

Maura Housley Photography

Witch Themed Photo Shoot.

Excited to create some crafty art with me? I know that a photo shoot can sound super overwhelming and I don't want you to worry. I've create checklist of what you need to bring to your photo shoot and a list of wardrobe suggestions. In the end, this is your photo shoot, and there is not a right or wrong way to do it. I am also available for any questions you may have, just send them over to maura@maurahousley.com.

Here are some quick FAQ's related to the Witch Themed Photo Shoot:

★ I have never shot with a smoke bomb. How does this work? How long will I have?

The shoot varies in length depending on the package you have selected. If you have selected the Advanced Witchcraft package then you get two hours of shoot time and time to shoot with a smoke bomb of the color of your choosing. Each smoke bomb lasts about 60-90 seconds. Since the time is short, I prefer to do this at the end of the shoot after you have warmed up. I can also add a second smoke bomb in if you like (can be a different color). Just let me know beforehand.

★ I don't know how to pose with a smoke bomb (or at all).

I will give you instruction based on your experience level, but I also have Pinterest boards with tons of inspiration. [Check them out here](#). The Witch board has lots of images with smoke bombs. You can swish the smoke bomb in front of you, we can set it in a pumpkin (the orange one would look AMAZING like this), or even on the ground at your feet. This is a creative and fun part of your shoot where you can do whatever you want! Because it is a smoke bomb, it does get warm. If you want to hold it, I would recommend gloves and if in a container, not be metal.

★ I don't have any witchy objects of my own!

I have more than enough. It's kind of a problem actually :P
Things that I have are: various gemstones, a small cauldron, a pumpkin, sage, small crystal ball, various fabrics, candles, and I bet I will pick up a bunch more before our shoot together. If there is a specific type of prop that interests you, let me know! I will see what I can do.

★ Where are we shooting?

There are many options. I have a backyard with ivy and a deteriorating wood bridge that we can use. We can use your backyard, or nearby park, or woods.

Photo Shoot Checklist

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- Make up remover of your choice
- Make up for yourself
- Q-tips. They are super handy for make up.
- Any hair things you may need (brushes, hair spray, hair ties, bobby pins)
- Multiple outfits. I tend to bring more than what I plan to use, in case we have time or if certain outfits work better with the scenery.
- Any shoes and jewelry that you want to go with wardrobe.
- Check nail polish. We don't want it chipped. Either freshly done or none.
- Odds and ends of wardrobe. This can be some random socks or coat you may have but don't have a specific outfit for. It is always nice to try adding that in.
- Any props that you want to use. This can be skulls, fabric, a tablecloth that you like, a lamp, or even your Harry Potter wand.
- Chapstick. I am not sure if everyone else uses as much chapstick as I do, but I feel like this is a must.
- Water. I tend to offer my models water, but it is always good to have :)
- Gloves. If you want to handle the smoke bomb I would recommend this. The color of the smoke bomb has a possibility of coming off on your hands or gloves, but I find that it is easily washed off most things.
- Any ideas that you may have!

Things you can count on me bringing:

- My current gemstones. If you have a particular one you want to bring, bring it!
- Small cauldron with charcoal and incense
- Fabrics that I have. If you have something, bring that too!
- Skulls
- Spellbook
- Wand
- Small crystal ball
- Sage
- Candles (some colored and some white)
- A pumpkin (orange)

Wardrobe Suggestions

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A really good resource is [my witch board on Pinterest](#). However, you don't have to dress goth in order to have a good shoot. Here are my suggestions, whether they are brightly colored or black:

- ❑ Drapey clothes, from coats to shawls to dusters.
- ❑ Jewelry. Bring all your jewelry that brings you joy. For a fun spin pick ones that will look good with the colored smoke bomb you choose (or the same color for a monochrome look!)
- ❑ Close-toed shoes. It is rare that the smoke bombs emit sparks, but it might happen.
- ❑ Nailpolish. Make sure you have either none or freshly done. I love how nailpolish makes everything pop. I would recommend solid colors vs. designs.
- ❑ Have any headwear such as hats, veils, or fascinators? These are great wardrobe choices.
- ❑ Anything with a witchy vibe. This can be gemstone necklaces or shirts with occult symbols.

I hope this makes you feel even more excited about your shoot with me! I would love to hear your feedback or if you have any other questions. [Send me an email here](#) or at my email maura@maurahousley.com.