

Bow Wow and Erica Mena Are Engaged After Dating 6 Months



By

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Bow Wow is a bachelor no more! According to UsMagazine.com, the rapper is engaged to Erica Mena. The pair, together for just six months, met on his television show *106 & Park* where they shared their first kiss. The couple took to social media to share pictures of the gorgeous engagement ring and spread the good news to all of their fans.

How do you know when you're ready to get engaged?

Cupid's Advice:

The relationship trajectory is different for every couple. But if you are at a crossroads and need to know if you should take

the next step, Cupid has some tips for moving forward:

1. Sharing the news: If telling your friends and loved ones the news seems overwhelming and uncomfortable it might not be the right time. However, if you think of telling your family and it makes you cheerful and even giddy then the time could be coming!

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2. Ask yourself: Does your partner bring out the best in you, and you in him? Are you both taking on challenges and discovering new things as a couple and individually? These will help you see if spending the rest of your lives together is a realistic and positive possibility.

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3. Talk about it: Once you are in a monogamous relationship with someone, even though it may be daunting, the conversation about your future together shouldn't be taboo. Talk about where your partner sees themselves in 10 years, talk about children and other long terms goals so that you know you are on the same page going forward.

Will Bow Wow and Erica's love last? Share your thoughts below!

Neil Patrick Harris and David Burtka Share Italian Wedding

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By

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On September 6th in Perugia, Italy, *How I Met Your Mother* star Neil Patrick Harris and his partner David Burtka finally tied the knot after a long wait. To celebrate their special day, their soon-to-be 4-year-old twins Harper and Gideon joined them dressed in cute wedding attire as well. According to [People](#), the ceremony was small and intimate and included their close family and friends.

What are some ways to incorporate your children in wedding festivities?

Cupid's Advice:

Want to include your kids in your special day? Cupid has some

tips for you:

1. Have them speak: Your kids saw how your love story came to be, so why not have them make a small toast or do a reading showing their love to their new family and happy parent?

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2. Put them in the party: Maybe they are old enough to be a junior bridesmaid, or maybe they are young enough to be your flower girl. Either way, get them involved in a special way!

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3. Have them help plan: Need more opinions? They can surely add a unique taste to your wedding.

Have another way you integrated your children? Comment here!

Find Out Details About Ashlee Simpson’s ‘Naked’ Wedding Cake





By

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Ashlee Simpson's wedding was anything, but boring. From Simpson's crop top wedding dress down to her cake, everything stood out as unique. People.com got the scoop on the brides's 4-tier red velvet, chocolate and vanilla "naked cake," courtesy of Brooklyn-based BCakeNY. "The cake matched perfectly with the décor and the centerpieces. We actually worked together with the florist," said Miriam Milord, the designer of the cake.

What are some ways to compromise with your partner about wedding details?

Cupid's Advice:

Want to make sure your partner is happy with wedding details before the big day? Cupid has some insight:

1. Set objectives: Make sure you both are on the same page when it comes to a band, a DJ, or what type of food you want. Make sure you are both having a voice in decisions.

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2. Collaborate: Take what both of you want and combine it into one idea to meet each one's needs and ideas.

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3. Put yourself in their shoes: What are they thinking? Is this fair? These are two questions to ask yourself before making an executive decision for the both of you.

Have any other tips for planning your dream day? Comment below!

Famous Couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Honor Her Late Mother at Celebrity Wedding





By

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It finally happened! Famous couple [Brad Pitt](#) and [Angelina Jolie](#) tied the knot in an intimate [celebrity wedding](#) ceremony, which included their children, at their home in France this past weekend. While the day was filled with much celebrity love and joy, it was also somber for Jolie, whose late mother was not in attendance. [UsMagazine.com](#) reported that, to honor Jolie's mother Marcheline Bertrand, Pitt had a stone engraved in the floor where they said "I do" in tribute to her. The day was all about family, so this celebrity couple made sure to include those who were there in spirit as well.

This famous celebrity couple chose something special to honor Jolie's mother. What other ways can you honor your passed loved ones at your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding day is meant to be filled with happiness and joy, but if you have lost loved ones, it can also be a day of sadness. Knowing that they are not physically there with you on that big day can bring you down. Here are three suggestions from Cupid on how to honor your lost loved ones on your special day:

1. Release balloons: A touching gesture for those who are no longer with you is to release balloons into the sky. You can tie a touching message or even a wedding invitation to the string and send it to your loved ones. Not only is this a sweet moment, but it will bring you some comfort as well.

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2. Put pictures on your bouquet: Another simple yet meaningful way to honor your late loved ones while keeping them close at the same time (much like Pitt and Jolie did for their celebrity wedding) is to attach small photos of them to your bouquet. It's a small gesture, but having them close to you will bring you joy.

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3. Wear something old, borrowed, or blue: A third way to honor your loved ones is to wear something of theirs, be it old, borrowed, or blue. You could wear a piece of your grandmother's jewelry or sew a piece of your father's blue shirt into your dress. Any way to keep them close to you on your big day will be a sweet tribute to them.

How did you honor your lost family members during your wedding? Please share below!

Lauren Conrad Celebrates Girly Bridal Shower



By

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Over Labor Day weekend, Lauren Conrad celebrated her bridal shower with her friends and family in Los Angeles. She took style inspiration from Paper Crown and featured flower décor and other personalized items like napkins for her guests, which she then showcased on her Instagram. Pictures included a grey napkin with “Almost Mrs. Tell” printed on it, an old picture of her mom’s bridal shower for a laugh and the floral china. According to UsMagazine.com, Conrad was “thrilled for the sweet bridal shower.” A source said, “Everything was

brought in, they used tips that are on her blog and a few events companies did small loans, but really her friends are so thrifty.”

What are some ways to personalize your bridal shower?

Cupid’s Advice:

Are you engaged and need an idea to make your bridal shower unique? Cupid has some tips:

1. Pick a theme: pick a theme more than just your colors for your wedding, make it out of the ordinary and simple to carry out into the centerpieces and other favors.

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2. Customize a game: Games like Who Said It? and 2 Truths and a Lie can be personalized to your special day in order to take a trip down memory lane for your family and guests. You’ll see a ton of tears and laughs!

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3. Create a slideshow: Before the event, and have all the guests send in pictures of themselves with the bride-to-be. Create a slideshow to be playing throughout the day with some nice music to go along with it.

Have another way to make your shower stand out? Comment here!

Ashlee Simpson Ties the Knot with Evan Ross at Diana Ross' Estate



By

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"I now pronounce you husband and wife." These are the words that Ashlee Simpson and Evan Ross heard during their August 31st wedding. The ceremony was held at the Connecticut estate of the grooms famous mother, Diana Ross, who also served as the wedding planner, which has been confirmed by UsMagazine.com. Simpson was walked down the aisle by son Bronx, 5, who is fathered by her first husband, musician Pete Wentz. Simpson's sister, Jessica, served as the Matron of Honor while her niece and nephew served as the flower girl and ring bearer. Cupid wishes them well on their new journey as a

married couple!

What are some advantages of getting married at home?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting married at one's home may not be everyone's piece of cake; some individuals want grand ballrooms for their guests to dance in, but for some getting married in one's backyard may just be the trick. Here are some pieces of advice from Cupid when considering a wedding at your home:

1. Free venue: Weddings are not cheap and if you are able to host the ceremony and wedding at home, do it! It's a great way to save money which you could then put back into the wedding in the form of favors or in more expensive food options.

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2. Intimate setting: The memories that your home holds will hopefully have you smiling even more on your big day, while also helping you stress a little less. So many good things have happened in your home so far, why not add a wedding ceremony to that stack of happiness? Not only will you appreciate the down to earth, home-y feel of your wedding, your guests most likely will as well!

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3. Privacy: Another perk to having your wedding at home is the added privacy. With a larger venue that may be hosting multiple events, you won't need to worry about unwanted guests waltzing their way into your reception.

If you and your partner were married at home, how did you enhance the space for the wedding ceremony? Please comment below!

Jenny McCarthy Marries Donnie Wahlberg



By

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Donnie has been taken off the block! According to UsMagazine.com, Jenny McCarthy wed NKOTB alum, Donnie Wahlberg in a small ceremony in Illinois that only lasted 20 minutes! The two have been together since July 2013, and their engagement only lasted four months. In an interview, McCarthy had this to say about the ceremony: "Really, I'm so bad [at planning]. The problem is, I consider myself to be kind of like a dude ... Like, I just kind of want to show up and drink." While she may have just wanted to party, let's hope that she

put her own touches on her very special day!

How do you decide what size of a wedding is best for you?

Cupid's Advice:

Deciding what size of a wedding to have requires thoughtful consideration and careful planning. For most of us in the public sphere, we are limited in how big we can go; needing to fine tune each detail before the big day arrives. Cupid has three things to consider when deciding the size of your wedding:

1. Your personality: Are you and your partner down for a big party every weekend, or are you more homebodies who enjoy a movie on the couch? The personality types of you and your can help you judge whether or not you want a large bash with or a small intimate gathering.

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2. Family sizes: Do you and or your partner come from large families, or one with a small extended family? If you come from a large family it is difficult in deciding who not to invite, especially if it is a tight knit family. If this is the case you may end up deciding whether to have a large guest list or some angry distant relatives.

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3. Availability of resources: Unlike A-list and even B-list celebrities, those of us in the public sphere have a limit to the amount of money we can spend on a wedding. It is extremely important to set a budget and decide how much you can actually spend, this will help determine how big your event can be as well as how many guest mouths that you will be able to feed.

What are some things you and your partner discussed when

deciding the size of your wedding? Please share below!

Celebrity Couple Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt Tie the Knot!



By

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It's official! Famous celebrity couple [Angelina Jolie](#) and [Brad Pitt](#) have finally tied the knot. Reported by [UsMagazine.com](#), the pair, who has been in a celebrity relationship for 9 years, said "I do" in a small chapel in France. The [celebrity wedding](#) would not have been complete unless their children

were involved. Sons Maddox, 13, and Pax, 10, walked Jolie down the aisle, while Zahara, 9, and Vivienne, 6, were the flower girls. It was an intimate celebration filled with family and love. What more could the happy celebrity couple have asked for?

This famous couple was able to incorporate their children into their celebrity wedding. How do you involve your family in your wedding ceremony?

Cupid's Advice:

Planning a wedding is not something that you can accomplish in one Saturday afternoon; it takes a lot of time and effort. There are a lot of details that need to be looked at, and one of those is including your loved ones in the ceremony. Here is some relationship advice for how to include your family on your special day:

1. Have a small ceremony: A great way to include your loved ones is to have a small and intimate gathering. There will always be that one other person you want to be there, but instead of inviting your roommate from your freshman year of college or your co-worker from your first job, keep your guest list short so you can spend time with those you truly love.

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2. Include your children: If you or your significant other have children from previous relationships and love, don't forget them on this big day. The ceremony is as much about them as it is to you and your partner. It isn't only two

people coming together, but two *families* coming together.

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3. Co-mingle as newlyweds: Encourage your relatives to pick a side, not a seat. It will be a great way for extended family to meet your partner's loved ones. During the reception, make it a point for you and your significant other to go around and thank everyone for coming. It'll show how much you care, and they will feel more included on your special day.

What ways did you and your significant other include your loved ones in your wedding? Share your experiences below.

'Glee' Star Heather Morris is Engaged to Longtime Boyfriend





By

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After welcoming their now 11-month-old son Elijah last year, *Glee* star Heather Morris is engaged to longtime boyfriend Taylor Hubbell, according to UsMagazine.com. No surprise that the actress was “beaming when spotted wearing her engagement ring.” Morris exclaimed back in 2011 that she was ready to marry Hubbell and have kids with him. Fast forward three years later, her dreams are coming true!

How do you celebrate your engagement with family and friends?

Cupid’s Advice:

Getting engaged is such an exciting time for every couple. It’s certainly a cause for celebration! Cupid has a few ideas for how you can commemorate the special occasion:

1. Host a dinner party: Invite your loved ones over for an intimate dinner party. If you haven’t introduced your parents or siblings yet, now is a great opportunity. This is the perfect setting to enjoy a nice meal and celebrate two families coming together.

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2. Plan a weekend trip: If you've been wanting to visit a nearby spa or head to the beach for a few days, your engagement is an excellent excuse, so pack your bags for a mini vacation with your new fiancé. Or you can invite your close friends along and use the time to share details about your proposal and even start planning your big day.

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3. Take your engagement photos: You know you want to show off that newly engaged glow! Find a photographer and spend a few hours taking pictures with your beau. You can use these photos as a way to announce your engagement via social media. Plus, they'll come in handy when you pick out your save the date – many couples take a more casual approach with their initial invite and include this personal touch.

How did you announce your engagement to your family and friends? Share your stories below!

Nicky Hilton Is Engaged to Banker James Rothschild





By

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It was on a yacht floating down Italy's Lake Como where James Rothschild, an European banking heir, got down on one knee and proposed to Nicky Hilton. He did so only after making a quick trip to the States to ask the American hotel heiress' parents for her hand. Hilton's camp told [People](#), "They are both very happy." Best wishes to the happy couple!

How can you incorporate water sports in your marriage proposal?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes it's best to get creative with your marriage proposal, and water sports can be the perfect solution. Cupid has some ideas:

1. Take a river cruise: There are a ton of decently affordable evening river cruises in all the major cities. The staff will serve you a nice dinner, there's always dancing, and the sun sets the views are spectacular. The atmosphere and city backdrop create the perfect to pop the question. Not to

mention, the photos will be beautiful!

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2. Play Marco Polo: Spend a day by the pool with family and friends. When the time is right, start up a game of Marco Polo and designate your future fiancé as Marco. When it comes down to just you two, hold out the ring and let her find that first. She'll open her eyes to a poolside proposal.

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3. Go Snorkeling: Go on a mission to collect one beautiful thing from the ocean while snorkeling. She will proudly present a conch shell, but you will trump her with the engagement ring you brought with you.

Was your proposal waterlogged? Share your stories in the comments below!

Kim Kardashian Reveals Why Brother Rob Bailed on Her Wedding





By

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Months after the Kim Kardashian and Kanye West wedding, the bride speaks out about the one guest who wasn't there: her brother Rob. There was plenty of press speculation as to why the Kardashian brother left Europe on such short notice, but on an interview with Andy Cohen on *Watch What Happens Live*, Kim said, "He sent me a long email the morning of that he was going to leave. There was no fight." She then said, "I just thought, 'You know what, this is my day, I'm not even going to worry about it.'" UsMagazine.com states that Kim insisted she loves her brother very much and admitted she could get frustrated with him at times.

What are some ways to settle family drama surrounding your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Wedding are beautiful occasions where a family gathers to celebrate love and a new addition to the group. However, this can also be a dramatic event, as certain family members may not be too excited to be in the same room as each other. Some

people forget that this is a day for the happy couple to be celebrated, not for them to dig up old fights and feuds. Things can get out of hand, and one unruly family member can ruin an otherwise happy occasion. Here are some ways to prevent this mess at your wedding:

1. Find out what is going on. Some people might not want to tell the soon-to-be newlyweds about family drama because they don't want to add to the stress of a big day. But this just leaves them in the dark and makes it even worse when the drama rears its ugly head. It's your job to get to the bottom of things and prepare yourself for any issues that might come up. The more you know, the better off you'll be.

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2. Think of who you're inviting. Of course you want your whole family there to celebrate your wedding, but sometimes it might be smarter to leave certain troublemakers off the guest list. There's no shame in wanting a nice, peaceful celebration and doing all you can to ensure that it stays that way. Just make sure these uninvited guests don't find out and crash the party.

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3. Sit people down and talk about the problem. If you expect one of your family members might be planning to stir up trouble, sit them down and sternly tell them that you won't be tolerating any drama and that you won't hesitate to throw them out if they start something. It's not easy, but it could be the difference between a fun reception and a disaster of a party.

How do you deal with family drama surrounding a wedding? Let us know in the comments!

'Hunger Games' Star Leven Rambin and 'True Blood' Alum Jim Parrack Are Engaged



By

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We all saw *True Blood* alum Jim Parrack's heartbreak when he ended his marriage to his wife of six years, Ciera Parrack. However, he quickly moved on, proposing to *Hunger Games* star, Leven Rambin, after only a few months of dating. According to UsMagazine.com, they even made their big news official on Facebook: Parrack changed his relationship status to Engaged over the weekend. The new couple does, in fact, seem very happy in this Instagram video they posted announcing

their hiatus from social media. Best of luck to the adorable pair!

How do you know when you're ready to move on post-divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Divorce is one of the most difficult things a person can go through in life. It is the end of something that was supposed to last forever. It's hard to believe that you'll someday move on – and maybe even find love again – when you feel so wrought with despair. However, know that you *will* feel closure and happiness again...eventually. So how do you know when the time is right to open up your heart to someone new?

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1. You're going out with your friends: If you can go out with your friends, you can go out on a date. Put a little extra effort into your beauty routine to make yourself feel your best. Even if you're not ready to get into a serious relationship, going on a date is a simple step in the right direction.

2. You miss what you had but not your ex: There is a big difference between missing a person and missing a feeling. When you lose a partner, it's almost always best to leave that person where they belong: in the past. A feeling, however, can always be found again. It may not be the same feeling you had with your ex, but it will be extraordinary because that is what love is. The important thing to remember is that you will have many loves in your life. Don't give up!

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3. You're okay with being alone: Something we all struggle with is recognizing the difference between being alone and

feeling lonely. Being alone is a part of life, even when you're married. You should be at peace with your thoughts, your choices, and your life. There is nothing scary about being alone. You are free in so many wonderful ways!

How did you know that you were ready to move on after a breakup? Tell us in the comments below!

George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin Get Marriage License in London



By

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The wedding bells are ringing! George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin snagged their marriage license in London at Chelsea Town Hall. The pair has been engaged since April and the actor and lawyer power couple is planning their wedding for this fall. According to UsMagazine.com, a source says that this is the happiest relationship that Clooney has been in, and the pair have a healthy, and wonderful love.

What are some ways to know you're ready for marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Marriage is THE commitment. This isn't something you do just for fun, because your parents want you to, or because you're feeling pressured to. This is all about you and your man, so you want to make sure this is the right man going into it. Take these thoughts into consideration before you say "I do":

1. There is nothing holding you back emotionally: It is only normal for everyone to come with some sort of emotional baggage from past relationships. Before heading toward the altar, take a moment to breathe. If you don't find yourself drowning in other entanglements, secrets, or reservations, it's safe to say you can take this step forward with your love.

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2. It's not about the wedding, it's about being married: As we grow up we are instructed about how our lives are supposed to go. You go from being a child to being in school, then graduating, getting married, and having children. This is supposed to be sufficient by societal standards but this is the person who is going to stand by your side forever. If you're just looking forward to wearing a white gown and the honeymoon, then marriage isn't for you. This is going to be hard work on both ends, and nothing will be easy from this

point forward.

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3. You're 100 % sure about your partner: If you can say wholeheartedly that you trust your partner with your life, then you're in safe hands. he's your knight in shining armor, who has been there for you through your ups and downs, has seen you in both positive and negative lights, and still finds you wonderful. You deserve eternal happiness, and you have to find that with someone who makes you feel good about yourself. There is no room left for doubt within a marriage, so don't take any into it.

How did you know you were ready to be married? Share with us in the comments below!

Former 'Bachelorette' Desiree Hartstock Celebrates Upcoming Wedding with Bridal Shower





By

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Desiree Hartstock of the *Bachelorette* is celebrating her wedding, the date still undecided, with a bridal shower. The star had her shower with a group of her girlfriends, which included other former *Bachelor* contestants such as Ali Fedotowsky, Daniella McBride, and Jackie Parr. Hartstock's shower was at the Lombardi House and was posted all over social media in photos and tweets such as "BEST bridal shower anyone could ask for!!" According to [People](#) the couple now lives in Seattle had an engagement party back in February.

What are some ways to personalize your bridal shower?

Cupid's Advice:

A bridal shower is a great way to celebrate your upcoming wedding with girlfriends and family members. It showers the bride with love and affection, which is definitely needed to calm the wedding nerves and the stress of planning everything. If you want your bridal shower to be something special, make it unique to you! Every marriage is different, and of course every bride is different, so why not have a different bridal

shower? Cupid has some advice:

1. Have a theme. Theme weddings don't always work, so maybe you could try to take it down a notch and still give the bride what she wants by doing a bridal shower theme. All of the guests should show up in the proper attire, the venue should be decked out appropriately, and the activities should be fun but with the theme. It's a great way to have fun and go all-out without having to go through the complications of a theme wedding.

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2. Play some games! This is a great way to have fun at any shower, and plenty of games revolve around the bride, so it's easy to personalize them. Trivia about the bride, Bridal Bingo, The (Almost) Newlywed Game, and Memory Lane are all examples of games where the guests get to know a little more about the bride while having fun at the same time.

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3. Serve the bride's favorite food. Even if it doesn't fit the theme or is a bit weird for the occasion, the party is about the bride, so she should be able to enjoy her favorite food. This could be something completely casual like burgers or chicken wings, or it could be more elaborate like a three course meal. Either way, the meal should reflect the bride's taste. Literally.

What are some ways your bridal shower was personalized? Let us know in the comments!

Sia Marries Filmmaker Erik Anders



By

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Australian pop star Sia has managed to go from swinging on chandeliers to tying the knot with Erik Anders this past weekend. Sia has made quite a mark in the music industry over the years, being featured with artists like David Guetta, Lea Michele, Beyonce, Katy Perry, and more. The couple wed at her home in Palm Springs, California, in a beautiful backyard wedding. Sia and Anders had gotten engaged back in June, and Sia has been non-stop excited ever since. According to UsMagazine.com, she tweeted, "Omg omg I'm so excited!" the morning of her special day.

What are some ways to keep your demanding work schedule from affecting your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Careers are important, especially when women have worked so hard over the years to earn them. But on the other hand, love is just as important in creating your happiness. Don't spend your days glued to a desk when you could have your lips glued to his. Learn to balance your demanding work schedule with these three tips below:

1. Prioritize your work-availability: Sometimes in the office you can create a set schedule for days in which you work, and in which you have off. With this, there will be no surprise on the days in which you work and do not work, so you won't have to anticipate any curve-balls. You will also be able to let your man know when your office hours are so you can set up time together accordingly. This type of block-scheduling can help you find a balance between working and spending time with your man.

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2. Utilize the time you do have: One mistake every couple makes is thinking that there always has to be a plan. Some of the best dates and adventures spur from spontaneity. Don't waste your time sitting around trying to come up with something to do. Go for a walk until you think of something, hold hands, kiss a lot, and eventually you'll both be able to find happiness from just being in each other's company.

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3. Schedule time off together: It's okay, you can actually step out of the office and enjoy time off every now and again. Schedule a couple of days each month for you and your love to retreat together. Go on a small trip, to a bed and breakfast, or even just lock yourselves indoors together. Anticipation will build about your time together and will only make your

feelings stronger, such as Sia anticipating her wedding day.

How do you balance work and play? Share with us in the comments below!

Andi Dorfman Says Juan Pablo Needs to Propose to Nikki Ferrell



By

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With *Bachelorette* Andi Dorfman accepting Josh Murray's proposal, talk of a wedding isn't far behind. "We have not

really started making [plans],” says Dorfman. “I think I’m gonna enjoy being engaged for a little while...” According to UsMagazine.com, the newly engaged bachelorette was then asked if she would invite old flame Juan Pablo Galavis to the wedding. “Um, yeah—just gonna be a soft ‘No’ for now,” she responded, later adding, “If he marries Nikki, he gets an invite.” The newly engaged couple is talking about a spring wedding, but nothing is for sure quite yet!

What are some reasons to tie the knot?

Cupid’s Advice:

Marriage is a huge step to take in a relationship. That’s why a proposal is so important! Some couples date for years and never end up married, while others are engaged in a matter of weeks. How do you know when it’s time to finally pop the question and take your relationship to the next level? Here is some advice to help you figure it out:

1. You’ve talked about the future in depth. Marriage is a (hopefully) permanent future together, so all parties involved should know about future plans such as moving, career goals, or anything else that would affect your lives together. Don’t leave anything hidden from your partner! Your future plans don’t just involve you anymore.

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2. You’re ready to join the family. Maybe it’s been easy to avoid your partner’s family so far, but once you’re married, you are officially part of the family whether you like it or not. Depending on your partner’s family situation, this might mean going to visit them on holidays or joining them on vacations. Make sure you like this family before you become a part of it!

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3. You are prepared in every way. This means emotionally, mentally, *and* financially. If you don't have the money to buy a house, pay for a wedding, or even get a ring, maybe you shouldn't be proposing. Yes, a marriage is a sign of never ending love, but it's also a very legally and financially binding agreement. Make sure you have this figured out before you dive in headfirst!

How did you decide to take the next step and say 'I do'? Tell us in the comments!

Naya Rivera Secretly Marries Ryan Dorsey on Original Wedding Date to Big Sean





By

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Not a new boyfriend, but a new husband, Naya Rivera sure has moved quickly! Since her split from rapper Big Sean, jet three months ago, Naya Rivera was just spotted last week vacationing in Mexico with Ryan Dorsey. Little did we know that the trip was not just a vacation. The couple tied the knot July 19th, the same date set for her a Big Sean's wedding! Incidentally, the 19th is also Dorsey's birthday, only adding to the joy of the date. Rivera had kept much under wraps about her relationship, and now marriage, to Dorsey. According to UsMagazine.com, the beautiful bride also invested in the same hair stylist as Kim Kardashian, undoubtedly she looked her best for her special day.

How do you decide the day on which to tie the knot?

Cupid's Advice:

Selecting a wedding date may not seem like a huge deal, but it's actually a defining process. There are so many factors to consider into picking your special day, it can actually be a little stressful. Relax and take a deep breath before taking

these three major factors into consideration for choosing your newest anniversary date:

1. Time of year: Weather, holidays, and work schedules are all things to consider when planning a wedding. June may be too hot, December too chilly, too close to Christmas, or even too hot depending on your side of the globe. Nevertheless, you want to pick your perfect day based on your preferences. If you're in a time crunch, then you'll have to make some quick decisions. Weekend or weekday? All day or partial day? So many decisions that are all yours to make, so choose wisely.

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2. Personal significance: Every couple has certain dates that mean more to them than others. If your dating-anniversary is coming up, that may be a cool idea for a wedding date. However, some couples like to spread out their meaningful dates throughout the year, so picking a wedding date that isn't too similar to other important occasions may seem more appealing. Talk to your partner about his preferences and select a date that will forever leave a mark on your hearts.

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3. Location: Single handedly one of the most important points of the wedding is the venue. If you're planning to be wed on a beach, you don't want snow falling around you, just as you wouldn't want to have an outside wedding and then a torrential downpour make an appearance. Be sure to strategize your location based on your needs as a bride, and always be prepared for any type of weather or surprise that may come your way.

How did you know what day was that perfect wedding date? Share your stories with us in the comments below!

Snooki Prepares for Wedding Day with 'Great Gatsby' Themed Bridal Shower



By

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Baby number two on the way and a wedding is on its way, too for this reality star. Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi is putting her wedding plans into action. According to People.com, the Jersey Shore alum celebrated the upcoming big day with a Great Gatsby themed bridal shower in her native, Poughkeepsie, New York, on Sunday. Amongst the 100 party guests were costars Jenni "JWoww" Farley, Sammi Giancola, and Deena Cortese. Polizzi's 18 bridesmaids were indeed festive in costumes to represent

the roaring '20s. Set to wed in the fall, Snooki uploaded photos of the event on Instagram, including a picture of her seating card, reading "Bride to Be," followed by the caption, "That's me!" Although the room was filled with ladies, one guy made a special appearance: Her little one, Lorenzo. In another photo shared was her and her 22-month-old son: "With my prince," she captioned. She later Tweeted to fans, "Had such an amazing day with friends and family. Blessed to have genuine & beautiful people in my life."

What are three unique themes for a bridal shower?

Cupid's Advice:

The big day is approaching and you are celebrating it to the fullest. In the midst of all the planning, you are putting together a bridal shower, but running low on ideas. Should it be themed? Should it be coordinated by a specific color? These may be just a couple of questions you have been asking yourself. Cupid has some suggestions to help:

1. Pretty & Pamper: What better way to treat yourself and the ladies than with a nice pampering session? Manicures, pedicures, facials, massages . . . complete bliss! Throw some food, drinks, and a few wedding games in the mix and stamp it as a bridal shower.

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2. Gold Glamour: Looking for something with lots of glam and glitter? Set up a themed shower that is the epitome of just that. Roll out the red carpet, feathered boas, sparkly jewelry, and cameras.

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3. Pick a Decade: If there is a period in time that you are nearly obsessed with, try to revolve your shower around it. Example: If you choose the 1960s, go with a 'mod' look. You

will be sure to represent the decade well.

Have any unique bridal shower ideas? Share below!

Rumor: Are Charlize Theron and Sean Penn Engaged?



By

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Is there going to be another celebrity bride sometime soon? From the looks of it, possibly. According to UsMagazine.com, Charlize Theron and Sean Penn may be ready for the Mr. and Mrs. title. The couple hopes to wed this summer in South Africa, Theron's native, as well as adopt a little one.

“They want to get married very soon,” said an inside source. “[They] always intended to have another child.” Sparking rumors even more, the 38-year-old actress was spotted sporting a beautiful new carats on her left hand at the Los Angeles International Airport on July 23rd. Although a source revealed the ring is not symbolizing an engagement, a source from Penn stated “they absolutely want to get married.” After 18 years of friendship, the pair made their debut as couple back in May at the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s Costume Institute Gala in NYC. “It just kind of naturally happened, and before I knew it, I was in something that was making my life better—the people who really love me can see the effect it has had on me,” Theron dished on her relationship to Vogue. She also told Esquire U.K. last month that “it was nice to be single and now it’s nice to be not single.”

What are some ways to keep your engagement under wraps?

Cupid’s Advice:

The proposal took you by surprise and now you are ready to take everyone else by surprise with the announcement. Although you are overwhelmed by excitement and joy, you do not want to broadcast your engagement just yet. With the big secret comes some steps to overcome in order to successfully conceal the news. Check out a few out Cupid’s tips:

1. Swear into secrecy: Do not disclose any information. Of course, you will be tempted quite a few times to tell even your closest friends . . . do not give in. It may seem easier said than done, but definitely can be done if you are serious about not spilling the beans.

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2. Don’t be Captain Obvious: The talks about marriage and whatnot will only continue with your family and friends, yet

it is up to you to shy away from exposing your big and special news until you and your partner are ready. Sometimes we feel pressured and want to blabber about every single thing. Do not let this interfere with the plan. If no hints are given, the engagement will come as a surprise.

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3. Leave the ring at home:It is beautiful, shiny, and sparkly . . . you want everyone in town to see it. Yes, you will get the urge to flaunt your new accessory, however, keep in mind the master plan. Keep the ring in the jewelry box until the time comes. People are easily captured by an exquisite diamond and will begin to speculate. Instead, you may want to choose something simple that is sentimental and symbolizes your engagement to wear out in public until the news is announced.

How else could you keep your engagement under wraps? Share with us below!

‘Bachelorette’ Star Marcus Grodd Is Engaged to ‘Bachelor in Paradise’ Costar





By

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Love is in the air for two *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* alums! Marcus Grodd and Lacy Faddoul will be tying the knot soon, according to UsMagazine.com. The former *Bachelorette* contestant got another shot at love after being left brokenhearted by Andi Dorfman on the show's tenth season. The 25-year-old sports manager picked up the pieces and has since been able to glue them back together with Faddoul, who appeared on the season 18 premiere with Juan Pablo Galavis, on a spinoff show, *Bachelor in Paradise*. A source reveals the pair got engaged during the show's taping, which filmed in June and is set to air Monday, August 4th.

What are some ways to meet your partner on vacation?

Cupid's Advice:

For some, they experience hot, steamy summer flings every year. For others, they get the once in a lifetime opportunity of meeting someone while on vacation and it actually turning into a real romance. What are the chances, huh? This does indeed happen and Cupid has a few ways to show you how to meet

your [future] partner while on vaca:

1. Explore: First and foremost, go out. A vacation may be about relaxing and time away, but that does not include being cooped up in your hotel room. The possibility of you meeting someone while doing this is slim to none. Devote a few hours to sight seeing . . . you may just meet him/her in the midst of doing so.

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2. Socialize: Speak to a few strangers along the way. Make small talk and see what you may have in common with the other vacationers or residents. Just sit back and see where the conversation leads (maybe to your future).

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3. Do not expect long-term: Think of having fun and thoroughly enjoying yourself. After all, that is somewhat the point of the trip. Avoid any expectations, such as, finding your soul mate or someone to build a family with. Once you get rid of any related notions, you will be on the right path of believing "if it happens, it happens."

How do you meet a future partner while on vacation? Tell us what you think below!

Kate Hudson Would Marry

Fiance Matt Bellamy 'For the Kids'



By

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Kate Hudson is in no hurry to walk down the aisle any time soon. According to UsMagazine.com, the 35-year-old actress talked about her relationship with love of three years, Matt Bellamy, during an appearance on *The View* on Monday, July 21st. "I just don't have – I'm happy. We're married. We've got kids and a family and we've got to find our time together alone," the *Wish I Was Here* star said when asked about any possible marriage plans. "We are in it. I think if we do get married it will be for the kids, really. For us, we're just happy. She continued to say, "I know that's not really necessarily a golden ticket but there is something beautiful about the security of marriage. And we'll get there when we

get there.” The pair got engaged in April 2011 and welcomed a baby boy, Bingham, shortly after. Although Hudson and Bellamy, 36, had a bump in the road recently, a source revealed they are definitely “happy in love” and worked their way through it.

What are three good reasons to tie the knot?

Cupid's Advice:

Making that step towards marriage is no easy thing to talk about, let alone actually do. For some time, you and your partner have been giving it some thought and could possibly be ready to make a lifetime commitment to one another. However, you think you may need some confirmation before this milestone approaches. Cupid has a few ways to find out if you are indeed ready to exchange vows:

1. You've met your soul mate: The one person you connect with like no other, the one person who knows nearly every single detail about you, the one person you cannot imagine life without, the one person who you are willing to spend decades with. If this remotely describes your relationship, it just may be time for the wedding nuptials (no pressure).

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2. Sealing the deal: Marriage gives you the opportunity to make your relationship beyond official. No more “boyfriend” or “girlfriend,” you can even toss out the word “partner” if you'd like. Plus, a marriage license may be more sentimental and significant to you, rather than long-term cohabitating.

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3. You become a dynamic duo: Really. You will work as a team more so than ever. Whether that is dealing with financial

decisions or something as simple as deciding and cooking dinner for the night – you're in it together.

How do you know when it is the perfect time to tie the knot?
Tell us below!

Jenny McCarthy and Donnie Wahlberg Go Wedding Dress Shopping Together



By

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Bride-to-be Jenny McCarthy went outside the traditional bridal

box and went dress shopping with her fiancé Donnie Wahlberg. The couple got engaged in April, and they're still deciding the details. Even after her shopping day with her fiancé, McCarthy has not picked out a dress. "I don't want to get lost in the mundane details," she tells [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com). "I just kind of want to enjoy the experience. You know, because this is my last wedding, I want to do it right, but I don't want to overdo it."

What are some advantages to picking out a wedding dress with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

It's a tradition that every bride knows: The groom can't see the bride in her wedding dress until she walks down the aisle. However, traditions fade and brides do things their own way. Like McCarthy, some brides bring their future husbands dress shopping with them, which is a shocker for many. But this break of tradition had some advantages you may not have thought of:

1. Get the opinion of the only man that matters. Most brides bring an entourage of fellow women to help during dress shopping. Women know fashion, but men know what women look good in. If you bring your husband with you, you'll have a man's opinion, and it's the only male opinion that's important.

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2. Avoid the bickering of in-laws and parents. If you bring your husband and skip the family group altogether, that's a lot of arguing you're avoiding. Maybe you have a critical mother or a super conservative future mother-in-law, and trading them in for the love of your life on this shopping trip will get rid of a lot of stress.

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3. Have a fun bonding experience. He shouldn't just be your husband, but your best friend. This dress shopping experience might be even more fun if he's there. Picking out a dress can be worrisome, but having your man there might make it more enjoyable and less of a chore.

Did your fiancé help you pick out your wedding dress? Tell us what it was like in the comments!

Find Out About Adam Levine and Behati Prinsloo's Wedding Reception





By

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Adam Levine and Behati Prinsloo's wedding reception was one for the history books as guests raved about the party to People.com. "Everyone was having so much fun," one source said. "Adam and Behati couldn't stop smiling the entire night." The reception, held at Flora Farms in Los Cabos, Mexico, included musical performances from Stevie Nicks, Maroon 5, Sublime, and bride Prinsloo herself. The food was all organic and the speeches "had guests laughing".

How do you make your reception memorable?

Cupid's Advice:

While the wedding itself is important, the reception is what everyone really looks forward to. It included everyone, and usually it's a lot of fun. Many receptions follow the same basic structure including a toast by the best man and maid of honor, the first dance as man and wife, and then an open dance floor. These are great traditions, but there are many ways to spice it up and make your reception something special:

1. Have the wedding party do a special dance. Coordinated wedding party dances are becoming very popular. They're fun, unique, and encourage others to get up and dance. If your wedding party is up to it, treat your guests to a fun and entertaining routine.

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2. Include guest activities like a photo booth. Party games and activities let guests enjoy themselves even if they don't like dancing. These fun events can be a number of things, and they're bound to be a hit if you put enough creativity and effort into them. These activities can even lead to great reception memories like photos or take-home crafts.

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3. Do a bit of couple karaoke. Use Levine and Prinsloo's wedding as an example! Have the bride, groom, or both sing a song that means a lot to them. Even if the singer doesn't have a particularly great voice, the crowd will still support them. After all, it's their wedding day!

How did you make your reception special? Let us know in the comments!

Jessica Simpson Gushes About New Husband Eric Johnson





By

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Happily in love, Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson are not the couple to shy away from bragging about the love of their life. Having recently exchanged vows on Independence Day weekend, the Johnsons According to UsMagazine.com, Simpson recent posted a photo to Instagram gushing about her man, captioning the image: "I love this man, our marriage, and everything in between."

What are some ways to keep the spark alive after marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Marriage is comforting because it has a form of security that no other relationship does. But in this security couples can get too comfortable with one another to the point to where they stop trying to attract one another. Consider these pointers when trying to keep the sparks flying between you and your man.

1. Keep courting your partner: Although technically you have won the game, you have to keep playing. In a strong marriage

both people make an effort to continue to date each other. The flirting, date nights, and romantic gestures all seem to dwindle over time, but they are just as meaningful. Even if you are just posting a photo to Instagram like Jessica Simpson about her new hubby Eric Johnson, the gesture is still endearing and it reassures your partner that you're still attracted to them in every way that you were before.

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2. Spend time away from each other: It sounds odd at first, but if you think about it, when you aren't all wrapped up in each other, there gives you time for you to miss the person you love. Even if it's just for a few hours a day, take time for yourself. The honeymoon phase of marriage doesn't last long, don't let Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson fool you, but you can recreate the feelings of attraction just by going back to the basics. Plus, in doing so you'll also have new answers for each other when you ask your love about their day.

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3. Be adventurous in the bedroom: Routine relationship can lead to routine sex. This man is here to love you forever, so you might as well get inventive in the ways he can love you. Try out some new moves, buy some new lingerie to feel sexy in, embrace your inner sex goddess. Nothing is sexier than a woman who knows what she wants so let your hubby know exactly what you want.

How do you keep your marriage filled with butterflies? Share with us in the comments below!