

## **Steps for successful Portraits**

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Discuss with Ellis the reason for the portrait and the style of the portrait, that is what the subjects will be wearing and the location the portrait will be displayed.

The clothing the subjects will be wearing is critical to the success of the portrait. We recommend assembling all of the clothing each subject will be wearing, including shoes. If the combinations work together, your choices should be fine. We then suggest you store the outfits, clean - pressed and ready to go, in a "safe" location, so on the day of your appointment, everything is ready.

Schedule your photography appointment at a time which is best for the subjects, especially when small children are involved. Keep your children as close to their normal schedule as possible. Please do NOT have trips to the doctor, grocery store, or other places which will tire our the children prior to the photography. Do not schedule another appointment so close after the session that you may feel rushed.

If your child is sick or just not feeling well - please reschedule. We are happy to reschedule when you call before your appointment.

Even though it is fun to watch the photography, we respectfully request only one adult in the photography area while a child or children are being photographed. Everyone else should be out of sight and sound. Also, please do not "practice" smiling or saying "cheese". Children only have so many smiles in them. If you use them all before the session, there won't be any left. Of course, natural expressions, in which Ellis is a master at eliciting, are by far the best.

Last, everyone needs to be in a good mood. If someone needs to be disciplined, please do that after the session, not before or during the photography. Ellis can usually handle situations as they arise except in rare cases. He will ask for your assistance if it is needed.

We will be happy to mail you a pricelist or you may download one from the link on the previous page. Thank you. We hope to see you soon.