

# Matt Damon Credits Spouse for Keeping Busy Lives on Track



Matt Damon may have a hectic schedule, but he told [People](#) that his wife, Luciana, “really keeps it together,” the actor said at a poker event at the Rio All Suites Hotel. “We just talk it out and work it all out.” The duo are expecting their third child this fall, (the baby will be Luciana’s fourth; she has a daughter from a previous marriage). Even their children are excited about the pregnancy, monitoring the arrival of their sibling closely. Damon said the kids can tell how their mother and her belly are doing at any given time.

**How can you keep a busy family schedule on track?**

## **Cupid’s Advice:**

Many families today juggle responsibilities beyond the

parents' jobs and kids going to school. How do you keep it together? Cupid has some ideas:

- 1. Keep a calendar:** Create a calendar that allows you to manage multiple schedules in one place. Hang a wipe off board in a central location, like the kitchen. This will make it easy to view and add new information as needed.
  - 2. Periodic Family Meetings:** Gather regularly to discuss upcoming activities and scheduling conflicts, so the family as a whole can find workable solutions (i.e., carpooling with the neighbors) in advance.
  - 3. Mistakes are OK:** When trying to handle many events that occur simultaneously, there's always the possibility of double booking something, or forgetting to add an activity on the list. Realize that everyone slips up sometimes – including you! Discuss ways to keep one another informed and help one other stay on track.
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## Matt Bellamy Dishes on Romance with Kate Hudson





Despite attempts to keep their relationship behind closed doors, Matt Bellamy opened up to [The Mirror](#) about his relationship with Kate Hudson at the Nordoff Robbins 02 Silver Clef Awards last Friday. “We just have fun together and are seeing how it goes,” he told the paper. “Kate is great.” The Muse frontman also revealed that he’s meeting Goldie Hawn, Hudson’s mother, this week. He admits he’s nervous, and said, “You don’t want her reading daft stories about you online – it’s embarrassing when you meet someone’s family for the first time.” Cupid wishes him luck!

**What are some ways to impress the parents on your first meeting?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Meeting a partner’s parents for the first time is always stressful, but being uptight won’t make things easier. Here are some of Cupid’s tips on scoring points with those who may be your future in-laws:

**1. Be polite:** Please, thank you, and a firm handshake will go a long way. Good manners show that you’ve been raised well, and that their son or daughter is with someone who shows them respect.

**2. Dress up a little:** Unless you're going to a five-star restaurant, there's no need for a three-piece suit or ballgown, but stay away from sweats and baggy clothes on your first meeting.

**3. Keep it classy:** No matter what f-bombs they may throw at you, refrain from using foul language. Parents can do whatever they want – you, however, need to make a good impression. Save your potty mouth for someone else.

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## Megan Fox & Brian Austin Green Settle Into Married Life



After a private wedding and luxurious honeymoon in Hawaii, Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green have returned home quietly. They were spotted at a local grocery store picking up last minute Fourth of July items in Glendale, Calif. While [People](#) discusses the ups and downs throughout the couple's two-year relationship, it appears that they are in it for the long haul.

**What can you do to keep the spark alive in a marriage?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

After you've taken the leap to marriage, you may be wondering how to keep the fire going. Cupid has some ideas to get you started:

- 1. Keep dating:** Just because your partnership is legal doesn't mean you give up making regular plans to go out and celebrate each other. Aim for date nights once a month, if not more.
- 2. Talk over issues:** Every relationship has its troubles. By keeping lines of communication open, you're more likely to resolve them together, and come up with a solution you can both agree to.
- 3. Be wary of advice:** If people in your respective lives offer assistance – whether you want it or not – just listen. Afterward, discuss all of your options with your partner before taking any recommended guidance.

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## **Zoe Saldana Engaged**



*Avatar* star Zoe Saldana is engaged to My Fashion Database CEO Keith Britton, [E! News](#) reported last week. Saldana and Britton have dated for roughly ten years, but have managed to keep their relationship out of the spotlight. [CNN](#) confirmed the engagement, as well as the couples' "low-key" status, even revealing that one of the few times Saldana ever referenced Britton was at this year's Crystal + Lucy awards night.

### **How can you keep your relationship low-key?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Though Saldana and Britton might have taken the under-wraps relationship a bit far, it's refreshing to see a connection that speaks for itself. No matter how long you're dating someone, it is always possible to keep a low-profile on your relationship.

**1. Make it mutual:** Not all people are into quiet relationships. Before you go into secret-mode with your



significant other, make sure that's what he or she wants, too. Some people are shout-it-from-the-rooftops kind of lovers; get a feel for what your partner is like.

**2. Be a family:** No matter how low-down you keep things between you and your partner, make sure your family gets to know them if you want to get serious. That's one group who should know all about your relationship.

**3. Don't be anonymous:** Just because you like to keep your private life separate – and well, private – that doesn't mean your mate has to be a ghost in other aspects of your life. Involve each other when you can, while still maintaining a subtle profile.

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## Jon Gosselin's Gets Tattoo In Honor of New Girlfriend





Reality TV star Jon Gosselin, told [RadarOnline](#) that he is celebrating his “rebirth” by getting a giant dragon tattoo on his back. According to [US Weekly](#), the tattoo features a name written in Korean, in honor of his new 23-year old girlfriend, Ellen Ross.

**Hold on there, Picasso! Before you decorate your body in works of art, you’ll want to consider if getting a tattoo with your significant other’s name is a wise thing to do.**

Cupid’s Advice:

While it may seem like a declaration of love at the time, Cupid is here to help paint a clear picture. Think before you get inked.

**1. Love is not always forever, but a tattoo is:** If you’re considering getting your partner’s name tattooed on your body, don’t rush into it, and *don’t* get one to please the other person. Once it’s on your skin, it’s there forever. Removal procedure are painful, costly, and time consuming. And never make this decision when alcohol is involved.

**2. Love is stronger than body art:** Do you really need a tattoo to show your commitment to someone? About.com cites a tattoo



artist who gives his opinion on the matter, and says there are lots of reasons not to do it. "I have rarely done this type of tattoo on someone who didn't have some notion of the possible regrets one might encounter in the future," the artist said. "Names tattooed upon your body won't make you or the other person any more committed to each other and it is not like a shirt that you can take off. Think about it."

**3. The sag factor:** What looks great on your young, toned body now may not look as attractive as you get older. Your skin changes with age (sometimes for the worse), but your tattoo will still be there. Also, be conscious of where you get the tattoo. Placement is key, as there could be several ramifications, including a lost job opportunity, if it is difficult to hide.

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## West and Fitzgerald Wed at Family Castle in Ireland





[E! Online](#) covered actor Dominic West's (*The Wire*) wedding last weekend to college sweetheart, Catherine Fitzgerald, at her family's castle in Limerick, Ireland. They spared no expense for the ceremony, including the bride riding in on a horse drawn carriage. The pair have three kids together, and immediately following the ceremony, whisked their two youngest up to have them christened while the audience was still seated. Some of the guests included West's *Wire* co-stars Sonja Sohn and Wendall Pierce.

**Can the perfect wedding be attained without losing your bank account?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone dreams of having an elaborate wedding, but the logistics aren't always attainable. Check out Cupid's suggestions on how you can have your perfect wedding without losing your savings:

**1. Set up a savings account:** As soon as you agree to a marriage proposal, it's a great idea to set up an account that you make weekly deposits into to help minimize the dent to your wallets as the wedding date moves closer.

**2. Determine your budget:** Once you've accumulated a decent savings, begin planning your nuptials. Start with the most expensive such as the bride's dress, or the cake of your dreams, then work your way down to the rings.

**3. Keep up your plan of action:** Maintain a list of everything you want to include, and as you accumulate the funds, take care of it and cross it off the list.

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## Rascal Flatts' Jay DeMarcus & Wife Are Expecting!



After six years of marriage, bassist Jay DeMarcus from Rascal Flatts, and wife Allison, a former Miss Tennessee and

presenter on CMT, are expecting their first child, the *Associated Press* reported Wednesday. "I'm looking forward to hearing the pitter-patter of little feet around the house and all of that wonderful stuff," DeMarcus told [People](#). After celebrating the announcement with band-mates Gary LeVox and Joe Don Rooney, the father-to-be added, "I'm ready for the challenge." The couple's baby is due in January.

## **Are you ready to have kids?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Children are a big step in a relationship. While they are bundles of joy that bring meaning to life, they can also bring frustration, exhaustion, and a little pinch of doubt that causes you to ask, "Am I doing this right?" Here are some things to consider before the water breaks:

**1. Plan on spending:** Raising a child costs money, from the beginning of pregnancy through the child's life. Stats show that you can expect to spend at least \$11,000 on just the first year of your baby's life. Budget your money early so you can become accustomed with your new allowance when you need to.

**2. Evaluate you and your partner's emotional health:** Being a parent can bring out the best in you, but it can also bring out the worst. Realize the negative aspects of your personality, and work to control bad habits. Being emotionally stable will help your children to grow, as well as show them how to develop security in their lives as well.

**3. Are you doing it for the right reasons?** Don't have a child if you think it will save your marriage, make your partner settle down, or if you feel forced into it. A person convinced into having children may feel resentment, annoyance, and even anger when the baby arrives. Make sure you and your

partner both want to take this step.

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# Landon Donovan's Possible Love Child



U.S. World Cup star Landon Donovan is playing defense these days after reports surfaced that he fathered a child out of wedlock. A source close to Donovan's wife and *Rules of Engagement* star, Bianca Kajlich, told [US Weekly](#) Monday that she wasn't "blindsided by this and isn't angry." The news came out during the United States' World Cup run, and Donovan told *Sports Illustrated* that he will take responsibility if the claims are true. While the soccer star and his wife are currently separated, they have been trying to work on their relationship.

**Can a marriage work if your spouse has a child with another person?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

There will be a lot of emotional turmoil but a marriage can survive if both parties want to make it work. Cupid has some suggestions:

**1. Demand a paternity test:** While most DNA tests happen after the baby is born, it's possible to get one beforehand.

Consider counseling when waiting for results to make sure all parties are prepared for whatever happens.

**2. Get finances in order:** In addition to the emotional pain this news can bring, there are financial implications as well. Whether you're planning a separation, divorce or trying to work it out with your spouse, you'll still want to contact an attorney. Shared assets need to be determined since financial questions will pop up once paying child support comes into the picture.

**3. Consider the child:** Whether you're a woman dealing with her husband's potential infidelity, or a man whose wife is pregnant with another man's baby, the anger and hurt can be overwhelming. Step back and consider the innocent child in the middle of this situation, as well as any children you already have with your spouse. Don't take the anger out on them.

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## Mena Suvari's Roman Wedding







*American Beauty* actress Mena Suvari married concert producer Simone Sestito in Rome last weekend, Suvari's rep confirmed to *Gossip Cop*. The two held their reception in the same castle that held the Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes nuptials in 2006. Suvari and Sestito kept their destination wedding personal, [People](#) reported, with wedding bands designed by Sestito, and a first dance written just for the couple.

**How can you make a destination wedding feel like home?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Destination weddings can be fun and exotic, but it's important not to let the romance of the wedding get lost in the allure of the destination. Suvari and Sestito had the right idea by keeping their nuptials small and personal.

**1. Placement is key:** While cities like Rome and Paris are traditionally romantic, you should pick a destination that means something in your relationship. Make the place part of the celebration. Also, keep travel distance in mind when planning invites.

**2. Bring home with you:** By involving friends and family when

and where you can, any location can feel like home. Even on another continent, make sure everyone feels comfortable.

**3. Go out with a bang:** One great thing about destination weddings is the potential to integrate the place into your ceremony. Suvari and Sestito set off fireworks over the castle to end the evening. Similar exciting events can be done at multiple locations.

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## Rihanna & Matt Kemp: A Home Run or Strike Out?



Although singer Rihanna and Los Angeles Dodger Matt Kemp's relationship seems to be smooth sailing, Kemp's performance on the field has taken a nosedive. In fact, Dodger's manager Joe Torre benched the outfielder before Sunday's game against the New York

Yankees. “We really haven’t given him a rest that often, so he’s never had a chance to really regroup,” Torre told the [Los Angeles Times](#). [People](#) wonders whether Rihanna has cursed Kemp’s game, similar to Jessica Simpson to quarterback, Tony Romo. Only time will tell.

**How do you prevent your lover from keeping you distracted from your work?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

While a little distraction from your job can be a good thing, it doesn’t help if it’s contributing to poor performance. See what Cupid has to say about preventing disturbances from coming between you and your mate:

- 1. Focus:** Just because you’ve added someone new to your life doesn’t mean that you should forget about everything else. Manage your time between your partner and your life outside of him or her to prevent fallout in both.
  - 2. Speak up:** If you can’t find enough time to share between your professional life and your love life, talk to your significant other and ask for some breathing room. Your workload shouldn’t suffer because of personal issues.
  - 3. Be honest with yourself:** Dating can be quite time consuming in the beginning. Unless you can balance a serious commitment to another person, as well as keep up with your daily routine, you shouldn’t add a relationship to your life just yet.
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# Megan Fox & Brian Austin Green's Intimate Wedding!



That was fast! Cupid found out recently that actors Megan Fox, 24, and Brian Austin Green, 36, re-engaged after a brief break. It turns out that the couple married at the Fours Seasons Resort on the Big Island of Hawaii last week, which Green's rep confirmed Monday to [TMZ](#). The ceremony was intimate, with less than a dozen guests in attendance. This is the first marriage for both Fox and Green.

**How can you keep your wedding small and intimate?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

With shows like *Platinum Wedding* and *My Fair Wedding* all the rage, the pressure is on to have a big and extravagant wedding. However, a smaller and more personal ceremony can be just as – if not more – special. Here are some of Cupid's tips

on keeping your plans to a minimum:

**1. Don't invite everyone and their mom:** This may be the hardest thing to do, since you'll want to share this day with everyone (and loved ones may feel left out if they're not invited), but this is a surefire way to keep your ceremony under control.

**2. Go away:** Take a note from Fox and Green and plan a destination wedding that many people won't be able to attend. Sounds harsh, but it's a way to have potential guests weed themselves off the list without you having to lift a finger.

**3. Set a budget – and stick to it:** A budget will keep you from spending too much, whether it's on food, flowers, or the cake. If you can't (or don't want) to pay for extra guests, you don't need to.

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# Kendra Wilkinson & Hank Baskett Celebrate One Year Together





### **The Pulse in Paradise**

Reality TV star Kendra Wilkinson, 25, celebrated one year of marriage to Hank Baskett, 27, of the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday. Wilkinson tells [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), "Hank is such an amazing husband and father and I fall more and more in love with him every day." Their son, Hank Jr., will celebrate his second birthday this December. While their first year as a married couple was stressful due to a Super Bowl loss for Baskett, and a sex tape scandal for Wilkinson, they survived their hardships by being there for each other.

**How can you keep your relationship going strong when stress makes an appearance?**

### **Cupid's Take:**

Wilkinson and Baskett seem to have what it takes to make it through even the toughest of stressful situations. Here are some tips to help during those rough patches:

1. You are not perfect: No matter what is said or done, everyone is prone to errors along the way. The trick is to see and acknowledge mistakes, and work through them together.



2. Speak up: It's sometimes harder than you think to deal with a situation on your own. Step up to the plate and talk to your partner about it. They may be able to help you resolve your issue – but only if you let them.

3. Make informed decisions: Regardless of the situation you're dealing with, do the research on it before jumping to rash options. The more you know, the better you can handle what's on your plate.

Working together with your mate will go a long way in solidifying your bond together. If you're unsure how to involve your lover, just blurt it out, then work on the details later.

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## A New Boyfriend for Alexa Ray Joel





Singer Alexa Ray Joel (daughter of Billy Joel), who was hospitalized last December due to anxiety over a breakup, is now dating 24-year-old singer/songwriter Cass Dillon, [People](#) reported earlier this week. The couple met when Dillon was hired to play guitar on Joel's upcoming album. Joel says she's not a fan of the dating scene. "Dating can be awkward," she told *People* in April. "I prefer to meet someone through work or socially."

**How can you move on from a broken heart?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone knows how hard it is to get over a breakup. Props to Joel for moving on! Here are some of Cupid's tips to help you cope:

- 1. Acceptance:** The relationship is over. If you intend on getting back together with your ex, you'll never mend that broken heart.
- 2. Don't wallow in guilt:** Stop blaming yourself for the failure of the relationship, and realize your partner played a hand as well. Letting go of unnecessary guilt will help you let go of the needless grief that goes along with it.

**3. Know that it'll get better:** Just because your previous relationship didn't work out doesn't mean you should give up on love completely. Learn to trust again, learn to love again, and naturally, you will learn to live again!

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## Rachel Bilson & Hayden Christensen Are “Taking a Break”



*The OC* actress, Rachel Bilson, and *Star Wars: Episode II* star, Hayden Christensen, are reportedly taking a break from their engagement, a source told [USMagazine.com](http://USMagazine.com) last weekend. The couple engaged quietly in 2008; however when asked about the wedding by the US Magazine at the TQH/Take No Prisoners Party,

Bilson replied, “No, no plans,” and pointed to her ringless finger. A source told the magazine that the couple is “taking about a month off.”

**What are some warning signs that you and your significant other need a break?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Not all breaks are a bad thing. Sometimes a little time away is needed to ensure what you have with your partner is right, especially if you're thinking about taking the next step to marriage.

**1. You feel bad about yourself:** The beginning of a relationship always brings highs to your self-esteem. If you no longer feel happy – either with yourself or with the partnership – step back and see if you're happier without your other half.

**2. You don't want to hang out anymore:** If you no longer enjoy conversing with your partner, or find yourself trying to avoid contact with him or her, it's a sign something's amiss. You can't work on a relationship if you can't communicate with each other – or don't want to.

**3. You compare your partner to other people:** The comparison doesn't have to just be physical; intellectual and emotional comparisons may be more meaningful, especially if you're looking at things your mate has no power to change.

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# Tori Spelling Scared Hubby Dean McDermott May Cheat



As reported in [US Magazine](#), Tori Spelling (90210) has been happily married to Dean McDermott (*Santa Baby 2*) since 2006, when they eloped on a private island in Fiji. To celebrate their fourth anniversary last month, they invited guests to see them renew their promises of love and they recited their vows in a sandbox while their kids played at their feet! With what seems like unconditional love, why does Spelling, in her new book, [Uncharted terriTORI](#), reveal her concern that McDermott may cheat on her?

**How can you overcome fears of infidelity despite having a strong relationship?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Partnerships are a mix of both good and bad twists and turns, which no one can truly prepare for. However, fear of betrayal can be prevented with some strategic planning and simple faith. See how Cupid breaks it down for you:

- 1. Love:** Just show it. Don't hide it, and don't smother the other person. This should come naturally, and should be enough to keep your mind from your worries.
  - 2. Trust:** If you've chosen to marry someone, trust should already be ingrained into your relationship. It's natural to have doubts; take time to talk to your partner about them.
  - 3. Live your life:** All the planning in the world can't promise faithfulness, but your best defense is to love your mate, and ensure they're a part of your life mentally, emotionally, and physically. If they are thinking of you, there won't be room for others.
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## Katy Perry & Russell Brand Keep Finances and Marriage at Bay







Pop music star Katy Perry and Russell Brand (*Get Him to the Greek*) seem to embody the ultimate love story, and love to pose for the media. The couple has mentioned marriage, but details are sparse. While it's possible the duo is keeping their plans private to avoid a press spectacle, [\*Betty Confidential\*](#) wonders whether their net worth plays a role in their hesitancy to a full commitment.

## **Can wildly different payrolls cause friction in a relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Whether yourself or your partner earns more money shouldn't be an issue since you are together, but money is often a hot button topic. If you need help resolving your issues, check out Cupid's tips:

- 1. Make this a priority from the beginning:** When you first meet, the last thing on your mind is money and who makes more. When it's time to mingle your finances, you'll need to review your accounts, and figure out what you'll each contribute. Consider keeping individual accounts on the side.
- 2. Manage your bills:** While there's no need to breathe down

your partner's back when they get their paycheck, it's important that bills are paid. Staying on top of your money will lessen and avoid conflicts later.

**3. Be understanding:** The budget you initially set up may change due to job loss or (hopefully) a promotion. Sit down and talk about the adjustments that need to be made to keep your bills paid, and both of you content.

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## Megan Fox & Brian Austin Green are “Re-Engaged”



Maybe there is some truth to the old cliché, the second time's a charm. At the premiere of her latest movie, “Jonah Hex,” Megan Fox told [People](#) magazine, “I’m more in love with him (fiancé Brian Austin Green) than I was in the beginning.” The couple – who

were first engaged in 2006 and called it off last February – re-engaged this month.

**How can you prevent the break-up/make-up syndrome from happening in your relationship?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Sometimes it takes a little distance to find out if two people are meant to be together before they walk down the aisle. Cupid has some suggestions to help keep your relationship on track without all the drama:

- 1. Take it slow:** Far too often couples rush into a serious relationship, only to have it end badly. If you slow down the courtship and get to know one another, you'll have a better chance at being together for the long haul.
- 2. Be honest:** If something is bothering you, it's important to share your feelings with your partner immediately. Keeping things inside will only cause resentment, and can often lead to a break-up.
- 3. The test of time:** Sometimes the only way to know if a relationship will sustain is to see how things go after being together for a few years.

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## **Is Jesse James' Move to Texas an Attempt to Win Sandra**

# Bullock Back?



They may be broken up, but Jesse James won't stay too far from Sandra Bullock. The TV personality told [TMZ](#) last weekend that he will move into his Texas house so his ex-wife can stay closely involved in his kid's lives. James said his three children – from different women – want to remain close to the actress. Regarding the future of his relationship with Bullock, with whom he is estranged from due to his infidelity, James told TMZ, "Whatever happens, happens." The move will take place after he returns to the U.S. after filming a special in Israel for the History Channel on a kibbutz.

**Is there ever a good way to reconnect with an ex?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Assuming that James is looking to re-develop his relationship with Bullock, here are a few pointers he might find handy:

- 1. Make sure reconciliation is mutual:** In order to successfully make peace after a break, both parties must be willing to work on re-building their bond. Forcing someone to love you will only push him or her away further.
  - 2. Accept responsibility:** There is no excuse for bad behavior. Don't try to turn the tables and blame it on your partner. Accept and admit to your error.
  - 3. Time:** Allow your partner the time and space they need to think about the relationship on their own. Time may not heal all pains, but it helps.
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## Miranda Lambert & Blake Shelton Are Engaged



Country    superstars

Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton are engaged after more than five years of courtship. According to [CBS News](#), Shelton asked for permission from Lambert's father before proposing to her in the woods near her home last month – complete with Bacardi and Diet Coke in a Solo Cup, which Lambert loved! [People](#) reported that the two have yet to release wedding plans, but the couple tells the magazine they're enjoying their engagement.

## **How can you make a proposal special yet personal?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Shelton's personal touches made his proposal all the more significant to Lambert – and didn't require too much extra effort on his part. When planning that special moment, think about what will mean the most to the other person so the experience is memorable for you both.

**1. It's not the size that counts:** While there might be societal pressure for a grand gesture, sometimes simpler is better. Make it about the personal connection between the two of you.

**2. WWT?:** What Would They Do? Think about how the other person would propose, which may reveal what they'd want out of an engagement. Make it about the other person.

**3. Be sincere:** Speak from your heart, and tell them exactly how you feel. Don't say something cheesy just because you feel you should. Every word, even something as simple as "I love you," counts. Make sure you mean each one.

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# Valerie Bertinelli & Tom Vitale Plan Low-Key Wedding



Though she was formally married to a rock star, Jenny Craig spokeswoman Valerie Bertinelli says her upcoming wedding to financial planner Tom Vitale won't be over the top. According to [People](#) magazine, the couple – who both had prior nuptials – are focusing on the marriage itself instead of the ceremony this time around.

**Does the ceremony make the marriage?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

While celebrity weddings today only seem to get bigger and better, Bertinelli and Vitale go against the mold by concentrating on their relationship. While the wedding shouldn't set the tone for a marriage, it *is* somewhat of a reflection of the couple; make sure you send the right message at your ceremony.

**1. Plan your guests:** If you want an intimate wedding ceremony but don't want any friends or family to feel left out, plan ahead to maintain balance. Keep the wedding small, and go for a larger reception.

**2. Location, location, location:** If you're a more adventurous couple, try a destination wedding in a unique spot. Whether it's on a beach or in a 16th century castle, make it a place you're comfortable in.

**3. Do a us a favor:** Your wedding favors give guests a final, lasting impression of your wedding – and your marriage. Let these tokens illustrate who you are as a couple, and remind the guests of the fun time they had at your wedding.

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## Ryan Seacrest & Julianne Hough Are Getting Cozy





Ryan Seacrest and Julianne Hough have moved from the small screen to the streets of Los Angeles – together! The *American Idol* host and *Dancing With the Stars* pro were seen out and about multiple times this month, [People](#) reported. A source told the magazine that the couple has gotten “more serious.” However, there’s no official word from either camp on their dating details.

### **How do you know if someone is serious about a relationship?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Seacrest is one of many stars that are notoriously mum on their private lives, but it appears as if he’s stepping out of his boundaries with Hough. Here are signs that may reveal a partner’s desire to become serious:

- 1. Public outings:** If someone’s dating you on the down low, they’ll most likely only reserve time for you late at night, behind closed doors. Being seen in public shows that he or she wants to show you off, and alert potential daters you’re taken.
- 2. Attentiveness:** If a new fling brings up minute details about something you mentioned that one time in the car two weeks ago, it shows he or she is really paying attention. Taking the time to notice the little things displays that you

are a constant on their mind.

**3. The friend test:** Want to know for sure if someone is thinking seriously about you? They'll bring you to their closest friend for inspection. Don't be nervous; by introducing you to the core of the inner circle means he or she wants approval – and may be ready to become exclusive.

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## Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden Marries Personal Trainer



A royal wedding!

Last Saturday's lavish ceremony between Sweden's Crown Princess Victoria and her former personal trainer, Daniel Westling, rivaled Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer's

spectacle in 1996. According to [Telegraph](#), King Carl XVI Gustaf initially disapproved of the union because of Westling's 'commoner' status, but granted the couple's wishes to show his country that he can modernize his methods and way of thinking.

**How can you make a relationship work without your family's blessing?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Relationships can be tricky business, but if you've found your soul mate, it shouldn't matter where they come from – or what your family has to say about your partner.

**1. Be up front:** Don't hide any potentially negative details of your partner's past. Your loved ones shouldn't pass judgment unless it's for a good reason. If they do, they should know you're committed to seeing the relationship through, despite their opinions.

**2. When to say stop:** If your family continually dismisses your mate, tell them how much it hurts and affects you. Ask them politely to stop bashing your partner. If they don't, consider distancing yourself to make the point even clearer.

**3. Open lines of communication:** If you're honest and keep your family involved, any feelings they have against your pairing may disappear as they see your love and relationship develop.

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**Anna Paquin & Stephen Moyer**

# Are Avid Skypers



Newly-engaged “True

Blood” stars Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer have found a way to keep their love alive, despite long distances. The couple, who met on the set of the show, are avid users of Skype, and would use it for “three or four hours” when they first began dating, according to [People](#) magazine. Moyer told *Playboy* in a recent interview that it helped them build trust in their relationship early on.

## How can you make a long-distance relationship work?

### Cupid’s Advice:

Some say absence makes the heart grow fonder, and this was obviously the case for Paquin and Moyer. Long-distance relationships can not only work, but grow, as long as both parties put in the work and the extra effort for their love.

**1. Keep in contact:** Whether through email, Skype, or even snail mail, you need to keep in touch. Keep each other up-to-date on the little things to tighten your bond.



**2. Make the extra effort:** If a card or bouquet is sweet when you are living in the same town, think how much it would mean from miles away. Those added touches can make your partner's day, and also keep you on their mind.

**3. Don't over-expect:** No matter how much you wish it wasn't true, you are still in a long-distance relationship. Don't hold unreasonable expectations for yourself or your partner in terms of visits or long catch-up sessions. Not everyone has time for a three-hour Skype every day.

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## Orlando Bloom & Miranda Kerr Announce Their Engagement!



It's official – for real this time! After numerous engagement rumors throughout their three-year relationship, Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr

are engaged, the actor's rep confirmed to [E! News](#) on Monday. The Victoria's Secret Angel's rep told [People](#) the Kerr family is "thrilled." A date has yet to be set.

**So you're engaged – now what?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Unless there's a reason to rush, enjoy your engagement!

**1. Relax:** You have all the time in the world to play the role of husband or wife. Take time to settle into the idea of being betrothed to your loved one.

**2. Whip out the calendar:** Sit down with your partner and figure out what needs to be planned, and when. Make sure you work on the time line the two of you set together, and keep your family and friend's influences to a minimum. This is *your* day!

**3. Envision your perfect day:** You may both have very ideas of what your wedding looks like. Be open with your husband- or wife-to-be and list the must-haves. Compromises are inevitable, and it's best to lay out the groundwork early.