

Let's get our cake on!

How to prep for your cake smash session.

First off, thank you so much for entrusting me in photographing such an amazing milestone in your life. I am so incredibly humbled to be a small part in such a huge event. Let's go over a few things that we need in order to have this go as easy as, well, a piece of cake!

Understanding your session:

Typically cake smashes are done to celebrate someone's birthday or accomplishment. There's been "I kicked cancer's butt" cake smashes to "I just turned 30 & Fabulous" cake smash sessions. Of course, the always popular, one year old cake smash sessions! We absolutely love every single kind of session there is! Please, when you contact us remember what your celebrating and let us know! We can guide you further from outfits to little things we can add to personalize your session!

Babies cry & that's okay!:

I want to say, a good 20% of all cake smashes have some kind of tears associated with them. That's okay! Please remember that I am a stranger to your child and there's a giant big black camera in their space. That's a bit frightening for a young babe sometimes! Of course the tears usually subside, but I just want to remind you that it's not always big smiles and giggles. Some babies have sensory over load when they touch that sticky, slimy, frosting and I mean, who wouldn't freak out having their hands covered in a new sticky thing? Haha. So, just relax. We know that babies cry and there's no need for you to apologize or stress.

To take or not to take, that is the question:

Mommies of babies, rejoice! I've partnered up with Farm House Baking (who makes the best macarons in the world, by the way) to bring you naked cakes! It's my way to keep things simple and my style. If you've seen my photography, you know I love simplicity and capturing the moment and not the props. I have shot elaborate cake smash scenes, but I do request one simple set up each time. We can add fresh fruit to add color and some fresh flowers or greenery for an added touch. If you or your child are allergic to anything in particular please let me know.

What's up with the props?:

Like I stated above, I prefer something clean and simple. It's just my style of photography. If you'd like to bring some props, you can! But, if you're going with something timeless, then allow me to style it for you. I have a few outfits in my studio that match my style and if you'd like to bring some outfits, feel free! Don't worry about cake stands, I have one here in the studio that you are welcome to use!

What to expect the day of:

When you arrive the first thing we will do is get you into one of our neutral set ups. I love to take these first since they're the simplest and easiest to do. If you've brought your own outfits we'll move on to those. Once we've captured all of the portraits, we go into the fun stuff- THE CAKE! With the cake we'll place it on the cake stand and photograph it before there's any damage (totally optional). We'll introduce our celebrant to their sweet surprise and capture the moment. There will be savage paper protecting the floor so don't fret! Clean-up will be handled by yours truly. You are allowed to take the cake home if you like! Consider it a gift! Happy Whatever-it-is-you-did, You amazing little thing, you!

Milk/Bubble Bath Sessions:

This is TOTALLY optional, but also a great way to get little ones clean. We can have a little bath time in the studio with some added vitamin milk (good for their skin & looks cool!) or with some bubbles, Completely up to you! Just check what your package includes. If you select this option, bring a small towel and LOTS of baby wipes.

That's it! If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me!

Xoxo

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