

# Beautiful Beginnings

## Birth Photography

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Thank you for inviting us to photograph your upcoming birth! Hiring a birth photographer frees up your support people and ensures you get those important moments captured. Birth & labor are very unpredictable and therefore these are not typical portrait sessions. The lighting may be dim, and planning what's going to happen can be difficult. We shoot your labor & birth as it unfolds, in a photo-journalistic style. We are sensitive to your needs as a laboring woman and understand our role is to document quietly and unobtrusively. Having been on both sides of the birth process, we also understand which special moments you may want and how to ensure that they are captured forever.

Below are some guidelines to ensure that we can give you the best experience possible. Please read and then provide your signature.

#### **Your birth session includes:**

- a maximum of 6 hrs of photography for labor, delivery, and post-delivery
- Hi-res printable CD of edited images (most images will be B&W)
- blog post of birth story (our version) with web slideshow set to music
- a custom onesie for your new baby
- *\*\*additional hours of photography can be added if necessary for \$75/hour*

In most cases our time begins when we arrive at your birthing facility (when you are in active labor) and ends 1-2 hours after birth. In the event that your labor & delivery process lasts longer than 10 hours, we reserve the right to end our services after 10 hours if necessary or switch off with each other if the other photographer is available.

## PAYMENT & LOGISTICS

*Keep in mind that fee also covers everything “behind the scenes”: our time & travel, on-call arrangements, babysitting fees, and editing time.*

### **The total for your birth session is \$999**

*Repeat BB Mamas birth session is \$650*

- a non-refundable \$100 deposit is required to secure your due date
- the remaining payment is due 2 weeks before your due date

### **“It’s Time!”**

Please contact us as soon as you *\*think\** you might be in labor so we can begin making plans to be there. Even if it’s 2 a.m. Even if it’s a false alarm, we’d much rather be ready to roll than to miss the event!

It is also helpful for us if you check in after doctor’s appointments in the weeks before labor and let us know how things are progressing and/or if there will be any changes to your initial birth plan.

Have someone contact us again when it’s confirmed that you’re in labor (when you’re about 5-6cm), and we will start making our way to your home, birthing center, or hospital.

## CONTACT INFORMATION & LOCATION

name

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street address

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city

state

zip code

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phone number(s)

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email address

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due date

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labor partner's name

phone number

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birth location

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street address

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city

state

zip code

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labor & delivery floor/location

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special instructions for "after hours"

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# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## Birthing Facility Guidelines

Please confirm that photography is allowed at your birthing facility beforehand. Please also know that we will be limited by the guidelines (if there are any) of the facility and/or the delivering doctor/midwife. Negotiation for moderation of the guidelines is your responsibility. If you're planning a birth at home or in a birthing center, please check with your midwife AND your back up hospital in case of a transfer.

We try to be unobtrusive and document the birth as best as we can with the available lighting. No props, no flash (unless absolutely necessary and we will ask mom's permission first), no posing, etc. Because of this, we may have low light situations and images may be more raw, perhaps with a bit of film grain or motion blur. Most images will be in black and white.

## Cancellation

Since the timing of births is so unpredictable, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to make the birth. If neither Melanie or Kelly can make it (due to unforeseen reasons such as illness, weather, etc.) all monies paid will be applied toward a newborn session with one of us or you can choose to have a full refund instead.

If we cannot provide coverage as a result of your actions or due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, all monies paid will be applied toward a newborn session with one of us. Examples of this include, but are not limited to: failure to provide adequate notice of the baby's birth; an unexpected transport for a c-section; a dramatic change in the birth plan.

If you decide to cancel our services for any reason, please let us know at least 30 days before your due date. Your initial deposit is non-refundable in this case, but any other monies paid up to this point will be fully refunded.

We take the utmost care with respect to the post-production and delivery of all photographs. However, in the event that we fail to comply with the terms of this agreement due to any event or act which prevents the delivery of the photographs from the birth, our liability to you is limited solely to a refund of all money paid.

## Copyrights

We reserve the right to use any image for display, publication, or other purposes, however we will honor any requests by the family for using, or not using certain images when necessary. With this birth package you will receive a copyright agreement that allows you to reprint any images for personal use. You may not sell these images or use them for any commercial use without the written approval of the photographer.

## Signatures

Signed

date

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