

# Ben Affleck Says Fatherhood Has Made Him a 'Richer Person'



By Michelle Danzig

Actor and director aren't the only job descriptions on Ben Affleck's resume—he is also a father. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Affleck told reporters that raising his children are always his top priority. At the National Board of Review Awards Gala in New York City Jan. 8., the critically-acclaimed actor has three children: Violet, 7, Seraphina, 4, and son Samuel, 10 months. The 40-year-old director of *Argo* says the having a family is was makes you that much richer and it is wonderful to have people to share your life with. Affleck, who has been married to Jennifer Garner about eight years, also expressed his gratitude for the five Golden Globe Awards nominations that he received for *Argo*, including 'Best Score' and 'Best Picture.' Affleck told *Us Weekly* that he originally had low expectations for the movie and is thrilled

with the response. The winners will be announced on Sunday.

## **How do you know if your beau is Daddy material?**

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

When you're in a serious relationship, the baby talk is bound to come up sometime. You've seen your significant other interact with your younger cousins or siblings, but how do you really know that he would make a great father. Here are some ways that will help you know if he is Daddy material:

**1. He talks about having kids and gets excited:** Obviously women are hesitant to bring up the baby talk in a pre-marriage relationship. However, you may find that your man constantly brings up having kids. He may even drop little hints like suggesting names he likes or talking about what your kids would look like. This is a sure-fire sign that he is definitely up for the Daddy role.

**2. He coaches a sport with small children:** If you guy is, or was, an athlete at some point in his life, chances are he either coaches a little league, or is thinking about doing so in the future. Go to some of his games or practices. Observe how he interacts with the kids. If he is super involved and can't stop talking about how much he enjoys the kids he coaches, looks like he may be on the father track. He's also getting a ton of practice.

**3. He is great with a friend or family member's kid:** So your friends or family members start having kids. Is your guy excited to go see them? Does he immediately interact with the child the moment he gets there? Guys that are comfortable around [children](#), and interact well with them, usually sport that 'dad gene.' If you are unsure, bring him around the small children in your friends or family circle.

**How do/did you know your beau would make a great dad? Share**

your ideas below.

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# Best of 2012: Celebrity Babies Of The Year



By Jenny Schafer for  
Celebrity Baby Scoop

There's always reason to celebrate a baby's birth. But when our favorite celebrities add to their families, we can get downright giddy!

As we look back at the high-profile arrivals of 2012, we are overjoyed for new parents like Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson. And we couldn't be happier for Uma Thurman who welcomed her third child – **Rosalind Arusha Arkadina Altalune Florence Thurman-Busson** – this past year. Look through our

list of 2012's celebrity babies of the year.

**Blue Ivy Carter:** R&B royalty **Jay-Z** and **Beyoncé** welcomed daughter Blue Ivy on January 7, 2012. The superstar couple released a touching statement to announce the birth of their first child.

"Hello Hello Baby Blue!" they stated. "We are happy to announce the arrival of our beautiful daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, born on Saturday, January 7, 2012. Her birth was emotional and extremely peaceful, we are in heaven. She was delivered naturally at a healthy 7 lbs and it was the best experience of both of our lives. We are thankful to everyone for all your prayers, well wishes, love and support."

**India Rose Hemsworth:** The Avengers star **Chris Hemsworth** welcomed first child, daughter India Rose, with his wife **Elsa Pataky** on May 11, 2012. The Snow White and the Huntsman actor said fatherhood has been smooth sailing so far.

"She's been great," Chris gushed of his newborn daughter. "She sleeps very well. Not out of any skill on my behalf, but my wife has been amazing." The Aussie actor adds that fatherhood has already shifted his perspective: "Just her being here. It's certainly taken all my focus and attention away from work – or what have you – but that's the main thing on my brain right now. It's wonderful."

**Samuel Garner Affleck:** Already parents to daughters Violet, 7, and Seraphina, nearly 4, **Jennifer Garner** and **Ben Affleck** finally welcomed a son, Samuel Garner, on February, 27, 2012. The proud mom-of-three opened up about their newest family member.

"He is so chill... He reaches when he sees me and he laughs a lot," Jennifer said. "He thinks I'm super funny. What more do you want?"

**Olive Barrymore Kopelman:** E.T. star **Drew Barrymore** and

husband **Will Kopelman** welcomed their first child, daughter Olive, on September 26, 2012. "We are proud to announce the birth of our daughter," the newlyweds announced.

"I can't wait until I have my children," Drew said just weeks before welcoming baby Olive. "I love the idea that they don't have to do something that they have no interest in, that they can do something completely opposite if they want to. I will be so surprised if they don't want to do something involving food or wine or art, but I'll be OK with it. I just want to build fun, great things for my family."

**Maxwell Drew Johnson:** Singer-turned-entrepreneur **Jessica Simpson** and fiancé **Eric Johnson** welcomed their first child, daughter Maxwell Drew, on May 1, 2012. And by all accounts, it seems the Fashion Starmentor has taken to motherhood like a duck to water.

"I am so in love with baby Maxwell," the new mom gushed. "I want to cry every time I look at her. Motherhood is by far the best thing I've ever experienced."

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# Ben Affleck Discusses Staying in Touch With His Exes



By Nicole Weintraub

Even though Ben Affleck is happily married to wife Jennifer Garner with three beautiful children, he still keeps in touch with his former beaus according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). The actor revealed that he still keeps in touch with Jennifer Lopez whom he dated for approximately two years. The two e-mail back and forth to touch base with one another. "I touch base. I respect her. I like her," he explained. Prior to dating Jennifer Lopez, the actor has been linked to Gwyneth Paltrow whom he dated for three years. Though, the one who stole his heart permanently was Jennifer Garner. "She truly is kind. She means no one any harm. She doesn't have ill will for any person," he gushed regarding his wife and the mother of his three children.

**What are some reasons to stay in touch with an ex?**



## **Cupid's Advice:**

Friends with exes – it's a controversial topic that varies from person to person. If you are one of those people who want to remain in contact after a split, here are some reasons to back you up:

**1. Friends forever:** If you were friends before your relationship, you may want to remain friends after your relationship. Just because the two of you did not work out romantically does not mean that the two of you will make horrible friends. Sometimes two people are truly just better off as friends.

**2. Connections:** You never know whom you are going to come across in the future. You may want to keep in touch and touch base every now and then with an ex to see if they have any networking connections that can help you down the line in your career, especially if the two of you have or currently work together.

**3. Formality:** It is a small, small world. If you and your ex remain in contact and bump into one another at a function down the road, it will not be as awkward as if you go complete separate ways. You don't have to be best friends, but a simple smile and nod would do.

**Why would you keep in touch with a former partner? Share with us!**

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# **Jennifer Garner Says Ben**

# Affleck Wants More Kids



Three kids and counting, and Ben Affleck still wants more kids with wife Jennifer Garner. [People](#) reports that Garner told *Extra*, “The fact that Ben wants another [baby] is true.” But the feeling is not mutual. Garner says, “I am not anticipating having any more kids!” The actor duo had their first son named Samuel just five months ago, also have two girls ages six and three. With three young children to take care of, Garner says it has been “absolute chaos” in their home.

**How do you know when enough is enough when it comes to having kids?**

## **Cupid’s Advice:**

Having children can be the most beautiful gift in the world, but don’t take on too much when it comes to having and raising kids. Here’s how to know when enough is enough:

**1. Your finances are unstable:** You want your kids to have the



best life possible and their life will be negatively affected if you are not financially secure. From buying diapers and clothes to saving up for their college fund, money is a major factor in having children. If you are just getting by taking care of the children you already have, you may want to hold back on having more.

**2. You're overwhelmed as it is:** The stress of balancing work, children and finances can be overwhelming. If you are strained from your hectic life, adding another child to the equation will not help.

**3. One person in the relationship doesn't want any more:** Relationships are all about compromise, not winning and losing. If one person in the relationship doesn't want more kids, you must respect that. Let them be the best parent they can be to the children you already have, and don't pressure them for more.

How would you know when enough is enough when it comes to having kids? Tell us below.

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## Five Celebrity Couples Who Had a Low Profile Wedding





By Creshawna Parker

Planning a wedding is hard work. You have to pick a date, send out invites, take engagement photos, find the perfect dress, choose the hall, get a caterer – actually, the planning really doesn't end until the big day. And if you're a celebrity, add trying to shun paparazzi and other camera toting individuals to your to-do list and this task can become even more stressful. Contrary to this belief, thanks to reality TV and celebrity magazine contracts, some celebrities [insert Kim Kardashian here] have the pleasure of publicizing their exchanging of vows for millions of Hollywood enthused fans to see on TV in trade of cashing a multi-million dollar check. While, this gives off a semblance of an easy pay day for celebrities, these Tinseltown twosomes traded in the cameras and the public access to celebrate their intimate moment with family and close friends:

**1. Beyonce Knowles and Shawn 'Jay-Z' Carter:** This power couple started dating back in 2002 and after years of speculation, the duo officially tied the knot on April 4, 2008. The ceremony was followed by a lavish party thrown at the rapper's New York Tribeca apartment and was decorated with 50,000 to 60,000 white orchid blooms from Thailand. In attendance was the couple's closest family and friends including the singer's parents and sister Solange, former Destiny's Child members

Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams and actress Gwyneth Paltrow. Normally a private person about her love life, the new mom stated in *People* back in January 2006, “I never pictured myself as a bride, but after my sister’s wedding, I did start thinking about what kind of wedding I want. I don’t think I want a big one.”

**2. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon:** These two lovebirds started dating in March of 2008 after Cannon appeared in the singer’s music video “Bye Bye.” After dating for only a few weeks, the couple said “I do” on April 30, 2008 in front of a dozen of their closest family and friends at Carey’s Bahamian ocean-side estate while enjoying live Maine lobster and Dom Perignon that was flown in for the special occasion. Not only did the couple seal the deal in just a few weeks, they also marked the event with permanent ink. “We got tattoos,” Carey told *People*. “His is on one shoulder to the other and it says ‘Mariah.’ [Mine is] on my lower back and it says ‘Mrs. Cannon.’ “

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**3. Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green:** It took two engagements before this Hollywood pair tied the knot in Hawaii on June 24, 2010. The couple, who met in 2004 on the set of the sitcom “Hope & Faith,” wed at the Four Seasons Hotel resort in a private ceremony while vacationing on the island. Before calling off their first engagement, Green described his ideal wedding to *People*. “Originally we were talking elopement and now we might have a few people there,” he said. Obviously a man to get what he wants, the two reportedly exchanged vows in front of a half dozen guests including Green’s son, Kassius.

**4. Jessica Alba and Cash Warren:** When it comes to low-profile weddings, this actress and producer take the cake. Opting out of having a glamorous Hollywood wedding, these two tied the knot May 19, 2008 at the Beverly Hills courthouse’s ceremony

room under an arch of green silk foliage and white flowers, with Alba dressed in a long blue gown and her hair in a ponytail. Although the pair considered having a fall wedding, they were evidently satisfied with keeping their nuptials low-key.

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**5. Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck:** There was nothing gaudy about this couple's wedding. Married on beautiful Parrot Cay of the Turks and Caicos Islands, a makeup-less Garner, wearing her hair in a loose ponytail wed Affleck on June 29, 2005, in a private ceremony with no family-including their parents- or friends in attendance. "They didn't need or want a crowd. They just wanted each other," Affleck's pal, director Kevin Smith, told [People](#). Perhaps, the secluded time away from the Hollywood glam and cameras made for the best wedding gift for the couple. "They're in it for one another, not for anyone else," Smith said.

**Who are some other celebrity couples that had a low profile wedding? Share your comments below.**

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## **Ben Affleck Calls Jennifer Garner a 'World Class Mom'**





Ben Affleck took to social media to wish his wife, Jennifer Garner, a happy Mother's Day. Affleck, 39, posted a video on his Facebook page advocating for women raising children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, reports [People](#). Affleck founded a nonprofit, the Eastern Congo Initiative, in 2010, and is almost as dedicated to the charity as he is to his family. "I want to say Happy Mother's Day to the moms in my life: my mom Chris and my amazing wife Jennifer, who is an incredible, spectacular, world-class mom," said Affleck in the video. "[Being a mother is] the hardest job that there is, every single day."

**What are some ways to thank your partner for being a good parent?**

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

Though Mother's Day has passed, there are still plenty of opportunities to show appreciation for your partner's good parenting. Here are a few ideas:

- 1. Spa day:** Parenting can often be very stressful, so try rewarding your partner with a gift certificate for a day at the spa. Your partner will come home feeling relaxed and grateful.



**2. Take turns:** If your partner provides most of the childcare on a day-to-day basis, try switching it up. When possible, take the kids for a day, and let your partner enjoy their newly found free time.

**3. Enlist the children's' help:** Being a parent is often a reward in itself. Enlist your children to make a heartfelt card or art project for your partner. Your partner will appreciate the gift, and your kids will have fun making it.

**How do you thank your partner for their parenting skills? Feel free to leave a comment below.**

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## Best Celebrity Moms (Who Also Make Great Wives)



By Che Blackwood



Making a relationship work is hard. Throw in full-time jobs, opposing schedules and nosey families, and it can be darn near impossible to find the time you need to make it work. Now, add children to the mix, and some might begin to assume you're attempting to commit partnership suicide. Any woman that has the privilege of being called Mom, or even those who've tried their hand at babysitting, knows that after making macaroni necklaces and finishing science projects, there isn't much time left at the end of the day to dedicate to yourself, let alone your partner. Fortunately, it is possible to fulfill your parental duties and keep your mate happy without completely sacrificing your sanity, shower time or friendships. While it may sound like an urban legend, these celebrity moms have found a way to make juggling kids, love and inner happiness look somewhat easy:

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**1. Victoria Beckham:** This former Spice Girl ditched her Posh-like alter ego for a life of domesticity after marrying sexy soccer player David Beckham in 1999. Four kids later, Mrs. Beckham can be found naming handbags from her clothing line after daughter Harper and taking her sons to FAO Schwartz. While it's obvious that Beckham is a [fun mom](#), she's also a stunning wife. Low-cut dresses and six inch heels keep this mama looking hot and since their last child isn't even a year old yet, it's obvious that after thirteen years, her style has kept her husband interested.

**2. Gwyneth Paltrow:** Paltrow makes sure her children, Apple and Moses, think she rocks by taking them to see their dad, Coldplay's Chris Martin, in concert as often as possible. On top of raising her children amongst some of music's biggest legends, she's also made a career out of mommy-blogging, dishing on the most kid-friendly restaurants and best toys. However, this celeb doesn't pretend that being a wife and mom is easy. She's reported that the pressure has caused trouble

in her relationship, but in the end, commitment wins out. The actress reminds us that love can't overcome everything, but that the willingness to try sure can. Her devotion to her family makes her one of the coolest moms we know.

**3. Jennifer Garner:** Garner is the epitome of a laid back mommy. Regardless of her Hollywood status, Mrs. Affleck walks her children to school every day, is frequently spotted bringing her two daughters to the park and focuses on each of her children's individual interests. The actress is so humble that she had no problem dishing in an interview that her eldest daughter, 5-year-old Violet, called her fat. While a great attitude makes for a great mom, her bouncy personality has made her a great wife to actor Ben Affleck as well. In fact, he admitted publically that his wife's unique demeanor leaves him happier and more at ease than he ever thought possible. With their first son having been born a month ago, let's hope Garner can continue to keep this growing family happy.

**4. Nicole Richie:** This former party girl ditched her crazy habits when she married rocker Joel Madden, but she didn't walk away from her almost natural ability to be hip. As a fashion designer, Richie has named a number of her companies after daughter Harlow. She's also performed on stage with her children's favorite show, *Yo Gabba Gabba*, and can be spotted bringing Harlow ice cream at ballet class and taking son Sparrow to the beaches of Malibu. With such a rocky past, Richie seems to genuinely appreciate and cherish every moment of motherhood. However, she hasn't forgotten the needs of her husband. The lovebirds continue to make time for each other, recently visiting Coachella, enjoying intimate date nights and making it a point to actively raise their children together.

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**5. Jessica Alba:** This Hollywood actress went public about the

pressure of raising a baby in the public eye after giving birth to her first daughter, Honor, After the birth of her second daughter, Haven, she's grown more accustomed to life in the limelight. Never photographed without her children, Alba manages to keep their lives as private as possible without sacrificing their time together. Ransacking her house, she has made her life kid-friendly by adding education into everything she does. Alba admits that raising children is hard, but by taking the pressure off of herself, this Bohemian beauty has turned into a baby-raising bombshell. She and husband Cash Warren have also taken the pressure out of their relationship by taking the time to hang out alone. Whether stealing a weekend away in New York City or sneaking in a day at the beach together, Alba has made it a point to keep her relationship fresh; and it appears to us that Warren couldn't be happier!

**What other celebrity moms do you think should be on our list? Share your comments below.**

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## **Hollywood Relationships: Celebrities Who Found Romance On Set**





By Megan McIntosh

Everyone remembers the moment they met the love of their life, whether it be at a park, a coffee shop or at the office. For many celebrity couples, the setting of the beginning of their love story was the work place. While some pairs couldn't keep the torch in their love life burning, the following Hollywood relationships turned "just a normal day at the office" into unforgettable romances that tabloids and fans constantly follow and discuss:

## Hollywood Relationships On- And Off-Screen

**1. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie:** This famous couple has to be one of the most unforgettable set of co-stars to have met on set (they were filming *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*). Pitt divorced his then-wife Jennifer Aniston in 2004 and later got together with Jolie. The duo has a total of six children together – three biological and three adopted.

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**2. Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell:** Famous actress and mother of Kate Hudson, Hawn has been with actor Kurt Russell since 1983.

This Hollywood relationship started on the set of *Swing Shift* in 1982, and the famous couple later starred in the film *Love Overboard* in 1986. Despite a relationship that spans nearly four decades, the couple has no plans to marry.

## First The Movie, Then The Celebrity Wedding

**3. Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner:** This dynamic duo met while on the set of *Daredevil* in 2002 and celebrated their celebrity wedding in 2005. The Hollywood couple has maintained a relatively low-profile relationship, unlike Affleck's previous relationship with another Jennifer, Jennifer Lopez. Affleck and Garner have three children together.

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**4. Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson:** This twosome has experienced great popularity with their on-set/off-set chemistry. The celebs met on the set of *Twilight* in 2008 and also starred together in the other films of the *Twilight* saga: *New Moon*, *Eclipse* and *Breaking Dawn*. Bella may have difficulty in choosing Jacob or Edward on-screen, but Stewart is Team Edward all the way! Both Pattinson and Stewart will star in the last film of the series *Breaking Dawn Part II* later this year.

**5. Jessica Alba and Cash Warren:** These lovebirds had a slightly different matchmaking experience. Though not an actor himself, Warren met Alba while she was filming *Fantastic Four* in 2004, and the two were married in 2008. The couple have two daughters together.

**6. Freddie Prinze Jr. and Sarah Michelle Gellar:** This reclusive celebrity couple met while filming the scary movie *I Know What You Did Last Summer* in 1997. They were married in

2000 and filmed two additional movies together, *Scooby-Doo* in 2002 and its sequel, *Scooby-Doo: Monster's Unleashed* in 2004. Prinze and Geller had a baby girl in 2009 and switch off with at-home responsibilities.

**Who are some other Hollywood couples that have found love on set? Share your ideas below.**

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## Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck Welcome a Baby Son



For the third time, Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck are proud parents. According to [People](#), their new son was welcomed in Santa Monica. After announcing they were expecting in August, but not sharing the sex of the baby, their new son joins big sisters, Seraphina, 3, and Violet, 6. “It would be so weird



to have a boy,” Garner told Ellen DeGeneres, also saying that the experience would be “cool and different.” However, in 2010, Affleck said, “The three-against-one-female-to-male ratio in his house leaves me significantly outnumbered.”

Garner and Affleck are happy together. “Honestly, I would do anything for that man, because I know it’s not taken for granted,” said Garner.

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

After having a house full of estrogen, adding another man to the mix will no doubt bring changes. Cupid has a few:

**1. Dad relaxes:** This may not happen right away, but with time, the man of the house will have another guy on his team. That’s one more person to fight for the game to be on TV on Monday nights rather than *The Bachelor*, or someone to help cut the grass.

**2. The last name carries on:** Your family name may make it another generation. Having a son join the mix allows the opportunity for your last name to live on.

**3. Male bonding:** Father-daughter dates are very crucial, but there’s nothing quite like father-son bonding. Going fishing, playing ice hockey and building tree houses are all things many sons experience with their fathers. So ladies, step aside and let boys be boys.

**How did your family change when you had a son? Share your stories below.**

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# Five 'Down-to-Earth' Celebrity Couples



By Melissa Caballero

It's hard to deny how infatuated our society is with the lives of our favorite celebrities and their relationships. We sit with our friends and gossip about each of them on a first name basis as though they're our best buds. We fawn over their fame, fortune and good looks. But it's the rich and famous stars who handle their popularity with a dose of humility that give us a real reason to love them. Having it all and making top headlines in the media is one thing, but the way they act off screen or outside of the studio is what really exemplifies who they are as people. So, let's put aside the celebs with an attitude and stuck up demeanor, and give credit to the ones who have their feet planted right here on Earth.

**1. Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner.** This pair has seen and done it all. But, starring in box-office hits and walking the

red carpet doesn't seem to change them. They find happiness simply by being together, spending time with their two daughters (with a third one on the way) and laughing.

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**2. Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson.** Despite all their vampire fame, this duo has yet to sink their teeth into the unfortunate attitudes that Hollywood is known to bring out.

Staying true to themselves and their values, Stewart and Pattinson just want to be treated like everyone else. Even after bringing in the big bucks, we see no change in what they choose to wear on the red carpet, and they always show genuine appreciation towards their fans.

**3. John Krasinski and Emily Blunt.** There's no denying that this tandem is adorable. It is so refreshing to see a pair who truly loves one another, without all the drama in Hollywood. This couple seems to fly under the radar and in fact, they seem a bit camera shy. Krasinski and Blunt didn't even feel the need to broadcast their nuptials; instead, they had a private, romantic ceremony in Italy. It isn't about the glitz and glamour for this normal, down-to-earth love struck team.

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**4. Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie.** Simple but sweet, their relationship is on the way to an everlasting love. Staying in, cooking together and hanging out are on the top of their list of date night activities. As one of the youngest items in Tinsel Town, we embrace their normalcy and realistic outlook. With the struggles of being in a long distance relationship, these two leave the drama at the door and take advantage of the time they have together. We hope they enjoy this alone time, as a soon-to-be new addition will undoubtedly stir things up.

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**5. Ellen DeGeneres and Portia De Rossi.** These two made their love official in 2008 and can be viewed as a great role model for other homosexual couples. They don't feel that there's anything to hide about their relationship, and it's very clear how they feel about each other. However, they never over do it and never let public criticism get the best of their relationship.

**Who are some of your favorite 'down-to-earth' celebrity couples? Share your comments below.**

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## **Jennifer Garner Says She 'Would Do Anything' for Ben Affleck**





The typical hollywood relationship seems to end in breakup, so what's the key to the success of Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck's seven year marriage? The key to their marriage appears to be being there for each other. But obviously, gifts don't hurt either, and Affleck makes sure to shower his wife and two daughters with jewelery. According to [People](#), Garner says that Affleck "knows when to swoop in with the gesture, He's sweet that way," and that she "would do anything for that man, because I know it's not taken for granted." Clearly, the couple is doing something right as their family continues to grow with a third child on the way.

**What are some ways to keep your marriage going strong?**

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

No one said that marriage is easy, but there are certainly some ways to keep your bond strong. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Watch out for the little things:** It might not seem like a big deal to you, but a small gesture like Affleck's jewelery giving can make your partner feel appreciated. These small gestures of love show you care.

**2. Don't criticize in public:** Any problems you may have with your spouse should only be with your spouse. Don't air your

dirty laundry on Twitter, like Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher did during their separation.

**3. Don't give up:** Garner would do anything for Affleck, and that includes continually trying to make things work in the relationship. Even if things get hard and conflict arises, continue to fight for your relationship.

**What are some ways you keep your marriage strong? Share your advice below.**

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## Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck Are Expecting Third Child



Looks like there will soon be a third addition to the Jennifer Garner and Ben



Affleck clan. According to [People](#), Jennifer Garner is now pregnant with the couple's third child. The pair, who already has a 5 1/2-year-old daughter named Violet and a 2 1/2-year-old daughter named Seraphina, are "thrilled" to be expecting a third child. Garner also told the Associated Press that she believes she's gotten somewhat of a "split personality" from motherhood. One minute her brain is mush and she is a total ditz with all the thoughts of motherhood, and then somehow she pulls it all together when the cameras start rolling. Talk about mother of the year!

**How do you deal with the dynamic of three children versus two?**

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

Raising a family is always tough, but when adding a third child to the mix, it can change things a bit. Cupid has some advice on how to deal:

**1. Middle child:** Once you have three children, there's always the child that suffers from "middle child syndrome," so it's important to show him or her the same amount of attention as you do the oldest and youngest children.

**2. More work:** With another kid in the family, that means more mouths to feed, more places to be and more clothes, school supplies and toys to buy. All in all, a third child means more work.

**3. More fun:** An additional kid means another personality in the household and more fun to have. Instead of just having two kids that may constantly be competing with one another, you now have three to even things out in that department.

**How do you deal with the dynamic of three children versus two?  
Share your thoughts below!**

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# Ben Affleck Leaves Christmas Shopping to Wife, Jennifer Garner



Who would have pegged Ben Affleck for the old fashioned type? According to [People](#), in a recent interview with Ellen Degeneres, Affleck said that he leaves the holiday shopping up to his wife, Jennifer Garner. Although Affleck is aware that his approach to Christmas shopping may be a bit outdated, he explained himself by saying that Garner is “just an efficient Christmas-shopping machine,” while he sits around sputtering over the single gift for which he’s most responsible – the one for his wife.

**What are ways to split family responsibilities in a relationship?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

A relationship is all about sharing. No one person can bear all the responsibility, no matter how capable they seem.

Cupid has some ways to help distribute the family responsibilities fairly:

**1. Based on availability:** Some weeks are more hectic than others. Figure out how much free time both of you have, and then distribute the responsibilities accordingly.

**2. Based on skills:** Whether it's shopping or fixing the car, you each have your own strengths. In order to get everything done efficiently, split up responsibilities based on each other's skillsets.

**3. Based on past decisions:** Whatever way you decide to split up the responsibilities, you should come to a decision each week or month about what each person is able and willing to take on. Then, stick to it!