



HOW TO ORGANISE A MULTI-GENERATION FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT

 **LIGHT REPUBLIC**
PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO

KEY PLANNING STEPS (1)

PRE-PLANNING

If you want the present to be a finished wall portrait ready to hang on the wall, planning should ideally start 8-10 weeks before the key birthday or anniversary.

STAGE 1

Consult with key members of the family about who should be in the final photograph. Should it be just grandchildren or a more ambitious multi-generational shoot?

STAGE 3

Coordinate with family members on the best day and time offered by the studio. This might not just everyone's availability. Other considerations might come into play - such as nap times for young children. This is likely to be the hardest part of the whole process!

STAGE 2

Talk to your favoured photography studio. 1) Check their experience with doing large groups shots and dealing with wide age ranges. 2) Ask about the maximum number allowed in a single shot. 3) Crucially, get a list of available sessions over the next few weeks. In order to get a day that will please everyone, this is likely to be weekend sessions.

You might need to discuss access issues with the studio.

STAGE 4

Book the session with the studio ASAP and make sure it understands the deadline you are working to.

KEY PLANNING STEPS (2)

STAGE 5

Discuss what to wear to the shoot (and possible colour coordination) with family members. This could be as simple as everyone wearing smart-casual clothes but you need to make sure everyone is on the same page. You can read further advice on this [HERE](#).

STAGE 6

If possible, secretly measure the space in the home where a wall portrait might hang. What type of wall display product is going to work best (eg traditional mount and frame or modern acrylic/metal). Discuss your thoughts with the studio at either the shoot or the viewing meeting.

FINAL

After the photo shoot, decide who will go to the viewing meeting in order to choose the favourite photo from the edited highlights (these are normally a week or two later). It is often best to delegate this to just 2 or 3 family members to avoid too many opinions and arguments. Remember that the studio will probably need another 2-3 weeks to produce the final product.

ALTERNATIVE 1

If you have not left enough time to organise this whole process, another option would be to keep the session secret and take grandmother to the viewing meeting. This has the advantage of delivering a surprise but still getting final input on the best photo and presentation.

ALTERNATIVE 2

Another option is to ask the studio to produce a gift voucher to give to grandmother on her birthday. This also offers a nice surprise and has the advantage of allowing them to take part in the shoot at a convenient date (grandparents with grandchildren is a very popular choice!).