

Photo Criteria & Tips:

Please follow this guidance when considering what photo(s) to submit for your portrait to be rendered from.



I work from 1 photo specifically, however multiple are welcome as a reference. High res - Digital images only. They need to be a minimum of 3 megapixels. No screenshots or screen grabs. Must have the actual image file.



THE BEST PHOTOS TO WORK FROM are photos when the child has a relaxed, natural expression. This is HIGHLY recommended. We want the face relaxed where the muscles aren't doing anything that changes the true shape of the face. Teeth do not translate well in painted portrait work. AND most importantly, we want the EYES OPEN AND BRIGHT.



Photo should ideally be shot within 4 ft. of subject if it's a "neck up portrait", full body portraits can be taken from a further distance. Make sure the image is shot looking directly at the subject. You don't want them looking UP or DOWN to the camera. **Yes, your IPHONE will work great too!!



Yes, your IPHONE will work perfectly to take a photograph. Make sure you have lighting that shows all the features of the face evenly with out harsh shadows. (take the child to sit by a window with bright, evenly distributed, natural light)



I can paint them in any outfit & hairstyle as long as a photo(s) are provided for reference. *Don't worry about photos of the child with food/messy face. That will not be captured.*



If you have an older physical photo: SCAN the image and submit and we can see if it will work. There are no guarantee's. ***If you do not have a scanner, Fedex typically can help you with this. You need it scanned at the highest resolution and in digital form to be able to email to me.*



When in doubt, use my previous portrait work be your guide to finding the perfect photos. Each of my portraits have been rendered from an exact photograph. Those are the photos you want to be looking for. If you plan to have professional photos taken, give this guide to your photographer as well as show them a particular portrait you love and have them take a photo of your child with that similar pose, expression, clarity.