

Frequently Asked Questions | Newborn Session

1. *Do you have props, wraps, headbands, hats, and other props or do I have to provide those?*

I have so much of everything! I have multiple colors of wraps, backgrounds, baskets, bed, bowls, headbands, hats, & little rompers. The only time you would need to bring anything is if there is something special, for example a family heirloom, or something that relates to your career (example firefighter, military). I also have dresses for big sisters available to use for sibling and family photos.

2. *When should I schedule the newborn session?*

When your baby is born, and you are in the hospital or when you get home send me an email/message and we will set something up for when baby is 6-16 days old. Ideally, I like to have your due date on my calendar so that I can make sure that I have availability and flexibility. I also like to make sure I have an assistant available. I only accept a certain number of newborn sessions a month.

I understand that sometimes doesn't happen and things are booked last minute. Please reach to me anyway. I may not be able to fit your session within the recommended time frame, but I will get you in as soon as possible. Even if your baby is a little bit older I can do a newborn style session up to 4-5 weeks old.

3. *Is my newborn going to be safe in all the different poses and props?*

I always have a trained assistant with me to make sure baby is safe in the all props and on the bean bag/bed. My assistant's job is to have hands & eyes on baby at all times so that I can get the best photos while baby is safe.

4. *When is payment due?*

A retainer fee of \$100-150 is due to book your session with me and that puts your due date on my calendar. The rest of the payment is due the day of the session. That way when I am done editing our images, I can just send you the link with access to download them right away!

5. *Can my husband/significant other and other children be in the photos?*

Absolutely! If you purchase the Deluxe Newborn Session, I will do various family and sibling photos and those will be included in your digital images! I understand if you do not feel “photo ready” so I also offer Petite and Wrapped Newborn Sessions. The Petite or Wrapped Newborn session can only include photos of newborn baby. If you want a sibling photo the Petite Newborn option allows for that!

6. *How long will it take to get my images back?*

It typically takes me 2-4 weeks to process your images depending on the time of year. I take time with each session going through each image one by one to make sure they are edited beautifully so that skin tones are correct, and blemishes are removed. If the wait time is longer, I will message you and let you know how much longer it will be.

7. *Where will the session take place?*

I have a beautiful spacious studio in Troy, Ohio at 619 Lincoln Ave. in what is called The Troy Sunshade Building. My studio space is on the second floor. There is elevator access if needed. I have a studio dedicated to newborn photography where I have all of my props and backdrops. I have a studio lighting set up for the best lighting for newborn photos. I also have a beautiful natural light “bedroom” studio. I have a bed, couch, and other props so that we can get some more comfortable non posed lifestyle type family photos.

Outdoor newborn sessions are available upon request during the Summer months. These will be done at a local park/preserve.

8. *Do you offer any other type of session?*

Yes! I specialize in newborn photography, but I offer maternity sessions which I offer as complimentary when you book the Deluxe Newborn Session Package!!

I also offer milestone sessions, cake smash sessions, family sessions, and various themed mini sessions throughout the year! I will do Fresh 48 (in hospital) sessions and I will also travel for in home sessions upon request!

9. *How long will the session last?*

A newborn session lasts anywhere between two and three hours. This allows time for multiple set ups, feeding, soothing breaks, and family, sibling photos. I have a waiting area with toys for siblings. Or if you would prefer, we can do the sibling photos first or last and Dad or Grandma/Grandpa can take the siblings home if you live close or to the park if it is nice out!

Don't worry! You can still hang out inside the studio with me and watch or you can look through the glass doors so that you can keep an eye on baby! Petite newborn sessions are not as long since we don't do family photos and a lot of the poses are wrapped. They typically last up to two hours.

10. *What happens if my baby wakes up or isn't cooperative?*

If baby is awake, we will work with him/her! I will take photos awake wrapped, and unwrapped. I do not stop a session because baby is awake! However, I will not pose and awake baby in a prop and unwrapped for safety reasons. They will typically, with patience, fall back to sleep after being awake for a bit.

If baby is upset and not able to settle, I will do my best to soothe baby back to sleep for a while. We will make sure all of his/her needs are met and if it still isn't happy or fussy, we will stop the session and reschedule for another day to finish the session up when baby is happier.

11. *What I wear? What should my family wear?*

For newborn sessions I recommend something neutral and timeless. These images are going to be intimate and closer up since baby is so tiny. Often moms choose to wear a plain neutral in color tank with jeans or leggings, and Dad will wear, a nice fitting neutral tee-shirt with jeans. I have neutral dresses available to borrow for sisters to wear. A lot of the time we will have big brother take off their shirt but if

they are not comfortable a neutral t-shirt or Henley with jeans works perfectly!
Please do not hesitate to message me with any questions regarding outfits!

12. What should I bring to the session?

Very simple-baby, milk, diapers, wipes, and a pacifier. Also anything you want photographed!

Pacifiers: If you do not have a pacifier, I have brand new pacifiers at the studio. I recommend the use of the pacifier for just a couple of minutes during posing it just makes things a little easier for baby and myself as we get them into various props etc. If you do not want me to use one, I will respect your wishes and work without it.