TIPS AND THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE TAKING YOUR PHOTOS.



HAIR UP / HAIR DOWN



Long hair can look more flattering when tied up to show off the neckline. But if they always wear their hair down, it's not a problem to create the portrait, it just creates a more solid neck area like the above example.

MOUTH POSITION - OPEN / CLOSED



A natural, relaxed mouth often appears most natural and flattering. A smile, in silhouette can often make the lips appear smaller and pulled back and looks less flattering than a relaxed lip outline

SMILES



If you want to capture a smile make it BIG!
Small, natural smiles make lips look pulled back, appear thinner and less flattering when in silhouette so go big if you want a happy portrait.

HAIR



Stray hairs will be meticulously captured and add real character. But if you don't want them to show, make sure to smooth them away and get the photo right.

GLASSES



Glasses add real character and look fantastic in silhouette. But if you don't want them to appear, remove them in your photos.

EYELASHES





Eyelashes often have to be 'enhanced' and moved out slightly (otherwise, in silhouette the portrait doesn't look as natural) So don't worry, they will be captured and show on the final portrait, even if they're not as visible in the photo.

HANDS



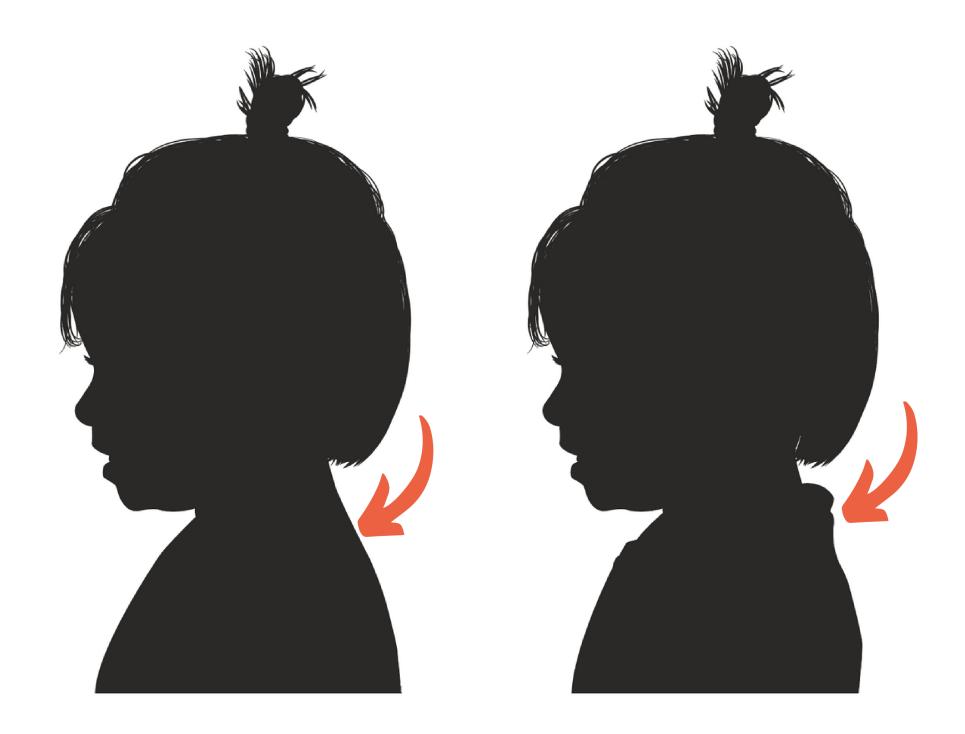
If you've got a 'finger sucker' then its adorable to capture them in their favourite comforting position. It's indicative to their age and adds real charm. Just try to make sure there is a gap between chin and hand so it doesn't become a solid shape.

HEAD POSITION



A head tilted slightly down creates a really sweet, contemplative portrait. If you want the head-up more, please make sure the chin is lifted in the photo.

OUTLINE OPTIONS



Smooth Outline / Clothing Outline

Choose 'smooth outline' if you prefer the clean graphic look. And 'clothing outline' if you prefer the more natural realistic option.

EXAMPLES OF GOOD PHOTOS









Don't worry about the background too much. The photo just needs to be clear and have the head position, hair and features as you want them captured.

DIRECTION

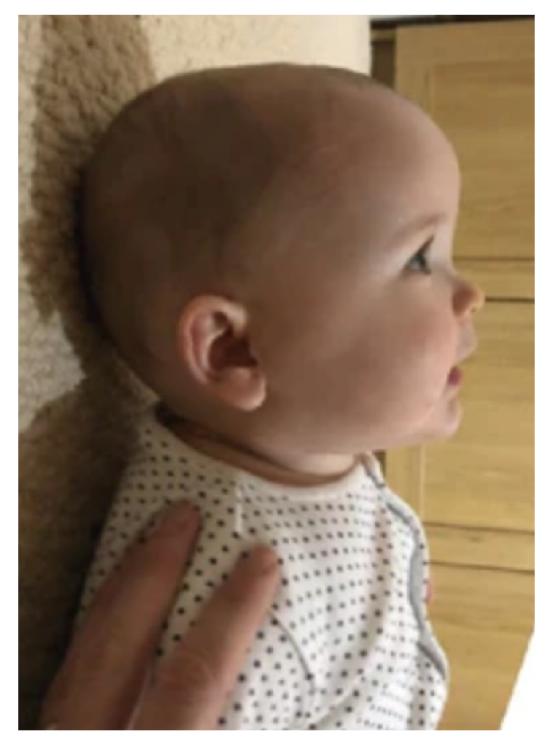




Portraits can be flipped to face either left or right, it's more important to get a good clear photo, rather than one facing the right direction.

BABIES





If you've a really little one that you want captured, you can always try lying them on the floor. High chairs are also idea as their movement is restricted. Do not worry if they are eating or have food on the face, it will not show in the portrait.

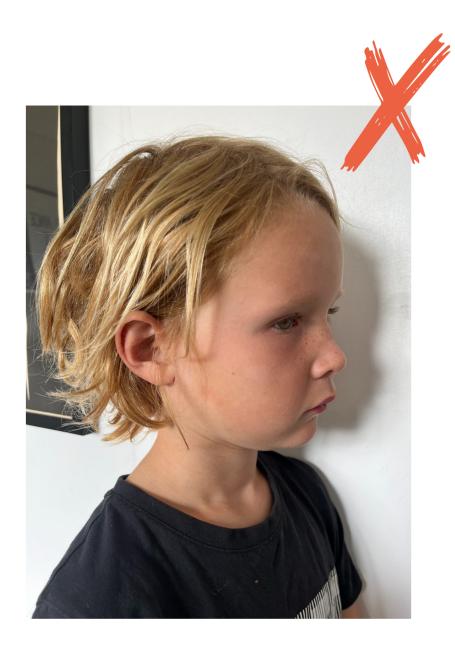
THINGS TO AVOID



DON'T get too high with your angle. It will make the head appear larger.



DON'T crop the back of the head! All hair and head shape details need to be visible.



DON'T photograph too far from the front, it distorts the features.



DON'T photograph too far from the back either or features aren't visible.





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