

Planning your child's portrait history

Every day your child changes a little, especially in the first years of life. With a well planned portrait schedule, you can make sure these changes are documented and a visual history created. We suggest the following intervals to help capture your child's growth

Newborn- This is a time for some artistic black and white portraits. Sleeping baby, little toes, bare bottom, and portrait studies of the face.

3 months. They are still small and not sitting up yet. But there is a big change from newborn to 3 months. Sometimes there are smiles, more often just cute expressions.

6 months. This is a fun age, they are sitting up and smiling, they are fun to interact with and they have great expressions. Outdoors in the grass with flowers and the simplicity of nature or some black and whites to show all the different facial expressions they have.

9 months. By the time they are 9 months, they really have a personality, they can sit, stand and some are starting to walk. Again outdoors are perfect with some simple props.

One year. This is when facial features really begin to surface. They are starting to really look like Mom or Dad. This is also a wonderful time for your first family portrait. This also might be a time that you include older siblings, grandparents or a generation photograph.

Two years. Two is a fun age if they will stay still. They usually go from walking to running. They are typically able to talk and respond to humor, action and reason. An age of many moods...

Three to Four years. Individuality and personality really start to emerge. This is the age of discovery and learning, this can be a wonderful age for outdoor portraits. Ready to meet the world...

Six to Eight years. Often teeth are still missing, or new teeth are coming in. They have started school and are becoming a little person.

Nine to Twelve years. This is where the child is approaching the teen years, a dress rehearsal for adulthood and taking steps towards independence. Searching and Finding..

Sixteen years. Childhood has come to an end and they are their own personality and character. This is a great time for a portrait in their room, with their posters, musical instruments and other things that are important to them.

Senior portraits. When teenagers enter their senior year, they are required to get a photo taken for the yearbook. With that most teens take this opportunity to have senior portraits taken. This is a chance to capture who they are and their personality before they leave for college. High school seniors also like to get wallets to give to friends and family.