

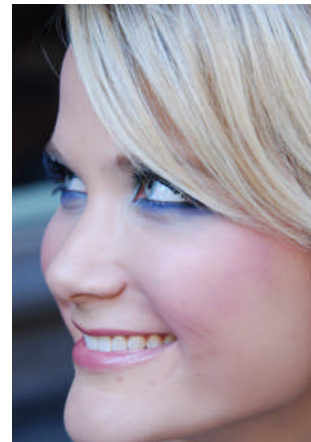
PREPARING FOR YOUR BOUDOIR SESSION

A well executed boudoir session requires a little planning on behalf of both the photographer and the subject. Great portraits rarely happen by chance. Everyone involved has a part to play, so we have created this guide to assist our clients in our mutual quest for a beautiful portrait that will be cherished for years to come.

Hair and Make-Up

Wear your hair the way you like it best. Don't try a new style the day of the photo session. If you plan to have a hair cut, try to schedule it a week or two before your session.

Make-up techniques in photography sessions differ from photographer to photographer, but the general rule is that it should be applied *slightly* heavier than on a normal day. This however, is only a suggestion. If you feel more comfortable applying your make-up normally, then by all means do so. Cover any blemishes as you normally would. We recommend that you wear your make-up no heavier than you would for an evening out. Even if you do not normally wear make-up, we suggest a light foundation and powder to reduce shine and even out your complexion. Frosted lipstick should be avoided as it causes a glare on your lips.



Clothing

Attire is one of the most important elements of a successful photo shoot. Most people think that boudoir photos mean lingerie or nudity. In fact, studies have shown that men find a woman in something of theirs to be sexier than lingerie. The truth is, you may choose to include anything you want in your session. You will never be asked to wear anything or pose in any way that would make you uncomfortable. Bring photos of tasteful nudes you want to emulate. The list of things you can wear, bring or do is endless!

Here are some possibilities:

- His favorite old shirt
- His favorite ball team sweatshirt or jersey
- His hard hat or other tools of his job
- His overalls
- His uniform
- His tie



You know your man, would he like something classy?

- A fur coat
- A vest (Leather or Dressy)
- An evening dress
- An off the shoulder top
- Fuzzy sweater
- Hats and gloves
- High heels
- Stockings (various)
- Sparkly Blouse



Sexier Clothing Choices

- Anything thin or transparent
- Anything tight
- Body Stocking
- Boy Shorts
- Colorful panties and bra
- Cutoffs that are too short
- Lingerie

Some Non-traditional Recommendations

- Anything that he gave you
- Bath Robe or towel
- Tank shirts that are too short and/or tight
- Tee shirts with rips or holes
- Biker shorts
- Tight shorts
- Leather anything
- Mini Skirt
- Scarfs (as an outfit!)
- Boxer shorts
- Something funny or a special Halloween costume
- The tools of your trade
- Western hat and boots
- Workout outfit with dumbbells



Some props you might like as part of your portrait session

- Any props from home
- Any romantic items
- Candles
- Flower petals
- Flowers
- Scarves
- Sun glasses
- Wine glasses
- Your favorite teddy bear
- Strands of beads



We have several Mardi Gras masks and boas you are able to use during your session.

Be creative! Think about it from his perspective as you make your decisions. After all, this is a present for him, so imagine what he would prefer as you go through the closet and talk about it with friends.

Make sure that your clothing is in good condition. (No holes or tears, that aren't supposed to be there!) Tags should be removed from items where they might be visible.

Punctuality

It is absolutely critical to be ready on time. If by chance we have another session scheduled after yours, being late could have an impact on the amount of time to take your photos, and thus the number of images you have to choose from.

*Punctuality, as you can imagine, is one of the biggest issues involved with portrait creating. Please help us serve you, and our other clients the best we can by being ready on time. **Thank you so much!***

Other helpful tips on the perfect portrait session - Have a light snack before your portrait session. Get plenty of rest the night before. Expect to have fun and laugh!

We look forward to seeing you!

