

DANCE & GYMNASTICS

PREP GUIDE FOR POWDER EXPLOSION PORTRAITS



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THE EXPERIENCE

POWDER EXPLOSION PORTRAITS | P.E.P.

Portraits sessions with gymnasts and dancers are among our favorites series. We are amazed by the talent we see, as they bounce, twist and leap their way into beautiful poses that we must quickly capture on the fly.

When we add colored powder to these sessions, the result is explosive ... and dare we say, creatively colorful. Our portrait subjects come with pristine dancer apparel and elegant hairstyles, and leave with pink, turquoise, and purple on their cheeks, toes and hair. Oh, and big smiles on their face!

So, how do you prepare for this session? We will walk you through it!

SUIT UP

COLOR

This is your child or teen's opportunity to shine! Choosing the appropriate outfit is important for quality portraits.

We suggest black leotards or dance clothes. The chalk will contrast the black for more color pop, plus it is less likely to have long-lasting impacts from color alteration.

Colored leotards and apparel add an extra dimension of color! Just be cautious that there may be permanent discolorations.

ACCESSORIES

Leggings, tutus, and sheer skirts are possible accessories that can further accentuate the portraits.

Yet, the simplicity of a leotard goes a long way. Take into consideration the personality of your dancer/gymnast.

We suggest avoiding necklaces, hoop/dangling earrings or bracelets.

HAIR

Hair should be dry when arriving at the photo session. If desired, it can be placed in a bun or updo for the start of the portrait session, then taken down for loose hair portraits.



What To Bring

- The Gymnast/Dancer!
- Outfit you don't mind getting chalky
- Spare outfit to photograph, just in case
- Change of clothes, for comfort and cleanliness
- Towel(s) to wipe off excess chalk and to protect your car
- Hair accessories
- Brush/Comb
- Smile, Energy and Fun Attitude

POWDER EXPLOSION

Taylor Art Photos uses three different colored powder mixtures, whose bases are either flour or cornstarch based. These powders are tossed behind and around the nimble athletes! For some portraits, we have the dancers and gymnasts toss the powder as they perform movements. Additionally, we will add the powder to loose hair for maximum dispersion.

Colored powder will be everywhere! The ground, the backdrop, and the talented model. But, it is so much fun!

THE STUDIO

Taylor Art Photos P.E.P. sessions primarily take place outside using our remote studio set-up.

Portraits are taken using a black backdrop, black drop cloth, and utilizing multiple light sources.

Tips

- Arrive 15 minutes early
- Warm up
- Have favorite poses in mind
- Be prepared to try new poses

