

Stevens Photography

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FAQ's

Q - What can I do to prepare for my portrait?

A - *Choosing the right clothing is your **best** preparation for creating an attractive portrait! This may generate additional planning time, but it is an important **investment** in producing an amazing portrait. Call us for assistance.*

Portrait Principle # 1 . . . in a nutshell

Amazing Portraiture leads the viewer's eyes toward the face. Your face should be brighter than your clothing and your clothing should never draw attention to itself.

Dressing for Success

- 1 - Select **solid darker** colors. No white t-shirts. (Secret: Solid darker clothing makes us appear slimmer in front of a camera. Some of the classiest photographs are created with navy blue, maroon, and burgundy, forest green or black.)
- 2 - Avoid stripes, patterns and plaids. Even a single stripe across a sweater will affect your portrait. No Moo-Moo flower patterns. Remember . . . choose **solid darker colors**. {Note: Slightly worn blue jean fabrics are classic.}
- 3 - No product logos like Nike™, etc.
- 4 - Wear shirts and blouses with **long sleeves**.
- 5 - Men and boys should wear **dark socks** and **darker shoes**. Leather looks best.
- 6 - Trim hair one to two weeks prior to your Session.
- 7 - Families should **Coordinate Colors Carefully** so that your **solid colors** blend in together. Blending colors puts forward the feeling of unity and family closeness. Avoid contrasting colors.

Q - How do I prepare for my child's portrait session?

A - *Some children are fresh in the morning while others thrive at night. Schedule your child's portrait session when your child is at his/her best. Make sure they are not hungry. Bring some juice and a small snack to enjoy during their session. Avoid foods that could stain their clothing . . . like chocolate. If your child is feeling even slightly under the weather, it is best to reschedule.*

Q - Do you create outdoor portraits?

A - Yes! We *specializes in outdoor portraits that Touch the Soul!*

Q - What should I do if my portrait day turns out to be overcast and cloudy?

A - Give glory to God for blessing you with a perfect day! Cloud-cover gives you that soft and naturally diffused light enhancing skin tone. Some of the most amazing portraits in our portfolio are made on the cloudiest days.

Q - Do you make Black and White portraits?

A - Absolutely! You will love our old classic Black and White portraits! Ask us about Milk Chocolate and Truffle portraits!

Q - How long does it take to get my portraits back?

A - Usually 1 - 2 weeks.

Q - When is my High School yearbook portrait due?

A - Yearbook deadlines are usually in mid September, but deadlines vary from school to school. For the precise information, check with your high school's yearbook staff for the exact due date.

In order to get your portraits to you in time to submit them to your yearbook, you must allow at least 10 working days from the time you place your order.

Q - How do I know which size is best for my home?

A - Imagine taking your family to the movie theatre to enjoy the latest feature film. You buy jumbo popcorn all around, a few ice cream bon bons, a little candy and a few large drinks. You settle into your cozy seats to relax and enjoy the movie.

Picture the lights dimming; a hush falls over the audience as the curtain opens. The opening music plays.

Suddenly, and without warning, to your horror, you discover that the movie is being projected on an itsy bitsy, teensy, weensy 8" x 10" screen. What a rip off!

Portraits should be large enough to be seen from anywhere in the room.

If you are relaxing in your favorite recliner chair at the farthest distance from your portraits, you should easily recognize the details of everyone's face!

Portrait Principle # 2 . . . in a nutshell

If you have to squint to see the details of your portrait, then it's too small !

Portrait Principle # 3 . . . in a nutshell

In all our years, we have never seen a fine portrait offered at a garage sale or Thrift store! Portraits are treasures passed down from generation to generation.

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be, also!"

Q - I want a large portrait over my couch, but I cannot afford to pay for it all at once. Do you have any payment plans?

A - We will be happy to work with you on a monthly, no interest, payment plan.

Q - What if I am not happy with my portrait?

A - If, for any reason you are not completely satisfied with your portraits, We will gladly create additional poses to your liking, at no additional cost to you !

Q - What if I get home and discover that I ordered portraits too small for my wall?

A - Bring back your portraits, and we will create the proper pieces to fit your décor. All you have to pay is the difference between your smaller portraits and the larger ones you.