

# Angel Sessions

Hello there! Please read this guide in its entirety to answer common questions and get a feel for our passion, which stems from how touched we are by each client's love of the results.

*I am in tears, I LOVE these!!!*

*I love them thank you so much they look great!!*

*Oh my God. These are beautiful Crying!!! You two are amazing!!!*

*i don't think i've been happier with photos in my life!*

*you gave great instruction and are very skilled. Hope to work with you again!*

*i can't decide what set i like more i love them all, they've come out amazing!*

## What Are Angel Sessions?

Beyond Boudoir. An intimate experience capturing breathtaking images for yourself or significant other. We collaborate to develop multiple concepts to provide you with a range of memorable art which preserves your unique beauty at this moment in your life. The goal is to tell an enticing story via our imagery, with the focus being of course, you. We only offer these as a half-day session, so you are not rushed.

- 4 Hour Session (\$500)
- Pre-consult to understand your personal desired outcome
- Help selecting and designing 3-4 concepts to shoot (see below)
- Private digital image gallery of creatively edited photos
- Prints/products are a-la-carte, no minimum order
  - Optionally choose an album/book add-on (\$250-\$750)



## What Is The Experience Like?

We seek to provide something beyond 'classic boudoir' images in lingerie, rather we want you to feel like a model for the day and have a truly emotional and memorable response when you view your finished product. To achieve this, we take more time planning the vibe of each concept and incorporate lighting or prop elements to enhance the effect. Again, we want to capture YOU. It is the actual experience shooting and the moment you view or share the images with your significant other and see their joy that you will remember years from now. Thus, we want our time together and the results to feel truly special.

- We start by discussing your goals for the shoot, either on messenger or via an optional in-person consultation if you prefer. Common reasons might be simply a fun 'you' day, a special occasion like an anniversary, a life event like marriage/divorce/loss, a lifestyle change such as body positivity/weight loss/motherhood, or generating art work for your home or private online galleries.

- We spend time tossing around concepts and ideas for outfits. We can help with what materials or styles work best. It doesn't need to mean all new outfits – some clients have great luck just throwing on a boyfriend's suit, or a husband's favorite team/color. Simple everyday clothes can look beautiful, although we of course love clients who come with a new wardrobe to make them feel like a million bucks. Sometimes it might be a costume or character to become someone different. The key is to be confident and comfortable in the designed look.
- Shoots can take place in your home, our home/studio, or at another private location such as a hotel, depending on what you want captured. In certain cases we can do a split session if needed to incorporate a second place. One benefit of the studio space is to get extremely high res captures from professional magazine quality lighting.
- We generally shoot in sequences of images using layers of clothing with album or book viewing in mind where you are enticing the viewer (traditionally your significant other) with some 'wow factor'. Obviously the most common question is do you get nude (or how much so)? The answer is it depends on each person, but in total honesty the most grateful and excited client feedback (quotes like those at the top of this guide) comes from clients who revealed themselves entirely and let us pose all the flattering angles and aspects of their body. Certainly, we have clients who dislike aspects about their body, but are in awe when they trust the process and we properly light, pose or edit to enhance in just the right way. Consider - if your significant other sees 25 photos of you covered in a lace lingerie set, they have a reaction to the set but not much between photos (they are similar but you in a bunch of awkward positions). Rather - if they see a story-driven set of 25 images starting in a heels, ripped jeans, a sweater in your bf's fave color where you are slowly teasing down to bra/panties and then seductively undressing down to nothing – *that* is highly impactful and amazes them *every time* they flip through the images. The latter not only gives you an adventurous feeling from the experience, but it also yields you much more variety in your final private gallery and thusly more for your money as well.
- Being shy or cautious really reflects in the photos. This is normal, especially at the beginning of the shoot until you gain trust and get more comfortable. Obviously, your body is sensitive and personal in nature, but we work to calm nerves and be professional, including shooting with a female assistant and letting you optionally bring a companion you are comfortable with as well. We also generally go slowly, show you images as we shoot and ask for your feedback – adjusting as necessary to suit you. We can use creative angles to capture a range of looks from teasing to implied nudity to revealing any or all bits you choose in a beautiful way. That gives you a range of images as maybe you do want to share a few sexy ones with friends and then the truly alluring ones with yourself only. We also tend to describe and instruct as we go the guide your understanding of what works best for both the posing, clothing, props, facial expressions, and overall vibe/story. Nothing is forced (just offered as ideas), everything is an option that you can decide in the moment how to proceed or not. A point to think about is that we will not recommend anything that doesn't look beautiful, in fact there are some times we'll stop a pose and say 'sorry that one isn't working let's try another'. We are human too and are sometimes just as nervous that we screw up or miss a perfect snap of you. But if we both realize this and build up a bit of trust and comfort, the end results will be great!
- We gauge our images from a standpoint of what we call *fine art*. They contain thoughtful composition, poses, lighting and angles to create a meaningful viewing experience. Our style is something we hope you will be proud of and others would be blown away by. It should be described with words like beautiful, amazing, breathtaking, gorgeous, tasteful, classy, artistic, natural. We create images you would see in a high-end fashion magazine or art museum. Put another way, and this sounds silly, but if the photographer's mom saw the pictures would they be impressed or embarrassed.
- Another common question is hair and make-up. We do not have anyone in-house, so we highly recommend setting aside time before the shoot to get this done professionally. We will be flexible on your shoot time to accommodate. These sessions are all about revealing a lot of your body and while we do touch-ups in editing to make you look your best, starting with a good foundation of hair, make-up, shaving, and manicured fingers and toes goes a long way for a quality look.



## Concept Ideas & Outfits

These are just a few samples to choose from, but every girl is so unique we want to work with you to come up with a set that screams you. That could be an idea you have seen or dreamt, or something like the list below that catches your eye.

- Lingerie. We tend to cast aside the typical black lingerie in heels look. Rather, in studio we recommend clients go for a Victoria Secret or Calvin Klein ad vibe. Perhaps an edgy look in jeans/bra, men's suit, sweater, etc. Mix a few different styles of lingerie – various fabrics, colors, textures. Some form fitting, some flowy. Sheer looks great as do garments with things to pull on (ties, hooks, feathers, pockets) as an easy place for your hands.
- General Fashion Tips – We do a lot of bending, laying down, moving about, teasing or revealing. Favor items that work best for this. Tight pencil skirts or lingerie that takes minutes to put on/off are examples of bad choices. Layers are fantastic for sequencing – a robe over a baby doll, a sexy dress over a body suit, jeans/cute top over a bra/panties.
- Flower shoots – we offer rose sessions for Valentine's Days or sometimes a spring look in our egg chair. Holding or covering yourself with flowers or petals adds a lot of drama, color and texture for a natural look.
- Wet looks such as shower or bathtub, depending on location of shoot. Some of this can be simulated in studio with some wet hair and baby oil.
- Mommy & Me – Either maternity shoots before the baby or fine art nude sessions with a baby or young child. These are not newborn style, the emphasis is on the natural beauty of mother and child together as a unit (such as breastfeeding or holding/laying together)
- Bodyscaping. Dramatic dark lighting to enhance curves of the female figure. Highlight a favorite tattoo or piercing. Also perfect way to just do partial nude looks to accentuate a favorite part of your anatomy.

- Angel Wings. We recently received real ostrich feather wings that look stunning for VS style lingerie or soft artistic nude. We have incredible examples of this both in studio and in bedroom. Use them for more than one look if you like! We've done both dark and light angel looks, along with cosplay style like cupid for Valentine's.
- Bedroom. We have two bedrooms that provide different feels, one is modern with a grey/pink color scheme and works well with VS Pink styled outfits or classic looks. Another is farmhouse style with a green scheme that pairs well with softer pastels. We can do bed, chair, floor, mirror, or natural light window looks to provide variety in your posing to get all your best angles.
- Fireplace. Elegant styles look great with simple floor shots laying on a rug in front of a fire.
- Overhead. Sometimes we pull out the ladder to provide themed overhead shoots wrapped in lights or ribbons for holidays. See yourself from a totally new angle!
- Swim or fitness. We can use colored gel lighting, oil and water for athletic styled images. And we can use darker shadows to highlight toned figures.
- Interests/Hobbies – Consider if you have something (clothing, objects) to incorporate that is personal to you and your significant other. Sporty – maybe in a team look? Musician – just you and a guitar? Anime – a highly stylized outfit? Throwback – old uniform, shirt or prom/wedding dress that is special.
- Holiday Themes – Want to unwrap “presents” under the Christmas tree and then wear them afterwards? Or be presented like a lovely Valentine – just you and a teddy bear? We can do that – open to any ideas you have!
- Cosplay – Dig out that sexy Halloween costume! Dressing up a bit as a favorite character is a fantastic way to let loose that wild side or absolutely blow away that significant other when they see you!



## What To Bring?

- Pack a bag with of your planned outfits. Double check you have all the parts for each outfit!
- Bring heels if you have them for the looks they go with
- Basic hair/make-up accessories you might need between sets
- Any props you want – bondage items, cute + cuddly items, sensual toys, personal effects, etc.
- A robe or covering for in-between sets
- Drink or snack if you need some energy between setups
- Music playlist if you want to hook up to our Bluetooth
- Ideas – this is a collaboration so we love when you offer thoughts that you want to capture!
- Friend or companion (optional) – we shoot with a female assistant (husband/wife). Think about what you will be most comfortable with. That can be a friend who waits in another room, or one you want right next to you the whole time for advice and support. Be sure they will be helpful and not a distraction – remember the session is about you, even if the results might be for them. If this one is a struggle to decide, please set up an in-person consult with us first and we can meet up to see us and our space and be comfortable before shoot day. We will say that the solo shoots go much more smoothly. However, do what ultimately makes you feel safe and comfy!

## Can We See Samples?

Yes! We have a few approved images in a private gallery to share with serious potential clients. We ask you to be respectful and trusting by not sharing the link password or any of the images. For certain concepts, we can pull up additional examples during in person consultation if you want assistance deciding on a look. To access the gallery, simply email/message us from our website, or use messenger on Facebook or Instagram.



## Ahhh!!! I'm Excited – What Next?

Awesome! We'd love to help turn your dream of a session into a reality!

- 1) Let us know you want to proceed by contacting us on our website, email or FB/Insta messenger. Ask any additional questions.
- 2) Decide if you want an in-person consult (free) or to simply plan everything out on messenger. We recommend in person for these – usually on a weeknight for an hour – so we can really understand your desires behind the shoot and hit the mark better on the concepts/outfits. This also provides an opportunity to see the shooting spaces for ideas and go over sensitive topics such as level of reveal or specific desires/accommodations.
- 3) Choose a date from a list of available we will give you, agree on location. Coordinate the time around any hair/make-up appointments. We try our best to reserve the day just for you, so you will most often have the choice of time within the day chosen.
- 4) Select the general 3-4 concepts you would like for your experience. Please ask questions if you need more info, additional ideas, or examples of these so we can capture your ultimate vision and achieve your goals.
- 5) Provide an email address for a portrait contract and invoice. The contract outlines the details of the shoot (everything we decide from the previous steps regarding what we want to capture and how). The invoice will contain a payment link. The shoot date is not held for you until the electronic payment is completed in full.
- 6) Work with us to further plan the details and finalize the overall concepts (accessories, props, ideas) and provide photos or descriptions of the outfits so we can visualize the full setup on our side. We totally love client input to put your own spin on things!
- 7) Look through images online which are similar to your concepts for ideas, perhaps practice a bit of posing in a mirror. These concepts generally go for sensual facial expressions that are sometimes a bit awkward unless you have tried them out a bit.
- 8) Get some good rest before the shoot as it can be a bit of a long day - trust us though, the results are worth it! And we promise we will have some joking and laughter along the way!
- 9) Shoot Day – Double check the 'what to bring' list from above. Keep us informed of any changes in the schedules or hurdles for the day and we will attempt our best to accommodate (we've given rides, watched kids, etc. to make your day special). When you arrive, we'll give you a tour and lay out a plan for the day before the fun!

Thanks! Tom & Helena

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