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*Birth Photography
Information and T&C's*

Congratulations!

What is birth photography?

Birth photography is where you hire a professional birth photographer to come along and capture the story of your labour and birth and the first hour or so of your baby's life.

Why birth photography?

The days surrounding your birth are both amazing and miraculous in equal measure, for me it seems unfathomable that I would bring life into this world without having photographs taken since I have become aware of how much my birth images mean to me, and the difference it made to my own personal birth experiences. It is a time of great experiences, and love, and strength, and togetherness that you will have yet to experience, and just like any major event in our lives, it is worthy in its own right of being documented I believe, for both yourselves, and for your children. I remember a time when everyone thought photographs of the bride getting ready in the morning were strange, now we don't think twice about it, it's an integral part of a wedding day, why wouldn't we capture those moments, at their purest, and show them as the important part of the story that they are. For me it is the same with birth photography and is as much, if not even much more so worthy of capturing the story of all the love, and patience, and strength, and togetherness and elation that surrounds birth.

But ***WHAT*** do you photograph exactly? This is (for obvious reasons) the question I get asked the most. Let's just all say it now collectively VAGINA VAGINA VAGINA, there! We got it out of the way so it's no longer a taboo subject and I said it first lol ;) Sometimes the faces of the older generation and sometimes the men as well, are hysterical when they ask this question! There is a very simple answer to this question is that I obviously give you say over what I photograph! Most women say to me just photograph whatever and then if I don't want the actual crowning birth shots after then I don't have to have them. The reality is though, that although some people may raise their eyebrows at this, these are photographs for YOU at the end of the day, they aren't the kind of images you are going to show the whole world. The first magazine article I was included in regarding birth photography made the icky hint at 'showing every tom, dick, harry and the postman' and it actually really bugged me. Some women do choose to show their friends (I know of at least one of my clients who had all her girlfriends round for a little party to watch her slideshow/video and they all loved it!) but the vast majority have it to keep for just them and their partner and maybe a select number of closest friends and family. The big thing to remember here as well is that I have become extremely good at my angles, and positioning, and lighting techniques (both on the day of the birth and in post production as well) so a lot of the time you can have graphic birth shots that show your baby being born but don't actually show ANYTHING - However, the thing to bare in mind is that birth photography isn't only about the birth shots, that is just a small part of it, it is about the build up of your labour, the first time you see your baby, the moment your partner first holds their child. Rest assured that there's still lots to capture to document your birth if you choose not to have the crowning shots!

Birth Day Information

Below are some guidelines to ensure that I can give you the best experience possible

Birth Day Info

Your birth session includes:• Photography for labour, delivery, and post-delivery• Photography for active labour, delivery, and post-delivery• A collection of full resolution digital images (most images will be B&W) In most cases my time begins when I arrive at your birthing facility (when you are in active labour) and ends 1-2 hours after birth.

Payment & Logistics

A Non refundable £150 deposit is required to secure your place on my calendar. We will then make payment arrangements on a per-case basis to find the schedule that best suits your needs. Full payment should be completed by 36 weeks which is when I will go "on call". In the event that the total amount is not paid in full by the time your baby arrives I will still attend your birth, however no images will be delivered until the amount is paid. *Pricing is dependent upon current specials and individual arrangements.

It's Time!

Please contact me as soon as you *think* you might be in labour so I can begin making plans to be there. Even if it's 2 a.m. Even if it's a false alarm, I'd much rather be ready to roll than to miss the event!

Please allow me up to 2 hours to arrive at your birthplace. It is also helpful for me if, after doctor/midwife appointments, you let me know how things are progressing and/or if there will be any changes to your initial birth plan. Please have someone contact me again when it is confirmed that you're in labour (steady contraction pattern increasing in strength, duration and interval and/or 5cm dilation), and I will start making my way to your home, birthing centre, or hospital.

Policies

Birthing Facility Guidelines Please confirm that photography is allowed at your birthing facility beforehand. Please also know that I will be limited by the guidelines (if there are any) of the facility and/or the delivering doctor/midwife. Negotiation for modification of the guidelines is your responsibility. If you're planning a birth at home or in a birthing centre, please check with your midwife AND your backup hospital in case of a transfer. I try to be unobtrusive and document the birth as best as I can with the available lighting. No props, no flash (unless absolutely necessary and I will ask the mother's permission first), no posing, etc. Because of this, we may have low light situations and images may be more raw, perhaps with a bit of film grain or motion blur. Most images will be in black and white.

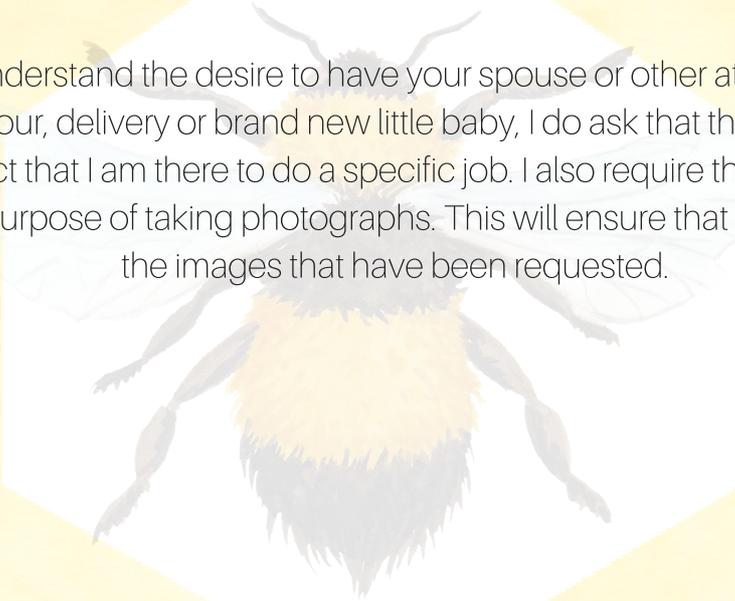
Cancellation & Considerations

As a general rule, deposits are non-refundable. However, in the event of a tragedy resulting in the end of the pregnancy, all monies paid will be refunded. In the event that I miss the delivery due to a precipitous birth I will photograph for up to 2 hours post delivery and then return the following day for a full Fresh48 session. No refunds will be given. Should a planned vaginal delivery result in a cesarean I will stay at the hospital until after the surgery and photograph up to 2 hours immediately after. No refunds will be given. If you decide to cancel my services for any reason, please let me know at least 30 days before your due date. Your £150 deposit is non-refundable in this case, but any other monies paid up to this point will be fully refunded.

Copyrights

Busy Bee Photography reserves the right to use any image for display, publication, or other purposes. However I will honour any requests by the family for using, or not using certain images when necessary. With this birth package you will receive a print agreement that allows you to reprint any images for personal use. You may not sell these images or use them for any commercial use without the written approval of the photographer.

Whilst I completely understand the desire to have your spouse or other attending individual snap a photo of your labour, delivery or brand new little baby, I do ask that those in attendance be respectful of the fact that I am there to do a specific job. I also require that I am the only person present for the sole purpose of taking photographs. This will ensure that I am able to capture all of the images that have been requested.



Our on-line viewing Gallery

After your photo-shoot your photos will be uploaded to your own personal gallery (we will keep this live for just 1 week). This is only accessible by you or those you wish to share your password and log-in details with. You can select the images you require via your online library. If you have a package deal we will let you know how many are included when you book with us. Please note that before we send off for prints/wall art & USB you will be required to pay the remaining balance.

Ordering of prints/Wall art/USB & Digital:

Once you have selected the prints you require this means you have also approved the final image, at this stage we cannot amend the image once it has gone to the print lab. You are therefore approving this image and we cannot provide a refund if you change your mind or require additional editing.

Model release:

Occasionally Busy Bee Photography offer a discount or free photo-shoot to develop their portfolio, if you are attending these sessions you will still adhere to the policies outlined on this website. If you are attending a free session then the policies regarding payments do not apply to you. You will be required to sign a model release and this gives the photographer/Busy Bee Photography the permission to use the photos taken during the shoot for marketing and promotional purposes.

Customer service aim:

Customer service and commitment to our clients is vital to Busy Bee Photography. We strive to get it right, first time and every time but occasionally things do not go to plan. We are here to listen to you and resolve any issues or concerns you may have. We aim to upload your photos onto your private library between 1 – 3 weeks of your photo-shoot. Once we have received instructions on which photos you required we aim to turn this around within 5 working days. For prints orders please allow an additional 5 working days. If for any reason we cannot commit to this time frame we will inform you of any delays and expected time of completion.

Retention policy:

After 1 week your on-line library will be deactivated, after this your images will be sorted/archived for 6 months and then deleted.

Disputes and cancellation policy:

If you have a dispute with us please contact us via phone or email to resolve the matter informally in the first instance. We will only provide a refund on booking fees if the photo-shoot has been cancelled with 48 hours notice and is due to medical reasons or ill health, we may require proof of this. Please note we do not provide refunds on photos once you have approved and ordered.