

Monumental Arts



MODERN MATERNITY PHOTOGRAPHER

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About Me

A P E R S O N A L M E S S A G E

Hi there! I'm Kris, and I've been a professional photographer for over 13 years, and photographing mothers to be and families for over 9 years. I believe there is not a moment more magical than when one becomes a parent. It is an honor to be a part of capturing this amazing process, and documenting one of the most special times in life.

I love what I do more than I can say. But even more, I love the people I work with. It's so special to be with them at such an epic family milestone.

My job in photographing mothers-to-be, couples, and families goes far beyond just snapping a few shots. I aim to capture a unique moment in time and all the amazing emotions along with it.

The photos from your session will become a family treasure to be enjoyed again and again.





Why A Professional?

E X P E R I E N C E I S T H E K E Y T O S U C C E S S

Dad, Uncle, and even Grandpa have an iPhone. Why not just have one of them take your maternity photos? While it's ultimately up to you to decide how you'd like to document this milestone, we believe hiring an experienced professional is the ideal way to get wonderful results.

Believe it or not, my job goes far beyond snapping the shutter. Photography is an art; one that requires experience and practice to achieve worthy results. Those adorable posed pictures of babies you see on Facebook? Those can take hours and hours to get perfect! I work one-on-one with each of my clients to deliver images with an artistic style to portrait what's most meaningful to your family

I offer a choice of session styles, archival products, image retouching, and years of experience with posing to bring clients amazing and consistent results.

Additionally, I have available a selection of props and outfits you may choose from, and am willing to literally sweat for hours! Yes, truly - that's what it takes sometimes to get the perfect shot!

At the end of all this hard work, *you* are the one who ultimately gets to enjoy the final product. Whether you choose to use the images for newborn announcements, home decor, or simply a few prints on your bedside table, you will be so happy you hired a professional. I promise!

Planning For Success

There are plenty of things you can do ahead of time to make sure your session goes well. The most important advice I can give is this – it is YOUR photo session, wear what you like, what feels comfortable, and what you know makes you look good. Confidence is everything, so make it show!

PLAN AHEAD

I love to photograph expecting mothers. I think that it is an amazingly beautiful time that is meant to be cherished. Studio sessions are great for this type of session. We can take the photos in your home, where I create the illusion of a studio, or we can go outdoors.

The best time for a maternity session is the 31-38 week timeframe (though I have had one woman that didn't realize she was having contractions during her session – she gave birth the next day!). With that timeframe, your belly is nice and full, without you being uncomfortable.

OUTFITS FOR THE SESSION

When choosing an outfit for your maternity photos, look for clothes that will accentuate your belly. While you might find baby doll dresses or loose clothing to be more comfortable and flattering, when you look back, you will appreciate your curvy belly in all of its glory! Maternity sessions can focus on a traditional portrait look or more of a maternity boudoir look.

PROPS

Bring signs, fun cards, baby shoes, the ultrasound pictures, stuffed animals! If you have a theme for your child, bring an example to work it into the photos (Snoopy, Star Wars, etc).

I've put together some tips based on my extensive experience with photographing mothers to be. Use this little guide as a quick reference on how to make your session a huge success from start to finish!

THE DAY OF

The best advice I can give you is to make sure you are well rested on the day of your photo session - that goes for kiddos too - eat something and stay well-hydrated. Believe it or not, bad moods can show up in pictures! The better you feel, the better you'll look.

My focus is to make sure we are taking beautiful photos, so is no absolute time limit written in stone. During a typical session, I will take a variety of photos and poses.

What if the weather is bad on the session day? Don't worry, we have some options! First, sessions can be rescheduled to a better day. Second, there is the option for using my Studio, as well as indoor locations, such as the Gaylord National Harbor, Union Station, and the US Botanical Gardens on the National Mall. Third, if you are having an in-home session, there's nothing stopping that except high water or ice!



Let's Get Started

Communicating with my clients is a huge part of what I love so much about my business. I remain friends with many of my clients long after I've finished our initial sessions together and enjoy continuing to document their lives!.

I want to be here for you in every way possible. I encourage you to ask questions, suggest ideas, and play a hands-on role in the planning process. Below are the ways to get ahold of me any time, any day. I can't wait to meet your little one!

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