

# your **Portrait** *experience*

tips for an  
**AWESOME**  
12 month  
session

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## What<sup>2</sup>Wear

what to bring



# PIXEL PERFECT'S BABY PLAN

Pixel Perfect's Baby Plan includes 4 custom photo sessions at the major milestones during your baby's first year - 3, 6, 9 & 12 months. And, we add on a newborn session for FREE for babies under 4 weeks.

Get a discount off your baby plan with our online promotion and if you're interested in a maternity session, we've got a great deal when you purchase the baby plan at the same time. For more information call us at 603-579-0500 or visit us online at [pxpbaby.com](http://pxpbaby.com).

*Turn the page for info  
on how to plan for an  
awesome 12 month session!*



# The Baby Plan & Overall Tips

Turn the page for details!



**3 months**



**6 months**



**9 months**



**12 months**

## CHILL PILL

We know it can be stressful getting ready for your session but try to relax once you are with us. Don't every worry about what to do during the session, we'll help you out every step of the way. Relaxed parents have more fun, which helps babies become more comfortable, too.

## SPECIAL OUTFITS

Christening, Easter, Halloween, Christmas or any other special outfits - bring 'em, whatever the age!

## HAIR AWARE

Babies frequently have hair (or lack thereof!) issues. We often use baby wipes to tame flyways. For babies with little hair, we have hats and bows or feel free to bring your own, if you like. For babies with lots of hair, if you must cut it, it's best to do so a couple of weeks before the session to give the cut time to 'breathe.' All in all, don't worry too much about your baby's hair - we'll neaten it as much as we can but trust me, it will change and you'll be happy later on that you captured an image 'at this stage.'

## THE OTHER 'SHOTS'

We often seem to be on a similar schedule with baby's immunizations. If you find your photo session is scheduled just after an immunization consider moving the session to before. You never know how baby will react, even if they've done well in the past. Best to be safe.

## BE AT HOME

We have a nursing and changing area, fully stocked with whatever supplies you might need. We have a snack area for you or siblings that are joining us. We keep toys and games on hand to keep siblings occupied should the need arise. We want you and anyone with you to feel right at home.

## FAMILY TIME

It's OK to include siblings and parents in any ONE of your 4 baby plan sessions as well as the newborn session. With multiple subjects, it's more visually pleasing when you coordinate colors. If you are struggling with this one give us a call!



# 12 MONTHS

STANDING UNASSISTED

Baby is standing, possibly unassisted, may not be quite there, may be running all over the place. They learn so fast that it's tough to predict. But, we're ready for anything! One thing is fairly certain - baby is on the move, very busy and full of personality at this age. This is also - sigh - the last session of the Baby Plan and I am completely amazed every time at the incredible changes that have taken place in each and every baby throughout the year. And so sad to see them 'graduate' but so happy to see them growing and turning into such special little people!



As with the 9 month session, try to bring a selection of colors. Overalls look great at this age (with or without a top). Siblings, pets, costumes and other special outfits and personal props are welcome. Whatever the outfit, we have backgrounds and props to match! Feel free to bring anything to personalize your session so it's uniquely yours. For additional inspiration visit our online galleries or our samples at [pxpcolor.com](http://pxpcolor.com).

## Clothing Choices

We suggest something more formal for an official 'first birthday' photo, an outfit in your favorite color, a seasonable outfit and something to wear for the cake smash.



# The Cake Smash

## 12 month session <sup>QUICK</sup> checklist



At the end of the session we'll celebrate baby's first birthday! Feel free to bring a cake - just a small one will do, with pastel frosting if possible and with vanilla cake vs. chocolate. Also feel free to bring balloons to match baby's outfit if you like. Don't be surprised at ANYTHING baby does with the cake! Sometimes they dive right in, sometimes they need coaxing, sometimes they just don't like to get their hands "dirty" and we give them a spoon. But it's all good and always fun!



This is just a quick re-cap of some things you may want to bring with you. You don't need to bring everything! A 12 months baby will be standing, possibly walking, possibly running! Bring 2-4 outfits. See tips below and review the Portrait Experience Guide for add'l detail. Or call us at 603-579-0500!

### Clothing Suggestions:

- seasonal outfit (i.e. bathing suit, Easter outfit, winter duds, 4th of July colors)
- special outfit (i.e. Christening gown, Christmas outfit, Halloween costume)
- something formal for a first year portrait
- something colorful and/or sporty
- overalls are adorable on a standing baby
- something for the cake smash picture - an outfit that you don't mind getting soiled with cake debris!
- feel free to bring cute shoes but make sure baby can stand in them
- if parents or siblings are joining us, bring solid pastel tops and jeans or khaki bottoms (same colors for all)

### Tips:

- make sure session appointment is not scheduled just after an immunization appointment
- stick to clothing with solid colors or small prints (unless it's a 'special' outfit)
- make sure clothing fits well; bolder colors work well

### Other things to bring:

- one small, vanilla cake with pastel frosting (candle is optional)
- helium balloons to coordinate with birthday outfit
- for girls - set of Mom's shoes; for boys - one of Dad's button down, long-sleeved shirts
- any props to personalize
- bottles & formula (if necessary); finger foods for snacking
- extra pacifiers (if necessary)
- extra diapers



# BABY PLAN GRADUATES WHAT'S NEXT?



Before you know it, the year has gone! It happens SO fast! There are lots of great options for ensuring that you don't miss a thing during the rest of your child's growing years. **Check em' out!**

## Children's Session

This is a personalized, in-studio session for children of any age within the same family. Includes unlimited clothing choices (we are only limited by time and your child's patience!). Plan on 1 hour of time. The single session is half price, or \$62 to Baby Plan graduates

**BABY PLAN GRADUATES  
SPECIAL COUPON**  
**50% OFF**  
**Single Childrens Session OR  
our Kids Club**

## Theme Days

With Theme Day sessions, we photograph your child in one of our gorgeous "theme" sets. These are shorter (15-30 minutes) and more targeted sessions and are geared for children of all ages, for babies under a year if they can sit well. Visit our Theme Days page on our site for upcoming sessions - at <http://tinyurl.com/pixeltheme>.

## Kids Club

Three personalized, in-studio sessions for children of any age. Includes unlimited clothing choices. You may include multiple children of any age within the same family. Plan on 1 hour of time for each session. You have up to 2 years from the date of the first session to hold the remaining sessions. The Kids Club is half price, or \$75, for Baby Plan graduates.



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