

Tips for Obtaining the Best Photographic Result

What should I wear for my portrait?

First of all determine whether you want your portrait to be casual or dressy. This will help you decide the style and color of clothing. Also remember, clothing that doesn't fit properly will probably look that way in your portrait.

Long sleeves and solid colors photograph the best with men. We recommend medium to dark tones of blue, green, tan, brown, rust, purple and dark red. Busy patterns and bright colors tend to distract from your face and draw all the attention to what you're wearing. Long sleeved, solid clothing creates a richer look that keeps your portrait "stylish" longer.

Hair

Don't try a new hairstyle just for your session, and if you are going to have your hair cut, do so around a week before your session is scheduled.

Skin Problems

Don't worry if you develop a skin problem. Our portraits can be retouched to eliminate blemishes and soften harsh lines. Simple blemish removal and "digital airbrushing" is included with all portraits.

Glasses

It is very difficult to remove glare from eyeglasses. Tinted lenses cannot be lightened. If your glasses are tinted or exceptionally thick, they can distort the way the camera photographs the eye. In these cases, you should ask your optometrist for a pair of empty frames to wear for your portrait session.

For Women

Makeup will affect the way your portrait looks. Both fresh, natural makeup or "evening" makeup photograph well. Lip gloss or lipstick will enhance the portrait considerably. A light brushing of foundation should be applied if you have oily skin to prevent "shiny skin" in the portrait. Call us if you have questions.

For Men

A fresh shave is a must. If you have a beard or mustache, make sure it is trimmed to your liking.