



Congratulations and thank you for choosing me to capture this most amazing and precious time of life. Tiny babies are only tiny for a very short time and having photographs to cherish this fleeting moment is something you will cherish forever. Before you know it, you will be looking at your images, your baby will be nearing 6 weeks, and you will be crying at how the time has flown. Below is some information about a newborn session, in order to help you prepare for our time together.

When scheduling, it is very important to have the session within the **first 10 days of life**, if possible. During the first 10 days babies are more curled up and sleep easily while being moved around. If baby decides to come early or late contact me ASAP so we can secure our exact session date.

For a newborn session I prefer to shoot in my natural light studio located in Bohemia, NY. My studio is bright, with a lot of windows, which is optimal for a newborn session. You will have full access to all of my props, wraps, hats, bowls and buckets. So, all you need to bring is a sleepy baby, a warm blanket, a pacifier, and formula or breast milk. I mostly photograph newborns naked or in unique wraps, so no need to worry about outfits.

It is best for the baby to be **full and sleepy** for the photo shoot. I know, easier said than done! Please feed baby as much as he/she will take before the session. Allow at least 3 hours for the shoot. Once the session begins, I encourage parents to take this time to relax, take a nap, write thank you cards or catch up on emails. I know how hard it is being home with a new baby, so this is time for you and your new baby and my time to capture this new life.

My studio will be set-up to create a womb-like experience, so please know that it will be very warm for the benefit of your baby. If we are shooting at your home, you will need to have the heat turned up to 85 well before my arrival so that the house reaches temperature by the time I arrive (even in the Summer!).

Siblings are welcome to have a few shots with baby, but it is **recommended that siblings come toward the end of the shoot and only stay for a short time**. It is important that we have a calm and relaxing environment for baby. With that being said, only the parents should be present, no extended family, grandparents, friends etc...

I look forward to meeting your new little one and being a part of capturing these wonderful memories that you will have for years to come! - Marie