

Suggestions on what to wear on an engagement photo shoot?

It depends on what kind of engagement photo shoot you and your groom want. Some couples want their engagement photos to look like a magazine cover, and others just want to look like they do every day. You can dress casual or formal, whatever feels the most like you as a couple.

It's important to wear clothing that you can sit, stand and walk comfortably in because you will be moving around a lot for a variety of different photographs. Some couples want to match for their session. That's entirely up to you, but if you don't match the colors should at least be complimentary. If you would like to, consider bringing at least 2 outfits for a standard photo shoot, including both casual and formal outfits.

- Couples look best if they pick colors that look nice together. For example, her blouse should coordinate not only with her skirt, but also with his shirt.
- Your faces should be the focal point of your portraits. Solid colors or very subtle prints are usually the most flattering in portraits.
- Neutral colors like beige, gray, white or black match very easily and do not distract attention from your faces. Warm colors, especially red, give a person appearance of being closer and heavier. Dark colors tend to be more slimming and are very flattering for women.
- Try to stay away from stripes and other dramatic patterns. While floral patterns or zigzags may look good, they tend to not stand the test of time in photos. Keep your attire clean and classy. The question you have to ask is "Will this outfit still look cool 10 years from now?"
- Large patterns and oversized clothing will add the appearance of extra weight in photographs.

Preparation

- If you plan to get a haircut, do it at least a week beforehand so the cut looks natural.
- Men should shave about 1 hour before their portrait, eliminating both redness and any five o'clock shadow (which cannot be removed by retouching).
- Women should wear whatever makeup they typically use, including evening makeup, applied moderately, to accent eyes and lips. Use of a light powder foundation will also ensure an even skin tone for more pleasing portraits. Bring your makeup with you to make changes if needed.

Accessories

- Coordinate your footwear with your outfits, as some of your outdoor poses will show your shoes and socks.
- Considering bringing something that is really "you" for the fun shots. Examples: anything from matching cowboy boots to a shirt or souvenir from your first trip together.
- Props that are important to both of you can be fun too. Examples include hats, uniforms, or other sports equipment, musical instruments, sunglasses, a family pet, a favorite car, etc.