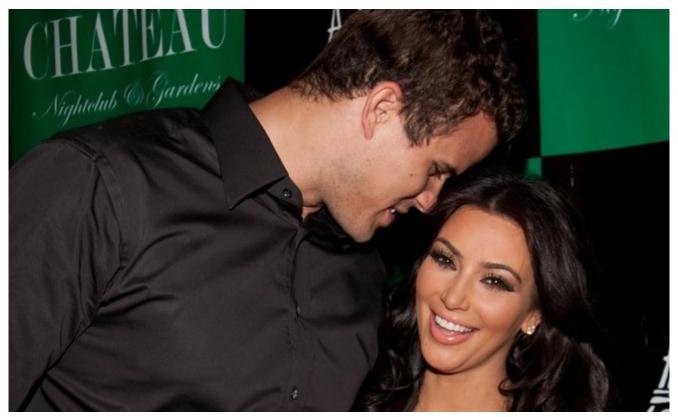
## Kardashian Women Throw Kim a Racy Bridal Shower





Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom sealed the deal, and it's almost time for Kim Kardashian and Khris Humphries to do the same. On Saturday, the engaged couple took one step closer to taking their wedding vows at their bridal shower, according to E! Online. With a classy touch of wine, party favors wrapped in small pink boxes, and an atmosphere of Kardashian fever, this bridal shower was everything, but a fail. Guests did their part to keep it interesting as well. As Kardashian and Humphries opened up their gifts, they were shocked to pull out a pair of fuzzy handcuffs! Can we say classy, raunchy, and oh-so-Kardashian?

What are some ways to spice up a generic bridal shower?

#### Cupid's Advice:

So you have the gifts, the guests, the decorations, the wine... the usual. But how about we throw something innovative in there? Spruce it up a bit! Cupid has some ways to make your bridal shower far from the usual:

- 1. Games: No one can pass up a second chance at being a kid again, and what better way to have fun like a child than by playing games? Bridal showers don't have to be a "thanks for attending, thanks for the gifts, see you at my wedding, goodbye" type affair. Keep the vibe bumpin' with some fun games to fit your theme.
- 2.Tradition? Scratch that: Who says you have to do what everyone else does? If you feel the urge to step out of traditional boundaries, then by all means, do so. Instead of renting out a banquet room, throw your bridal shower at a movie theater. Rent out the "birthday room" and check out a romantic comedy after the festivities have died down.
- **3.Unexpected party favor:** Don't give your guest a picture frame or gift bag full of candy. Instead, make your shower favors appropriate to you and your partner's personality. If you're both obsessed with Trivial Pursuit, give them each a few cards from the game (or the game itself!).

What are your ideas to spice up a generic bridal shower? Share your comments below.

### Gene Simmons: I Proposed

### Months Ago





After sharing 28 years in a relationship together and two children with girlfriend Shannon Tweed, Gene Simmons finally mustered up the courage to get down on one knee. In Tuesday night's finale of A&E's reality show *Gene Simmons Family Jewels*, Simmons told Tweed, "You're the only friend I've got. You're the only one I love ... and you're the only one I ever will love" before proposing. An insider recently revealed to *People* that the proposal scene was shot "several months ago" and that the couple's relationship has been on the rocks ever since. The couple once described themselves as "happily unmarried" and we're waiting to find out if there will be an "I do" to seal the deal.

What are the advantages of tying the knot over simply living together?

#### Cupid's Pulse:

Marriage is a big responsibility. As a result, the rate of cohabitation among couples has increased drastically in the last few decades. Sometimes, however, there are perks to tying the knot. Cupid has a few:

- 1. Commitment: Marriage is a profession of two people's commitment to one another. You and your partner will both feel more secure about the future of the relationship if you've made the commitment to spend the rest of your lives together. Marriage increases people's trust in each other.
- 2. Quality: It's not just about your thoughts about what the future might bring. It's also about the current state of the your relationship. Husbands and wives report greater satisfaction and fairness in their relationships.
- **3. Together:** Couples who simply live together have a higher chance of splitting than those who are married. There are no definitive explanations for this difference, but we just know that it's one more reason why it may be better to take a walk down the aisle!

What are other benefits experienced by married couples? Share your thoughts below.

# Kristin Cavallari Is Reportedly 'Dumped' By Jay Cutler: Wedding Is Off





"Do you, Jay Cutler, take Kristin Cavallari, as your lawful wedded wife?" He doesn't. Cutler, former fiancé of reality star Cavallari, called off his engagement to Cavallari. The couple, who started dating only 10 months ago, had already thrown an engagement party with her friends. "She got dumped," a source told <u>People</u>. "She's absolutely devastated. She can't believe this is happening." Cavallari and Cutler were engaged in April, and planned for a spring wedding.

How do you deal with the embarrassment stemming from a broken engagement?

#### Cupid's Advice:

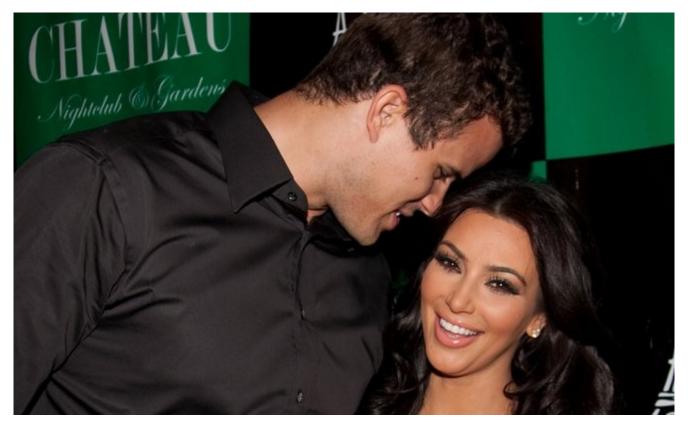
After telling all of your friends, gloating over the exciting news, hearing congratulations from every nook and corner and then hearing it's all over, how do you cope? Cupid has some advice:

- 1. That's what friends and family are for: Those close to you are there to hear you out. They wouldn't (or at least shouldn't) point at you and make embarrassment worse. Allow your friends to be there when you grieve you cry.
- 2. Understand: Though embarrassment can be unbearable, angrily acting out will solve nothing. Therefore, the best thing to do is try to understand why your partner did what he or she did. Your ex-partner is probably suffering from embarrassment as well. Talk to your partner about the reasoning behind it all for some closure.
- **3. Don't dwell:** It's easier said than done. But honestly, what is dwelling going to do besides make you crazy? You might as well try your hardest to move on.

Suffered through similar embarrassment? Share your comments below.

## Kim Kardashian Celebrates Bachelorette Party in Las Vegas





While Kris Humphries was celebrating his bachelor party at Lavo Las Vegas last Saturday night, fiancé Kim Kardashian was doing her best to deal with her humiliation during her penisthemed bachelorette party, organized by her sister and maidof-honor, Khloé. Kim was clad in a pink sash labeled "Tao Bachelorette" and an illuminated tiara. She kept her sangfroid as a male stripper appeared at dinner to perform a strip tease. According to <u>People</u>, she told her guests "My sisters are doing everything they can to embarrass me."

What are some ways to playfully embarrass a bachelorette at her party?

#### Cupid's Advice:

So you have the honor of planning the bachelorette party for your sister or your best friend. How can you go about playfully embarrassing her? Cupid has some tips.

1. Male stripper: Classic. Hire one or multiple male

strippers to perform a special dance at some point during the night. Make sure he puts the bride-to-be in the spotlight.

- 2. Special outfit: Design a special costume for the special lady. You can imitate Kim Kardashian's costume and go with something princessy, girly and pink, for instance.
- **3. Decorations:** Decorate the venue. Choose a theme to make it more interesting. For example, you can ask all the guests to come in a male parts costume or design special necklaces for everyone.

Got any ideas for how to embarrass the bride-to-be? Don't be shy! Share your ideas below

## Nicole Scherzinger Rumored to be Engaged to Race Car Champ





It looks like Nicole Scherzinger's heart is racing! Rumors started swirling that the couple was engaged after Nicole's father spoke to the UK's Mail Sunday. According to RadarOnline, Scherzinger's father, Alfonso, said that Hamilton is "a really nice guy, real-down-to-earth. My family all like him. The good spirit is there," which got misinterpreted as Alfonso announcing his daughters engagement but the rumor is false. The couple has been together for 4 years. Scherzinger, a former Pussycat Doll, will now be sitting alongside Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell and L.A. Reid on the judging panel for *The X Factor* premiering this September on FOX.

## What do you do if your parents don't like the person you want to marry?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Getting married is one of the most important moments in your life, but how do you handle this joyous occasion when your parents don't like the person you want to marry? Cupid has some tips:

1. Show them your happy: As the old saying goes, your parents

always want what is best for you, and they want you to be happy. Show them that you're truly happy with your beau and they will be more willing to support your decision.

- 2. Show them what you like: Show your parents what you like about your significant other. Maybe they don't see what you see, but open their eyes to the great things about your honey.
- **3. Let it go:** If you love your significant other and you're happy, then nothing else should matter. Hopefully your parents will warm up to him, but it's really what you think and feel that counts, not what your parents think.

What do you do if your parents don't like the person you want to marry? Share your thoughts below.

## Vanessa Minnillo and Nick Lachey Get Married





When Vanessa Minnillo and Nick Lachey tied the knot on Friday in a tropical paradise surrounded by their nearest and dearest, their guests had no idea what to expect. According to <u>People</u>, their wedding invitations came in the form of a place ticket with the only instructions being to dress "island chic." The day of the ceremony, the lucky guests were swept off to a secret island location. On July 30th, viewers everywhere will also get to witness this special ceremony at 9 p.m. ET/PT on TLC as part of the <u>Nick & Vanessa's Dream Wedding</u> special.

#### What are some creative wedding themes?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Having a theme wedding is a great way to make your wedding memorable for your friends and family. If you're considering revolving your wedding around a theme, here are some fun ideas:

1. Holiday theme: Have your wedding on your favorite holiday. Valentine's Day is always a popular choice, but having a St.

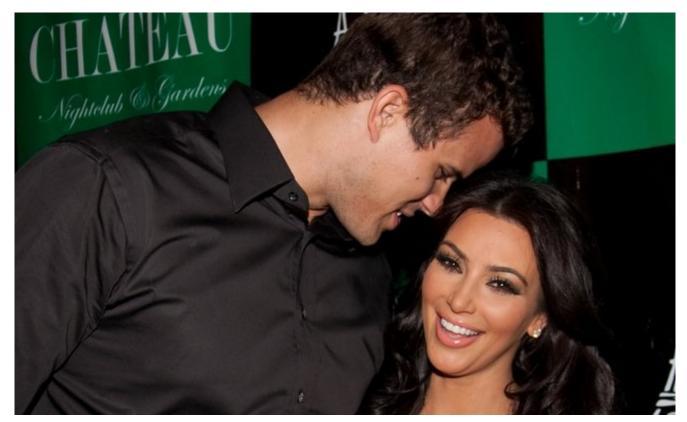
Patrick's Day or Christmas wedding can also be fun.

- 2. Fire and ice: Even the best relationship can still run hot and cold once in a while. Embrace both the fiery and icy aspects of your relationship with some great decorations. Candles and ice sculptures are a great combination.
- 3. Wild Wild West: It may not be for everyone, but if you're a honky tonk kind of couple, go for it!

Was your wedding themed? Share your experience below.

## Singer Monica and LA Laker Husband Have Second Wedding





Monica showed everyone that "The Boy is Mine" by marrying Los Angeles Laker Shannon Brown — again. *UsMagazine.com* reports that the pop singer threw a huge party in Los Angeles last weekend to celebrate her nuptials, even hiring a celebrity wedding planner. Monica, 30, and Brown, 25, and their guests dined on food from Fat Burger and enjoyed a Charm City Cake. The couple, who was first married in a small private ceremony at their L.A. home last November, met each other on the set of Monica's music video for her single "Love All Over Me."

#### What are some reasons to have a second wedding?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes your love is so good, you need to celebrate it twice! Cupid has some ideas on why having a second wedding is a good idea:

1. Small ceremony: If you initially got married at city hall or at an intimate ceremony, you may want to walk down the aisle again just to have a big blow-out party like Monica and Shannon Brown did.

- **2. Renewing vows:** Some couples renew their vows as often as once a year. If you want to reaffirm your commitment to one another, why not have a second wedding?
- **3. Pleasing everybody:** Maybe your hubby wanted a small ceremony, but you wanted an extravagant wedding. What better way to satisfy you both than by getting married twice?

Would you ever consider having a second wedding? Share your thoughts below.

## Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott Is Engaged





There was yet another reason to celebrate on July 4th, as Chris Tyrrell proposed to Hillary Scott during a romantic sunset on Independence Day. "Chris proposed exactly the way I've always dreamed. Our families were close by, but it was just us out on a beautiful deck overlooking a lake in East Tennessee," the Lady Antebellum lead singer told <u>People</u>. The proposal was romantic, yet casual, as it took place during a hike and the couple was wearing work-out attire. Although the wedding date is not yet set, the couple looks forward to "forever together."

#### What are some laid back yet memorable ways to propose?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It can be tricky to strike a balance between simple yet special ways to propose to your loved one. Cupid has some advice on how to make your engagement low-key, yet a memory you will treasure forever:

1. During your favorite activity: Do whatever you enjoy doing

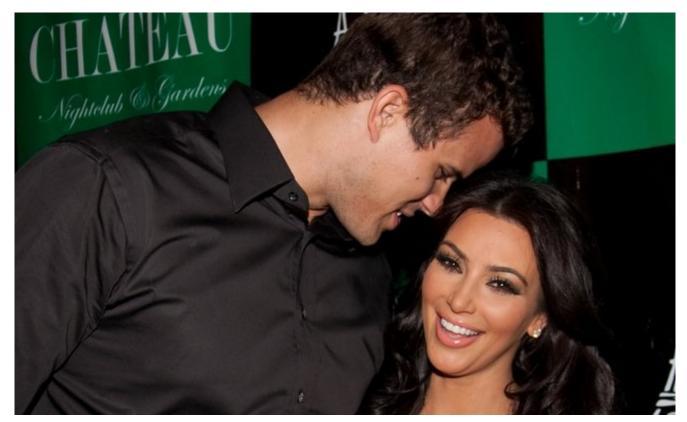
together, whether it's going for a hike, like Hillary Scott and Chris Tyrrell, or watching a movie. What matters is that you're surrounded by a serene atmosphere, so that you can tune in to each other.

- 2. At home: When your sweetie gets home after a day at work, surprise him or her by laying out some rose petals in the bedroom and playing some soft music. Then get down on your knee and pop the question. This is a romantic way to propose, yet it doesn't involve anything extravagant.
- **3. During a meal:** Presenting the sparkler over dinner at home or at a restaurant can be a spontaneous way to ask the question. You don't have to follow the scripted ring-in-the-food technique. Just go with your instincts.

Do you have any ideas for a creative proposal? Share your thoughts below.

## Brad Pitt Says Every Individual Has a Right to Marry





Brad Pitt, who once said in an interview that he and Angelina Jolie wouldn't get married until everyone had the same rights, gave a statement to *People* on the recent legalization of same sex marriage in New York. He said that although it's encouraging that New York granted equal marriage rights to its citizens, every American has the Constitutional right to marry whomever they love, regardless of the state they reside in. He believes that someday this discrimination will end and everyone will have the equal right to marriage.

## What are the benefits of getting married versus just living together?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Ever wondered why getting married is important for some people? Believe it or not, people benefit more when they get married compared to just living together. Here are three reasons why:

1. Commitment: When you're married, there is a commitment to make your relationship work. However, when you're only living

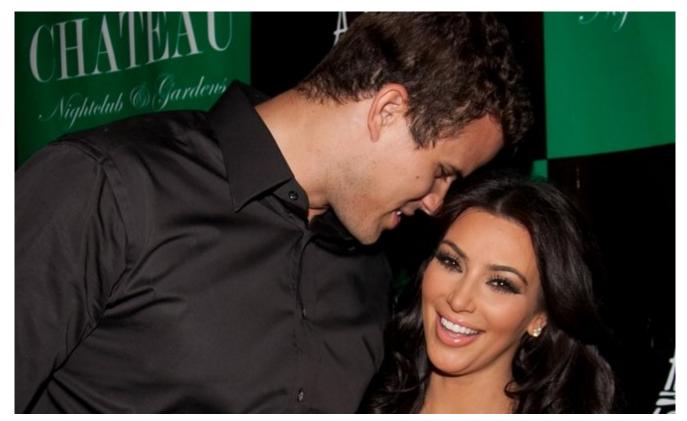
with your partner, there isn't a strong desire to make things work when an argument arises. It's easier to just give up.

- 2. Financially successful: When you're married, you share everything: furniture, food, etc. This means you'll save more money than you would if you were just living with your significant other.
- **3. Live longer:** Statistics revealed that married couples live longer than those who are single. Why? It might be because there is always a woman to take care of the man.

Why do you think being married is better than simply cohabiting? Let us know in a comment below.

## David and Victoria Beckham Celebrate 12th Wedding Anniversary





July 4th is a day of extravagant celebration that's incredibly hyped every year. Not only is it America's Independence Day, but it also marks the day that David and Victoria Beckham said "I do." This year, the couple celebrated twelve years of marriage. The soccer star told <a href="RadarOnline.com">RadarOnline.com</a>, "It's a special day for us, it always has been and always will be." The couple has all the more reason to be ecstatic, with a baby girl on the way.

How do you make your anniversary special after a number of years together?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding anniversary is such a special day. It's a commemoration of the meaningful moments spent between you and your partner and your future together. Here's how Cupid thinks you can make your day truly unforgettable:

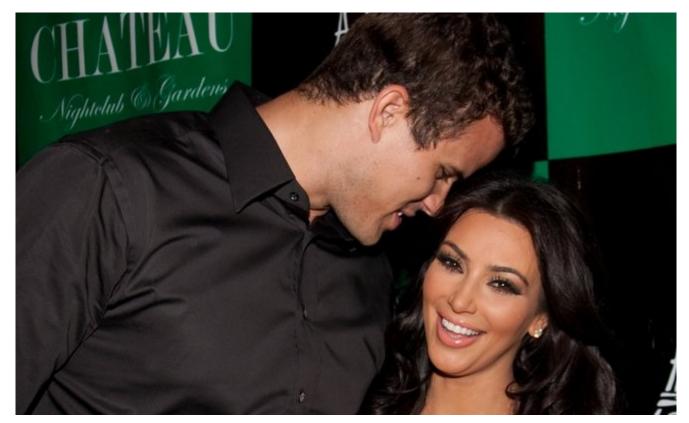
1. Relive your first date: Rekindle the romance and go to the same place where you spent your very first date together. Relive the day that marked the first of many special moments together.

- 2. Make a wedding day scrapbook: Gather up all the photos from your wedding day and arrange them into an album or scrapbook. You can also add new images by going for an anniversary photo shoot. Mark the passing time with a smile.
- **3. Prepare free love coupons:** Be romantic and make some free love coupons to give to your partner on your anniversary. It's a sweet idea. Just be creative!

What are some things you can do to make your anniversary extra memorable? Share your thoughts. Don't be shy!

# Nick Lachey Explains Why He's Marrying Vanessa Minnillo on TV





It's official! Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnilo have agreed to their wedding recorded live, according UsMagazine.com. However, Lachey admits that having cameras at their wedding wasn't an easy decision. "We kind of wrestled with that for a while, for obvious reasons," he told reporters Saturday during his bachelor party at TAO in Las Vegas. "Having done reality TV in the past, I didn't necessarily want to jump right back into it without having thought it through to great length, and we did." A reason the singer agreed to have cameras on his special day was because they weren't going to stay there for long. "It's a one-off special; a chance to kind of have a great experience and a great moment in our lives documented on TV, and also for us, to have a great wedding video at the end of it," he said of their TLC wedding special, which will be broadcast shortly after the couple swaps vows.

What are the advantages of having your wedding recorded?

#### Cupid's Advice:

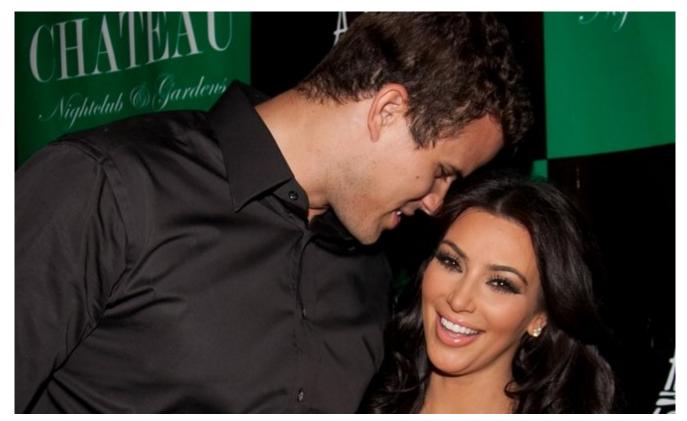
Your wedding day is special and is one of the most important days of your life. It's a day that couples want to cherish and what better way to do that than to have it recorded? Here's why:

- 1. Memories: Having your special day recorded means you'll be able to relive the moment over and over again. If things start getting tough, remind yourself about how happy you were on your wedding day.
- 2. Friends and family: You may not hang out with your friends and family as much as you used to, and a wedding video will allow you to see your loved ones all together on your special day.
- 3. Pass it down: You can pass your wedding video on to your children so they can see the day you were married.

Is there a specific reason why you or someone you know recorded their wedding? Let us know in a comment below.

## Nick Lachey Has 3-Day Vegas Bachelor Party





Nick Lachey, 37, had the luxury of having a 3-day bachelor party in Las Vegas this past weekend. And though "whatever happens in Vegas stays in Vegas" is the typical cliché that comes to mind, Vanessa Minnillo assured <u>UsMagazine.com</u> that this bachelor's party was far from *The Hangover*'s tumultuous adventure. Minnillo kept her presence known when Lachey received a black and red layered cake with a ball and a chain on top that was shackled to a mini Lachey's leg. It read, "Property of Vanessa."

What are the perks of having a bachelor/bachelorette party in Las Vegas?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Bachelor/bachelorette parties are your last chance at splurging on fun before you're married. Celebrate for the moment, as well as for the future!

1. Money money money moonaay: Las Vegas is all about the green stuff. What's better than doing some legal gambling and winning money right before you get married?

- 2. Live entertainment: Not only do you have the joy of being with your longtime friends, enjoying old memories and dreaming about a future-to-be, but you have the entertainment of some of Vegas' most popular shows, like burlesque!
- **3. Food galore!**: What has high quality food, at affordable prices? Vegas. Vegas has it all. Check out the multiple buffets in all the casinos on the strip.

Have some memories of a bachelor or bachelorette party in Sin City? Share it with Cupid below!

### 'Ugly Betty' Star America Ferrera Is Married





Ugly Betty star America Ferrera was the opposite of ugly during her recent wedding to longtime boyfriend, Ryan Piers Williams, according to <u>People</u>. The Emmy-winning actress, 27, and Williams were married Monday night in "an intimate setting amongst close friends and family," her rep reports. The couple first met when Williams cast Ferrera in his student film at the University of Southern California and the couple became engaged in 2010. "We kind of connected from the get-go on that professional level and that was something that really drew us to each other," Ferrera said. She also said that she and her beau have "a shared passion for what we do and our work."

## Is it important that your partner share a passion for your career?

#### Cupid's Advice:

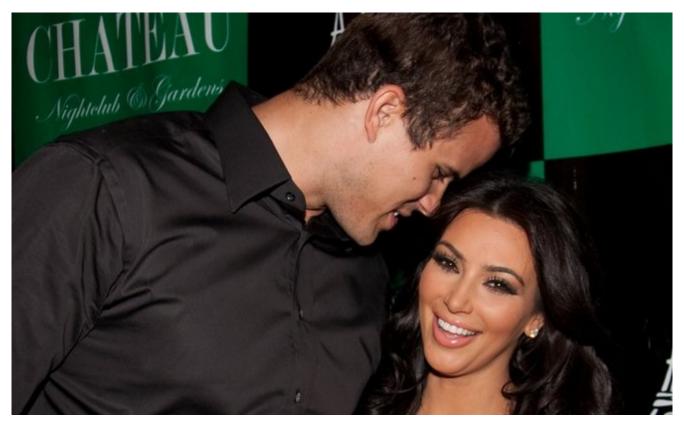
Career path typically shouldn't be a determining factor in your relationship. Here are ways to be supportive whether you do share a passion for your partner's relationship or you don't:

- 1. Opposites attract: Yes, you and your mate should have some things in common, but he or she is in no way obligated to share a passion for your career. The 'opposites attract' theory says the following: If you love singing, your honey can absolutely hate it, but still love you.
- 2. Put yourself In his or her shoes: Imagine if you were in the same career as your mate. This will help you understand what makes your partner tick a lot better than simply knowing his or her professional title.
- 3. Be there: No matter how bad it works your nerves, it's still important to be there for your partner when he or she hits a stumbling block in his or her career.

Are you having a hard time accepting your partner's career choice? Share your thoughts below.

## 'Dexter' Alum Julie Benz Engaged





After already having experienced a proposal and wedding with her previous husband John Kassir, *Dexter* actress Julie Benz is ready to do it all over again. Marketing executive boyfriend, Rich Orosco, gave her a grand engagement party on Sunday in their Los Angeles home backyard. With a customized Kwiat cushion-cut diamond and platinum engagement ring, a Mexican-style surprise party and a Mariachi band, Orosco went all out for his *Jaw Breaker* fiancé—and she marveled in it all. "What girl doesn't want to be serenaded by a Mariachi band surrounded by close friends and family?" she said, according to *People*. She couldn't get enough of the Mexican celebration. iFelicitaciones Benz!

What are some ways to celebrate your engagement with family and friends?

#### Cupid's Advice:

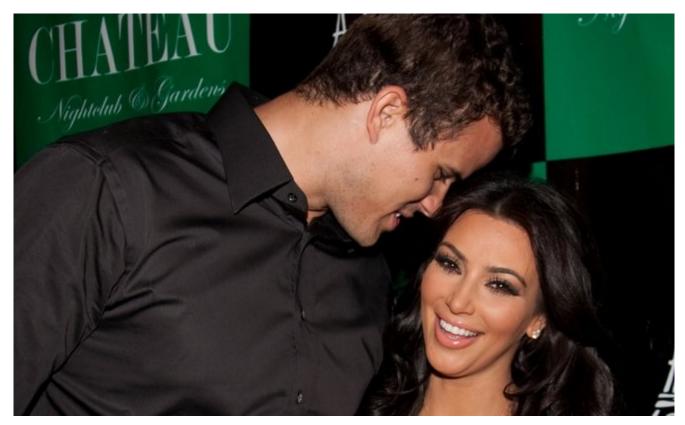
Engagements go right along with weddings, 1st birthdays, christenings and baby showers in the "importance" category. This is something you would like to sit comfortably in your memory. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Get together: Have a small, comfy get together with only a tight knit group at home. You can make it classy with hors d'oeuvres, wine glasses and funky music, yet it'll still be comfortable in the familiarity of your own home.
- 2. Let's take it back: It's always cool to look back on the good memories you've had with your spouse. Crank out the home videos and photo albums, and enjoy some good laughs while breaking the ice between family members and friends.
- **3. Get a little loose:** Take your friends out to a bar and enjoy your favorite drinks while marveling in the good news together.

What are some of your engagement celebration ideas? Share your thoughts below.

## Daniel Craig and Rachel Weisz Secretly Wed





James Bond pulled off an unusual secret mission last week — a wedding! After a short and silent period of dating, actor Daniel Craig and actress Rachel Weisz secretly wed in New York last week, something that's nearly impossible in Hollywood, according to <u>People</u>. Only four people had the privilege of witnessing this special occasion — Daniel's daughter, Ella, 18, Weisz's son, 4, and two friends.

#### How do you make your relationship a personal experience?

#### Cupid's Advice:

You and your soul mate must develop and nurture a special intimacy. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. In the beginning: Make sure you completely know your partner, flaws and all, and love him or her in every respect.
- 2. Midway through: Let your significant other know that you are ready to make your relationship last a lifetime. Explain that nobody else has to know why you feel this way.
- 3. This is it: In the very moment you're about to marry your

honey, bring up key moments that played a major role in where you are today. Make him or her a priority.

Do you have any other ideas on how to make your relationship a personal experience? Share below in a comment.

# Royal Wedding: Prince William's Cousin Zara Is Engaged





Another royal wedding is just around the corner. Zara Phillips, Prince William's cousin, is set to marry fiancé Mike

Tindall on July 30th, reports <u>People</u>. Tindall, a 32 year-old professional rugby player, told <u>Mail on Sunday's Live Magazine</u> how he proposed. "She was on the sofa, so that made it easier," said Tindall. "She was completely in shock and when she stopped laughing, she said, 'Yes.' " The couple confirmed they will not have a honeymoon, but say that their home life is plenty fun for the both of them. "Saturday night, on the sofa with the dogs, watching *X-Men*. That's pretty much what our life is like," said Tindall. "Rock 'n' roll, baby."

#### What are some unique ways to propose?

#### Cupid's Advice:

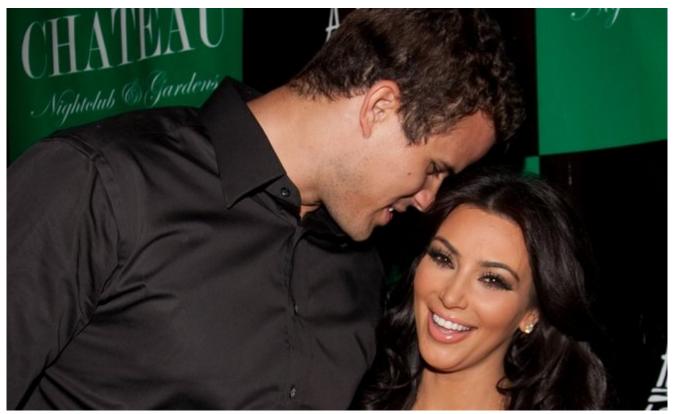
It's relatively easy to plan a romantic proposal. It's very difficult, however, to plan a unique one. Here are a few suggestions:

- 1. Factor in your personalities: Marriage proposals that have a special meaning to the both of you seldom go wrong. For example, if your partner were an animal lover, you could get a tag with the words "Marry me?" inscribed onto it. Slip the tag onto your pet's collar for your partner to find later.
- 2. Recollect the past: Try proposing at the site of your first date, or at the site of a date that had special significance to the pair of you. Even if the venue isn't particularly romantic, your partner will appreciate the symbolism behind it.
- **3. Make your own adjustments:** Try putting a twist on the typical romantic dinner. Play your partner's favorite music, and eat your favorite foods. With these unique touches, the occasion will seem less cliché and more personal.

Do you have any past experience with proposing? Feel free to share a comment below!

## Kim Kardashian's Wedding Registry Is Luxurious





Kim Kardashian got engaged less than a month ago and is already being called a bridezilla — and the reality star's over-the-top wedding registry might be partly to blame. *UsMagazine.com* reports that Kardashian and fiancé Kris Humphries registered at GEARYS in Beverly Hills, a premium seller of luxury jewelry and homeware. The couple's registry included a laundry list of expensive items, including crystal napkin rings, a \$175 mustard jar and \$38,4000 worth of Torchon dinner place settings. Kardashian and Humphries will walk down the aisle this Halloween.

If you don't need household items, what wedding gifts should you ask for?

#### Cupid's Advice:

If you already have a mustard jar and are looking for unique wedding gifts that aren't household items, Cupid has some tips on what other kinds of presents you should ask for:

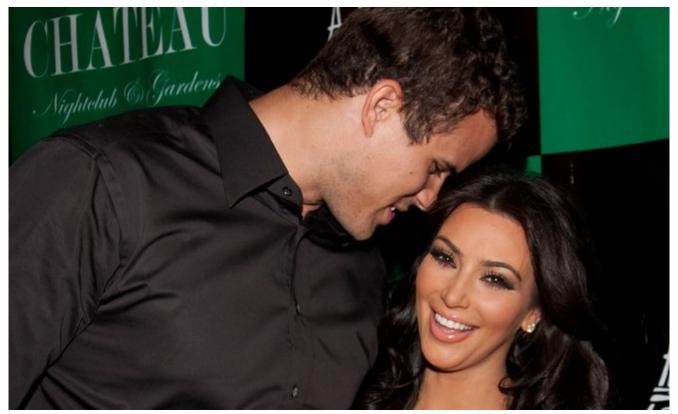
- 1. Honeymoon: Besides the reception, the honeymoon is probably the most expensive part of getting married. Now, you can use a website to ask your guests to contribute to various activities, like the flight, hotel, or food. Try HoneymoonWishes.com or SendUsOff.com.
- 2. Charity: If you feel like you already have everything you need, why not use your wedding as an opportunity to give back? Have your guests make donations to a few of your favorite charities instead of buying gifts A la Prince William and Kate Middleton.
- **3. Renovations:** You may not need a fondue set, but you might need a new kitchen. If you want to make improvements to your home without accumulating even more stuff, ask each guest to contribute to a renovation with wallpaper, new counter tops, cabinets you name it!

What kind of unique gifts would you include in your registry? Share your comments below.

### Nick Lachey Serenades Vanessa

### Minnillo to Apologize





The hardest part about being in a relationship is knowing how to swallow your pride and make up. With his upcoming nuptials to Vanessa Minnillo, Nick Lachey told Access Hollywood his fool-proof strategy for apologizing to his future wifey when he messes up. For Lachey, this is an easy one. He gives her a taste of his velvety voice. "That's my trump card. Whenever I screw up and I need to get back to her good graces, I sing. So far it's worked," he said.

## What are some creative ways to apologize to your partner? Cupid's Advice:

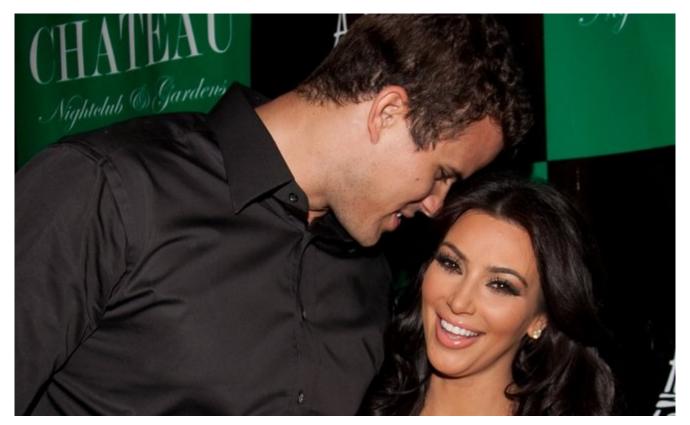
Saying the words "I'm sorry" can be even harder than saying "I love you" in some cases. Here are some sure-fire ways to make your apologies go smoothly:

- 1. Send your apology: When you make a big display of your amends, it shows thought and sincerity. For example, send a singing telegram. A small gift and a charming note can go a long way when you've messed up.
- 2. Show the world you're sorry: The internet is a powerful way to have your message heard today. Use it to your advantage by making an apology video and posting it on the web for everyone to see. This will let your partner know that you're aware of your mistake, and you want the world to know.
- 3. Cook: When your partner comes home, greet him or her with a nice meal set at a romantic table. Calmly state your apology without stirring up another fight. Admitting you were wrong and taking the extra time to do something special will surely ease the tension and get your relationship back on track.

What stratagies have you used when apologizing to your partner? Share your comments below.

## Dylan Lauren Marries Hedge Fund Manager Paul Arrouet





Dylan's Candy Bar stores owner Dylan Lauren married her hedge fund manager beau Paul Arrouet on Saturday, reports <u>People</u>. Lauren, daughter of designer Ralph Lauren, stunned guests in a custom-made dress. The wedding took place at the Lauren's estate in Bedford, N.Y. "The evening was certainly an affair to remember," said a source. "Every detail embodied the couple from the design of place cards to the place settings to the music and, of course, to the dessert bar. It was a truly special evening. The couple couldn't be more in love with one another."

## What wedding design details can embody your personality as a couple?

#### Cupid's Advice:

All couples want a unique wedding. However, a lot of the 'unique' ideas have already been done. Here are a few details that you can make 100% your own:

1. Color scheme: Pick a color scheme that reminds you and your partner of a romantic moment you once had together. Though the colors you pick may be generic, the memories behind them

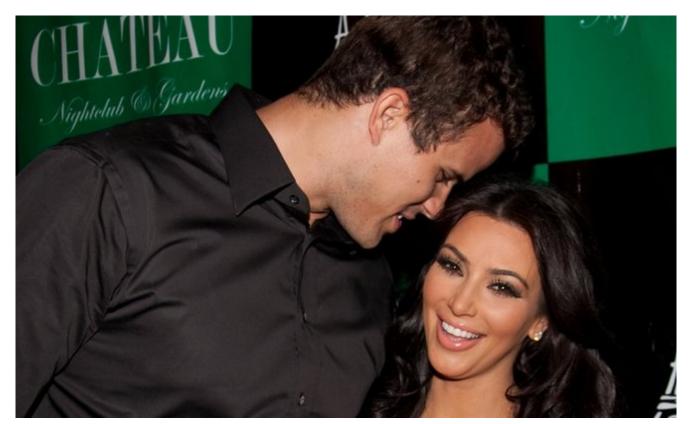
will not be.

- 2. Location: For a wedding venue that is really out-of-the-box, try thinking back to your childhood. You might recall a secluded park or a spot in the woods that particularly entranced you and would serve as the perfect location.
- **3. Food:** Sit down with your partner and list your favorite foods. Don't be afraid to have fun with the menu and pick a variety of foods. The eccentricity displayed by your choices will charm your guests.

Did your wedding have a particular detail that was 100% you? Please leave a comment below!

# Twilight's Nikki Reed and Idol's Paul McDonald Are Engaged





Breaking Dawn star Nikki Reed and former American Idol contestant Paul McDonald are engaged after a whirlwind romance, reports <u>People</u>. The pair hit it off after meeting in March, and have been extremely happy together since. Reed showed off her ring at the MTV Movie Awards on Sunday, where she told reporters, "He's the one. I've never met anyone like him. I've never met anyone who has such a good solid heart and comes from such a good solid family and is just a genuine person. We have the exact same sense of humor. I've never laughed so much with anyone as I do with him."

What are some things to be careful of in a whirlwind romance?

#### Cupid's Advice:

The swept-off-your feet feeling is highly coveted in a relationship. However, it's important to step back every once in an while. Here are a few things to be careful of in a whirlwind relationship:

1. Taking the right steps: It's fine to have a quick courtship, but make sure you are taking the right steps. For

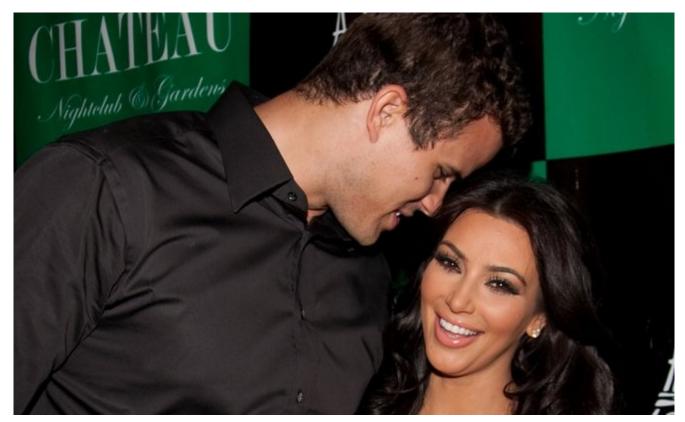
example, try giving your beau a key to your home or apartment before moving in together. Slowing down your relationship, even a little bit, will pay off in the end.

- 2. Discussing your goals: While you may only be concerned with your love for your partner, it's important to discuss future goals before taking the next big step. If the two of you want different things in life, your relationship may face struggles down the road.
- 3. Setting boundaries: Make sure the relationship is moving at a pace that's comfortable for both of you. Don't allow your partner to persuade you to take the next step if you don't feel ready. Make sure that you know how far you are willing to take the relationship, and stick to your convictions.

Have you had trouble in a whirlwind romance? Feel free to comment below!

## Molly Sims Is Engaged to 'Love and Other Drugs' Producer





Love is in the air for actress and jewelry designer Molly Sims and new fiance Scott Stuber. Stuber, producer of the movie Love and Other Drugs popped the question the weekend of May 20th, according to <u>People</u>. Stuber even surprised Sims by flying her parents into Los Angeles to celebrate the special occasion. Sims, 38, and Stuber, 42, had been together for a year and a half before he popped the question.

How do you include your parents in your engagement?

#### Cupid's Advice:

The marriage proposal is one of the most memorable moments of the engagement, and Molly Sims and Scott Stuber made that even more special by including her parents. Cupid has some ways to do just that:

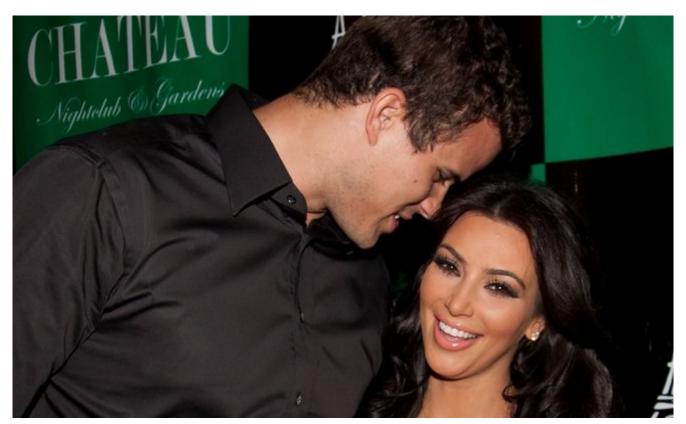
1. Invite them to the proposal: If you plan on proposing at a romantic restaurant, why not have your parents sit at a table across the way or somewhere secluded so that they can still see your special moment without spoiling it.

- 2. Make them your first call: Before calling your best friend, call your parents to share the good news with them. They'll feel special that they were the first people to know about the upcoming nuptials.
- **3. Ask for advice:** Involve your parents by asking them to help choose the ring and the right time and place to propose. It'll make them feel special and important.

How did you include your parents in your proposal? Share your moment below.

# Are Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Finally Considering Marriage?





Don't get your hopes up, team Jennifer fans. Rumor has it that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie may wed in the near future. "The kids ask about marriage. It's meaning more and more to them," Pitt told *People*. "So it's something we've got to look at." Originally the plan was to wait until everyone can legally marry, but the children have changed the duo's hearts. Pitt also spoke of the parenting ways he and Jolie use to bring up their chidren, as well as how they get their alone time. "Angie and I do everything we can to carve out some semblance of normalcy for them, to re-create the kinds of moments that were special for us."

How do things change once you tie the knot?

#### Cupid's Advice:

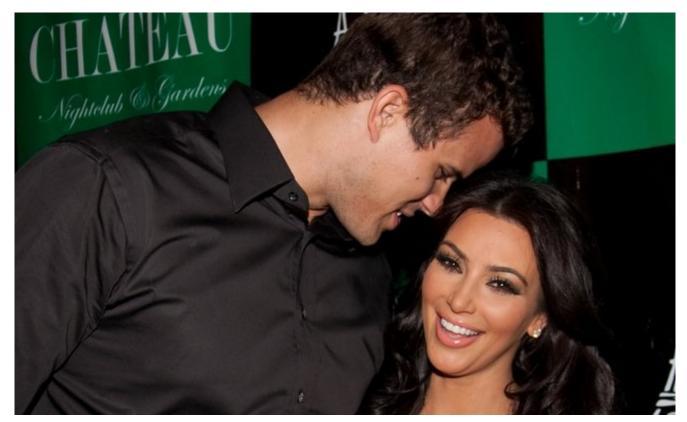
Marriage is a big step, and you both need to be serious about it. Cupid knows what's coming, so here's what to prepare yourself for before you tie the knot:

- 1. Less effort: Some look at marriage as the grand prize. If this is you, you may feel you worked hard enough to get here, so now it's time to relax. Not putting in as much time and effort to keep the relationship strong can lessen the meaning and power it once had.
- 2. Interest level: Forever is a long time. It's also enough time for one to get bored of the same old thing. Sometimes you're going to need to give your partner more space or spend extra time together to keep the relationship fresh.
- 3. Sharing and the future. There are so many important factors couples must consider before tying the knot. Prenups, living situations, and of course, children, are primary. Remember that, from now on, this person is a part of you. Make decisions together.

How did marriage change your relationship? Share below!

## Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo Have Wedding Shower





Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo celebrated their upcoming nuptials this past Sunday at the London Hotel in West Hollywood with an extravagant and unforgettable wedding shower, according to <u>People</u>. The couple and their friends and family seemed excited about their wedding as they took in the amazing views and delicious food from chef Gordon Ramsay's kitchen within the hotel. The party had both a laid back and sophisticated atmosphere where all the guests were able to enjoy themselves and have a great time.

What are some reasons to have a wedding shower before your nuptials?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo enjoyed themselves at their wedding shower, and Cupid has a few reasons why having a wedding shower before *your* nuptials is a good idea as well:

1. It helps calm your nerves: What better way to calm your wedding jitters than to have a fun party with family and friends where you can relax and enjoy each others' company?

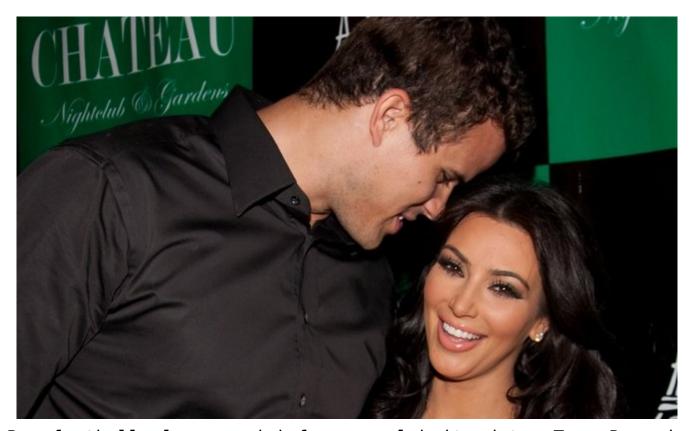
Having a wedding shower is a great way to celebrate each other without worrying about planning-related stress.

- 2. It gets you even more excited: Having a wedding shower before your nuptials helps get you and your significant other even more excited for the big day by having a pre-celebration with family and friends.
- 3. It allows everyone to get to know each other: Having a wedding shower before your nuptials helps your family and friends get to know each other better before the wedding so at the reception they'll have an even better time. This is the time where you can introduce family and friends from both sides and make sure everyone gets along.

Did you have a wedding shower before your nuptials? Share your experience below.

## Tony Romo and Candice Crawford Tie the Knot





Pro football player and infamous celebrity dater Tony Romo is officially off the market, according to <a href="E! Online">E! Online</a>. Romo and Candice Crawford, his girlfriend of a year and a half, wed in Dallas last weekend. The Dallas Cowboy proposed to Crawford on December 16th, her 24th birthday. Candice Crawford is a former beauty queen and sports reporter and is also the younger sister of Gossip Girl's Chace Crawford. Romo has a history of dating beautiful blondes, as he can count Carrie Underwood and Jessica Simpson among his exes.

#### How do you choose a date to propose?

#### Cupid's Advice:

To make your proposal extra-special, choose a date that means something to you. Cupid has some suggestions on when to pop the question:

1. Anniversary: Try proposing on the day you met your sweetheart if you want to recognize how far you've come and remind each other of what it felt like when you first started dating.

- 2. Birthday: Give your partner a gift they'll never forget by popping the question on his or her birthday.
- 3. Holidays: Make the holidays extra special by proposing on Christmas, the 4th of July or whichever holiday means something to your sweetie. Plus, your mate will already be in the holiday spirit and will be more likely to say 'yes'!

What is the best date to propose to your significant other? Share your comments below.