

CLOTHING GUIDE



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PREPARING FOR YOUR PHOTO SESSION

You took the plunge, you've booked your photo session and then you realize...crap, I now have to figure out what everyone is wearing. If you're like me, you head to Pinterest to try to sort out what each family member should wear. I struggled because either the backdrops and number of people in the family were different than my own

OR I wanted to try to shop my closet instead of buying all new outfits.

Those reasons are why I put this guide together so that you can understand the concept of choosing colors, patterns, etc. without trying to mimic a family you see on Pinterest.

TIPS TO A SUCCESSFUL COLOR PALETTE

Once you know what color backdrop you will be in such as, a Christmas tree farm or for my mini sessions, a backdrop of white birch trees, you can decide what colors to go with.



COLOR



For a xmas tree farm, try to avoid green so that you don't blend into the background and for my mini sessions, I suggest winter/xmas colors. I don't use props so you are free to get creative.

Choose 4-5 colors to work with. For example navy blue, dark green, burgundy, beige and ivory. Take a variety of those colors and mix and match them throughout the family.

PALETTE

For the family below, they decided on the following color palette:

- Black
- Grey
- Green
- Blue
- Cream

I recommend mixing in different textures to make things more interesting and appealing to the eye.

To keep things not too matchy, matchy, they decided to add a pop of burgundy and blue. I think this is a great idea to keep things interesting!

Side note: Make sure not to skip on footwear. Spending time on outfits and then throwing on crocs or rubber boots takes away from all your hard work!

MIX & MATCH



MY OWN FAMILY



HOW I DECIDED ON MY COLORS

I started out by choosing my own outfit because in my opinion, that one is the toughest. I had previously purchased a couple of dresses earlier in the year so decided to wear one of those. I knew that the backdrop was going to be white birch trees with no xmas props so I knew we could basically go with any color palette! I decided to shop our closet this time around because for our fall photos, I purchased most things new.

I chose my husbands cream sweater because it matched the stripes in my dress. The other sweater for my toddler works great because it had just the right amount of red and navy without it being overwhelming. This way I was able to put the baby in a red vest to make it more xmasy. I may put him in beige pants and a white undershirt but I will see what I can find in his closet.