



Hello!

Thank you for connecting with me! I am so excited for the arrival of your sweet little baby!

Our session will flow just like a regular photography session and I might have another photographer helping me during the session. You are more than welcome to take cell-phone shots of us working or your little one as we go. Our Instagram is @mholidayphotography and we always love being tagged on FB.

Here is some additional information that I hope will be helpful as you prepare for your newborn portrait session:

### **{WHAT TO BRING}**

You are welcome to wear comfortable, light clothing-- We keep it warm in the studio because your little one will be naked and babies cannot maintain their body temperature like adults can. If you are being photographed, make sure to bring a change of clothes so that you are comfortable when you are not "camera-ready".

As for baby's wardrobe.... bare skin is best! Bring any comfort items your baby may need including diapers, wipes, a warm blanket, swaddle blankets (no textured swaddle blankets please, they indent baby's skin), a pacifier, and a bottle with formula or breast-milk.

Our studio location is conveniently located next to multiple restaurants and other neat little shops if you get hungry or if anyone in your party needs to get out and walk around. I can also provide light refreshments upon request, provided you let me know several days before our session date. You're also welcome to bring your own food and drinks.

### **{HOW TO PREPARE}**

**Keep baby awake for an hour or two the morning before the session. Please bathe your baby during this time.** I cannot stress this enough. Obviously if your baby still has their umbilical cord, do not submerge your baby in water, but a cloth/warm wipe bath will work just as well. This truly makes a difference at the time of the session for several reasons. Please dress baby in something easy to get off like zip up or snap front pajamas, skip anything we need to take off over the head. If we have to pull clothes up and over baby's head, it's more difficult to keep them sleepy for the beginning of our session. Feed baby **RIGHT** before you leave the house **OR** come a little bit early to feed baby and make sure they have a nice full feeding. If you are

supplementing with formula or bottle feeding with pumped breast-milk please bring that with you (it's quicker than nursing but isn't necessary if you are exclusively breastfeeding).

**PLEASE bring a pacifier even if your baby isn't using one yet, this can make a huge difference.**

Once you arrive, baby should be good and sleepy in their car seat. We will take baby out and get started right away.

It is such an honor that you have chosen me to photograph your newborn baby, and capture all of their precious little details.

I understand that being a new parent is daunting and totally understand that sometimes it is easy to be running a little late. That's not a problem, we will just do what we can in the allotted time we have left when you arrive. However, please make sure to communicate with me if you are running late. If I do not hear from you by 15 minutes past the beginning of our session start time, I will have to assume you are a no call- no show and our session will end per the contract.

### **{WHO TO BRING}**

Please, please, please only bring the people who will be photographed, with the exception of one friend or family member who can stay to help the new parent(s) if needed. The studio space is small with very limited seating and a large number of breakable props and delicate studio equipment. The studio does not have room for small children to play or be loud. There are other businesses in the same location whom we must respect as well, therefore children running and yelling in the hallways is not allowed. If you are bringing small children to be in the family photos, I recommend we begin with them so that another family member or friend can take them home after their part in the family photos is completed.

### **{OTHER INFORMATION}**

#### **Additional Products:**

Additional products are available for purchase! Please let me know if you are interested in anything such as canvases, fine art prints, or any other photographic memorabilia.

#### **Driving Directions:**

Our studio is located at 117 East Street, Hutto Texas (the grey building on the corner of East St and Farley St) right across from the Hutto Chamber of Commerce. The sign on the door will say "Rustic + Willow" as they graciously allow me to use their studio space at this time.

\*\*\*\*You will receive an additional email that has your contract

Please review and submit this as soon as possible. Our session cannot occur until this is completed. \*\*\*\*

If you have any last-minute questions-- please don't hesitate to call or text.

**Thank you again!**

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