

## Engagement Photo Shoot Preparation

Your photo shoot is coming up with Bill Rice Photography! The following simple steps will make for an easy, successful shoot.

1. Don't stress. The first few minutes might be awkward, but you'll be feeling relaxed in no time! We're both getting to know one another during this time. You'll quickly get comfortable in how I direct and pace the photo shoot. This is great practice for your wedding day!
2. Leave all bags in the car. Unless you have a helper for the shoot, carrying items with you will hinder the flow of the shoot. I like to shoot on the go and capture more natural images rather than posed images. Many of the photos will be shot while walking, sitting and moving. With bags and other cumbersome items needing to be placed down or carried will hold up the process. We can always go back to the car if you are doing an outfit change. I can carry small items for you in my bag such as lip-gloss and sunglasses. Cell phones tend to "print" on your pocket, so I can hold them as well.
3. Please let me know if there are any physical limitations you may have (walking distances, standing, walking up or down unpaved roads)
4. Bring any special requests to my attention before the shoot so I can plan accordingly! This includes the use of props, special request photos etc. Props can include "save the date" signs, holiday signs, "thank-you" signs.
5. It's always fun to incorporate pets into your shoot. It's most helpful to have another person with us to help with holding the dog, getting their attention and offering treats. I wouldn't recommend your pet being in every photo; have a leash to tie off your pet while we are doing photos without him/her. More natural, unposed and fluid photos can be attained when not trying to get the attention of a dog ☺
6. Many brides choose to do a hair or makeup test prior to the photo shoot. This is a fantastic way to get to know your hair stylist and makeup artist.

### Clothing:

Clothing can be casual, playful, professional or elegant. There are only a few rules when it comes to clothing:

1. Dress head-to-toe; the camera sees all.....accessorize!
2. Wear clothing of the same color palette \*(see below).
3. Bring two complete outfits with you (for 60-minute sessions). I would suggest starting with a more formal outfit before changing into jeans, flops and a t-shirt.
4. Black and white colors tend to wash out most people and they have no contrast. Neutral colors and earth tones photograph best (greens, reds, browns).
5. No logos or distracting patterns on tops. It draws the attention off of you!

My direct phone is 760.414.9642

If you are lost, running late or cannot locate me, shoot me a call or text.

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