Posing Guide for Boudoir

Making your client look alluring is essential when they bare all (almost). Use our boudoir photography posing checklist to create flattering and beautiful moments of sensuality.

Bend those limbs

All portrait poses should have angles to create conflict and leading lines. **Bend your subject's legs or arms to create triangles.**

These shapes stop your client looking flat, one dimensional and tense.

Eye contact

The eyes are the first place we look to on any portrait. They are the first line of the picture's story.
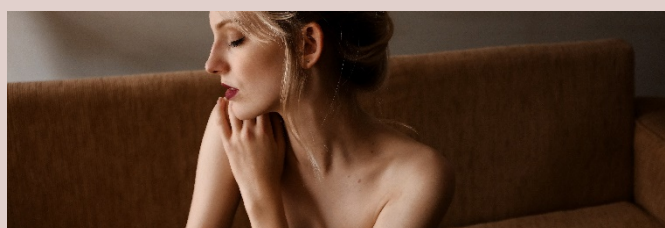
Direct your subject to convey the mood you're creating with their eyes. Think of 'intense', 'suggestive' or 'innocent' expressions to portray.

If you want your shot to look less engaging, then ask them to look away from the camera. It then becomes more voyeuristic for the audience.

Position the hands

Don't leave your subject lingering. Idle hands can look distracting and unprofessional. Instead position them over your subject's body, behind the head or clasped together to make them look purposeful.

Leave a suggestion

Boudoir is all about beauty and/or temptation, if you give everything away then it leaves no further interest. Don't ask your model to bare all, cover up private areas, leave a hint, or a suggestion. They should reserve their dignity whilst still showing their strength and power. Using sheer clothing is another way to tempt and tease.

Pay lip service

The mouth has an incredible power of suggestion to an audience. Open mouthed shots look conversational, parted (or pouted) lips could suggest a kiss or bated breath.

Closed mouths can look closed off or cold so make sure you strike the right mood.

'Windswept look'

Don't forget to pay attention to the hair. Use a reflector or a fan to waft your model's bonnet so it looks mid motion and dramatic.

Combined with a low angle can make your subject look like a sexy superhero.

If you want to find out more about photographing boudoir, then visit iPhotography and join our incredibly comprehensive portrait training course.

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