

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



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

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

Cupid’s Advice:

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

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

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

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

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

Newly Engaged Jessica Biel Wears Bridal Style Dress at Golden Globes





We don't need to see an engagement ring to know that Jessica Biel is excited about getting hitched to Justin Timberlake. After rumors of an engagement were confirmed, the pair have been lying low ... that is, until Biel stunned at the Golden Globes without her fiancé. There to present an award, Biel wore a white lace Elie Saab that resembled a wedding dress. Could the actress be giving us an idea of her bridal style? According to UsMagazine.com, the bride-to-be was glowing and very happy.

What are some ways to channel your excitement about your engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting engaged is exciting! Whether you are planning to get married right after the engagement or plan to wait awhile, wedding details can be hard not to think about. Here are some ways to tell the world that you are happy:

1. Style: Try out different wedding gown fabrics with your everyday clothes. Lace, tulle and satin are always fashionable and romantic.

2. Manicure: Bridal manis and pedis, anyone? Trying out french manicures and pretty pink nail polish hues are always

in style and great paired with a new engagement ring.

3. Technology: Wedding apps and magazines are so much fun to read. Why not rip out pages or save pics and post them around your office for wedding bliss inspiration?

How have you channeled your engagement excitement? Comment below.

Rumor: Halle Berry Is Engaged to Olivier Martinez



Halle Berry is no longer on the market, or at least that's the rumor going around. According to [People](#), "Olivier Martinez, Berry's boyfriend of more than a year, has given her a diamond-and-

emerald engagement ring.” The two co-starred in a French film in 2010 and became a couple shortly after. This would be Berry’s third time tying the knot, as she was previously married in the early 1990s as well as in the early 2000s.

How do you know when it’s time to tie the knot?

Cupid’s Advice:

It’s not always clear when it’s time to take the big step of marriage with your partner. Cupid has ways to know if you’re meant to be:

1. No need to impress each other: You’re able to be yourself around your partner. There’s no longer a need to pretend you like their weird music or have a taste for fondue.

2. Trust: You trust each other. When you go out, you’re not wondering what they’re doing and vice versa. A secure relationship is critical when taking it to the next level of commitment.

3. Ready for forever: Once you’ve truly grasped what marriage means and that you want to be with this person for the rest of your life, then marriage may be the next step. If you can’t imagine your life without them, maybe you should make them a more permanent part of it.

What are some other ways to know you’re ready for marriage? Share your thoughts below.

Rumor: Evan Rachel Wood is Engaged to Jamie Bell



It looks like actress Evan Rachel Wood is engaged again, but this time it's not to Marilyn Manson. British actor Jamie Bell and Wood have been dating since 2005, and it looks like they're finally ready to tie the knot. Although a source confirmed the engagement with UsMagazine.com, Wood's rep had no comment to confirm the rumor. That said, Bell was spotted shopping for engagement rings in late December, and Woods was photographed leaving The Hotel Cafe in Hollywood with some bling on her ring finger.

How do you keep your impending engagement under wraps?

Cupid's Advice:

Don't let someone spill the beans before you get the chance to

pop the question. Cupid has some tips:

1. Family first: If you plan on asking her father for his blessing, ask him to keep it between the two of you, so that it can come as a surprise for the rest of the family.

2. Keep quiet: Once you've bought the ring, you're going to be excited, but try to maintain your excitement instead of blabbing it to the world.

3. Be prepared: Make a plan for the big day, and don't tell anyone else how or when you're going to ask.

How did you keep your soon-to-be engagement hush-hush? Share your comments below.

Lady Antebellum Singer Hillary Scott Ties the Knot





Congrats to Lady

Antebellum singer Hillary Scott and drummer Chris Tyrrell, who are officially married, as of Saturday. The couple, who has been engaged since July, held a small ceremony in upstate New York in front of family and close friends, according to [People](#). “We got married,” Scott, 25, said as she flashed a wedding ring in a video on Lady Antebellum’s website with her new hubby. “We just wanted you to hear it from us first. We love you. We’re so excited to be starting our life together and we just had to let you in on the exciting news.” Scott said she couldn’t be happier and loves having someone in her life who completely accepts her. “Everything is brighter. Everything has a deeper meaning. I’ve found a guy who truly embraces me for who I am and appreciates the things that I don’t necessarily love about myself.”

How do you know if your partner embraces you for who you are?

Cupid’s Advice:

While most people say they accept their lover, it’s sometimes can be difficult to believe it. Cupid has some ways to help you be sure:

1. Closeness: Ask yourself where your partner is whenever

you're having a tough time. Someone who truly accepts you isn't fair weathered.

2. No judgement: Your significant other should be the person you confide in, and they don't hold what you say against you.

3. Return the favor: A person is more likely to accept you if they feel welcomed by you. Be sure to let your partner know how you feel toward them.

How do you know when your partner accepts you? Share your ideas below.

Drew Barrymore Is Engaged To Will Kopelman



Drew Barrymore is

already having a very happy new year. Barrymore's rep confirmed to UsMagazine.com that Barrymore and her beau, Will Kopelman, 34, are now engaged. An art consultant, Kopelman popped the question in Sun Valley, Idaho, sometime during the holiday season, according to a source. The newly-engaged twosome, who was first spotted as a couple around February last year, briefly dated in 2010, but split up at the time, only to reunite later.

What are the advantages of getting engaged on a special occasion?

Cupid's Advice:

There are quite a few advantages of getting engaged on a special occasion. Cupid has a few:

1. Family get together or party: Depending on the occasion, proposing in front of family and friends can make the event even more special to your partner and to your loved ones. What a way to celebrate uniting love than with the people who love you the most.

2. Anniversary: Imagine both you and your love taking a much-needed vacation for your anniversary. Not only is your mind right and ready for some relaxation and quality time to celebrate your relationship, but you're also ready for some romance. It would be perfect timing to propose.

3. Birthday or holiday: By getting engaged on one of your birthdays or on a holiday you both love, you're already excited for the occasion before it's made even more special.

What are some other special times to get engaged? Share your thoughts below.

LeBron James Is Engaged to Longtime Girlfriend Savannah Brinson



Miami Heat

basketball star, LeBron James, popped the question to his longtime girlfriend Savannah Brinson at a New Year's Eve dinner party at the Shelborne hotel in South Beach. According to [People](#), the party was hosted by his Heat teammate Dwyane Wade and his girlfriend Gabrielle Union. It was a celebration not only of 2012, but also a belated birthday party for James. According to witnesses, James picked up the couple's two sons and swung them around right after popping the question.

Where are some creative places to pop the question?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting engaged is a moment in your life that you'll never forget. Here are some great places to act as the setting for your amazing moment:

- 1. During fireworks:** Fireworks are always a sign of a joyous occasion and serve as a great backdrop to the question, "Will you marry me?".
- 2. On top of a rollercoaster:** As the old saying goes, life is a rollercoaster, so celebrate this high point in your life in the fast lane.
- 3. On a chairlift:** The winter months are a time of romance. Pop the question on top of a white mountain or on a chairlift during a ski trip.

Where do you dream of being proposed to? Share your fantasy engagement below.

Steven Tyler Gets Engaged to Girlfriend Erin Brady





It's been confirmed!

Steven Tyler is officially engaged to girlfriend Erin Brady. He proposed to his lady love with a Loree Rodkin ring, according to UsMagazine.com. Tyler has been a fan of the jewelry designer for a long time and decided on a 5 carat brilliant cut diamond set on a micro pave diamond and platinum band. Rumors of the rockstar's upcoming marriage surfaced when the pair were seen during a getaway in Hawaii this week with Brady flashing a shiny new ring. It's looking like the 63-year-old singer will be tying the knot for the third time.

How do you decide which engagement ring to get your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

The ring is at the center of every engagement. It's the first thing people are going to ask about, so it's important to make it special. Cupid has some tips:

1. Originality: No one wants the same ring as someone else, especially a friend or family member. That would be a disaster. Make sure the ring you choose bears no resemblance to one belonging to someone close to your partner.

2. Your budget: Not everyone can afford 10 carats, and that's okay. Get something classy that your partner will cherish

forever.

3. You partner's taste: The type of jewelry you might like may not exactly be your partner's taste. Figure out a way to find out their preferences, whether that means asking them directly or polling their family and friends.

What does your dream engagement ring look like? Share your thoughts below.

Matthew McConaughey Proposes to Longtime Girlfriend Camila Alves



Matthew McConaughey

made sure his long-time girlfriend Camila Alves, had a very merry Christmas this year. After being together for nearly five years, the couple is finally getting married.

McConaughey proposed to the Brazilian model on Christmas Day and announced the engagement on his WhoSay account. "Just asked Camila to marry me...#Merry Christmas," he wrote in a post accompanied by a picture of the 42-year-old actor kissing a smiling Alves, 29, in front of the Christmas tree. The couple, who met in 2006, have two children together- Levi, three, and Vida, who turns two in January. The actor previously gushed to [People](#) "[Alves] is the love of my life. Everything is right."

What are some reasons to get married after you've already started a family together?

Cupid's Advice:

Just because you and your partner may have already moved in together and/or have kids before getting married, doesn't mean that your significant other is fine sticking with the boyfriend or girlfriend title. Here are some reasons to tie the knot even after you've already jumped a few steps ahead.

1. **Support:** Some people may think that your goals or dreams are figments of your imagination, but when you have someone who believes in you and is your biggest cheerleader- that's marriage material right there. Finding someone who supports you is hard to come by.

2. **Create a foundation:** Kids tend to model after their parents and when they come from a strong, loving and committed family unit, it helps provide them with the best opportunity for success in their own love lives when they get older.

3. **Enjoying life:** There's nothing more enjoyable than marrying your partner or best friend. It's nice to have someone with whom you can grow and share intimate experience with together.

Is marriage important once you start a family with someone?
Tell us your thoughts below.

John Legend is Engaged to Model Girlfriend Chrissy Teigen



Dating since 2007, R&B singer John Legend and 26-year-old model Chrissy Teigen got engaged over the holiday weekend. According to UsMagazine.com, Legend proposed while the couple were vacationing in the Maldives. Legend, a nine-time Grammy winner known for hits such as “Ordinary People” has managed to keep his relationship strong with Teigen who starred on *Deal or No Deal* and has appeared as a *Sports Illustrated* model.

How do you keep your relationship going when you have a demanding job?

Cupid's Advice:

Work doesn't need to get in the way of your relationship. If you prioritize what's important and engage in little acts that make your partner feel special, the relationship will continue to grow. Cupid has some tips for doing just that:

1. Travel: Make time to reconnect with your partner. Take a vacation like John Legend's Maldives trip with his fiancée. If you don't have the budget for travel to the archipelago islands, pretend you do and recreate the experience at home. The internet is a powerful tool for research and recipes.

2. Keep the romance alive: Remember the little things about your partner, and make sure you let them know that you're thinking of them when they're not around. Even a simple phone call or post-it note left on their laptop can work wonders.

3. Communicate: Constantly communicating with your sweetheart keeps the relationship going in the right direction. If you are open with one another it will help you handle any problems that may arise before they become too serious.

What are some ways you and your partner stay connected despite a demanding job? Share your experiences below

**Hollywood Couple Ashley
Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum**

Celebrate with Holiday Traditions



Hollywood

couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum are celebrating both Christmas and Hanukkuh during their first holiday season together after recently getting engaged on the reality TV show *The Bachelorette*. As Rosenbaum told [People](#), “We have been celebrating the first few nights of Hanukkuh. We lit some candles.” Rosenbaum also introduced his celebrity love to the Jewish tradition of having Chinese food. The happy Hollywood couple spent Christmas in Maine with Hebert’s family eating and singing holiday carols.

Although this Hollywood couple had different holiday traditions, they

still celebrated with each other. How do you adapt to your partner's family traditions?

Cupid's Advice:

When you start a new relationship and love, you and your partner may have so different traditions – and that's okay! One of the fun things about being in a partnership is learning new things. Here is some relationship advice on how to celebrate your love's traditions:

1. Participate: You may not understand your partner's traditions or religion, but don't be a Scrooge. For the sake of your relationship and love, give their family a chance and try it out. Ask for ideas about what to make or bring over. You'll enjoy the festivities even more if you contribute!

Related Link: [The Holiday Gift Guide for New Couples](#)

2. Educate: If you're feeling uncomfortable and don't know what to expect from your partner's family, the best way to learn about Hanukkuh or the Italian 'Feast of the Seven Fishes' is to research the tradition before you go. It won't make you a pro, but it will surely give you some background and make you feel more comfortable.

Related Link: [P.A.C.E. for New Holiday Traditions](#)

3. Ask questions: Show interest by asking questions about certain activities, prayers, or food. Most people love to talk about family traditions and how they got started. Being inquisitive fills the evening with nostalgia and shows how much you care.

What's your favorite holiday tradition? Share it with us in

the comments below.

Lady Antebellum Singer Dave Haywood Is Engaged



Dave Haywood, 29, gave his girlfriend, Kelli Cashiola, 29, the holiday gift every girl wants: an engagement ring! A representative for Haywood confirmed to [People](#) that he proposed on Monday evening. He did so first by picking up his finance and blind folding her as he drove her to their home, which was converted into a winter wonderland. When the blindfold was removed “will you marry me” was spelled out in Christmas lights on the front of their house and Haywood slipped a ring onto Cashiola’s finger. Cashiola, of course, said yes. Haywood is the final Lady Antebellum band member to be engaged. A date

has not been set, but it is said to be after the spring wedding of band mate Hillary Scott.

What are some unique ways to propose?

Cupid's Advice:

Every girl dreams of the day a man will get down on one knee and ask her to spend her life with him. Guys, this is how to do it and make sure your girl says "yes":

1. Return to the spot of your first date: What is more special than the spot of your first date, or even better, your first kiss? Nothing. Bringing back all those happy memories and first date jitters will be sure to make the moment romantic and unforgettable.

2. Make it unexpected: Try not to let your honey know what you're up to. The more of a surprise it is the better! The look on your girlfriend's face will be priceless.

3. Tie in all of her favorite things: If you and your girlfriend love skiing take her on a ski trip and propose by the fireside after her favorite meal. Or maybe you love baking together... bake cupcakes and drop the ring into one and make sure that's the one she tastes first. No matter what you choose to do, make sure it's something special and unique to you as a couple.

How did you propose? Share your stories below.

Backstreet Boys Singer A.J. McLean Ties the Knot



Backstreet Boy, A.J.

McLean is married. The boy band cutie wed his longtime girlfriend at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Los Angeles. The couple is all about putting a spin on tradition. According to UsMagazine.com, McLean proposed to Rochelle Karidis on stage at a live concert in Vegas, and Rochelle walked down the aisle to Guns N' Roses. Way to make it unique, you two!

What are some ways to incorporate your favorite things in your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings are meant to be fun, but can sometimes become too traditional and you lose sight of who you are as a couple. Here's how to celebrate your likes and dislikes, without

being tacky:

1. Music: If Rochelle can do it, so can you. Walk down the aisle or make your reception playlist full of songs that you and your partner love groovin' out to.

2. Reception: Don't be afraid to mix in something you like with tradition or skip tradition all together. Love the idea of belly dancers? Go for it, because receptions are your time to shine.

3. Theme: Why not make your wedding all about you? Pick a theme that you love and incorporate it in everything, from decor to food.

How did you incorporate your style in your wedding? Share your experiences below.

Britney Spears and Jason Trawick Get Engaged





Britney Spears has had a turbulent few years. This month, however, she has a lot to celebrate. Aside from celebrating her 30th birthday, recent reports have confirmed that the pop princess is now engaged to Jason Trawick. According to [People](#), Trawick proposed on his birthday Thursday night in Los Angeles. After giving him tons of birthday gifts and having cake together, Spears was surprised to get a surprise of her own in the form of a Neil Lane sparkly engagement ring. According to sources close to the couple, the two are very happy and have been talking about marriage for a while now.

What are some unique ways to celebrate a recent engagement?

Cupid's Advice: The holidays may be a time to celebrate, but an engagement can be just as much if not even more exciting. No matter if you are getting your friends and family together for a big party or just having a private celebration. Here's how to make it a festive occasion:

- 1. Vegas trip:** You don't have to get married in Vegas to have fun there with your spouse-to-be. Stay at the Bellagio, and watch the fountains burst into the night air together.

2. Show off the ring: Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites provide you with the means to share pictures of your ring with everyone in your network instantly. Make them jealous.

3. Pop champagne: A celebratory bottle of bubbly is perfect of either a romantic dinner for two or a large celebration.

How do you plan on celebrating your engagement? Share your ideas below.

Rosie O'Donnell Proposed With \$100,000 Ring



Rosie O'Donnell has no problem splurging for her love. The talk show host, 49,

told her audience on Monday that she was engaged to girlfriend Michelle Rounds, reports UsMagazine.com. O'Donnell reportedly spent \$100,000 for the engagement ring. "The cushion cut center diamond is approximately 4 carats, and since it's set in platinum, the diamond will be held more securely," said jewelry expert Michael O'Connor. "There may be additional significance to the fact that the center diamond is surrounded by 'rounds' set into a platinum collar."

How do you know what style of engagement ring to buy your soon-to-be spouse?

Cupid's Advice:

Picking out an engagement ring that suits your partner's personality can be difficult. Here are a few suggestions as to cut and style:

1. Solitaire: The most classic and timeless engagement ring is the solitaire. The solitaire has a single diamond set in a band of platinum, gold, white gold, or silver. If your partner is traditional and elegant, this is the way to go.

2. High-Carat diamond: If your partner is outgoing and charismatic, an engagement ring with a big, attention-grabbing diamond may be the correct choice. However, big diamonds of a high quality are extremely expensive. If you're facing tough economic times, consider cubic zirconia as an alternative to a diamond.

3. Brand name: If your partner loves fashion, a brand name ring may be her preferred choice. A ring from Tiffany & Co. or Cartier will be sure to please her.

How did you pick out your spouse's engagement ring? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Jeff Probst Marries Lisa Ann Russell



It's been confirmed! Jeff Probst and Lisa Ann Russell said "I do" during an intimate ceremony at a home in Los Angeles. According to [People](#), this will be the second marriage for both of the newlyweds. Probst will host the season finale of CBS' *Survivor: South Pacific* on Dec. 18. He also has a self-titled talk show coming out in the fall of 2012.

How do you make your wedding an intimate affair?

Cupid's Advice:

Intimate weddings are often the most memorable ones. Here are some ways to make your wedding a little more personal:

1. Be exclusive: An intimate affair usually doesn't involve a lot of people. Reserve spots at your wedding for only close friends and family. You can celebrate with everyone else another time.

2. Select a quiet spot: Private homes are usually the best places for an intimate affair. Hotels and party halls always seem to have strangers coming in and out, which can take away from the intimacy.

3. Dress simply: Simple brides and bridesmaids dresses will make the ceremony more intimate because you will focus on the people rather than what they're wearing.

Is your dream wedding big or small? Share your thoughts below.

Rosie O'Donnell Says She's Been Engaged for Months





Boy, can Rosie O'Donnell and Michelle Rounds keep a secret! The duo have been engaged for months now, but kept it from prying ears until Monday when O'Donnell announced the soon-to-be nuptials on *The Rosie Show*. According to [People](#), the usually outspoken talk show host confessed on Tuesday that she has never been comfortable discussing her relationships. "You don't want to become one of those celebrities that talks about their relationship ad nauseum and makes it into a fairy-tale thing, and then they go and have an affair with somebody," joked O'Donnell. No matter what the reason may be, it's out now: O'Donnell and Rounds are happily engaged.

What are some ways to tell family and friends that you're engaged?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting engaged is exciting, and telling your family and friends should be easy. Here's how to do it with style:

1. Flash your diamond: We all know you're proud of it, so wave your hands around in the faces of all your girlfriends until they notice. Point out random things around your apartment, and it won't be long until your friends are swarming around

admiring your newest prized possession.

2. Host a get-together: What better excuse is there to have your family and all of your closest friends over for dinner then to celebrate your new partnership? A dinner party or even just cocktails is the best way to make your debut as an engaged woman, and of course to show off that rock.

3. Blurt it out: When all else fails, and you can't contain your excitement a second longer, just shout it out. Getting engaged is one of the happiest moments of your life, until you say "I do", so why not tell those you care about?

How did you tell your family you were engaged? Share your stories below.

Kristin Cavallari Celebrates Re-Engagement With Friends





Reality TV

star Kristin Cavallari and NFL player Jay Cutler are engaged for a second time after their split in July. [People](#) reported that the starlet was gushing over her fiancé and showing off her ring (the same bling he presented her with for their first engagement) during dinner Friday evening at Union Restaurant & Lounge in Las Vegas where they dined with friends and business colleagues.

Is it OK to get back together with an ex?

Cupid's advice:

Go ahead and give him a second chance. Love is a powerful feeling to forget, and if you think you're meant to be together, then don't give up. Cupid has some tips to make sure you're ready before you take a second shot at love:

1. Mutual decision: After breaking off an engagement, your feelings might be crushed. Make sure you and your partner are both over past negativity and ready to move on as a stronger couple.

2. Confidence: Both you and your partner are going to have to be incredibly confident in your love and trust for one another for this to work the second time around.

3. Change: There's a reason you broke up the first time, so make sure the problem has been resolved. You don't want to throw yourself back into the same problematic situation.

How did you know it was OK to get back together with your ex? Share your comments below.

Rosie O'Donnell Is Engaged to Michelle Rounds



Although it's been a while since they first met, Rosie O'Donnell and her now fiance Michelle Rounds are on the right page. Their engagement was announced Monday during the commercials on O'Donnell's show, and her audience and her rep have now confirmed it, according to [People](#). She posted a picture of her future betrothed with

the caption “love” on her Instagram page as well as a picture on her Twitter page with the caption reading, “happy – in love” Friday. The duo met at a Starbucks earlier this year. O’Donnell said she mistook Rounds to be a heterosexual, 28-year old woman. “It’s fun and very exciting,” O’Donnell said. “I did not expect it.”

What are some unique ways to meet a new partner?

Cupid’s Advice:

Bars and clubs aren’t often the best ways to meet a partner. Cupid has some alternative suggestions:

1. Coffee shop: Although buying a drink doesn’t involve alcohol, the relaxed nature of a coffee shop creates a perfect atmosphere to approach someone to whom you’re attracted too.

2. Underneath the mistletoe: ‘Tis the season! With the holidays quickly approaching, one of the many winter festivities could give you an opportunity to find your own snow bunny. Go skiing, snowboarding, sledding and more.

3. Breaking a sweat: Most people don’t expect to find someone while working out, which gives you an opportunity to be the exception to the rule and sweep someone off the elliptical.

How did you find your mate? Share your experiences below.

Sources Say Jason Trawick Is Ready to Pop the Question to

Britney Spears



It's Britney Spears' birthday, and what better present can she receive than her long term boyfriend and former assistant Jason Trawick proposing marriage to her? Well, according to sources, this very well may happen. "They've been talking about marriage for a long time, it would be surprising if they are not engaged by the end of the year," said the sources, according to [People](#). It's no secret that Britney Spears has had one crazy ride through life, but her shaved head days seem to be officially behind her.

What are ways to tell your boyfriend is getting ready to pop the question?

Cupid's Advice:

For many couples, marriage is the next exciting chapter in their lives. Before the wedding, however, comes the

engagement, and before that comes popping the question.

Proposing marriage is probably the most angst-ridden thing a man (or sometimes woman) goes through. Here are some ways to tell that your partner is gearing up to ask for your hand in marriage:

1. He gets giddy around you: All of sudden your boyfriend has become somewhat shy around you. He says "I love you" more often and seems to need your affection. He's given up on the tough guy persona, and is now showing you a softer side that is more opened to PDA.

2. You spend more quality time together: Your guy seems to be spending more time with you. Forget about poker nights with the boys. He'd rather be in bed with you watching a rom-com.

3. He's planning for the future: You know how guys always say they live day by day, while girls tend to think about the long run? Well, now he has his calendar out and is planning Christmas with your parents. Gone out the days he had a commitment phobia.

How did you know your man was getting ready to pop the question? Share your experiences below.

Vanessa Minnillo Changes Her Name





Vanessa Minnillo is no more. The 31-year-old, who married Nick Lachey in July, has officially changed her name to Vanessa Lachey, reports [E! Online](#). Lachey took to Twitter to break the news, tweeting, “So. I’m making it official, and I LOVE my new name! @VanessaLachey has a nice ring to it.”

What are some things to consider before changing your last name after marriage?

Cupid’s Advice:

Though taking your husband’s name used to be expected, more and more women are now choosing to keep their maiden names. Here are a few things to consider before making your decision:

- 1. The repercussions:** Having a different last name than your partner can be troublesome. Organizing financial documents, insurance papers, and other investments are often easier when you and your spouse have the same last name.
- 2. Your partner’s feelings:** If your partner wishes for you to take his name, you should take his feelings into consideration. However, make sure his wishes are only a small factor, not the deciding factor.

3. Your preference: Don't let society's expectations overrule your personal preference. It's your name, and ultimately, it's your choice.

Did you take your husband's name after marriage? Feel free to share your feelings on the subject in a comment below.

Rumor: Britney Spears Could Be Engaged After Her Tour Ends



Apparently three times really may be the charm in this case. Britney Spears may be walking down the aisle with her boyfriend and manager, Jason Trawick. Rumor has it that when Spears wraps up her

Femme Fatale tour, Trawick will finally pop the big question after years of dating. According to [RadarOnline](#), Spears is under a conservatorship, which simply means her father is in charge of her financial assets and well being. If Spears decides to get married, her father's lawyer will have to sign off on the union. Spear's family and two sons, Sean Preston and Jayden James, love Trawick and can't wait for him to join the family.

How do you know when to pop the question?

Cupid's Advice:

Proposing can be nerve racking, no matter how long you've been dating your partner. Fear of rejection and long time commitment can put an engagement on hold. Here are some ways to know you're ready:

1. Family: If your family is crazy about your partner, then he or she is likely a keeper. Do either of you have children? If you have already begun to raise kids as a team, it might be time to make it official.

2. You find yourself looking at rings: Talking about marriage and kids is one thing, but actually window shopping or surfing the net for a ring may mean that your ready to take the next step in your relationship.

3. Commitment: An engagement means a commitment to each other, and the ring lets other men and women know that your partner is happily taken. Some couples decide to stay engaged and forget marriage, while others enjoy a long engagement before sealing the deal. Whatever you and your partner choose, if you're in love and ready to make a commitment, its time to pop the question.

**When did you know it was time to ask, "will you marry me?"
Share your experiences below.**

Rob Pattinson Thinks Kristen Stewart Looks “Amazing” as a Bride



Aside from the Royal Wedding and Kim Kardashian’s fairy tale nuptials, the *Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I* is due to premiere in just a couple of days with one of the most anticipated “I do’s” of the year. To the building anticipation to see Kristen Stewart make her way down the aisle, Rob Pattinson had this to say: “It’s a white dress,” he joked. “But it’s beautiful, it’s an incredible dress. She looks amazing.” Not only did Pattinson enjoy seeing his on-and-off-screen girlfriend all glammed up in her wedding dress, but he also gained a new appreciation for real-life nuptials, according to [People](#). As the on-screen

groom, he realized that his role in the wedding was minuscule compared to Stewart's. "She had to deal with all the nerves, all the heavy lifting in the scene," said Pattinson. "You suddenly realize that the role of a man, the role of a groom in a wedding, is that of a prop."

What are three ways that a man can best contribute to the planning of his wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings can be stressful and exciting at the same time. Don't let your man miss out on all the hard work or the fun. Here are some ways to have him contribute:

1. Taste tester: Men love any excuse to eat, so take them along to taste all the possible flavors for your wedding cake and dinner meal. Along with the joy of sitting next to his bride-to-be, a satisfied belly can only add to the happiness. Also, if alcohol is being served at the reception, make sure his favorites are on the menu.

2. Let him manage the budget: If he has good math skills, let him handle the money side of things. This way he will feel in charge, while you still have the opportunity to pick the theme and create the wedding of your dreams ... without going broke.

3. Help make the lists: There are two important lists that contribute to a wedding's success: the invitation list and the DJ's playlist. Sit down and write the them together. It'll be a good way to get even more excited about the big day together.

How did your hubby help with the wedding plans? Share your comments below.

Andrea Roth Explains Why She Scrapped Big Wedding Plans



Andrea Roth who is soon to join the cast of *Ringer* married producer, Todd Biermann, in a smaller than planned wedding. Though the couple was originally looking into a big wedding in the Dominican Republic, their plans changed when the actress' mother was diagnosed with stage four brain cancer and was unable to fly. So the pair, who met on the set of *Rescue Me* in 2007, quickly changed their wedding plans and decided on a small wedding near the bride's parents' house. According to [People](#), twelve guests attended the ceremony, including their 19-month-old daughter, Ava.

What are some reasons to have a small intimate wedding ceremony?

Cupid's Advice:

No matter if your wedding is big or small, it will probably be one of the best days of your life. Choose the size that is best for you and where you are in your life. Here are some tips:

1. Budgets: Don't start out your marriage in debt. If you can't afford a big wedding, have a small one.

2. Intimacy: If you want a more intimate experience with those you are closest to, then go for a less massive wedding.

3. Location: If your plan is to get married on a beach far away, a small ceremony is to be expected. Most of your guests will most likely not have the time or money to pick up and go to your destination wedding. Plan a party when you get home instead.

Do you want a big or small wedding? Share your ideas below.