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The First Step Guide to Becoming a Model ~ The First Milestone

This is an authentic step by step guide designed for Anyone who is interested in becoming a legitimate working model. That includes men, women, and even children. If you follow these steps, only focusing on one step at a time, you WILL find yourself doing things you never thought possible. *Written by Jonah Levi Taylor.* This is Series 1 of 3.

The First Milestone: Steps 1-5

(Obediently follow these steps in order, do not proceed any further until the current step is completed)

1. **First decide if you are model material or not?** Legitimately ask yourself, *“Do I have what it takes and am I willing to give it my all?”* If you answered “YES,” then let’s get started.
2. **Research the best agencies in your area.** Spend the next 2 weeks or so asking people, looking up, and researching agencies in your area. You are trying to find agencies that have great reviews. Find agencies that get their models a good amount of decent work and that treat their models well.

1. **Pick 3 agencies and contact them. (email or phone)**

1. Simply contact and find out what they require.

1. Do you need professional photos (taken by a professional photographer), or raw photos (basic, standard photos of you in raw form to show the agency a natural version of yourself), or both? Do you need head-shots and or body-shots?
2. Measurements. Find out which measurements each agency requires.
3. Do you need a Portfolio (a 9×12 casing that holds your collection of pictures, aka *your book/portfolio*)?
4. Do you need Composite cards (a models business card, headshot on front with credible photos and measurements on back)?

Get the photos, measurements, portfolio, comp cards etc.

1. How to get professional photos.

1. If the agency requires professional photos, ask them if they have any recommendations (often they will have photographers they work closely with and at discount prices). You may also research the best photographers around on your own. The idea is to get incredible shots, for this will only increase your credibility. So try to work with the best you can afford.

2. How to get raw photos

1. Raw photos are easy. Grab a camera and snap some photos. Get full body, from the waist-line, and head-shots as well. No make-up or glamor shots, just simple basic photos. Do not worry here, some agencies require these so they can get a natural look at you. They are not meant to be pretty and glamorous. Getting a little done up is okay. You'll be fine.

1. How to get measurements.

1. Grab some measuring tape and without too much tension, simply measure the required areas (find out from the agency). You want the tape to be tight to the skin, but not overly tight.

2. How to get a portfolio.

1. Ask the agency. They will likely have portfolio options of their own. If not or too expensive, you may also go online and find great, affordable portfolios on your own.

3. How to get composite cards.

1. Likewise as the portfolio, ask the agency if they have any suggestions. Agencies may have specific types they create for you. If not, there are many printing companies that will help create them for you as well. Remember, strong headshot and your name on the front, with 3 or 4 photos plus your measurements on the back. This layout works best.

2. Submit measurements and photos to agencies.

1. Submit and wait to hear back.
 1. They may desire to meet you in person at the agency. This is a good thing.
2. If they replied "NO," or gave no response at all – get more photos and re-submit. If still NO, try other agencies.

3. If “YES” – Congratulations – You officially have representation by an agency and are completed with the first series toward becoming a model.

Well done on following each step intently. You are now ready for Series 2 of 3. If you have any questions, contact us via phone 866-607-6408 or email contact@milesmodels.com | info@milesmodels.com and we will respond to help you on your journey toward becoming a successful model.