



- London Boudoir Photography -

One of my favourite Sex and The City episodes is the one in which Samantha has revealing photo shoot done, just so that when she is old and grey (it is unlikely she will ever let herself get wrinkly) she can look back and think 'damn I was hot'. And I must admit the reason why it stands one of my favourites is because I've always secretly thought I would one day I would like to do exactly that, but I never had the nerve. That is until last month...

It all started when I was talking to a soon-to-be-wed friend of mine, who when looking for a more personal wedding gift for her hubby to be, had stumbled across London Boudoir Photography. Based in South Woodford they specialise in glamorous and sexy but tasteful shoots for women who either want a unique and seductive gift for their partners or, like me, just a lasting reminder of how great they can look. So I decided to finally bite the bullet and book myself in for a shoot.

A few days later I arrive at the studio feeling ever so slightly nervous. When I had booked the appointment they had told me to bring along a pair of stilettos and my favourite lingerie, which of course I had taken as an invitation to invest in a new corset and pair of dangerously high heels. Gripping these tightly to my chest, as a sort of terribly glamorous security blanket I pushed through the front doors, to find that all my fears had been utterly misplaced. I was welcomed by my photographer, who was incredibly warm and bubbly (all the London Boudoir Photographers are female) and reassured me that everybody feels nervous when they first arrive. She talked me through every step of the process, from the type of shots I wanted to some practise poses. Meaning that at no point did I feel out of my depth. Having had my mind put totally to rest I went through to make up. First off I was handed a glass of bubbly to see away any of those remaining niggling doubts. Nothing wrong with a bit of Dutch courage I always say. I was then treated to a pair of expertly applied smoky eyes and red lips. Then it was into the studio for the real fun to begin.

London Boudoir Photography promises to bring out the seductress in any woman, no matter her size and shape. Which as I have long left toning as something exclusively done by my printer, was music



to my ears. They had a box full of amazing props to get you having fun on the shoot, and you would be amazed at the difference that a feather boa and elbow length gloves can make to your attitude to posing in your undies. Suddenly I felt like a burlesque seductress in front of the camera, and if at any point I did panic about what to do next the photographer was right there to advise me where to put that leg to make it look longer or how turn in order to make my waist appear smaller. It really was great girly fun with giggles a plenty, and I must admit to being a little sad when it was over but I could not wait to see the results.

A few days later, with bated breath, I got my wish. Following your shoot with London Boudoir a selection of your photos are expertly retouched before they are all uploaded to a password secured online album, where you can peruse them at your leisure. Having entered my password, I was flabbergasted 'Was that glamorous temptress in black satin really me?'. Through the magic of great photography, no small amount of encouragement and some skilful air brushing, I finally had the photo I had always wanted. I can happily say all the pictures were arty, utterly tasteful and not in the least bit brash. Although I won't go all out Samantha and hang it on my wall, I will be keeping my copies somewhere safe, so that every so often I can get them out and remind myself not only of a great day but also 'Damn I was hot.'



I might even get a copy for the other half, if he is very lucky...

Full examples of the shots that can be recreated can be found on the website: www.londonboudoir.co.uk

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