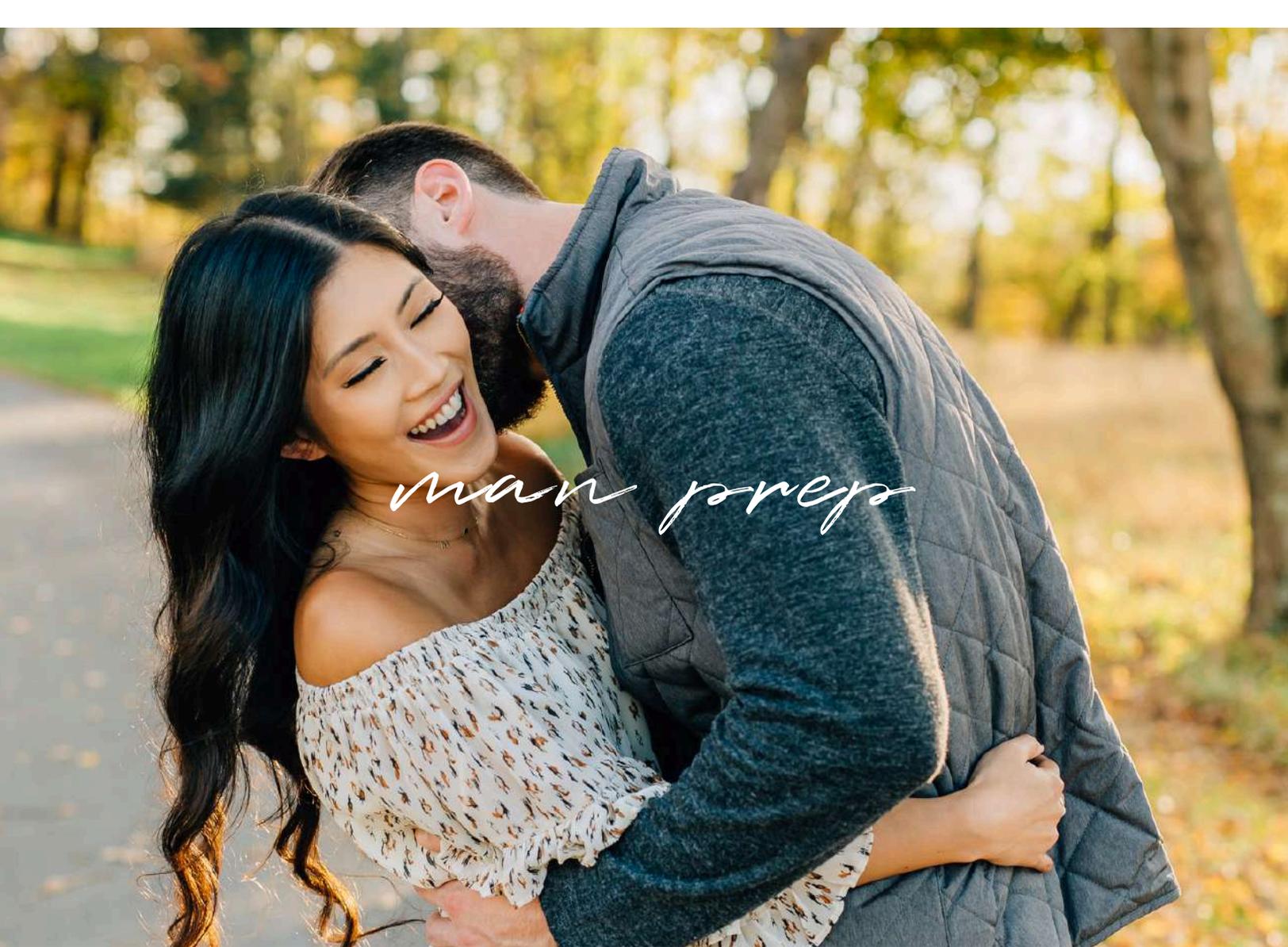
PROFESSIONAL HAIR & MAKEUP

Most makeup and hair stylists will give you a trial before the wedding day, and your engagement session is the perfect time to use it! Professionals are so worth it. You will feel amazing!

Contouring does wonders! At the same time, go for more natural makeup; you only want it slightly darker than what you normally wear to make it photograph naturally.

Let your gorgeous hair down! It will look stunning if we catch a nice breeze!





Whether your fiancée is an actual Prince Charming or a dude who giggles at the thought of romance, he is going to have just as much fun during the engagement shoot as you – if not more!

Being in front of a camera for an hour or two doesn't sound like a date, but we promise you it will be. Both of your cheeks will hurt from laughing. Plus, think about how handsome he is going to look! The engagement session is a great excuse to get all dressed up then go out to dinner and dessert after. You both deserve it!

To get him excited, show your man some of our blog posts mytlic.com/category/real-weddings, so he can see how amazingly yours will turn out!

his style

Well-tailored suits, and especially suit coats and blazers, are the best way to make your man look amazing! They flatter all body types.

A button-up shirt is a must for one outfit.

Leave the shorts at home unless we are going in some body of water. Pants make men look taller and more masculine.

Different colored pants are fun. Pair tan or green pants with a navy blue jacket.

Any dress shoes look great with a dressed-up look. Ditch the sneakers unless we are going hiking.

For the dressed down look, go for a Henley, sweater, plain shirt, or short sleeve button up.

Wear dark-colored socks — anything but white.

If he doesn't want to change outfits, he can come in a suit, and we will switch off having the suit jacket on or off, as well as adding accessories (pocket square, vest, bowtie, tie, etc.)



Locations

IN HOME

If we are doing your session at home, forget the dress up!

It is much more fun, natural, and intimate to have fewer clothes on. (Oh yes!)

Think shorts, camisoles, bralettes, or oversized sweaters and socks. For your man, go with shorts, boxers, comfy pants or jeans, and no tee.

Theme ideas for an at-home engagement session:

Breakfast in bed

Making cookies or pancakes together

Pillow fights

Hot cocoa on the porch

Whatever you two like to do together!

OUTDOORS

Shooting outdoors is our specialty! We love natural sunlight.

We have to take into consideration what the weather might be like, as well as if a permit is required. (DC)

You can choose the place if you have somewhere epic in mind. We are always open to new locations and traveling.

If you tell us the vibe you want (field, lake, mountain, etc), we can find the perfect place for you!

It is also fun to shoot at places that can turn into a nice date, like the fair or ice cream parlor!



Seasonal weather

When choosing your outfits, be conscious of the weather conditions and surroundings.

If it's cold, wear something warm, duh! If it's hot, wear something that will keep you cool and won't show sweat.

Some locations are closed during certain seasons because they are rained out or snowed in. Take into account the weather of the date you would like to choose.

Having said this, shooting in the rain or snow can be just as magical as sunshine!!!

Usually, couples like to have their engagement photos done 3-6 months prior to the wedding date. We can shoot them whenever you would like, though, as long as it is on a weekday!

We love epic locations and are totally willing to travel! Travel fees may apply.

Golden, dreamy, glowy light happens during the hour after sunrise or the hour before sunset. Generally, we will do a sunset session unless your schedule does not allow this, the location is better during sunrise, or the location is crowded around that time.



Seasonal Lighting

APPROXIMATE START TIMES

SPRING

April-May
Varies

SUMMER

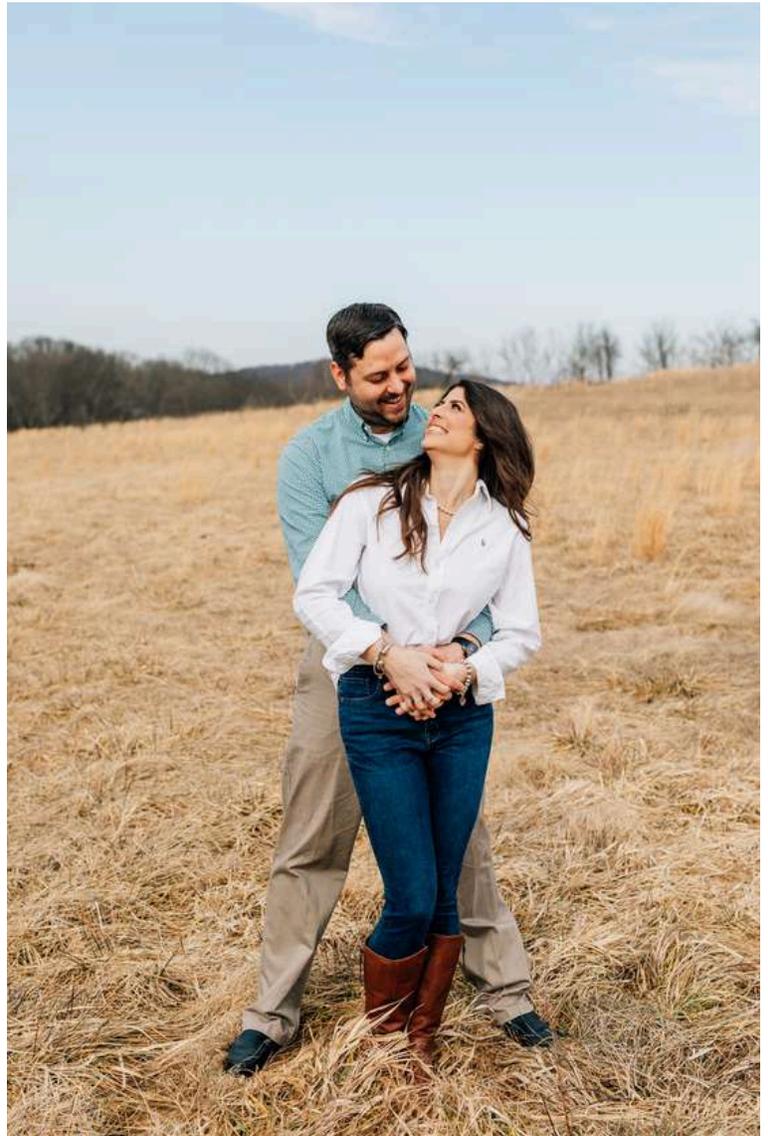
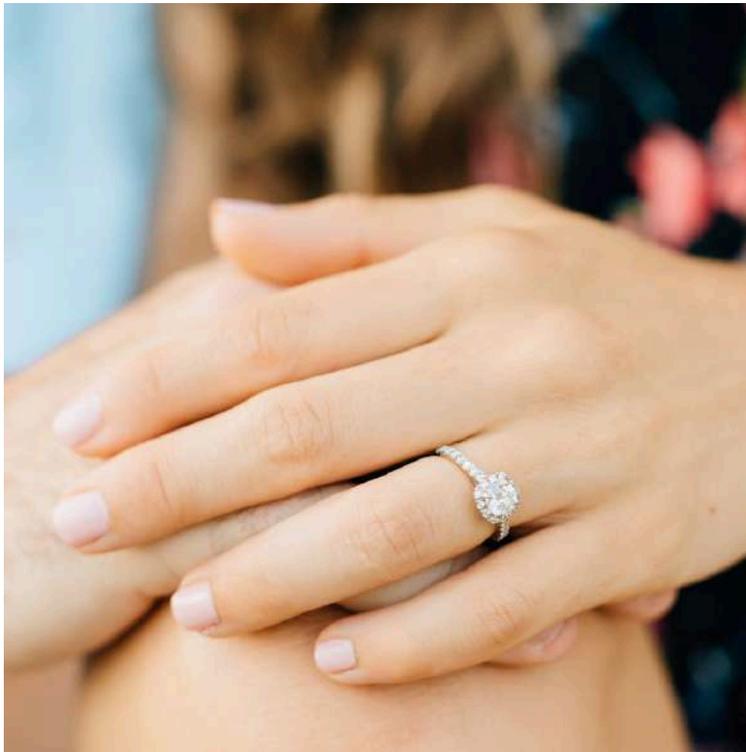
June-August
6:30PM-8:30PM

FALL

September- Nov
Varies

WINTER

December - March
1:00PM-3:00PM



What to do

WITH YOUR ENGAGEMENT PHOTOS



WEDDING INVITATIONS

Add a beautiful photo to your wedding invite for your loved ones to keep!

WEDDING DAY SLIDESHOW

Include your photos in an awesome slideshow to play for your guests before and during dinner!

SAVE-THE-DATES

The cute save-the-date below is actually a magnet!

GUEST SIGNING BOOK

Make an album of your engagement photos with plenty of white space, so your wedding guests can sign it on your wedding day!



Print Your Photos!

This way, you can see them every day! Simply saving them on your hard drive might mean that they will get lost and forgotten.

We love canvases! They are timeless and look beautiful on any wall. No need to match or find frames! Our favorite set is two 16x24's and a 24x36 between them. You need a larger size than you think to look good over your couch, fireplace, or bed!



Timeline

WEEK OF

Outfits cleaned/ironed
nails done, rings cleaned



DAY OF

show up rested, well-fed, and energetic. Leave earl! Late couples fight & stress.



4 WEEKS AFTER

You will get an email with a link to view all your photos in an online gallery where you can download them.



2-4 WEEKS BEFORE

Book hair & makeup
find your outfits/tailor



3 DAYS AFTER

We will post 1-3 sneak peaks on social media.



5 WEEKS AFTER

We will help with any printing you need for save-the-dates, guest signing albums, or photos for your reception.



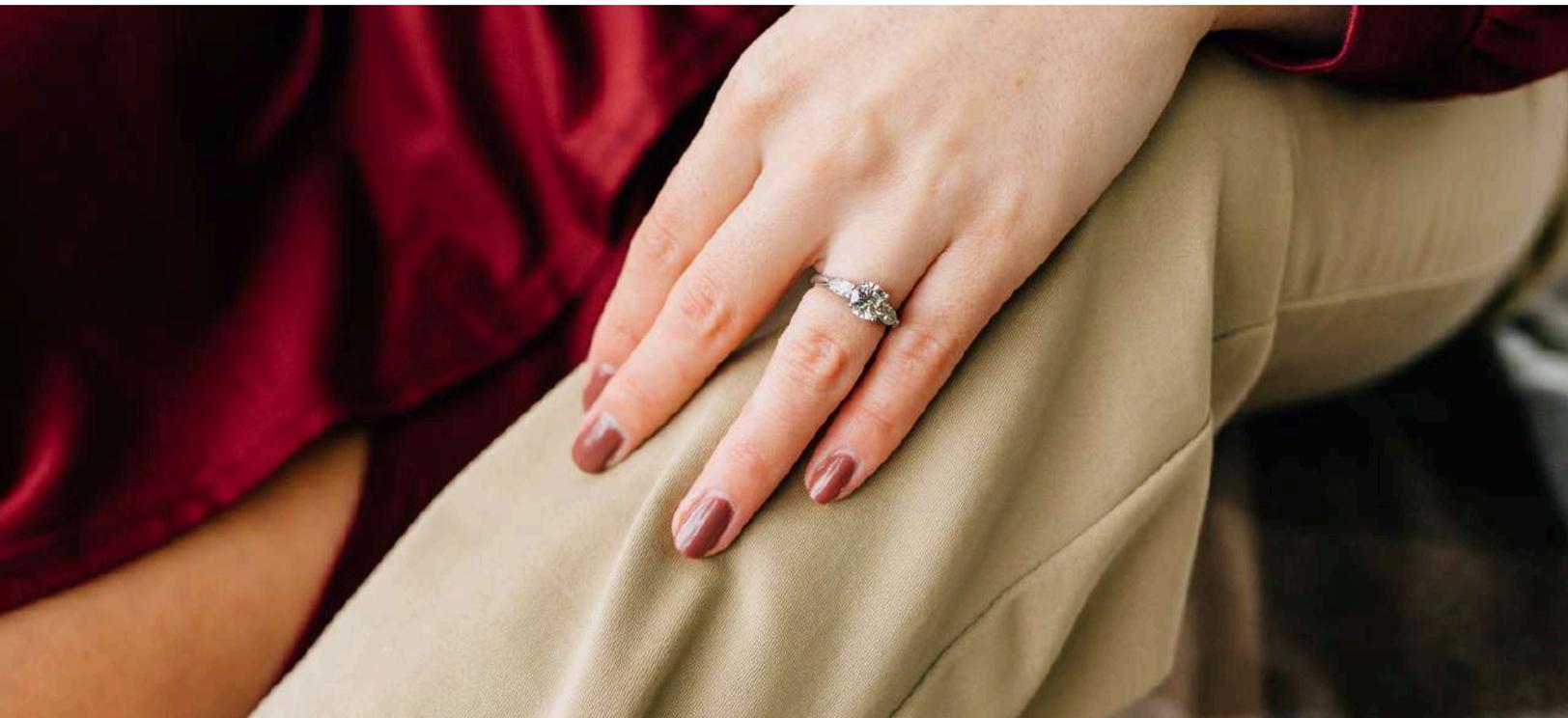
Checklist

TO DO

- Rings cleaned
- Outfits tailored/cleaned/ironed
- Pro hair and makeup booked
- Shave the day before (avoid razor burn)
- Avoid fake tans and sunburns the week before
- Get outfits together
- Phones charged/map downloaded
- Plan to go out together afterward
- Leave early for your session

TO BRING

- Second outfit (start in your date night outfit, end in your dressy outfit)
- Extra shoes to walk in
- Accessories/props
- Touch up stuff for makeup & hair
- Rings
- Water



Thank You!

We are thrilled to be a part of your engagement. It's our hope that this guide was helpful and got you both excited for the engagement session!

With every tip you just read, all that matters is that we make and capture some awesome memories together. These are photos that you will be able to look back on and remember why you love each other.

YOU TWO WILL ROCK IT!



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