



Planning for your Family Portrait Session

*We're excited to welcome
you to our studio*

For 17 years, Oh, Goodness Fine Portraits
has been creating timeless art for
thousands of homes in the Triad area and
beyond. Allow us to walk you through the
details of your session and make planning
easier for you!

Take a few moments to read through the
details here. Then you can rest assured that
your portrait session will result in a
beautiful piece of art.

Leave the rest to us!

What to expect from your Portrait Experience



Posing together as a family should feel warm and comfortable. That's why we do everything we can to make families of all shapes and sizes feel right at home.

As a close-knit family ourselves, we understand how much these portraits mean and we're always ready to go the extra mile to make your session perfect. Here's what you can expect before and during your VIP experience:

- An in-depth planning call to design and personalize your family's session.
- A custom family portrait session in our studio with our professional team.
- A variety of poses and groupings to capture your family in the most-flattering way.
- Same-day selection of your images with our expert art director to ensure the perfect portrait.

Clothing Recommendations

We highly recommend that you take time and plan when you are selecting your wardrobe. Your clothing can take many forms...gown and tux, Sunday best, business casual or relaxed, but nicely presented. It's really up to you, but we do know that our guests love their portraits more when they have dressed in a timeless way that they are proud to display in their home. Here are some things to consider.

Formal suggestions

For Ladies:

- Dark or jewel-toned short or long dress. (dark colors keep light from reflecting on your face and are slimming)
- Dresses that flow below the waist are preferred rather than a tight fit. Little to no pattern and long sleeves are recommended. Classic jewelry, like a simple chain, diamonds, or pearls are encouraged as opposed to trendy larger pieces.
- Choose timeless clothing, avoiding current trends.
- White lace around the collar is acceptable.
- Family heirloom jewelry is recommended, as this portrait will be in the family for generations.



For young girls:

- Same as ladies, but sleeveless or short-sleeve dresses are acceptable.
- For girls under five years of age off-white dresses are acceptable.



Formal suggestions (cont'd)

Gentlemen:

- Dark suit, tuxedo or dark jacket and pants with a white shirt and tie.
- If no jacket, a darker shirt and dark pants with or without tie or dark sweater or 1/4 zip or lighter shirt with dark vest over top.
- Freshly shaven or manicured
- Darker shoes (not tennis shoes)
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Young Boys:

- A suit or jacket, like we recommend for men or solid, dark sweater or a vest could also be an option. We also recommend a simple white shirt and bow tie are acceptable for younger boys.
- For boys under 5, a classic look of a white John-John is always beautiful.



Formal suggestions (cont'd)

Other ideas:

If there are musicians in the family that would like to showcase their passion for their art through the preservation of a portrait, we encourage them to bring their instrument to the session.



Casual Clothing Suggestions

For Ladies:

- A simple, solid dress with short or long sleeves. Dark or jewel-toned pants and top, jacket or sweater.
 - Example: Forest green/ Navy blue/ Royal purple
- Keep the color tone consistent from the head-to-toe.
 - Don't wear dark pants and a light top. Breaking it up reduces height and adds weight.
- Wear solid colors or very small, subtle prints. The clothes should complement the portrait, not compete for attention
- If you choose to wear jewelry, keep it simple and timeless.
- Long sleeves are recommended for women, however, girls 9 years and under may wear short sleeves.



Casual Clothing Suggestions

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Boys and Men:

- We recommend black, dark grey, navy blue, French blue, burgundy or forest green for men.
 - Wear a pair dark pants or dark jeans, formal or casual jacket with no tie/ a dark pullover or quarter zip sweater/ a solid color dark shirt that doesn't need to be tucked in/ a dark tee with a jacket or blazer over it. Avoid a golf shirt.
- Keep the color scheme consistent from head-to-toe
 - Don't wear dark pants and a light top. Breaking it up height adds weight.
- Wear solid colors or very small, subtle prints. The clothes should complement the portrait, not compete for attention
- Long sleeves are recommended.



Military & Law Enforcement

- We appreciate the dedication and hard work all service members devote to their careers and we love to celebrate that passion through the artwork!
- All Veterans, current Military, and Law Enforcement Officers are encouraged to wear their dress or service uniform of choice.



How we keep your portrait session running smoothly.

We're here to make the portrait process as stress-free as possible! To ensure your session runs smoothly, please be aware of the following studio policies:

AGES:

- We all take our best photos when we're bright-eyed and ready for the day, but this is especially true for the youngest family members! If your family includes children under the age of 5, we'll schedule your session before 12:00 PM for maximum smiles.
- Our portrait studio is not appropriately equipped for infant portraits, therefore **we require all children to be at least nine months old** and able to sit, hold their heads up, and willing to smile and interact with our photographer. Portrait photography and lighting can be tiring for your newest family members and we want everyone to enjoy their portrait session! If your child is under nine months old, we recommend using an infant photographer specialist.
- Even though we're here to capture the whole family, we're also happy to take portraits of just children at no additional cost during your session.
- If you've already booked your session and feel your child is too young, we will kindly help you move your session out on our calendar so that your child will be the best age!

FAMILY SIZE:

- We adore a large family! The more love, the better—but our studio does have its limits. We want to make sure everyone's faces are clear and present for your portraits. Because of that, we kindly ask that **no more than EIGHT (8) adult members and 2 children attend a single portrait session.**

Other Details

ARRIVAL:

- Please plan to arrive at our studio 20 minutes early in order to allow for traffic, parking issues, taking the elevator and to change into your portrait clothing. We do have areas for you to change and also bathrooms on the premises. If you are late to your appointment, it is possible that we cannot complete the session as our day is typically very booked and we cannot inconvenience the family following you.

CANCELLATION:

- If you need to cancel, you may do so before 14 days of your appointment in order to receive your full deposit back. We do understand that sickness can occur without warning and we offer one complimentary reschedule in the event of family sickness.

DURING YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- Over our many years of taking family portraits, we've learned exactly how to help families feel prepared and comfortable in front of the camera! So don't worry if you've never done a professional family portrait session before. After booking your appointment, one of our team members will reach out via phone to assist with exactly what to bring, what to wear, and how to get ready for your magical day.
- We have reserved studio time with our art director to show you and assist you with selection of your images. Selection is done **at this same appointment because is a very visual decision** and difficult to do without having the images in front of you. Having a professional to assist you with that decision also makes the process easier for you so that you can have questions answered. For that reason, we do not send out galleries or make portrait selections at a later time. We encourage you to bring all decision makers to your appointment so that you are sure to select what you want.

We hope this information makes planning easier for you! We are also here to help. Feel free to text pictures to us of your clothing if you are unsure and we can give you some feedback. You can text or call us at [336-829-5642](tel:336-829-5642).
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