

Planning the Perfect Proposal



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Over the past few years, we have seen hundreds of couples share videos of their engagements for the world to see. We laugh, we cry, and we love to share that special moment with the happy couple.

If you are planning the big moment and need a little inspiration, here are my top five suggestions for seamlessly executing your proposal:

1. Get family and friends involved: This is a milestone moment and it's always fun when everyone knows what's about to take place except the one who is about to get proposed to (plus, your guests can help you plan!).

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2. Research rings: By now you should have some idea of your significant other's style – for example, traditional or contemporary? Or, perhaps an heirloom would be a home run? The ring tells a lot about the recipient, so if you are struggling, pay close attention to how your future fiancée dresses, accessorizes and decorates and if all else fails, call the best friend.

3. Capture it on film: Hire someone or get a friend you trust to video the proposal. Most likely you and your partner (similar to the wedding) won't remember all the amazing details and what was said, so it makes sense to capture the happiness you felt when you both said yes to this new chapter.

4. Don't be a copy-cat: Yes, there are a lot of good proposal examples out there, but do something unique and authentic to you as a couple. If you hate musicals, then don't incorporate a flash mob!

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5. Keep calm and marry on: If your significant other senses you are acting strange, they will either catch-on or think you are breaking-up with them. Neither is a good start to the perfect day, so have fun and be yourself—it's why they fell in love with you in the first place.

JDate, the leading online Jewish singles community, is calling all couples who met on JDate to submit a video of their proposal for the chance to be crowned JDate's Next Top Proposal. If you are a JDate Success Story and have a video of your engagement or are willing to reenact it, head over to JDate's Facebook page and enter your video.

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