Photography Prep Checklist

The day before and morning of your photo shoot

THROUGHOUT THE HOME

- [ ] Turn on every light in the house, including closets and appliance lights
- [ ] Remove family photos and personal documents from view
- [ ] Hide visible cords, chargers, and power bars
- [ ] Close all interior doors that lead to unstaged spaces
- [ ] Set the thermostat to a comfortable temperature for the crew
- [ ] Put away pet bowls, beds, litter boxes, and toys
- [ ] Replace burnt bulbs and match colour temperature in each room
- [ ] Open all blinds and curtains fully
- [ ] Remove cars from the driveway and in front of the house
- [ ] Move garbage and recycling bins out of frame

KITCHEN

- [ ] Clear every counter except one or two styled items
- [ ] Remove everything from the fridge exterior
- [ ] Hide dish soap, sponges, drying racks, and tea towels
- [ ] Remove floor mats and rugs
- [ ] Push in all chairs and stools evenly
- [ ] Empty the sink and dry it

LIVING & DINING

- [ ] Straighten and fluff cushions and throws
- [ ] Remove remotes, magazines, and clutter from surfaces
- [ ] Conceal TV and speaker wiring
- [ ] Set the dining table simply or leave it clear
- [ ] Straighten artwork

BATHROOMS

- [ ] Close all toilet lids
- [ ] Remove every toiletry, razor, and product from counters and shower
- [ ] Remove bath mats and scales
- [ ] Wipe mirrors and taps to remove spots
- [ ] Hang fresh, matching, neatly folded towels

BEDROOMS

- [ ] Make every bed with clean, neutral, wrinkle-free bedding
- [ ] Clear nightstands to a lamp and one small item
- [ ] Remove laundry baskets and hampers
- [ ] Tuck shoes and bags fully out of sight

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EXTERIOR

- [ ] Sweep the porch, walkway, and driveway
- [ ] Coil and hide the garden hose
- [ ] Remove seasonal or holiday decorations
- [ ] Straighten patio furniture and remove covers
- [ ] Turn off the sprinkler system before the shoot

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