First Birthday
PREP GUIDE

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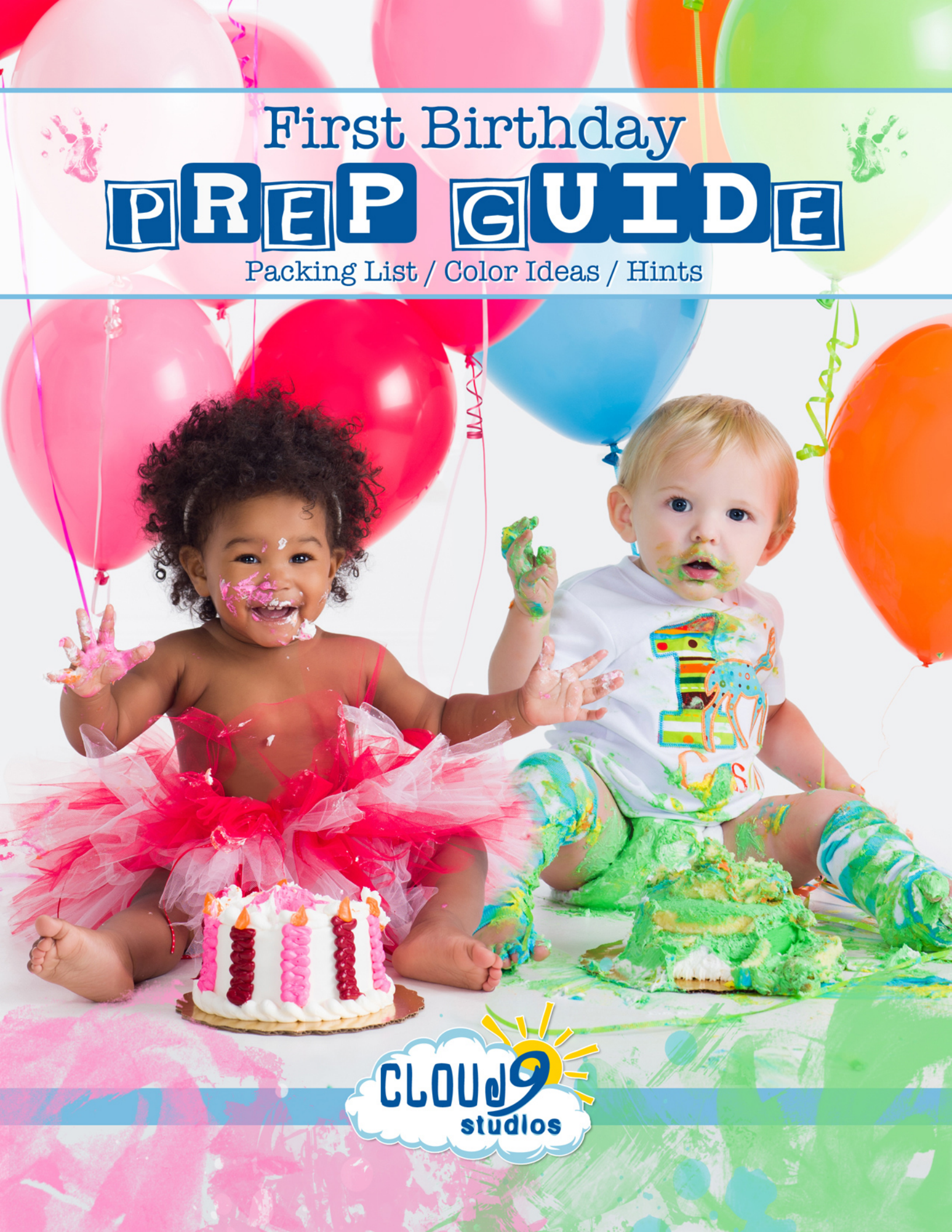

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It's Birthday Time!

Your baby's First Birthday Session is a fast paced action filled hour. During this session we will focus on what baby is doing with their milestones; standing, climbing and possibly walking.
We know this is an important birthday for your child...after all it is their FIRST of many birthdays to come!

First Birthday Session Road Map – What to Expect

1st Let's See What You Can Do!

Fun or Formal outfit where we will have them stand with a chair, climb a step stool, walk across the floor, or play with a toy or props. If you have requested any portraits taken with mom, dad or siblings, this would also be the time for that to take place.

2nd Time For Balloons!

While you are changing your baby in to an outfit to play with their balloons we will get them set up for a fun surprise. This is always a unique part of the session as every baby reacts to balloons a little differently.

3rd Let Them Eat Cake!

Time for another outfit change. The balloons and cake will be staged and ready for one hungry baby! In other words, it is time for the mess to begin.

4th Clean Up Time.

Once your baby is finished demolishing their cake, or has decided they are done and begin walking away, we will take you both to the bathroom for a sink bath!

He's All Boy!

If you have a son, read this page!
Everything you need is right here.

1 Pick a Color Scheme:

Use nursery colors, party colors or colors to match an outfit.

2 Bring Up To 3 Outfits:

3 Pack Going Home Clothes:

As you can imagine your baby will get quite messy. After sink clean up time be sure you have an outfit for your baby to go home in!

Girlie Girl!

If you have a daughter, read this page!
Everything you need is right here.

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Use nursery colors, party colors or colors to match an outfit. Here are a few unique suggestions to get your creativity flowing.

2 Bring Up To 3 Outfits:

3 Pack Going Home Clothes:

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What To Pack?

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☐ CLOTHES

You will want to bring 3-4 outfits for your baby from formal to casual and anything in-between. Choose simple clothes that are easy to put on your baby and that aren't itchy! Some ideas could be jeans/shirts, dresses for girls, anything fun to match birthday theme, shirts with their name or the #1 on it, we have a bunch of tutus for girls (or you can bring your own). If your child doesn't like to wear shoes, don't mess with them – baby feet are cute and not worth the struggle if they aren't used to wearing them.

☐ SNACKS

Being photographed is hard work and these little ones usually need a pick-me-up during the session. Pack a snack and a bottle, some juice or water as well. Puffs make great snacks and also work to place on the birthday cake in case the baby is tentative to dive on in!

☐ TOWEL

We have a bathroom and sink that we will help you wash off your baby (and yourself as well). Bring a nice big towel to dry them off.

☐ CALENDAR

At the end of your session we will schedule your viewing and ordering appointment at the studio. Be sure to have your calendar with you so that you know when you are available to make this appointment.

☐ FAVORITE TOY

Although we are pretty goofy in the studio and have a talent for making babies smile and giggle, sometimes we need the help of their favorite toy!! If you know what always works and always makes them smile, PLEASE – help us out and bring it with you.

☐ PERSONAL PROPS

We definitely encourage you to bring anything sentimental or personal for you to use in your session. This can be hats, chairs, jewelry, stuffed animal, sport teams, hair accessories, daddy's tie for a boy, mommy's shoes for a girl, décor from their birthday party, etc. Let your imagination run wild!

Fun Products

Start Thinking!

While planning for your session it is important to start thinking of the portrait products you will want to purchase. Our framed Birthday collages are the **#1 selling** finished product we offer! After your session we will give you a full catalog to take home with you.

("ONE" collage - 10x20")

10x20
BIRTHDAY COLLAGES
$425

(Vertical Collage - 10x20")

BIRTHDAY CARDS

$3.00 ea/
min box of 25

It's Birthday Time!

We want you to love your session experience.
Here are a few final thoughts.

1 Schedule around naps!

A sleepy or cranky baby does not enjoy their session!
Please schedule according to your baby's nap time!

2 Plan around doctor visits.

This may seem obvious, but please don't bring your baby the day of or after their 1 year shots!

3 Relax and have fun!

Have fun with planning! This should be a fun memory for you. No need for stress. We have everything taken care of for you to make the perfect 1 year portraits.

4 We are here to help!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email! It is important to us that you feel taken care of and prepared for your session.

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