

6 Tips & Tricks

to get your home photo-ready

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It's often said that "home is where the heart is," and when thinking of locations to snap indoor family portraits, there are few places aside from your home that will embody that sense of warmth, heart, and life that your home provides. But taking photos at home can have some challenges, so we've put together six tips and tricks to get your home photo-ready and frame-worthy!

Thank you for these great tips, Ashley!
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1 Let the light in!

Open up those curtains, pull up the blinds and let the natural rays pour in. Give the windows in the room you've selected for photographs a quick wash to eliminate any unwanted smudges or fingerprints.

2 Clean & declutter

Remove the extras from your surfaces and spaces, including kitchen clutter like paper towels, sponges, soaps, fridge magnets and counter appliances. Tuck away your mail and other stray items and papers in a cabinet or other room the camera won't capture.

3 Watch your backgrounds!

Your home can provide the best backdrop, but some spaces can feel a little too busy. Select an area of your home that strikes a balance between highlighting your lovely space and maintaining the focus on your family. Eliminate distracting décor items and consider having just a few neutral pieces in the setting.





4 Add a pop of color!

After establishing a simplified background, consider adding a small pop of color through a throw pillow, a vase of greens, or just one kind of flower.

5 Consider using a steamer

If linens are visible in the shots, you'll likely want to steam out unwanted creases and wrinkles. It's an extra step you won't regret.

6 Stage an activity

Think of an activity you do as a family, like baking cookies, playing a board game, or reading a book, and set the scene. It's a sure way to capture warm, natural portraits in the heart of your home.

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