

Moments that warm the Heart

a timeline of memories



STAGE
ONE

babyhood



babyhood

Newborn: This is the first **MILESTONE** portrait but must be planned extremely well to be captured within the first two weeks of life. They really do change that fast! A truly timeless moment that deserves a portrait equally as timeless. Mom and Dad are indispensable in this portrait, so we suggest a **Relationship Black and White** portrait

Age 3 months: Babies this age love seeing mom and dad's face more than anything else, so we would suggest a **Relationship Black and White** portrait of baby with both parents, as well as each individually with baby. So many beautiful moments are possible at this age in these portraits, especially with Dad because of the large contrast in size and texture of his hands when holding an infant up to this age. A great time to create a **Stolen Moments** image to add to baby's **Legacy Collection**.

Age 6 months: This is the time to celebrate! We like to suggest a **Lifestyle Portrait** which captures baby who is now strong enough to sit up and explore a bit. This session is all about their budding personality and are super fun sessions. This is a **MILESTONE** portrait

Age 9 months: A wonderful age when babies are increasingly aware of their surroundings. They want to cuddle, yet also want to be independent to some degree. A good choice at this age is a classical **Signature Color** portrait of mother and baby. Baby's facial expressions and maturing posture make this a great choice for this portrait with mom.

Age 12 months: Oh boy, baby is on the move now - crawling, walking, climbing, you name it! Because of baby's activity and exuberance, we suggest a **Relationship Black and White** session of the entire family, but spotlighting the baby. Having baby firmly nestled among family ensures the absolute best and most genuine expressions. This is a **MILESTONE** portrait.



toddler
STAGE TWO

Age 18 months: Baby is still looking to hang on to mom with one hand, but that other hand is frequently wanting to explore! Because baby still clings close to mom and dad, the **Relationship Black and White** is usually our suggestion, and frequently this is a great age to have a **Stolen Moment** image to add to baby's **Legacy Collection**.

Age 2 years: This is definitely a key **MILESTONE** portrait. Baby is **VERY** active at this stage so we suggest two options for this key portrait, either a **Relationship Black and White** or a **Signature Color** with one or both parents in the image to get the most sincere expressions and help keep baby relaxed and comfortable. This session with mom and dad in the image will also almost certainly yield a great **Stolen Moments** image or two for baby's **Legacy Collection**.

Age 3 years: This is a wonderful age for a great playful portrait session. We suggest a **Lifestyle Portrait** which allows a relaxed session great for favoring expression over formality. Colors and personal props are a wonderful way to turn this into a great portrait for your child's bedroom.



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childhood

STAGE THREE

Age 4 years: Your four year old is usually verbal and active and wanting to be into everything. They typically want to please their parents, especially if it involves them cutting up to get a laugh! This is a perfect time for a Signature Color portrait to reflect this active and fun time as well as getting that great image of the physical changes this age brings.

Age 5 years: This is one of those times that significant visible changes happen in your child's life, and not many will be as drastic as their losing their baby teeth. This will be the time you realize that your toddler is now truly a child! Because of this significant change we recommend our Signature Color - Renaissance Painting for this Key MILESTONE. At this age, your child has reached a sufficient level of maturity to enable this beautiful art piece to be created and have in your family for multiple generations.



Age 7 years: At this age, a good suggestion would be for a Relationship Black and White as a Family Portrait. From age 7 on, your child is on the threshold of moving to the next stage of Youth and having the child together with the family in a portrait marks the beginning of this passage in a very elegant way.

youth

STAGE FOUR



Age 10 years: This age marks the beginning of a time that is frequently under photographed because of the busy, hectic nature of family life with a child this age. It is also a time where the greatest emotional satisfaction comes from showing how your child is growing into their place in your family as they mature. We suggest individual ***Color Study*** portraits of each child as well as the group of children to complement a Family Portrait.

Age 12 years: This is the final portrait of the pre-teen years and marks the most significant milestone for your child since the age of 5. Moving on to the teen years brings enormous changes to your child both emotionally and physically and the threshold of this change is the perfect time to consider a ***Color Study - Renaissance Painting***. This is a Key ***MILESTONE*** portrait and one that you will be thrilled to have in the busy and change filled years that are about to happen for your child.



STAGE FIVE
Young Adult



Ages 15 and 16 years:

This age is a milestone in many ways, both cultural and personal. In terms of the family, this is the age when they begin to drive, become more independent, value their friends opinions seemingly more than yours and anxiously look forward to even more freedom. These ages also have the cultural traditions of the Quinceañera and the Sweet 16 which each also have their accompanying photographic traditions. We would suggest either a ***Black and White study*** or a ***Signature Color study*** to commemorate this significant milestone.

Age 17 or 18 years:

What a ***MILESTONE*** portrait age! The soon to be high school senior is probably bursting with interests in sports, music, engineering, drama or art, and our ***Seniors of Distinction Portrait*** is the perfect medium to capture this vibrant young adult personality.