

# 'Desperate Housewives' Actor Jesse Metcalfe Is Engaged to Cara Santana



Desperate Housewives actor Jesse Metcalfe is finally engaged to his longtime girlfriend Cara Santana. A source confirmed the news of the engagement to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), and said that the two “have been dating for four to five years and living together for at least three.” Metcalfe previously dated model Courtney Robertson, who is now taking another shot at love on Ben Flajnik’s season of *The Bachelor*.

**How do you know when you’re ready to stop dating and tie the knot?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

No relationship is the same, and getting married happens to every couple differently. Cupid has some tips to help you know when it's your turn to walk down the aisle:

**1. Confident:** When both you and your partner have enough confidence and faith in your relationship, that's when you can consider tying the knot.

**2. Time:** Don't rush into a marriage, because you may end up like Kim Kardashian, and you'll realize you didn't know what you were getting yourself into. Take time to work out the kinks and get to know each other inside and out before taking that next step.

**3. Committed:** When you and your partner have completely committed your lives to supporting each other through the good and bad times, then it's time to move forward. You know that you could never feel the way you feel about your partner with anyone else, then you're ready to make them yours forever.

**How did you know you were ready to take the next step? Share your comments below.**