

# Tender Blessings

PHOTOGRAPHY

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Thank you for choosing Tender Blessings Photography to create your memories. Here are a few tips and suggestions to help the session go smoothly and create great images that you will want to display in your home.

## **Wardrobe and Location Selection**

1. Think about your home décor colors when choosing your wardrobe. Are the colors in your home your bright and vibrant or soft and muted?
2. Look through [Pinterest](#) and find photographs you like. Look for the same color tones in your wardrobe selections. Send me the link so I can share your vision.
3. Coordinate your clothing colors but be careful about identical matching.
4. Choose timeless styles. Avoid trendy fashions that will “date” the image.
5. Consider wearing a dress. Boho-style flowing dresses are particularly beautiful in outdoor photographs and engagement sessions.
6. Choose solid colors over patterns. Avoid large patterns or t-shirts with designs on them.
7. Choose colors that flatter your skin tone. Avoid wearing bright green or yellow.
8. Men should wear clothing that fits well but isn't too tight. Loose or baggy clothing does not look good in photos.
9. For corporate headshots, wear business attire and be mindful of blouses that are sheer or reveal too much.
10. Bring snacks and water, especially for kids
11. Clothing layers can add variety to your images... think about bringing a sweater, scarf, hat or other props that mean something to you or your child
12. These website links offer ideas for clothing and color choices

<https://www.shutterfly.com/ideas/what-to-wear-for-family-photos/>

<https://www.merricksart.com/7-tips-for-choosing-outfits-for-family-pictures/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/merricksart/outfit-ideas-for-christmas-cards/>

## **Scheduling your Photography Session**

The best time to shoot images to get the best results is the hour or so before sunset when the sun is fading and gives a soft golden glow to your images. This is called "Golden Hour". This is between 6:30 and 8pm in Summer and 4pm-6pm in the Fall and Winter. Yes, it's right in the middle of dinnertime – It's a great excuse to out to dinner after the session!

The next best time is just after sunrise...if you're an ultra early-bird this is a possibility.

Taking photographs in full mid-day sun is very challenging and will usually require a location with shaded areas to avoid squinting eyes and shadows on the faces. But It can definitely be done if this is out only option. Your location options may be limited, however.

## **Retouching**

All of the photos presented in your gallery will be color corrected. In general, I remove any random facial blemishes or marks that are *temporary*, such as pimples, bruises or scratches. I only remove scars, birthmark, moles or tattoos when requested.

## **Locations to Consider:**

<b><i>Parks &amp; Wilderness</i></b>	<b><i>Beaches &amp; Ocean</i></b>
Guajome Regional Park Alta Vista Botanical Gardens Prospect Park Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park Temecula Trails Via Escondido Temecula Santa Margarita River Trail Oso Creek Trail Irvine Regional Park Dos Picos Park Balboa Park	Torrey Pines State Beach Windandsea Beach (La Jolla) San Diego Marina San Clemente State Beach Newport Beach Pier Sunset Cliffs/Point Loma/Dog Beach Del Mar Beach