

Kaley Cuoco Is Engaged to Josh Resnik



Get set for a *Big Bang* wedding! Kaley Cuoco, who stars on the award winning sitcom *The Big Bang Theory*, is getting married. The actress, 25, is engaged to addiction specialist, Josh 'Lazie' Resnik, her rep told [People](#). "The surprise proposal took place during a quiet date night at home," the rep said. "The couple are very excited to begin planning their wedding." Cuoco and Resnik have yet to set a date for their wedding.

What are some ways to make an at-home proposal special?

Cupid's Advice:

Just because you're not in front of a crowd doesn't mean an at-home proposal can't be just as memorable. Cupid has some tips:

1. Surprise your partner: Slide the ring on her finger while she's still sleeping, and wake her up with breakfast in bed (a rose in a vase along with the eggs couldn't hurt). She'll wonder why you're being so cute, and then you can point out the ring on her finger.

2. Be romantic: Every girl dreams of their own fairy tale moments, and now is your chance to make one of them come true. Make a trail of candles and rose petals throughout your home. First, lead her to a candle lit dinner for two that you spent hours preparing. For dessert, continue the path to your room and have notes along the way telling her how much you adore her. Once she's made it to your room, which should be the most romantic scene of all, be waiting for her in the doorway down on one knee.

3. Involve the family: Keep the gesture personal by proposing in front of her family. This is more intimate than popping the question in front of a crowd of strangers, and this way she still gets to steal the spotlight. She will love showing off her new bling, and it's a great way to surprise the family as well.

Do you have ideas to share? Share your comments below.

Frankie Muniz Is Engaged to Longtime Girlfriend





After a tumultuous four years together, Frankie Muniz and his girlfriend, publicist Elycia Turnbow are engaged! The young couple excitedly shared the good news through their respective Twitter accounts. “...Im so happy to be ENGAGED to the love of my life @ElyciaMarie!!!” Muniz tweeted on Saturday. The couple have gone through their ups and downs, especially this past year when police were called to their home to investigate a domestic violence claim. According to Muniz’s rep, [People](#) reports, “It was a situation that escalated beyond a point that it needed to be.” Hopefully the two can put everything behind them and start fresh with this next chapter in their relationship.

If your partner attacks you once, are they likely to do it again?

Cupid’s Advice:

It’s important to get your partner the necessary help if they do ever attack you. A situation such as this should not be ignored, because it can always happen again. Here are some things to keep in mind:

1. Counseling: Speaking with a professional therapist should be an option for both you and your partner. Therapy can help

determine the source of the anger that led to the violent situation.

2. Communication: Instead of using your hands or objects to express your feelings, make it a priority to walk away if you feel the urge to get physical.

3. Other anger outlets: If anger is a problem for you or your partner, find other outlets to release stress such as going to the gym, running or something healthy that will calm you down.

How do you avoid violent situations with your partner? Let us know below.

Robin Williams Ties the Knot for the Third Time





Robin Williams has

found the love of his life ... for the third time. Williams, 60, made it official by tying the knot with Susan Schneider on Sunday at the Meadowood Resort in Napa Valley, California.

Even though Williams swore he would never remarry after divorcing his second wife in 2008, the comedian has found love with Schneider, a graphic designer. According to RadarOnline, the two met right before Williams underwent heart surgery in 2009. While taking care of the actor, Schneider managed to mend *and* win over his heart.

Why are men smitten for women who take care of them when they're sick?

Cupid's Advice:

Men can become big babies when they feel under the weather.

From a small cold to a major health issue, they often cling to the women in their lives to care for them. The next time you feel overwhelmed or annoyed while looking after your sick partner, remember why he adores you as his private nurse:

1. He trusts you: Your man trusts you enough to put down his guard and act like a sick baby. Although it can be too much at times, remember how comfortable he is with you.

2. His mother: The truth is, your guy loves you to take care of him because his mother used to do it. Obviously he cares for you in a different way, as well, but men tend to be attracted to women who remind them of their mothers.

3. You stick by him: Even though being sick gets him a free pass to be immature and demanding, your partner is really able to see that you're in the relationship for the long run, through sickness and health.

Does your guy put on a show when he's sick? Share your stories below.

Cate Edwards Marries College Sweetheart



Cate Edwards,

daughter of former Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards, married her college sweetheart, Trevor Upham in a North Carolina ceremony on Saturday. With the recent passing of her mother just ten months prior, Cate made sure to add small touches in remembrance of not only her mother, but her late brother and Trevor's deceased grandparents. A candle arrangement was lit in memory of the family members, and a Maya Angelou poem was read during the ceremony. "We just want this to be really happy and really joyous and that's what my mother would want, " Edwards gushed to [People](#). The reception was held at the Edwards' estate ending an amazing day immersed in the spirit of family.

How do you include a deceased family member in your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Subtle touches of deceased loved ones infused in your wedding are sure to keep them in everyone's memory. Remember that they would want you to be happy, so keep the atmosphere positive:

- 1. Light a candle :** Lighting a candle in honor of those who have passed is a simple yet touching way to keep them in your memory during the ceremony.
- 2. Favorite song:** If you shared a favorite tune with those who passed, playing it at the reception is a good way to honor them.
- 3. Something old:** For your "something old," tying something from your loved one into your attire is a great way to include them in your wedding. A piece of jewelry or clothing is easy to incorporate into your dress.

**How do you include a deceased family member in your wedding?
Tell us your story below.**

Former 'Bachelorette' DeAnna Pappas Ties the Knot



DeAnna Pappas and

Stephen Stagliano have officially tied the knot! Stagliano, a high school teacher, who met *The Bachelorette* season 4 star at the 2009 party for *The Bachelorette: The Men Tell All* special, wed in the Serenbe community of Palmetto, GA, on Saturday. "We're so ecstatic to be husband and wife and we're thrilled to be sharing this day with all our family and friends," the couple told UsMagazine.com. Although Pappas ended up with Jesse Csincsak after her season of the hit reality show, it didn't end up working out and the duo broke off their engagement.

How do you keep hope for marriage alive after a split?

Cupid's Advice:

After a split, it's tough to move on, and you may think that you'll never find, or even wed, "The One". Here are some ways to keep hope for marriage alive after a split:

- 1. Meet new people:** After you're done healing from the break-up, go out and meet new people. Otherwise, you'll never find the right person.
- 2. Think positive:** Avoiding thinking negative thoughts about the opposite sex and figure out what you're searching for in a future spouse.
- 3. Behavior changes:** Once you know what you want in a marriage, find someone who is compatible with you. Don't settle until you do.

Do you know other ways to keep hope for marriage alive after a split? Share your thoughts below.

Amy Smart and Carter Oosterhouse's Wedding Was Eco-Friendly





It stands to reason that Amy Smart and Carter Oosterhouse would have the ultimate green wedding, as the pair initially met on a project they did for the Environmental Media Awards. “We got assigned to adopt a school garden together,” said Smart at the 2011 EMA’s in Burbank, Calif. “We met, and we were both in relationships, so we just remained friends. And then we both got out of relationships around the same time, a year ago this summer. And then a year later we got married.” At their wedding last month, Smart and Oosterhouse saw to it that only one bag of trash was generated for 200 people, according to [People](#). Now, that’s impressive!

Cupid’s Advice:

What are some ways to keep your wedding green?

There’s no doubt that having a lot of people in one place can generate a lot of waste. Weddings are one of those occasions where masses of people get together to celebrate. Here are some ways to keep your wedding eco-friendly:

1. Use recycled and re-purposed decorations: Instead of investing in brand new decorations you’ll never use again (and will most likely throw away), either use decorations you’ve utilized at past occasions or buy decorations made out of

recycled materials.

2. Send out electronic invitations: You waste a lot of precious materials by sending out paper invitations, and they're almost always thrown out after the fact. Send out e-mail notifications instead.

3. Cut down on trash: Follow in Amy Smart and Carter Oosterhouse's steps and cut down on waste you produce at your ceremony and reception. Use plates, glasses and silverware that can be washed and used again. Request that your guests don't wrap your gifts. Say "no" to paper or plastic decorations that will simply be tossed after your big day is over.

What are some other ways to have a green wedding? Share your ideas below.

Buddy Valastro and Wife Renew Wedding Vows After 10 Years





Cake Boss star Buddy

Valastro decided to take a different approach to the typical wedding renewal ceremony. The Jersey baker and his wife, Lisa Valastro, celebrated their 10 year wedding anniversary aboard a Disney Cruise ship in the tropics. The second wedding took place on October 15th with the couple surrounded by all of their closest family and friends. Valastro tells [People](#) that he wanted to include his four children in the proposal. He had them come into his Hoboken shop and make cupcakes spelling out "Marry Us." "It was pretty cool," he said. "The kids were on their knees and I was, too. My wife deserves it."

Where are some "out of the box" locations to have a renewal ceremony?

Cupid's Advice:

Wedding renewal ceremonies can be done in new and exciting ways these days. Try to choose a venue that would interest not only you and your partner, but also your kids and other family members as well:

1. The zoo: Surrounded by a plethora of animals, the zoo makes a fun and interesting backdrop for a second wedding. It's also fun for children and guests alike to see the different creatures.

2. Las Vegas: Despite what one may think, it is possible to have a an elegant Vegas wedding. Whether intimate or large, the casino atmosphere can be extremely entertaining for a renewal ceremony.

3. Home: It may not seem unique, but what better place is there to renew your vows than the place where you've built your life and family? With a little bit of sprucing up, your home can become the perfect venue to marry your partner again.

What are some unlikely venues you would consider for a renewal ceremony? Let us know below.

Shannen Doherty Gets Married



Beverly Hills, 90210

actress Shannen Doherty married photographer Kurt Iswarienko on Saturday, reports [People](#). Doherty, 40, and Iswarienko, 37,

were married on a private hillside estate in Malibu. Doherty has been married twice before, to actor Ashley Hamilton and Paris Hilton sex-tape costar Rick Salomon. "Marriage to me is such a gigantic commitment that it's not something I'd ever go into lightly anymore," said the actress in an interview last year. "I've learned my lesson."

How can you increase your chances for a successful marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

The divorce rate has skyrocketed in recent years, and the percentage of marriages that end in divorce is only increasing as time goes on. Here are a few ways to make sure that you and your partner last:

1. Have similiar goals: Before tying the knot, make sure that you and your partner have similar goals. You may be perfect for each other now, but in 10 years you may not be. Make sure that you both wish for similar things in life.

2. Be forgiving: Everybody makes mistakes, and your partner is no different. Every marriage has its ups and downs, and you will have to be forgiving in order to make the marriage last.

3. Think it through: If you love your partner but are unsure about marriage, it's okay to take the relationship slow. Don't feel pressured into a marriage. Take your time, and be completely confident in your decision before tying the knot.

How do you keep your marriage healthy? Feel free to share your experience in a comment below!

Nikki Reed and Paul McDonald Tie the Knot



Nikki Reed and Paul McDonald tied the knot at a private ranch in Malibu, Calif. on Sunday. The *Twilight* star and former *American Idol* season 10 contestant 27 told UsMagzine.com, "We couldn't be happier! [We were] surrounded by our family and friends. We're so glad this day has come!" Reed and McDonald first met at the premiere of *Little Red Riding Hood* and after two months of dating, they were engaged in June. McDonald admitted to [MTV News](http://MTVNews) that Reed is the perfect girl for him. "She's amazing. She's the perfect girl. We fit each other; when you know, you know, and she's the one."

What are the advantages of a short engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

Some women plan for their wedding from the time they're

children to the time they're ready to get married. When the time comes, they typically indulge in at least another year to plan. Here are three reasons why to cut the planning process short:

1. Less stressful: Having less time to focus on minor details, such as favors, the planning process won't be too hectic.

2. Less procrastinating: The more time you have, the more you'll procrastinate. Less time means you'll work harder and faster on making your big day magical.

3. Smaller weddings: Weddings are often small with only close friends and family when you rush to pull your wedding day together, which creates a more intimate affair.

Why do you prefer a short or long engagement? Share your thoughts below.

Paul McCartney Ties the Knot with Nancy Shevell





Singer Paul McCartney

Paul McCartney has said “I do” for the third time with New York businesswoman Nancy Shevell, according to [People](#). The duo exchanged vows in London over the weekend in an afternoon ceremony. They had been dating since 2007 and were greeted with cheers as they arrived at the Old Marylebone Town Hall, which was closed especially for the event. McCartney joked with the mass of photographers standing by, saying, “What’s going on? What are you all doing here?” Shevell has also been married before and is celebrating her second marriage.

If your partner has been married before, what are some things of which to be cautious?

Cupid’s Advice:

Having been married and divorced once before isn’t necessarily a bad thing, but there are certain things you need to consider before entering into a marriage with someone who has experienced a union like this before. Cupid has some advice:

1. Being hasty: If your partner seems in a rush to tie the knot, you may want to put on the brakes for a while and take things slowly. You need to make sure the marriage is going to last before you jump into it.

2. Commitment: Make sure your significant other is completely committed and ready to be in a marriage for the long haul. Let him or her know that divorce is not an easy out in your view.

3. Prior obligations: Be aware of the obligations your potential new spouse has to his or her former partner. If they had kids, then they may have financial responsibilities. Get the facts before you tie the knot.

What are some other things to consider about a previously married partner? Share your ideas below.

Miranda Lambert Makes Blake Shelton's House Girl-Friendly



Country singer

Miranda Lambert reveals that although she doesn't mind being a girly girl on stage, you can usually find her being a normal country girl in overalls in real life. Lambert and her husband Blake Shelton live in Oklahoma in a rural farm area.

"Just being in the woods sitting around the fire being normal, keeps us sane," Lambert shared. [People](#) reports that the star couple own two farms six miles apart from each other.

However, they spend most of their time at Shelton's house. How does one move into her husband's former bachelor pad? Lambert says, "...I've been working on it to make it girl-friendly. You know, bedspreads and candles."

How do you approach your beau about making changes to his home?

Cupid's Advice:

When you're making changes to your partner's home, make sure that whatever you do is a reflection of the both of you. Don't completely take over. Here are some tips:

- 1. Couple's shopping:** Although your significant other may be opposed, urge them to go home shopping with you so that you can get a sense of their style.
- 2. Sorting:** It's important to sort through both of your things to find out what to keep and what to throw away. Clearing out clutter gives you and your partner a fresh start as a couple.
- 3. Compromise:** There may be some things that your mate may not want to give up. So, make sure to compromise.

What obstacles did you run into when you moved in with your partner? Share your comments below.

Gene Simmons Marries Longtime Girlfriend Shannon Tweed



After 28 years together, KISS bassist, Gene Simmons, married his girlfriend Shannon Tweed at the Beverly Hills Hotel on Saturday, [People](#) reports. The couple exchanged vows that they wrote themselves in front of 400 guests, which included Hugh Hefner and Bill Maher. Their wedding will appear in the reality show *Gene Simmons Family Jewels* on Oct. 18.

What are the advantages of writing your own vows for your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Writing your own vows can be overwhelming, but there are advantages to it. Here are several reasons why you should write them:

1. Express your feelings: It will give you an opportunity to put a voice to your heart and make promises to your spouse.

2. Originality: When writing your own instead of reciting traditional wedding vows, your friends and family will get a feel for how much you love your partner.

3. Behavior changes: Traditional wedding vows have been heard so many times that the meaning behind them isn't quite there.

By reciting original vows, your behavior will convey how much you want to marry your significant other.

Did you or will you write your own wedding vows? Let us know in a comment below.

Elizabeth Hurley Is Engaged



Model and actress,

Elizabeth Hurley, who has most recently appeared in *Gossip Girl*, is now happily engaged to Australian cricket player, Shane Warne. After dating for 10 months, according to UsMagazine.com, Warne proposed to Hurley with a huge sapphire ring at the Old Course Hotel in Scotland Friday during a romantic dinner at the hotel's Road Hole Restaurant.

Is it important to get down on one knee when you propose?

Cupid's Advice:

Every engagement should be as unique as the people forming a union. Therefore, there's no exact formula to the perfect engagement. Here are some non-traditional ways to propose that don't involve getting down on one knee:

1. While skydiving: For some extreme couples, it might be more meaningful to pop the question mid-air directly after jumping out of a plane together.

2. Spur of the moment: Spontaneous acts can be very romantic. Try proposing to your partner while walking by a jewelry store and allow them to pick out the perfect ring right then and there.

3. During dessert: It has becoming very common to propose by making arrangements with the restaurant in advance to bring out a ring with your partner's dessert. It's sweet and romantic, but isn't too overly traditional.

Would you be upset if your partner didn't get down on one knee to propose? Share your thoughts below.

Jessica Simpson Puts Wedding to Eric Johnson on Hold



Singer gone fashion designer, Jessica Simpson, is in no hurry to walk down the aisle. According to UsMagazine.com, she has decided to postpone her wedding to former footballer Eric Johnson. This delay is due to the fact that Simpson can't seem to decide what kind of a wedding she wants. One minute she'll have her heart set on a big ceremony in Hawaii and the next she wants a small ceremony at home. Though it is rumored that the wedding delay may be a result of cold feet, this rumor has yet to be confirmed.

What do you do if you can't make a decision about a wedding venue?

Cupid's Advice:

Planning your wedding is a huge and very personal experience

where you feel like you have to please everyone. Though you no doubt want everything to be perfect, it's not the ceremony that's truly important; it's the love between you and your partner:

- 1. Go to Vegas:** Having a spur of the moment wedding in Las Vegas takes the planning and pressure out of everything. If you're tired of it all, Vegas is always an option.
- 2. Hire a wedding planner:** If everything seems to be moving in a million directions and you just don't know what to choose anymore, it might be time to bring in the professionals.
- 3. Re-evaluate:** Take a moment to think. Make sure that it's really that you can't choose a wedding venue and not that you're having doubts about the union.

If money weren't an object, what would be your dream wedding venue? Share your ideas below.

Keyshia Cole and Basketball Star Husband Renew Vows in Hawaii





R&B singer Keyshia

Cole fulfilled her dream of a destination wedding on Sunday when she and Cleveland Cavaliers player, Daniel Gibson renewed their vows in Hawaii. UsMagazine.com reports that Gibson wanted to make his wife's wishes come true so he flew all of her family members out to the tropical island for her ideal ceremony. The bride was so excited as she tweeted throughout the day, "This is so beautiful! I'm so glad we're taping this so you all can see!" The couple is recording for their new reality TV show *Family First*, which premieres in February of 2012.

What are some reasons to renew your wedding vows?

Cupid's Advice:

Every girl dreams of her wedding day, but sometimes those plans get thwarted due to unforeseen circumstances. Renewing your vows allows for you to have the wedding you always wanted:

1. Dream location: Many women dream to have their wedding in exotic locations, but they can't afford the traveling costs for themselves and/or their families. Renewing vows gives you a second chance to say "I do" in your dream destination.

2. Family and friends: If you didn't get a chance to invite all of your family and friends and throw a true celebration, now's the time to have an amazing time partying with those you love.

3. Reminder: It's common for marriage to become more of a routine than a relationship. Saying "I do" again is a nice reminder of the love you and your partner have for each other.

What are some reasons you have for renewing your vows? Let us know below!

Prince William Discusses Queen Elizabeth's Wedding Advice





It seems as if people are still talking about the unforgettable royal wedding that took place on April 29, 2011, between Prince William and Kate Middleton. The royal couple did not plan their big event alone, however. Middleton took inspiration from Princess Diana's wedding and William took advice from his grandma, Queen Elizabeth. According to UsMagazine.com, the Prince was happy to have the Queen's help. Although he revised her original recommended guest list, he did take to heart her suggestion on what he should wear on the big day.

How do you include your family in your wedding planning process?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings aren't just for the bride and groom anymore. Families everywhere want to be a part of the big day. Instead of turning into bridezilla, thank them for their help by including them in the small stuff:

- 1. Suggestions aren't final:** Allowing your family members to make recommendations lets them feel helpful, but it doesn't mean that you have to say "yes" to every one.
- 2. Designate jobs:** Having help when you need it is valuable.

Give jobs to each family member, whether it's making decorations or helping you fill out thank you cards. Be grateful for their willingness to pitch in.

3. Let them participate: Bring your friends and family along for support to less intimate parts of the wedding planning process. Things like food tasting, choosing save the dates, and visiting venues are great options.

Has a family member tried to take over your wedding? Share your experience below.

Molly Sims and Scott Stuber Tie the Knot in Napa Valley



Molly Sims and producer Scott Stuber officially said "I do" last Saturday in

Napa Valley, California, according to [People](#). The model-turned-actress and Stuber dated for a year and a half before getting engaged last May. They exchanged vows in front of family and friends, which included Josh Duhamel and Fergie.

Where are some romantic locations to get married?

Cupid's Advice:

So now that he has finally proposed, what next? The wedding of course. If you're still not sure exactly where to have the ceremony, Cupid has some suggestions:

1. Maui, Hawaii: If you've always dreamed of having a wedding on a beach, then consider heading off to Maui, Hawaii. Have a romantic wedding by the ocean with palm trees and the sun setting in the background.

2. Dalhousie Castle – Scotland: If you're searching for a place outside of the states, then make sure to check out this 13th-century castle that's been converted into a luxury hotel. You'll definitely feel like royalty as you tie the knot with your beloved here.

3. Legion of Honor – San Francisco, California: If you're a west coaster, the Palace of the Legion of Honor is the place for you to get married. With amazing views of the Bay and the city of San Francisco, including exhibits featuring the arts, you won't regret your decision.

If you know other romantic locations to get married, share with our readers by commenting below.

Kris Humphries Bonds With Scott Disick



After his highly publicized marriage to Kim Kardashian, Kris Humphries has formed a close friendship with Kourtney Kardashian's man, Scott Disick. According to [People](#), Disick has been a great help in giving Humphries tips on how to win over the Kardashian's. Their bromance became even stronger when the two spent quality time together in New York. "Scott and I are becoming closer because we're hanging out a lot in New York. We're just all about living life," said Humphries. Khloe's husband, Lamar Odom, is also full of advice on how the newlywed can find his place within the Kardashian family. As Humphries works to impress one of America's most famous families, it seems that he's found a close friend with his almost brother-in-law while living in the Big Apple.

What are some ways to bond with your partner's family?

Cupid's Advice:

When you commit to someone, you're also committing to being a part of the family. It's always a good sign if you find yourself spending time with their family when your partner isn't around. Here are some ways to bond:

1. Get social on social media: Before you even meet the family, don't be afraid to find them on Facebook and Twitter. They'll really appreciate your friend request and/or tweet. Not only is it a great way to break the ice for when you meet in person, you'll also be less nervous.

2. Play a game: Playing sports or a board game with the family can be a lot of fun. It's a good way to relax the mood into one of lightheartedness.

3. Ask questions: People love to talk about themselves. Also, if you feel like you need advice on the family dynamic, sometimes, all you need to do is ask.

How can bonding with the family make you closer to your partner? Share your thoughts below.

Dave and Odette Annable Will Celebrate One-Year Anniversary at Wedding





To celebrate one year of marital bliss, Dave and Odette Annable plan to head to attend their friend Beaver's wedding. "Marriage is going well. It's officially four puncture wounds with a steak knife to the kidney – I can survive. I figured that out in the first year of marriage," he said jokingly to UsMagazine.com at the *What's Your Number?* premiere in Westwood, CA, last Monday. Dave said that he and Odette, whose anniversary is October 10, generally plan to follow the tradition of buying a paper gift. "I actually just asked her, 'Wait, how do we do this? Do you get me something?'" he said. "'Should we get pizza? What's the deal?'" So long as he buys a gift, Dave said he'll be in the clear.

What are some ways to make your first anniversary extra special?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Recreate the magic: To celebrate your anniversary, why not head back to where it all began? Reminiscing will allow you both to remember again why you fell for each other in the first place.

2. Celebrate: Whatever you do, make sure it's something fun and unforgettable. You'll want to have something you can tell

your friends and family for years to come.

3. Out of the ordinary: If you're generally on the move, then perhaps a night in would work ... just make sure to light some candles and crank up the jazz music.

How did you celebrate your first wedding anniversary? Share your experiences below.

Ne-Yo Gets Set to Tie the Knot and to Welcome Second Child



On top of Ne-Yo's recently announced engagement, he and longtime girlfriend Monyetta Shaw are planning to welcome their second child into

the world in October. While waiting for their new born to greet the world, Shaw is spending her time opening a second boutique in Atlanta's Buckhead district, Emaralyn and Ester.

When Ne-Yo's first child was born, he gushed via twitter saying, "She's healthy and happy. Feels like I'm in luv for the first time," and "Welcoming that lil' girl to the world last night defined for me what 'willing to kill and die for' truly means. My world, my life, all hers." It looks like this second baby will bring nothing, but happiness, too.

How do you balance pregnancy and an impending marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Set a date: Decide whether or not you want to be pregnant on your wedding day. Many women have varying beliefs about the order of events. However, once you make up your mind, everything else will fall into place.

2. Know your priorities: Whether you're getting married while pregnant or waiting for the baby before you tie the knot, never let the stress of planning a wedding affect the health of your baby. Your wedding will last one day, but you'll cherish your baby's life most likely for the rest of yours.

3. Less is more: Don't spend too much money celebrating your nuptials. It may be a better idea to have a smaller affair, and use the extra money to set up a bank account for your new child. Setting your son or daughter up for his/her future is the ultimate wedding gift you can give yourself.

How did you deal with pregnancy before marriage? Share your thoughts with a comment below.

Brooke Burke Has Decided to Take David Charvet's Last Name



After five years and four children, Brooke Burke and David Charvet were able to keep their St. Burt's wedding a secret. Now, Burke is proud to say that she is Brooke Charvet! The *Dancing With The Stars* host said that her new name will debut on the show. Brooke told [People](#) what others thought of her taking David's last name. She said, "It's been 50-50 from everybody, but I'm doing it!"

What are some reasons to take your new husband's last name as your own?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting hitched means you've found the love of your life, but

sometimes it can mean losing who you are in the process. Taking your husband's last name can feel like you're erasing part of yourself. Here are some things to consider:

- 1. You won't lose who you are:** Changing your name will not take away the accomplishments you achieved under your maiden name. Think of the change as a new chapter in your life.
- 2. The name game:** When you decide to have children, it will keep confusion to a minimum.
- 3. Your hubby will thank you:** Traditional men often like to build their families as a unit. They want their children and their wives to carry the same last name as a courtesy. Plus, if you change your name, he owes you some chores around the house!

How do you feel about taking your husband's last name? Share your thoughts below.

Paul McCartney to Marry In Small Intimate Wedding This Weekend





Intimacy with a dash

of elegance is the feel for Paul McCartney's upcoming nuptials to fiancée Nancy Shevell. The wedding, taking place this weekend at McCartney's farmhouse in England is the first of two celebrations the couple has planned. A source tells UsMagazine.com, "It will be a small intimate wedding. It's going to be very elegant and classic." With an engagement ring worth \$650,000, it's no surprise that the pair's up close and personal ceremony will be nothing short of sophistication. Hopefully McCartney's third marriage holds, as he's dealt with the death of one spouse and an extremely public divorce with the other.

Is a small intimate wedding for you?

Cupid's Advice

Small-scale weddings are a unique spin on the traditional large wedding route that many couples take. If you're still unsure which size is best for you, here are a few incentives to having an intimate wedding:

- 1. Intimate feel:** Small celebrations provide a romantic and relaxed atmosphere for the bride, groom and their guests.
- 2. Smaller budget:** With less of the obvious glamour of an

over-the-top wedding, petite weddings give your pockets a little more breathing room.

3. Lavish honeymoon: With the money you saved by having a more intimate ceremony, you can take a longer or more upscale honeymoon with your spouse.

Do you like the idea of a small intimate wedding? Tell us how you feel below.

Eva Longoria Is Opposed to Long Engagements



Eva Longoria is speaking out against long engagements. The *Desperate Housewives* actress says, “I never believe in long engagements. People think engagement is another step. It’s not another

step. You're single and then you're married. The engagement is the planning part." She goes on to say that if she were the bride, she'd be like, "All right, let's get going."

Although Longoria's three-year marriage to Tony Parker ended in January 2011 after rumors of an affair on his part, she has found happiness again with Eduardo Cruz. When asked if she would consider marrying again, she said, "I'm not opposed to it, I just don't really give it a lot of thought right now."

Well, here's to the happy couple!

What are the benefits of a short engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people choose to have short engagements (like Tara Reid), while others choose to ride it out for years (like Brooke Burke). Let's take a look at the benefits to the Tara Reid school of thought:

1. Less time to worry: The lead-up to a wedding can cause a lot of stress. With a short-term engagement, it may still be a lot of stress packed into a small amount of time ... but before you know it, it's over.

2. You get what you want more quickly: The reason you get engaged is most likely because you're ready to spend your life with the person you said "yes" to or to whom you proposed. By not prolonging the engagement, it's more of an instant gratification.

3. No second guessing wedding plans: Sometimes having more time to plan your nuptials is not exactly a blessing. As the clock keeps ticking, you have more time to change your mind about things that were already set in stone months ago. It can cause a lot of work and chaos.

What are some other benefits to a short engagement? Share your thoughts below.

Surprise! Amy Smart Ties the Knot With Carter Oosterhouse



Shameless actress,

Amy Smart, recently married HGTV's Carter Oosterhouse in Traverse City, Michigan. According to UsMagazine.com, the bride looked stunning in a Carolina Herrera gown, as did her bridesmaids in navy Ann Taylor dresses. "We feel so excited and blessed to celebrate this happy day with our family and friends," said the wholesome Hollywood newlyweds. Both Smart and Oosterhouse are known for being environmentally friendly. In fact, the couple met in November 2010 at a green-charity event.

What are some important things to see eye-to-eye on before getting married?

Cupid's Advice:

Marriage isn't just about the dress and a reception; it's a union between two people. While it's healthy to have differences of opinion when it comes to the little things, you have to be on the same page when it comes to the fundamentals:

1. Kids: If one of you wants to have children and the other couldn't be less interested in adding children to your lives, you are going to run into problems later. Talk about this in-depth with your partner before taking the next step.

2. Finances: It is always important to be financially responsible. But, that means different things to different people. If you can't come to an agreement on budgeting, consider separate bank accounts.

3. Home: People are often very attached to where they grew up. If the two of you grew up in different places and each want to start a family in your perspective hometowns, this could mark the end of your relationship if you can't compromise.

What techniques can you use to come to an agreement before the wedding about the important things? Share your thoughts below.