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ENGAGEMENT GUIDE



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hey, i'm kati

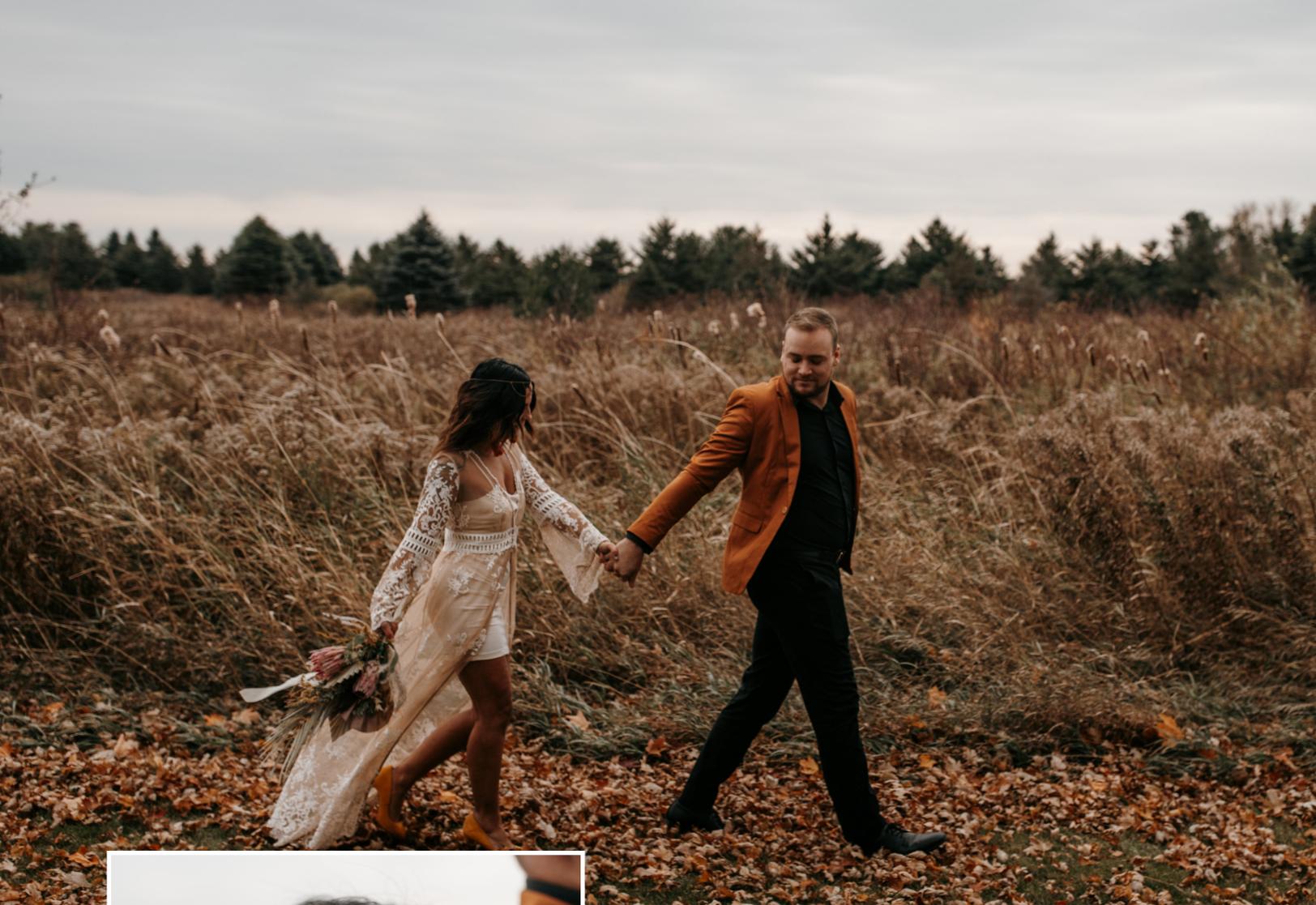
A couples, elopement and wedding photographer based in Wisconsin but always ready to jet set or hit the highway on an adventure! I love capturing your love in the most uniquely-you way possible. My favorite couples are adventurous couples who aren't afraid to wander around for a couple of hours chasing the best light. For brides that are far from high-maintenance who don't care about kicking off their shoes and getting the bottom of their dress dirty. For grooms who aren't afraid to be themselves in front of their guests while sneaking googly-eyed glances at their new forever partner. For couples who welcome the chance to sneak out of their reception to enjoy the sunset, toasting to forever.

What I will learn about you during your engagement session is invaluable! Engagement sessions are so important because they give us the chance to get know each other better, for you to experience how I shoot, and how I handle posing and lighting. Engagement sessions can have a big impact on how the wedding day flows. I'll arrive on your wedding day already knowing how you two interact, what your best poses are and how to photograph you in a genuine way. You will feel like such a pro on your big day because of the great practice you had during your engagement session, and that's how it should be!

Your engagement session can be scheduled anytime before your wedding day. I normally suggest booking it at least 6 months in advance to avoid stress. I shoot engagements on weekday or weekend evenings, anywhere in between 4-7 p.m. depending on the light and the time of year. Sunrise sessions are also available upon request.

As you begin to plan for your engagement shoot, you will need to start brainstorming about location ideas. I love when couples pick a location that is special or sentimental to them in some way. If you can't think of anywhere specific that you would like to shoot at, I can help you decide on a location. As long as the light is great, I can make just about any location look awesome!





engagement prep

It's always a little intimidating to have your picture taken - even if it's just a photo on an iPhone that is taken by a friend. We still want to look our best, make sure nothing is in our teeth, and that our hair is behaving. I realize that preparing for your engagement session can be a little overwhelming. On the next page, you'll find some tips for outfits and accessories that will make the preparation a little more manageable.

one

Don't try to be too matchy-matchy. Pick outfits and accessories that coordinate, instead. If both of you wore the same exact color in your photos, there would be no variation and make everything blend together.

two

Don't be afraid to be BOLD! Accessorize and make your outfits your own! Think fashion hats, jackets, jewelry and fun shoes.

three

Most patterns are actually ok - however, graphics are not favorable for portraits. If you're wearing a pattern, make sure it's not overwhelming and distracting.

four

Be sure to check out my ['Engagement | Style'](#) Pinterest board for more outfit inspiration if you're having trouble.

five

Empty your pockets! Literally. You don't want to have key chains or phones showing through your pockets - this is for the guys especially. Also, take EVERYTHING off your wrist that you wouldn't wear on your wedding day - that means hair ties and smart watches.

six

I suggest my couples have at least one casual outfit and one that's more formal. This will give your photos two totally different looks. I recommend beginning with the formal outfit first.

seven

Make sure you're comfortable. The last thing you need is to be worrying about a wardrobe malfunction. Your worry will come across in your body language and facial expressions.



eight

Be on time! The sun is only out for so long. The later you arrive, the less the time we'll have to shoot.

nine

Clean your ring and make sure your nails are groomed. I love to shoot a few ring and detail shots.

ten

Relax. You don't have to be a pro at this. I'll help you along the way and it's going to be a blast! Enjoy this time together, and make a date out of it. Plan dinner afterwards and celebrate.



engagement session approximate start times

WINTER

November - March
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

SPRING

April - May
Time varies as the
season progresses

SUMMER

June - August
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

FALL

September - October
Time varies as the
season progresses

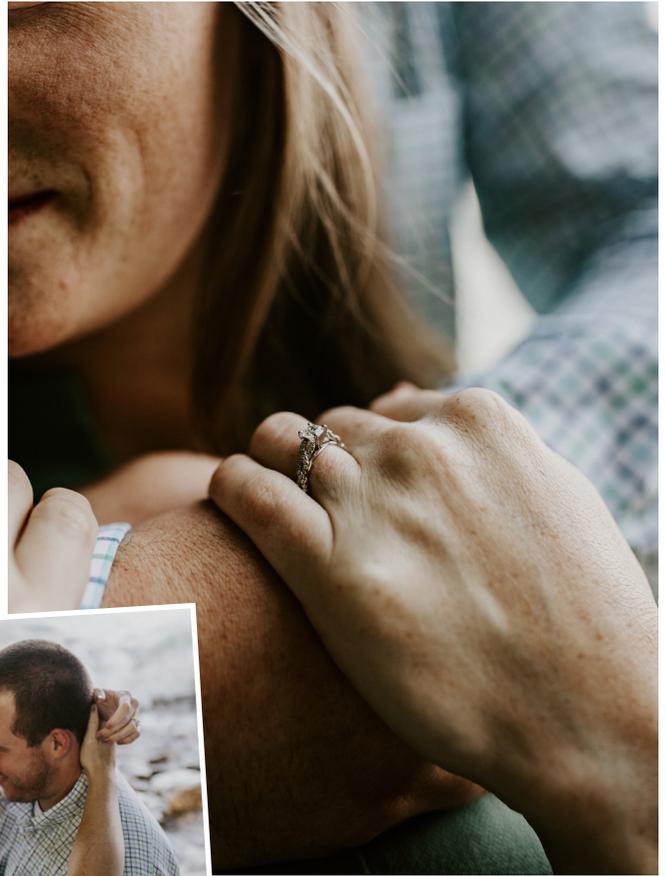
logistics

I photograph engagement sessions during the evenings to be able to capture the best light. On occasion, I will shoot an early morning, sunrise session upon request. All sessions are booked on a first come, first served basis.

I love shooting at gorgeous locations and recommend two to three locations max for engagements as long as they aren't too far from one another.

I love to travel for shoots! However, if I have never been to your desired location, I may need some advice on where to park and how to get there. If possible, I will scope out the location at least a few hours before the session so that I can become familiar and find some amazing backdrops.





gallery

I want you to have all of your memories in your possession forever. I also want you to share your images freely and without any hesitation. This is why I deliver your images via an online gallery. This means that you don't have to wait on a package in the mail, and you'll have access to them whenever, wherever you are!

From your gallery, you will be able to

- Download
- Order Prints
- Share with Family & Friends



A romantic couple is shown in profile, kissing and embracing. The scene is set against a bright sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The couple's silhouettes are visible against the bright light. The woman is wearing a light-colored, textured knit sweater. The man is wearing a dark jacket and a watch on his left wrist. The overall mood is intimate and romantic.

session pricing

\$375 +tax

All couples and engagement sessions start at \$375 plus tax. Travel fees may apply depending on your desired location.

Ready to book?

YES! Let's go >