

Kara DioGuardio Prepares to Welcome a Baby Boy



By Meghan Fitzgerald

Kara DioGuardio, Grammy nominated songwriter has confirmed that she and husband Mike McCuddy will welcome a baby boy via gestational surrogate in the weeks to come, according to [People](#). DioGuardio suffered numerous fertility issues and multiple failed IVF attempts over the past few years. Recently, she mentioned that she would love to become a mother, but isn't rushing anything. The pair decided to try something different with a surrogate (a friend of the couple), and it worked!

What are the benefits of using a surrogate to carry your child?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to fertility issues in women, surrogates are an exceptional option. To become a mother is an aspect of life that most women dream of. Not being able to have a baby is one of the most frustrating and heartbreaking events in a woman's life. Here are some benefits to welcome a child via surrogate:

1. Ability to have a child: For those women who are incapable of having a child, surrogates are an essential part of their happiness. With the option of a surrogate, women are given a sense of hope that they will be able to mother a child.

2. Sustain body image: Although it may seem selfish and in a way precocious, but a women will be able to maintain their figure and have a child at the same time. Women will be able to raise their child given from the surrogate and won't have to worry about getting back in their shape.

3. Same-sex couples: Homosexual men and women are given the opportunity to have a child with surrogates.

What is your opinion of surrogates? Share your thoughts below.

Kim Kardashian and Kate Middleton Are Both Expecting in July





By Nic Baird

Kim Kardashian and Kate Middleton each revealed this week that they are due to have their first child in July, UsMagazine.com reports. The Duchess of Cambridge revealed the news on Monday, while Kardashian shared her due date on the *Today* show on Tuesday. Kardashian has faced criticism over her pregnancy with boyfriend Kanye West, despite being still legally married to Kris Humphries, though she filed for divorce in 2011.

How do you keep your pregnancy under wraps at first?

Cupid's Advice:

Maybe you haven't figured out all the details of your pregnancy and birth, or maybe you're not ready to announce it to the world, but whatever the reason you have a right to keep your affairs to yourself. Make sure that you're doing it for the right reasons, and never shy away from confronting your long term plan. Otherwise, complications will keep building up!

1. Trust someone: If you think your relationship is too rocky, find a friend or a family member, but don't try and keep this a secret by yourself. This is a crucial time when you need

support in your life, don't be a lone wolf. Two heads are better than one, so find another.

2. Focus on yourself: Sports, exercise, art, music, new skills, new projects, and anything that is healthy to do in your condition. Research how you can be healthier as a pregnant woman, and find the knowledge you'll need as the child develops. Take up your time with these productive ventures and you'll have a way to acknowledge your secret without sharing it.

3. Camouflage: Actively trying to hide something takes work. Make sure you have excuses for any pregnant behaviour, like sickness, appetite, or energy. Obviously your wardrobe will have to simultaneously conceal your pregnancy without drawing attention to your stylistic choices. Again, having a friend for a second opinion could help a lot!

What are ways to keep your pregnancy hush-hush? Share your comments below!

Elton John Welcomes a Baby Boy





By Meghan Fitzgerald

Zachary Jackson Levon, Elton John and David Furnish's first child welcomed a beautiful baby brother on January 11 via a surrogate in Los Angeles, reports [People](#). Weighing in at 8lbs, 4 oz, the loving couple is more than thrilled to have two beautiful and healthy children. In June of the past year, John discussed with the Guardian about wanting to have another child. John went to discuss how he wanted his children to have a sibling, mostly due to his childhood parented by unhappy parents. He says, "I think it's difficult to be an only child, and to be an only child of someone famous. I want him to have a sibling so he has someone to be with."

What are some ways to announce the birth of your child to your family and friends?

Cupid's Advice:

After the excruciating labor you just sat through, you may have to go through some more pain ... telling your family and friends about your new baby. All exaggeration put aside, the news of your child is waiting to escape out of your mouth and inform the entire world. Typically, new mothers are ecstatic to get the word out about their new child. Here are some ways

to do it:

1. We welcome...postcards: Who doesn't find joy when they receive a beautifully crafted postcard welcoming a baby girl or boy into this world? These postcards are a relatively easy and fun way to introduce your child to your family and friends. Not only are these postcards adorable however, they will be hung up on the fridge so others can see and you can thoroughly get the word out.

2. Christenings/religious ceremonies: Getting the family together is never a problem when there is a new addition to the family; a small, gentle, nuzzling, and angelic child. Having your family and friends around allows your panic levels to subdue for which, you have the most important people in your life by your side.

3: Facebook: Expressing news on social media may not be your cup of tea, which is understood due to it not being entirely personal. Although, it may not be ideal for all new mothers out there however, everyone and their grandmas are on Facebook these days. You can take a photo shoot with your child, post an adorable picture of your new child and the family, post a quirky caption and enjoy the outcome. You will receive praise and joy from the child you are welcoming in to the world. Also, all the experienced, older mothers will send their wisdom and much needed tips for becoming a new mother.

Any advice for spreading the news about your baby? Explain your thoughts below.

Busy Philipps Explains Announcing Her Pregnancy on Twitter



By Meghan Fitzgerald

As the comedian she is, *Cougar Town* star, Busy Philipps disregarded all traditional ways of telling family and friends about her pregnancy and went to Twitter. According to [People](#), Philipps became aware that someone was going to spread her pregnancy over the Internet, so her husband, Marc Silverstein simply said, “You know what? Eff them. Just Tweet it, and then you put it out there and it is what it is.” Philipps discussed on an appearance on *Anderson Live* that she didn’t want to make a celebrity statement describing how “happy” the couple is for the new addition to the family. Instead, she wanted her news to come from her own voice.

What are some creative ways to announce your pregnancy?

Cupid's Advice:

It seems to be almost a sort of competition of who can have the cutest, and most endearing way to announce their pregnancies to their family and friends. You want to ease into your announcement, no rush, no pain, just a happy announcement. Here are some creative ways yo announce your pregnancy:

1. Postcard: To your closest family and friends, send out a perfectly sculpted and crafted postcard describing your recent pregnancy. With this postcard already sent out, you could also include any ceremonies or parties occurring for the new addition of your family. Another option for the postcard method is to scan it on to your computer and upload it to Facebook. This ensures that you included everyone in announcing your pregnancy.

2. Fortune Cookies: Order fortune cookies with a personal message inside exclaiming "We're pregnant!" or "Another baby on the way!" Have an intimate dinner with your family and friends and save the fortune cookies until the last part of dinner. This is an easy, quirky, and creative way to announce your pregnancy to the people you love most.

3. Build-a-Bear: Although this approach may be more pricey than you'd like however, your closest family will absolutely love the special remark. Make your own bears dressed up in either a diaper, pink clothes, or blue clothes. Include the birth certificate specified for your expected date, and distribute! Your parents will especially love the bear, keeping it close to their hearts, preparing for their grandchild on the way. The bear can also be used for your child's' first stuffed animal.

Tell us how you broke the news about your pregnancy below.

Prince William and Kate Middleton Reveal Baby's Due Date



By Nic Baird

Prince William and Kate Middleton are having the baby in July, [People](#) reports. “Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are delighted to confirm they are expecting a baby in July,” read the statement from the royal couple’s office. While the couple will not be revealing the baby’s gender, the Duchess is not expecting twins. “The Duchess’s condition continues to improve since her stay in hospital last month,” the statement also said, referring to Kate’s bout of severe morning sickness.

How do you know when to announce your pregnancy to family and friends?

Cupid's Advice:

If you're going to become a parent, you shouldn't stop congratulating yourself. Make sure you and your partner take time to reflect on your happiness together. Be excited! However, it can be daunting to announce it to the world. Be confident that this is good news and share it with others!

1. Confirm it with your doctor: It's important you see a doctor as soon as you suspect your pregnancy. They can advise you further about any complications. You can also ask about healthy activities for your pregnancy, you can use these to spend quality time with your partner, friends, and family.

2. You've discussed it with your partner: Make sure you've spoken to your partner about the pregnancy, before you share it with others. It's very important you explain what this pregnancy means to you, and they have an opportunity to share their feelings as well. Once you've set things out, go ahead and celebrate the upcoming child with friends and family.

3. Tell your parents: The first people who you should tell are your parents. In most cases, they'll be the people who are the most eager to hear the news. Make sure you make an effort to inform both your and your partner's parents that you're having a baby.

When would you tell friends and family about your pregnancy? Share your suggestions below!

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, 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.

Queen Elizabeth Says Prince William and Kate Middleton's Child Will Be Called 'Princess'



By Michelle Danzig

According to [People](#), Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth has issued a formal decree that Prince William and Kate Middleton's baby girl will be recognized as a princess. If the royal family followed the century-old decree by George V, the daughter born

to William and Kate would don the title 'lady.' It was previously stated that only the eldest son of the eldest son of the Prince of Wales was allowed the royal title of 'prince.' Although the decision was made on New Year's Eve, the *London Gazette* announced the declaration, stating that it applies to all future children of the couple. It partially stated the the children of William and Kate, "should have and enjoy the style, title and attribute of royal highness with the titular dignity of Prince or Princess prefixed to their Christian names or with such other titles of honour." In addition, it follows additional, proposed changes in legislation that will omit gender discrimination in the line of succession.

What are some ways to keep your parents and/or in-laws involved in your pregnancy?

Cupid's Advice:

A baby can be an exciting milestone for not only you, but for your family, too. Like the Royal Family, while anticipating the birth of the first grandchild, you may find that your family desires to be more involved in your pregnancy than ever. Whether it is the first, middle or last child, here are some excellent ways your can keep your parents and/or in-laws involved in your pregnancy:

1. Invite them over for dinner more often: Your body is going to be changing in many ways. If you don't see your parents or in-laws as often as you would like, try to plan some more family dinners. This way, they can come over and see your body change and witness your pregnancy first hand.

2. Send pictures of the sonograms: Seeing a sonogram live is a beautiful experience. Because this is and intimate time that you and your partner share, you may not desire to break the moment by inviting family members to the doctor. Instead, ask for multiple print-outs of the sonogram photo. With today's

technology, you can even get a video recording of the sonogram. Send this out to your family so that they can watch the baby develop the way you do.

3. Take them shopping with you: While you prepare for the baby's arrival, include your parents or in-laws in the process. Invite them out on a day that you need to buy supplies, have them pick out some baby clothes and let them feel involved. Who knows, you may also get some free supplies from the family as well!

How do you keep your parents/in-laws involved in your pregnancy? Share below!

Lily Allen Welcomes a Baby Girl





By Michelle Danzig

English recording artist Lily Allen has announced the birth of her second daughter, according to [People](#). The singer and her husband, Sam Cooper, who kept the pregnancy under wraps for some time, introduced Marnie Rose Cooper, born on Tuesday, January 8. Allen and Cooper tied the knot back in June 2011 in Gloucestershire, England and have a 13-month-old daughter, Ethel Mary. After months of declining to confirm the pregnancy, 27-year-old Allen appeared in November on the red carpet during the British Fashion Awards radiant and pregnant. Allen Tweeted on New Year's Eve that she wanted to end her three-year streak of pregnancy and planned on spending only a few more days pregnant. She had been sampling curries in attempts to force labor. Allen thanked fans on Thursday for their overwhelming response and well-wishes about her pregnancy.

What are some ways to prepare for a newborn baby?

Cupid's Advice:

Visiting the baby store can be exciting, but when you find yourself wander the aisles aimlessly, wondering what clothes to buy, you realize the preparing for a child can be

stressful. It is more common than ever for pregnant mother's to find out the gender of their baby before he/she arrives. Although this makes the preparation process slightly easier, you may be wondering what would be the best choices. Here are some excellent ways to prepare for your newborn:

1. Somewhere to sleep: Having a safe place where the baby can sleep is extremely important. Whether you plan on a crib, a bassinet or co-sleeping, having the right supplies is important. Stock up on mattress pads, blankets and padding to protect your baby. Give it a feminine touch by choosing a bedding in pink or purple or designs with butterflies, flowers or ladybugs.

2. Plenty of changing supplies: Be sure to stock up on diapers—they run out quickly. It is important to remember that female babies are more susceptible to infection than male babies, so stock up on wipes, be sure to wipe properly, and use plenty of ointment. Diapers are sold in various colors and designs as well, so feel free to add a feminine touch as well.

3. Baby clothes: As a woman, dressing up your little baby girl can be extremely exciting and fun. In Lily Allen's case, she is expecting a second daughter only 13 months after the birth of her first. In scenarios like this, be sure to save your baby clothes. Infants grow quickly and their clothes do not. By keeping some clothes around as hand-me-downs, you will have some great, feminine items for your newborn while also saving some money.

How did you prepare for your baby girl? Share your thoughts below.

Prince Charles Reveals His Hopes for Prince William and Kate Middleton's Child



By Nic Baird

Prince Charles wants to leave his grandchild with a greener future and a healthier world, according to [People](#). His son and daughter-in-law, Prince William and Kate Middleton, are expecting a child early this summer, and he doesn't want the baby to inherit "a poison chalice." Prince Charles is known for championing environmental causes. On Monday, the heir to the throne told ITV's *This Morning* show he didn't want to leave "an increasingly dysfunctional world to our grandchildren."

What are some ways to involve your parents in your pregnancy?

Cupid's Advice:

Your parents will be eager to get involved when they hear the news of grandchildren. Let them share the love by finding a spot for them in this special moment. Since you'll be a parent soon, show your dedication to family by incorporating your parents in your pregnancy. Bring the generations of your household together to celebrate this new addition:

1. Keep them informed: All your parents really want is to be kept in the loop. They want to share in your joy and connect with their grandchild. Making sure they're present at every event, and phone them if you have news. Keeping tabs on you is probably their default reaction anyway, but if you're proactive with the information you share then they'll know they're part of new baby's life.

2. Give them responsibility: Your parents are important, and you can make them feel that way too by giving them a share of responsibility. Whether it's coordinating birthing, taking you to classes or organizing a shower, they want a way to contribute. Your parents are a symbol of support, and that responsibility should be present now more than ever to demonstrate the power of family.

3. Ask for help: If you have a problem, don't feel like you're burdening your parents by sharing it. They want to be there for you during this exciting time. Your parents will be gratified that they can still give you a hand even now that you're a parent yourself. If you have a lot of free time on your hands, you can spend it by strengthening bonds with your family.

How did you share your pregnancy with your parents? Share your experiences below!

Kim Kardashian Steps Out and Embraces Pregnancy Curves



By Michelle Danzig

Kim Kardashian isn't afraid to show off her pregnancy curves, UsMagazine.com reports. Only three months pregnant, Kardashian sported a sheer black shirt and black bra on the red carpet of 17th annual ICED Festival at Cowboys Dance Hall in Calgary, Canada, on Friday. With little to no sign of a baby bump, Kardashian, 32, said she feels good, but is definitely adjusting to all the changes in her body. Her boyfriend, rapper Kanye West publicly announced her pregnancy the day before New Year's Eve at a concert in New Jersey. To stay in shape during her pregnancy, the *Keeping Up With the Kardashians* star is working with celebrity trainer Tracy

Anderson, who helped sister Kourtney Kardashian lose 44 pounds in six months.

What are some ways to encourage the mother of your child to embrace her new body?

Cupid's Advice:

Weight gain and body changes are inevitable during pregnancy. Add in the increased hormones and women become extra sensitive about their appearance. Because it may be difficult for the mother of your child to embrace her new figure, here are some ways you can help her feel more confident and beautiful:

1. Tell her she looks beautiful before she even asks: When women aren't pregnant they will ask the inevitable, "Do I look fat in this?" question. If you spontaneously tell your partner that she looks beautiful, she will feel more comfortable in her new body.

2. Encourage her to wear something form-fitting: Most women work extra hard to cover up their baby bump. If you occasionally suggest that she wear the black dress you like so much when you go out on your dinner date, she may feel better showing off her curves.

3. Touch her—and her belly!: Show her some affection. Many men find pregnancy extremely attractive on women. Show her that you still find her body beautiful by touching her more often. Cuddling or simple just rubbing her belly will show that you appreciate the way she looks.

How do you help your baby's mother feel comfortable in their new body? Share your comments below.

Pregnant Kim Kardashian and Baby Daddy Kanye West Spend NYE in Vegas



By [Jessica DeRubbo](#)

Kim Kardashian didn't let her recently announced pregnancy keep her inside for New Year's Eve, according to [People](#). In fact, she did the opposite, as she and baby daddy Kanye West attended a party in Las Vegas. "I wish I could share a drink with you all, but I can't for a little while," she told the crowd at Mirage's 1 OAK. When the clock struck midnight, Kardashian and West shared a passionate kiss while the crowd was cheering and confetti was flying. "It's been so exciting," said Kardashian about finding out she was pregnant. "We're very, very happy."

What are some ways to celebrate holidays when you're pregnant?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be tempting to join in the fun with a drink on holidays, but when you're pregnant, it's not an option. Cupid has some alternatives:

1. Flavored sparkling water: You may not be able to drink champagne, but that doesn't mean that you can't indulge in a sparkling refreshment with everyone else. Make a drink that looks and feels like the real thing instead.

2. Eat instead: One of the good things about being pregnant is that no one's going to judge how much you eat when you're eating for two. Plus, your body needs more food than it used to need. Indulge in some yummy snacks to take the place of drinking!

3. A glass of wine: Many doctors these days admit that having one glass of wine every now and again isn't going to hurt your baby. Make sure to check again with your personal doctor, but a strategically timed glass of red wine will help you feel part of the holiday fun.

What are some other ways to keep pregnancy from hindering your holiday fun? Share your ideas below.

Kim Kardashian Is Expecting a Baby with Kanye West!





By Nic Baird

Kanye West announced at a Sunday concert in Atlantic City that he and girlfriend Kim Kardashian are expecting a child, according to [People](#). During the last song, "Lost in the World," West cut the music and asked the audience to applaud for his baby mama. Kardashian confirmed her pregnancy in a blog post. "We feel so blessed and lucky and wish that in addition to both of our families, his mom and my dad could be here to celebrate this special time with us," she wrote. "Looking forward to great new beginnings in 2013."

What are some ways to celebrate your pregnancy with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

If you're going to become a parent, you shouldn't stop congratulating yourself. Make sure you and your partner take time to reflect on your happiness together. Be excited! Here's how you can channel your elation:

1. Throw a party: Don't be too shy to share the good news! Throw a party together to announce the pregnancy. It's a great way to get the word out and express how excited you are to

become a parent. Don't forget baby showers either. There are many opportunities for you and your partner to celebrate an upcoming child with friends and family.

2. Find new activities: They'll have to be some lifestyle changes during the pregnancy, so maybe you need to look at new activities you and your partner can do together. It's important to stay active, but reduce stress. Explore your options, and find activities that will work as quality time for you and your partner.

3. Prepare for the baby: A great way to celebrate a child is to get things ready for after the birth. Research what you'll need to get for a healthy baby, and understand how you'll have to change your home. The anticipation you'll share with your partner will help build the excitement!

Do you have any ideas on how to celebrate a pregnancy with your partner? Share your suggestions below!

**Matthew and Camila
McConaughey Name Their Son
Livingston**





By [Jessica DeRubbo](#)

Matthew and Camila McConaughey have officially welcomed their third child, son Livingston Alves McConaughey, according to [People](#). The baby boy was born on 12/28/12 at 7:43 a.m. On his Whosay page, Matthew wrote, "He greeted the world at 9 lbs., and 21 inches. Bless up and thank you for your well wishes."

What are some creative ways to compromise on naming your child?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be hard to come to a mutual agreement on what to name your child, but here are some tips and tricks:

1. Pros and cons list: There are distinct disadvantages to naming your child certain things. For instance, perhaps the initials would not be ideal (i.e. E.E.W.). Make a list of pros and cons for your top three names, and choose the one with the most pros and least cons.

2. Draw it out of a hat: If it comes down to two names and you absolutely can't make a decision, it probably means that you really love both names. So, you can't go wrong! Just choose one out of a hat and let randomness determine it.

3. Decide on a theme: A great way to narrow your name choices together is to choose a theme. Different categories may be traditional names, exotic names, short names, etc.

What are some other ways to compromise on baby names? Share your ideas below.

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."

To read the rest of this article, click [here](#).

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'Glee' Creator Ryan Murphy Welcomes a Baby Boy



By Jennifer Ross

Glee creator is singing with joy! On Dec. 24, [E! News](#) confirms that Ryan Murphy and his husband David Miller have welcomed their first child – and what a name?! Son Logan Phineas Miller Murphy was born at 9:47 am, measuring at 21 inches long and weighing a good 6 lbs., 6 oz. The couple quickly sent out a birth announcement of baby Logan photographed in a Christmas stocking to their family and friends. This past October, Murphy had mentioned to *The Hollywood Reporter* that he wants to start a family very soon. “I think I’ll be incredibly fun and overwhelmed and all about manners.”

How do you announce the arrival of your baby?

Cupid's Advice:

Announcing the birth of your baby is a very exciting time. However, gone are the old fashion days of handing out cigars. For innovative ways to spread the word, here are a few modern ideas:

1. Update Status: Social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, are easy ways to announce your baby's birth. Besides it virtually costing you nothing, you and your partner can even update friends and family during the delivery process.

2. Family Website: Consider creating a family website. Here, you can share more than just the announcement, such as pictures and any family news. It's a great way for your family to stay connected throughout the years.

3. Say it sweetly: For something more substantial than a birth announcement card, why not order edible announcements in the form of a chocolate bar. The wrapper can have printed all the vital information. You can even have the bar hand stamped with the baby's name.

How did you announce the arrival of your baby? Tell us below.

Channing Tatum Shows Off Wife Jenna Dewan's Baby Bump





By Jennifer Ross

On Christmas day, Channing Tatum posted a picture of himself holding Jenna Dewan-Tatum's baby bump. *People's Sexiest Man Alive* had just announced earlier this month that he and wife are expecting their first child. The picture was posted on Tatum's *WhoSay* page with the comment, "Merry Christmas." The day before, on Christmas Eve, Dewan-Tatum, 32, tweeted to her fans, "Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you all!! Hope you are having fun with loved ones! Xox." When first talking about starting a family, Tatum, 32, told [People](#), "The first number that pops into my head is three, but I just want one to be healthy and then we'll see where we go after that."

What are some ways to get involved in your partner's pregnancy?

Cupid's Advice:

A pregnancy is usually considered to be a woman's thing. However, as her partner, there are many things you can do to become involved before the baby arrives. Here are a few ways you can support your partner and feel involved:

1. Be present: Understand that you can be present during the

entire pregnancy by being an active observer. Memorialize every step of the way with photos, keep track of the baby's development, give massages when needed and prepare a hospital route.

2. Get healthy too: Since mommy-to-be will need to change her diet to nourish the baby, why not change your diet as well. This means, give up alcohol and any bad-for-baby foods so as not to tempt your partner. Also, take in a little added exercise together.

3. Make decisions: With a baby on the way, you and your mate will need to make many decisions, such as buying clothing and baby furniture, whether to breast feed or not, and whether to use disposable diapers or reusable ones. To help out, take the initiative to make some of these decisions for her in order to relieve extra stress.

How did you get involved in your partner's pregnancy? Share with us below.

Jessica Simpson Confirms She's Pregnant Again





By [Jessica DeRubbo](#)

The rumors are true: Jessica Simpson and fiancé Eric Johnson are set to become parents for the second time! According to [People](#), the singer/actress announced her big news via Twitter with a picture of her 7-month old daughter, Maxwell Drew, in Christmas pajamas next to some sand with the words “Big Sis” carved into it. Speculation of a pregnancy has been circulating, as Simpson has been spotted in loose fitting clothing around town and a tight black dress showing a slight baby bump at Cacee Cobb’s wedding.

How do you support your partner through an unplanned pregnancy?

Cupid’s Advice:

Finding out you’re pregnant when it’s not planned can certainly be a shock. Here are some ways to support your partner when the event isn’t part of your calendar:

1. Make plans: You may not have had plans to have a baby in the first place, but now that you’re having one, it’s time to nail down some plans. Talk it over and encourage your pregnant partner to calm down and get organized.

2. See a therapist: This may sound extreme, but it never hurts to unleash your feelings to an objective third party. Just letting out your fears about this unplanned period of time will help you cope.

3. Be supportive: Perhaps this may seem obvious, but being supportive every step of the way through an unplanned pregnancy is priceless. Just knowing that you are there for her to lean on will help immensely.

What are some other ways to support your partner during an unplanned pregnancy? Share your ideas below.

Claire Danes and Hugh Dancy Welcome a Baby Boy





By Nicole Weintraub

Claire Danes and husband Hugh Dancy have welcomed their first child, son Cyrus Michael Christopher Dancy into their family on December 17, 2012 according to [People](#). The couple confirmed Danes' pregnancy back in July but since then has been very quiet regarding the baby preparations. The sex of the baby was kept on the down low until recently when their son was born. The couple wed back in 2009 in a private ceremony in France and this is their first child together.

What are some things to consider when compromising on the name of your child?

Cupid's Advice:

Naming your child is permanent – they will bare that name for the rest of their lives. Here are some things to keep in mind when choosing a name:

- 1. Naming after someone:** If you and your partner cannot decide on a name, think of where you each got the inspiration for the name you are vying for. For instance, perhaps your partner is set on one name because of a deceased relative.
- 2. A name fad:** If all of your friends are naming their

children “Jake”, do not follow the pattern and name your own son “Jake”. Choose a name that you truly like as opposed to one that is being commonly used.

3. Bullying: Kids can be cruel and with a name like Melvin Melville, your child may have a difficult time with bullying on the playground. Try to keep the clichés out of your kid’s name.

What are some things you would consider when naming your child? Share your ideas with us in the comments below!

Beverley Mitchell Announces She’s Having a Baby Girl



By Jennifer Ross

[People's](#) newest celebrity blogger Beverley Mitchell starts her blogging with big news. In her debut writing, Mitchell, 31 announces that she and husband Michael Cameron are expecting their first child in April. Mitchell is best known for playing Lucy Camden on the TV show, *7th Heaven*. As an added bonus, she also claims that they will have a baby girl! In describing her feelings over getting pregnant she writes, "We were not trying, but this magical little accident has already enriched our lives so very much... we are thrilled to be welcoming a beautiful baby girl into our family! And yes, she has already stolen my husband's heart." Meeting back in their college days, Mitchell and Cameron have been together for 20 years and married for just four years. As unborn baby continues to grow, Mitchell is happy to blog her experience every step of the way. "I am so excited for this crazy adventure and I am honored to have the opportunity to share it with you."

How do you prepare for a baby girl versus a baby boy?

Cupid's Advice:

Are you having a baby boy or girl? Lots of people are going to ask you and your partner that question; sometimes even yourself. Although you may decide to wait till delivery for the answer, there are different preparations to consider when preparing for having a girl versus a boy. To get you started, here are a few ideas:

1. Color differences: If neutral beige has never been your color of choice, finding out the gender as soon as possible will help you and your partner pick a color – pink or blue – and making life easier for baby gifts.

2. Toys to buy: Many baby girls begin to speak much sooner than boys, due to the difference in their brain development speed. So feel free to get your little girl toys that help with speech development at an early age.

3. Clothing: Since girls don't outgrow their clothing as fast as boys, your little girl's clothes will last longer in the first 6 months of her life. Therefore, you may feel a little better when splurging for her first designer outfit.

How did you prepare for a baby girl versus a baby boy? Tell us below.

Megan Fox Says Reese Witherspoon Helped Her Deliver in Secret



By Jennifer Ross

After giving birth on Sept. 27, Megan Fox and husband Brian

Austin Green have yet to release a photo of baby Noah. However, Fox is willing to give us a visual image. In an interview on the *Ellen DeGeneres Show*, Fox says, "He looks, I would say, 70 percent like Brian... recently he's been getting chubbier and everyone's like, 'Oh, he's so chubby – now he looks like you.'" Jokingly, she can't decide if that is a compliment. According to UsMagazine.com, Fox then claims that she has Reese Witherspoon to thank for indirectly helping her to deliver in secrecy. "She went into labor the day before I did, and all of the paparazzi followed her to Santa Monica. So when I went into labor, I went to Cedars [Sinai Medical Center in L.A.], and nobody cared or knew I was there. So I got in and out. I left the next day and nobody knew. It was a big secret for three weeks." The word got out when Fox posted a comment about baby Noah on Facebook. "We are humbled to have the opportunity to call ourselves the parents of this beautiful soul."

What are some reasons to keep your labor under wraps?

Cupid's Advice:

Going into labor is one of the most wonderful experiences in life that you may want to share with your family. On the other hand, you and your partner may want to keep the delivery a secret. Can't decide whether to notify or not? Here are a few valid reasons when to keep your labor a secret:

1. Negativity: You may decide not to tell anyone when you are in labor if you might receive negative reactions from friends or family. Unfortunately, sometimes there are people that just don't want to see you happy.

2. Personal moment: Another acceptable reason to not share the labor news is when you and your mate want to experience the delivery with the least amount of distractions or stress. This is especially the case when the mother-to-be had a difficult pregnancy.

3. Adoption: Should you decide that you are giving your baby up for adoption, it is understandable that you won't tell anyone when the delivery starts. Going through this alone can be traumatic. Therefore, be sure to at least talk with someone afterwards.

Why did you decide to keep your labor under wraps? Share your story below.

Jane Krakowski Talks Motherhood, Christmas Plans, “Sad Goodbye” on 30 Rock



By Jenny Schafer for

Celebrity Baby Scoop

30 Rock star Jane Krakowski recently partnered with Bank Of America to raise thousands for Feeding America. The mom-of-one says that “giving back is such a big part of the holidays and Christmas.”

Jane opens up to Celebrity Baby Scoop about her son **Bennett**, 20 months, and hosting Christmas this year in his honor. She goes on to talk about the “sad goodbye” on *30 Rock* that will finish just days before Christmas. “They did a really great job” with the series finale and gave the “characters a beautiful send-off,” she says.

CBS: How is Bennett doing?

JK: “He is doing really well. It is so awesome to be a new mom; it’s absolutely great. Obviously this holiday time is a crazy time, because we’re juggling getting Christmas ready and wrapping up *30 Rock*, and being a new mom and wanting to make it all special for Bennett.”

CBS: Can you tell us all about the recent charity event you attended for Bank of America?

JK: “I’m was happy to work at Bank of America and have access to all these mobile apps and online tools that help me get everything done, and also make donations to charity as well. It’s a great time to be giving to people who are in need.

Bank of America very generously donated a lot of money to the charity Feeding America. Through the very easy mobile app and online banking system, we had people come to the Bank of America, put a Christmas ornament on the tree, and by the touch of a button on their iPhone, iPad, or tablet, donate \$250 each.

Bank of America donated \$25,000 just on the day of the event, which was a larger part of a \$2.5 million dollar donation to Feeding America over the whole holiday season.”

CBS: How do you juggle your busy career and family life?

JK: "I do it through organization, multi-tasking, being able to do a lot of things at once. It takes a village with lots of friends and family to help along the way. We're really lucky; Bennett is a great kid and he brings us so much joy every single day. We feel blessed every day that we have all these things to juggle at the moment."

CBS: What are your upcoming holiday plans? Is Bennett showing signs of excitement for the holidays?

JK: "This holiday season, we are hosting Christmas at our house for the first time in Bennett's honor. He is the youngest child now, and I figured that the person who has the youngest child gets to throw the holiday get-together, because that is where all of the spirit of Christmas is. Christmas is, like, three days after we finish wrapping *30 Rock*, so it is all a bit crazy right now.

We had fun getting the Christmas tree and we recently brought Bennett to Santa and got the classic screaming photo on Santa's lap [laughs]. I also plan to get all of my Christmas shopping done. I am very excited about the mobile transfers, because I have nephews who at this point really just want cash. I am excited that I can just send them cash wherever they are, because they are all grown and at college or touring America with bands. There comes a point where they really don't want the pajamas anymore, or the perfume they haven't worn since they were twelve [laughs]. They would really just like to receive cash.

In regard to whether Bennett is showing signs of excitement for the holidays, I think he is. I think he is not sure what all the festive decorations in the house mean."

Channing Tatum and Wife Jenna Dewan-Tatum Are Expecting a Baby



By Jennifer Ross

It appears Channing Tatum has made magic with wife Jenna Dewan-Tatum. A rep for the Hollywood couple confirms to UsMagazine.com, "Jenna Dewan-Tatum and Channing Tatum are pleased to announce that they are expecting the birth of their first child next year." The couple met in 2006 while both were on the set of *Step Up* and were married just three years later in Malibu, CA. Regarding whether the pregnancy was planned, an source says, "It was a total surprise." The *Magic Mike* star, 32, is planning on taking time off next year to be with his pregnant wife and baby-to-be. When asked earlier this year of

having a family by Usmagazine.com, Dewan-Tatum, 32, said she would want a family with Tatum but isn't sure when it will happen. When it's meant to be, it will happen." Guess she doesn't have to wait much longer.

What are some ways to decide when to have your first child?

Cupid's Advice:

When should we start a family? Now? Next month? Next year? You and your partner small talk the subject back and forth over dinner, not really diving into it seriously. But sooner or later, questions will be asked and a time frame will need to surface. To help the conversation move into full force, here are a few ideas to think about in deciding when:

1. Take the plunge: For couples that are eager to start a family, it's common for the pregnancy contraception to stay in the medicine cabinet and just let it nature decide when. Although little to no planning is involved in this way, you and your mate may want to starting preparing once you are pregnant.

2. Pros and Cons: In having trouble deciding when to start a family, it is often helpful for you and your partner to each may a separate list of the pros and cons. Then, you can take turns reading each other's list and talking things out to find the best answer as a couple.

3. A key question: When looking for the answer to when to have a baby, a very key question to ask yourselves is, "Are there any reasons why we should wait?" This can bring up concerns about financial readiness or that new promotion coming up soon. Use this question to communicate any worries now before baby comes.

When did you decide to have your first child? Share with us below.

Pregnant Kate Middleton Makes First Official Outing Post-Hospital



By Nic Baird

Princess Kate Middleton appeared at an award ceremony on Sunday, which is her first appearance since leaving the hospital earlier this month, [People](#) reports. The expectant Duchess of Cambridge was treated for severe morning sickness and released from hospital on Dec. 6. She was able to attend the BBC Sports Personality awards show to present the top prizes, and offer her congratulations. Her pregnancy was announced Dec. 3.

How do you know when to communicate your pregnancy issues to

your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

In theory, you should always be able to communicate pregnancy issues with your partner. Don't stall for too long thinking of ways to address them, or ways to explain what you're experiencing. However, there are times when you'll be more effective at getting your message across:

1. Express your needs immediately: Your partner is there to help and make your pregnancy as comfortable as possible. If there's something you need or just crave, then say so. Your significant other doesn't know what to expect, so be direct about your wishes.

2. Be patient: Sometimes it may feel like you're just not getting through to your partner. Your explanations are always misinterpreted and your needs are misread. Try to stay calm, or leave the situation if you need space. Return when you've reflected on new approaches.

3. Trust your partner: It's reasonable to feel insecure about talking to your partner about your pregnancy, but remember that they're invested in the child as well, and they're ready to give you comfort. Don't worry too much about grossing them out, or dumping your problems on them. They want you to rely on them!

When do you feel it's best to communicate pregnancy issues to your partner? Share your insight below!

Pregnant Jessica Simpson Displays Baby Bump at CaCee Cobb's Wedding



By Nicole Weintraub

Jessica Simpson is expecting baby number two with fiancé Eric Johnson, according to UsMagazine.com. The pregnant star showed off her baby bump proudly at her best friend and former personal assistant CaCee Cobb's wedding to *Scrubs*' actor Donald Faison. Simpson's divorced parents and younger sister, Ashlee, were also in attendance as groomsman Zach Braff escorted the pregnant singer down the aisle. She tried hiding her baby bump behind a bouquet of flowers, though her flowing black dress could not shield her belly.

How do you know when to go public with your pregnancy?

Cupid's Advice:

Expecting a child can be an exciting thing, though it can be tough not to tell everyone as soon as you find out. Here are some tips on how to know when it is time to go public:

1. Make sure you're pregnant: The first, most important, aspect of deciding whether or not to tell people about your pregnancy yet is to confirm it. Go to the doctor to get a sonogram to make sure that you are with child.

2. Talk with your partner: Discuss with your partner if you would like to wait a few weeks or whether you would like to shout it from the rooftops. Make sure that the two of you are on the same page with sharing your details.

3. How will you spill the beans? Will you send out a massive text message or will you commune both sides of the families together to spread the news – think of different ways to share your wonderful news.

At what point would you go public with your pregnancy? Share your thoughts with us in the comments below!