

'Black Swan' Actress Natalie Portman Prefers a Friend with Benefits



While Natalie Portman still hasn't publicly spoken about her new fiancé (and new baby bump), *People* reports that she recently opened up about what she wants in a partner in the new issue of *InStyle*. "I look for all the same things I would in a friend... Obviously, you need the sexual attraction, too, so it's like your best friend who you are also really attracted to." Portman is engaged to French choreographer and actor Benjamin Millepied, who she met on the set of her new movie *Black Swan*. The two are expecting their first child later this year.

How important is it to be best friends with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Plenty of romantic relationships blossom out of friendships. Cupid has some ideas on why your significant other should also be your best friend:

1. Get to know each other better: Friends often get to know each other on a deeper level than lovers do, because there's no pressure. Being best friends with your mate will make your relationship even more intimate.

2. Build a foundation of friendship: When the honeymoon phase is over and the romance wears off, you still have your best friend. Physical attraction is important, but if you want to grow old with your partner, make sure you're friends first.

3. Keep your other friends: While it's important that you and your significant other are friends, make sure he's not your only one. It's important to have a social life outside of your partner.