

RATTLE & TAIL PORTRAITS

IMAGE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- ✓ Is the image 'High Res' & in colour?
- ✓ Has the image been taken in plenty of natural light with no shadows obstructing the sitter, in particular the face?
- ✓ Can both eyes be seen i.e. with no squinting from the sun?
- ✓ Can the full silhouette of the sitter be seen i.e. with no cropped head, neck and / or shoulders?
- ✓ (Child Portraits) Has the sitter got long hair that extends well beyond the shoulders? If so, has the image been taken with their hair tied back? This makes for a better structured portrait without the need of cutting off hair mid-point in the sketch
- ✓ (Child Portraits) Is clothing worn by the sitter light in colour & sleeved i.e. no vest tops. Both traditional & vintage styles favour textured & layered necklines i.e. collars, cottons, and / or woollens add structure to the final piece* (*See below for further clothing tips*)

Other useful tips for Child Portraits

- ✓ Has the image been taken where the sitter is not 'face on' to the camera i.e. the sitter is slightly at an angle? Glancing just off camera is usually best
- ✓ Does the sitter have a natural or 'resting face' expression i.e. not posed or overly smiley? Unlike typical 'posed' photo shoots, traditional portraits tend to favour closed lip images with a slight smile or any expression that reflects their natural temperament
- ✓ Is clothing worn by the sitter 'brand & label' free? In any event, I will use artistic license to eliminate these details as it makes for a better portrait
- ✓ And finally, when choosing an outfit for your sitter be mindful of the finished portrait. The focal point of any portrait should be on the sitter's face so clothing should be as neutral as possible. As a general rule, black, red or heavily dense materials requires heavier pencil markings & can sometimes become the central focal point

Please note that this checklist is to be used as a general guideline. If in doubt; please send through your image & I will advise as to whether a 'masterpiece' can be created from it

If you have any further questions please contact claire@rattleandtailportraits.com