

Christmas Mini STYLING GUIDE

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Your festive mini sessions are just around the corner and there is so much to be excited about. The session itself consists of a 20 minute session in a beautifully curated Christmas set up at my studio.

These have been carefully designed to put you and your littles at the heart and is the perfect chance to capture family and child portraits with a mixture of prompted and candid shots.



STUDIO ADDRESS:

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Please arrive at your allotted time and make your way to the main door. There is a small seating area outside the studio door- you are welcome to come in and hang coats and remove shoes while you wait. I will pop and get you at your allotted time. As sessions run concurrently, I unfortunately won't be able to extend sessions if you arrive a little late.

Here is my number if you need to get in contact: 07817 328118

Before You Arrive

Before you arrive, please make sure everyone has had plenty to eat and drink to avoid a hangry situation! Feel free to bring some dried snacks, like rice cakes or raisins with you for littles to use as a last resort during your session.

I'd recommend avoiding toys or tablets as a distraction - unless you're happy for them in the pictures. Feel free to bring teddies or comforters (ideally neutral!) who are welcome to join in the portraits. My biggest tip is don't worry about looking at (or pointing to) the camera or the smiles - the candid moments are special and then the rest will follow. You are of course welcome to have your fav music playlist ready if dancing will help!



The theme and set up for this years Christmas Minis are kept light and airy with white and neutral tones and putting you and your littles at the centre. For outfit ideas, think of winter cable knit jumpers, roll neck sweaters, and soft textures. Aim for a mix of coloured outfits rather than all the same.

To create the sense of wintery images, opt for longer sleeves, jumpers and warmer fabrics. Add layering with open shirts, fur gilets and jumpers under dresses and keep patterns to a few key pieces. Please bear in mind the set up is seated/low to the floor, so longer dresses or trousers for ladies are recommended. For littles, opt for rompers with poppers, or add shorts/tights under dresses.









Styling Guide



Considerations

Try to avoid everyone wearing dark colours, bright patterns or logos. This helps keep the focus on you and your littles and doesn't detract. Keep characters jumpers for another occasion and opt for fairisle classic jumpers instead.

Please remove your shoes before entering the studio as this helps to keep the set fresh and clean for all families. If you would prefer, add in light colored clean socks or tights but I recommend just going bare foot!

Unfortunately there isn't time for outfit changes during your session, and the client wardrobe will be unavailable on the day. I always love helping out with outfit planning and preparations so feel free to pop me a message if you need any assistance or want to run through ideas.

After Your Session

After all of the outfit planning and the amazing photoshoot, you'll be feeling ready to celebrate Christmas! Within a week you'll receive access to your online gallery where you'll be able to choose your final images. Included in your package is 4 digital images, but you are welcome purchase extra if you love more and can't decide!

Part of the reason the sessions are held earlier in the year is so you receive your images well before Christmas begins, and to allow you plenty of time to make plans to print, gift and display your images. Christmas printing deadlines with suppliers are always early so please get in touch as soon as possible for your festive gifting.

You'll have access to my product guide included with your gallery which contains lots of popular gifts and prints. They really do make the most perfect gifts (especially for grandparents!); all will be able to view at the studio during your festive mini session.

If you have any questions, or would like help with outfit planning, please feel free to pop me a message!

