

Frequently Asked Questions

WHY DO WE NEED YOUR PHOTO?

Your portrait will NOT be just a photo printed onto canvas, but we need your photo to draw from!

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY PHOTO IS SUITABLE?

Just send it to us by post or email. We can take photos in most formats – from conventional prints, slides and negatives and digital photos which must be of a reasonably high resolution so we can clearly see detail.

WHAT MAKES A SUITABLE PHOTO



UNSUITABLE PHOTO
too dark, too blurred, person too small

1. We need to see your features clearly

Sometimes what might seem a lovely photo would not be suitable for us to work with. For the best results we will need a well lit photo that is in focus and of a decent size.

2. It needs to be well lit

Totally unsuitable would be night shots using flash, especially where you are unable to see the persons features clearly because it is too dark. Photos are best taken in daylight, features clearly defined, eyes open, with a view point that heightens the persons most attractive features. Good lighting would show a clear distinction between shadows and light, not too bright.

3. All revealed and in focus

Blurred photos are often unusable. So is a photo that has part of the person masked or hidden. We can't recreate parts of the face that can't be seen.

4. Close up detail

If you want the face to fill your portrait we ideally need a photo of just the head and shoulders. If it is a shot of the person from a distance, when you zoom in to see the face there won't be much detail. If you have chosen a full figure portrait, this also needs to fill the photo.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I AM UNSURE IF MY PHOTO IS SUITABLE?

Send us more than one, let us help you make your decision. If you prefer, we'll take your photo - just phone us!

I WANT MY PORTRAIT WITH A BACKGROUND, BUT HAVEN'T GOT A GOOD PHOTO OF THE PERSON IN THE RIGHT SETTING

We prefer to create our portraits with a background. This is what will make your portrait totally unique! A background image might be a landscape view that reminds you of a favourite holiday or happy occasion. Feel free to supply a separate background photo - people don't have to be in the right setting. If you supply the background photo it is preferable that this is well lit and in focus. **We creatively integrate portrait and background together!**

CAN WE CHOOSE ANY BACKGROUND WE MIGHT NOT HAVE A PHOTO OF?

Leave it to us, we can help. Phone us let us know what you have in mind. There are many ways for us to find and create the right setting.

CAN WE CHOOSE THE COLOURS?

If you want your portrait to fit into a particular colour scheme let us know what you have in mind. We will help you choose colours to suit. Maybe you would like to see other colour combinations, these can be sent with the first draft.

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DO I NEED TO KNOW WHAT SIZE I WANT MY PORTRAIT TO BE?

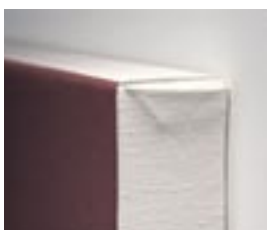
We have suggested standard sizes for your guidance only. Your portrait might dictate a different proportion – where you wish to hang it might require a different size. Send photos of where you might like to display your finished piece of art, this can help us to give you more guidance.



Your portrait can be any size or proportion – even fill a whole wall!

DO I NEED TO KNOW WHAT FINISH I WANT FOR MY PORTRAIT?

We can produce your portrait in 2 finishes, on canvas or perspex, as shown in more detail in the Sizes and Finishes section. Speak to us if you would like any other finish. We are also specialists in exhibition design so we can suggest and produce your portrait in many other finishes.



canvas



perspex

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

We do not do anything until you are happy with our price. We will need to know exactly what you have in mind. We need to see your photos, discuss if they are suitable or if you would like us to take photographs of the person and/or supply backgrounds. We also need to take in mind the final size and finish. We then give you a fixed no-obligation quotation, with prices starting at under £200. **You can personalise your portrait to fit in with your style, size, colour and budget.**

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

When we have all pictures needed for reference, and you are totally happy with what the composition, size, colours and finish will be – and that our quotation fits your budget – we start on your portrait. **If at any stage you feel you need to be in touch contact us directly by phone or email.**

HOW CAN I BE SURE I'LL LIKE MY PORTRAIT?

We involve you at every step of the way, and always email or post a first draft of your portrait for you to see. If there any amendments you would like us to make this is the stage to let us know all your thoughts. Only when you are completely happy we ask you to approve your portrait for printing!

WHEN AND HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY PORTRAIT?

After your full approval, including any amendments, we print your portrait on the finish you wanted and arrange for delivery or collection.

The whole process usually takes 4-5 weeks from order to delivery.

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HOW TO CONTACT US

You can get in touch with us directly by filling in your details in the Contact Us form and we will contact you by return.

If you prefer to speak via email contact us with any questions to –
artists@portraitartstudio.co.uk

Or phone us on –
0113 284 2777 from 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday

HOW TO SEND YOUR PHOTOS TO US

Send digital photos to –
artists@portraitartstudio.co.uk

Send your prints, negatives or slides to us in a hard backed envelope to –
Portrait Art Studio
1 Far Row, Pool in Wharfedale, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS21 1ES

TECHNICAL BITS AND BOBS!

Copyright of images you supply

When you send your photos to Portrait Art Studio you are warranting that you are either the copyright owner or have the permission of the copyright owner to use the image.

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We would like to thank you for your interest and we look forward to hearing from you!

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