



## Preparing for an Engagement Shoot

**1. Outfits :** Most couples have two outfits, one casual and one that is dressier. The BEST advice I can give about outfit selection would be to try to COORDINATE instead of matching. Wear something you would feel AMAZING in! Nothing that is too tight or too baggy. You want to be comfortable sitting or standing in whatever you decide to wear. In general, bold colors, whites and pastels photograph beautifully. Fun patterns work great too as long as they coordinate with each other. Stay true to your style especially with casual clothing.

(I would recommend bringing an extra flats or comfortable shoes in case there is a lot of walking). In the chillier months, a fabulous scarf and coat can go a long way!

*\*Note: I also encourage you to bring accessories such as umbrellas, scarves or any props you feel would be a great addition to your session. This will add some extra details for your engagement shoot.\**

**2.Hair, Makeup, Nails & Ring Cleaner:** Some brides opt to have their makeup trial done right before their engagement session so that they can see what their makeup will look like in pictures before the wedding day! I highly recommend this! It's always fun when a bride gets her hair and makeup done for her shoot! I would also recommend having your nails done. This will be for the Ring on hand shots. Last but not least, the ring shots! If your diamond could use a little cleaning, the ring cleaner would make it really SHINE!

**3. Preparing your Groom:** This is the part that all of you brides need to pay attention to! You know your groom better than anyone else and so only you can help prepare him for this shoot. If your fiancé is completely unaware of the details of a photo shoot, he is going to think it's really strange when I tell you two to "Nuzzle" or get "Nose to nose". He's expecting a few pictures smiling at the camera, showing off the ring and that's it! It will be your part to keep your fiancé focused and relaxed on the shoot.

**4. Preparing your Bride:** As a Groom it's your part to keep your fiancé relaxed and excited for the session. Show her the reason why you want to take the photos. Show her why you chose her to be your bride. Show her the reason why she said "Yes!". Sometimes it's hard to show emotions. Just remember this will be your memories.

**5. Be on Time:** This is really important. What most couples don't realize is that natural light photographers are 100% dependent on the sun and if their couples show up late, they will lose that amount of time during their session due to the lack of light. Now I realize that things happen beyond our control like massive amounts of traffic and accidents. If at all possible, try to be on time so that you don't lose any of your shooting time and pretty sunlight!

**6. Location:** Choosing locations is one of the most important part of your shoot. Visiting your chosen location before hand is a **must**. This will give you the opportunity to find areas and help create ideas for your session. It is also important to find out if the location you choose needs a permit to photograph. In most cases you won't need one but it won't hurt to make sure.

**7. Relax & Have Fun:** As your photographer I won't expect you to be a pro at this. I work with normal, everyday couples ALL the time. So photo sessions can be a little awkward and difficult to think of. I can't speak for all photographers but I tell my couples that it takes a good 20 minutes to warm up at the beginning of their shoot. So relax and don't be nervous! You're going to be great at this! Trust me as your photographer, allow yourself to be creative and we will have an amazing shoot!

**Questions:** Should you have any questions, please inform me before the engagement session. Thank you.