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First Birthday Celebration | Cake Smash

All First Birthday packages are scheduled with an hour of studio time. This gives us plenty of opportunity to let little ones get used to their surroundings and settle in before starting with their photos. A typical session lasts around 40 minutes, but if our birthday boy/girl is a little shy and needs longer there's no hurry and no pressure to get started.

Before moving over to the First Birthday set, every session starts with some non-themed photographs on a plain backdrop. With particularly reluctant posers, this gives us a clear area with no props in the way so that mum or dad can sit beside them just out of shot while they get used to the camera.

It also adds a little variety to your finished images and gives you the option for some more neutral photographs to hang on your walls.

*Due to the nature of these sessions, once the cake smash has started, we will be unable to return onto the plain backdrop for more photographs.

❖ Set Dressing



Your cake smash set will be colour coordinated and styled for your cake smash with bunting, wooden letters and pom poms.

The standard colours are pinks or blues, but please let me know if you'd like to request a particular accent colour alongside the pink/blue (eg: purple or aqua) or if you'd like a different colour scheme altogether.

PLEASE NOTE: I don't hold alternative colour schemes as standard stock, so 10 working days' notice is required if you'd like to request an alternative.

❖ Clothing

We usually start the non-themed photographs with baby's own outfit before getting changed for the cake smash. However, if your little one is fussy about clothing changes you might prefer to keep the same outfit for both.

I have a range of costumes available for your use during the cake smash, including shorts, dickie bows, nappy covers, frilly pants, tutus and dresses plus a selection of birthday hats and headbands. You can of course also use your own outfit, but please be aware that some coloured frostings and soft fruits have the potential to stain clothing and don't forget to bring a clean change of clothes along with you for when we finish!

❖ Cake



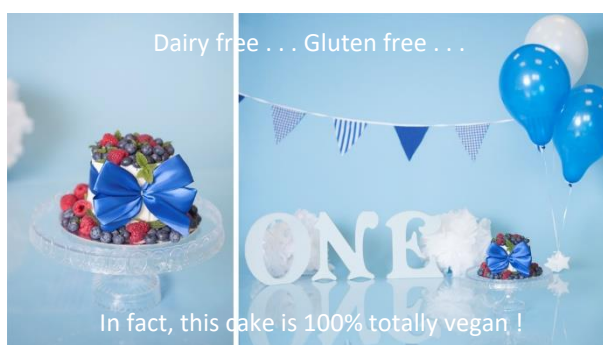
The main feature of your cake smash booking!

All cakes are made specially to order, decorated by hand to match the birthday set and include chocolate, wafer and/or fruit toppings to encourage little ones to interact with the cake during the session.

Cakes are pre-ordered 3 days before your cake smash booking, so please let me know in advance if you'd like to make any particular requests.

❖ Allergy Advice

The amount of cake actually eaten (as opposed to just played with) varies from session to session. However, please be aware that the standard cake does contain dairy and may have traces of soya or nuts present. Unless specified otherwise, cakes also contain a raspberry jam filling and could feature a fresh fruit topping. A fully comprehensive list of all ingredients can be provided ahead of your session if required.



If your little one does have a known allergy or intolerance, please let me know so that we can work together to find a suitable alternative. Dairy-free, gluten-free and completely vegan cakes can be ordered by request or if you'd prefer, we can even keep the cake smash theme but swap the cake out for something else entirely. This might be a cereal/spaghetti smash, a giant watermelon slice or something else food related that we decide on together.

❖ What do I need to bring with me?

All first birthday packages are 100% all inclusive, so there's no need to buy anything extra or bring anything specifically for the session. However, there are a few things that you might want to pack for the day.

CHECKLIST

Familiar toy to use as a soother or attention grabber. You may also choose to include this as a prop in some of the shots on the plain backdrop.	
Drink / snacks for your little one – particularly if your appointment is close to a meal time or you have to travel a little way in the car.	
Clean change of clothing if you plan to use your own outfit for the cake smash.	
Clean up. I provide warm water, wash cloths and fresh towels to clean up after the cake smash, but you may also like to bring your own wipes or towel along with you.	