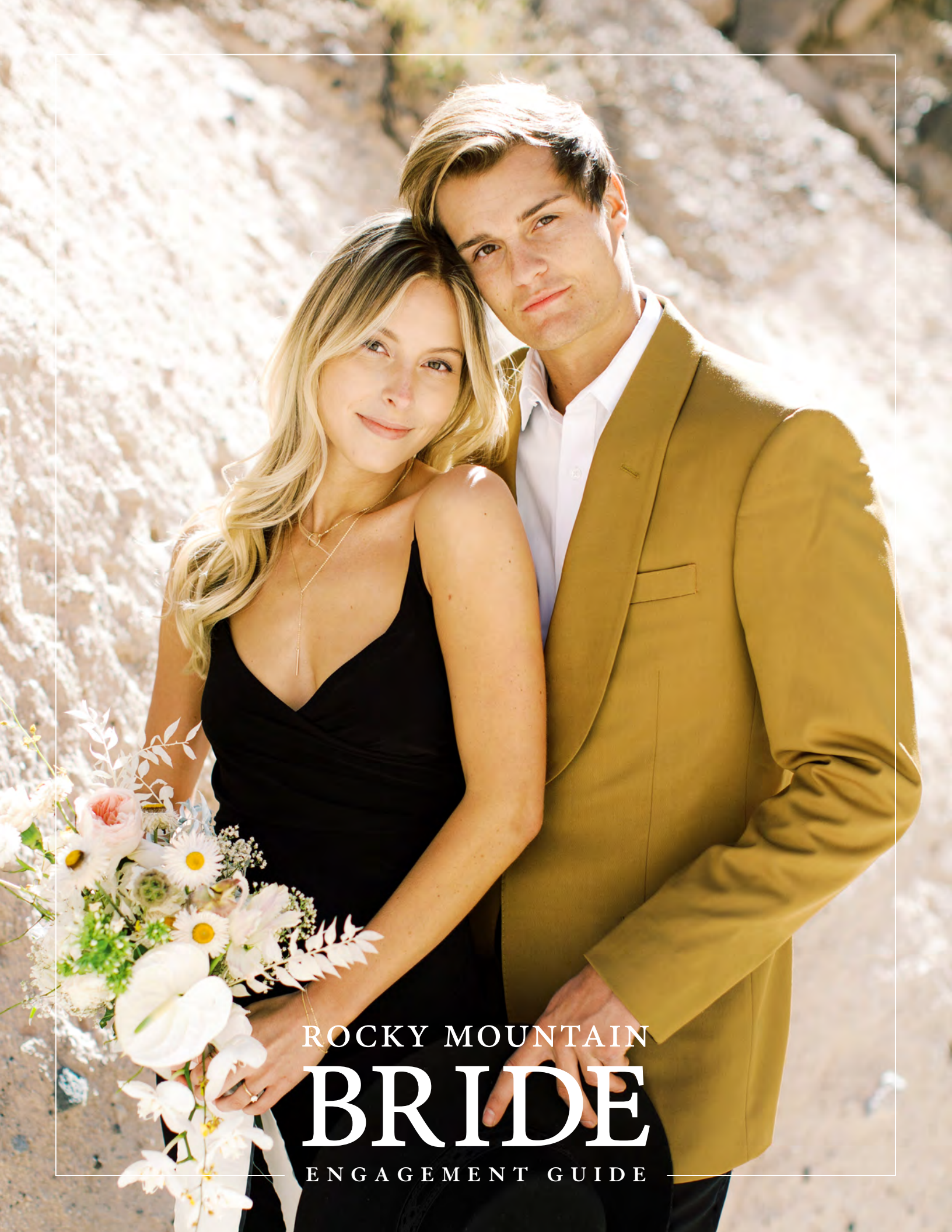




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ENGAGEMENT GUIDE



Hi, I'm Clancey

I'm a film and digital photographer based in Fort Collins, Colorado. I've shot a lot of weddings, traveled to beautiful places and met some really amazing people – they are always my favorite part.

I also love well-executed design, delicious food and captivating stories.

I create heartfelt, authentic images for people wild about each other and about life. Truly, my heart beats for a story worth telling and finding the funny, quirky moments that make the narrative genuine & real.

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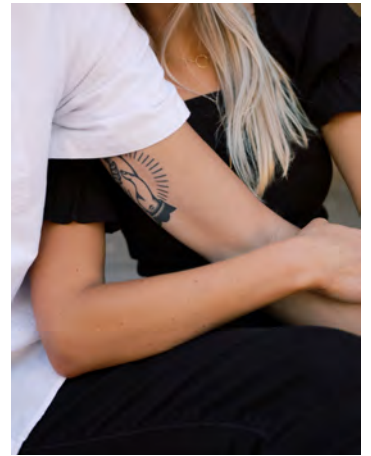
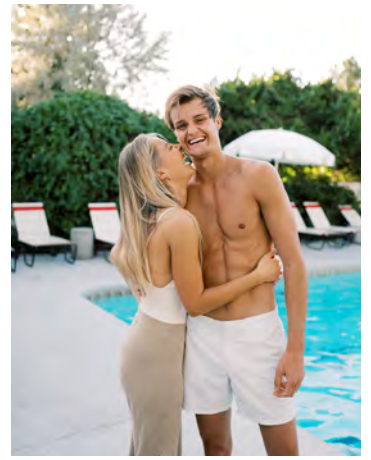
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HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR ENGAGEMENT PHOTOS

Recently engaged? Congratulations! The fun can now begin. Engagement photos are a great way to announce to the world you are, well, engaged! The photos can be used on save the dates, your wedding website or simply to be viewed all over social media. Not to mention, it's a great time to get comfortable in front of a camera with your significant other before your wedding day. To ensure you get the most of your engagement photos, we've compiled the best tips, tricks and questions from Colorado Wedding Photographer, Clancey.



DECIDING IF A PHOTOGRAPHER IS RIGHT FOR YOU



☐ Check out their portfolios on social media and website. *Loving their editing style and angles is very important.*

☐ Ask to have a phone call or virtual meeting. It's important to feel comfortable with whom you're shooting with. Does the photographer(s) have good and open communication?

☐ Do they provide the amount of photos you're hoping for? Are they able to assist in location selection and beyond?

☐ How long is turnaround time?

☐ What is included in your packages? And, how many hours of coverage does that include?



☐ Do they offer discounts if you select them to shoot your wedding?



What to Wear

Ask your photographer! You'd be surprised how many of us have Pinterest boards prepared for this. I typically send my clients a Pinterest board chock full of ideas for what to wear and how to pair outfits together. If your photographer doesn't have one, browse Pinterest or Rocky Mountain Bride for inspiration!



DRESS COMFORTABLY

Wear something that represents your personality. Whether it's an outfit that is super glam, or very simple and casual; the most important thing is to be comfortable. Since most people don't spend a lot of time in front of a camera, you might be a little out of your element. Picking an outfit that you are comfortable and confident in will make the process so much easier and more fun!

"I encourage couples to wear neutral complimenting color waves. Think whites and creams, white and blue, autumnal colors or even matching your denim is great!"

- CLANCEY





COORDINATE OUTFITS

Go for a cohesive look with your outfits, and stick to a few outfit changes. You don't want to have so many wardrobe changes that you aren't spending enough time in each one. Since you will likely have a time frame to take your photos in, pick 2-3 looks so you get plenty of options in each. Coordinate with your partner so the transition from each look makes sense. Whether that is a color scheme or a nod to your wedding day theme. Try to pull each look together in some way.





BOLD COLORS AND PATTERNS

If you are going to incorporate a pop of color, have it be an accessory or piece of clothing rather than the entire look. Avoid large patterns that are overly bold or bright. The focus should be on you and your fiancé, not just what you are wearing. Soft prints and solids tend to look best and don't steal all of the attention. However, if you want to bring in a pop of color, make it an accent piece like your top, skirt, shoes or necklace!



IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS

Show off fun details in what you wear. Whether you are wearing an open back sweater or a high-low hemline. You can get really creative with the way you show off details in what you wear. Flowy skirts look beautiful in the wind or draped in your setting. You will be photographed from all angles so think about your outfit in a full 360 degrees.



SHOW OFF YOUR ASSETS

Whether you are rocking an amazing glam dress or some jeans, make sure your look fits you correctly and shows off your assets. Over-sized sweaters and billowy dresses are so cute but may make you look bigger than you are in photographs. Pick outfits that show off your favorites features and make you feel make you feel confident!



Choosing the Right Location

Choosing the right location may seem difficult. There are so many options! But, don't overthink it. Every couple is different. Some love to do photos in the place they had their first date, some love to do them where their future wedding will be, and some just love a spot they have seen on Instagram. There's no right or wrong location.

If I had to choose for my couples, I would recommend scenic over city because that way you can focus only on the two of you!



Keep in Mind

HAIR AND MAKEUP?

Engagement photos are a representation of you and your fiancé. Getting your hair and makeup done professionally isn't a requirement. However, it's a great time to do a trial with a hair and makeup artist you love. This will allow you to get a feel for how they work and if you think they'd be a great fit for your big day! Not to mention, who doesn't love getting pampered prior to a photoshoot?

PERMITS?

Keep in mind that a lot of places require permits to photograph on their property. This is especially true for National Parks. If you're considering shooting in a National or State Park, ask your photographer if one is required. Many photographers may already have a permit. If not, they can help secure one. No matter where you choose to shoot, it can never hurt to ask. Fines can be expensive.



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