Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries Are Engaged





Kris Humphries proposed to Kim Kardashian in her Beverly Hills home on May 18th. After six months of dating, the New Jersey Nets forward waited in Kim Kardashian's bedroom and took her by surprise when she came home to find him on one knee with the words "Will You Marry Me?" written in rose petals. She was completely surprised. "I was in such shock. I never thought it would happen at home, and I never thought now." According to *People*, Kris Humphries popped the question with a classically stunning custom-designed, 20.5-carat Lorraine Schwartz diamond sparkler because he wanted the ring to be big. Congratulations to the happy couple!

What are the benefits of proposing at home?

Cupid's Advice:

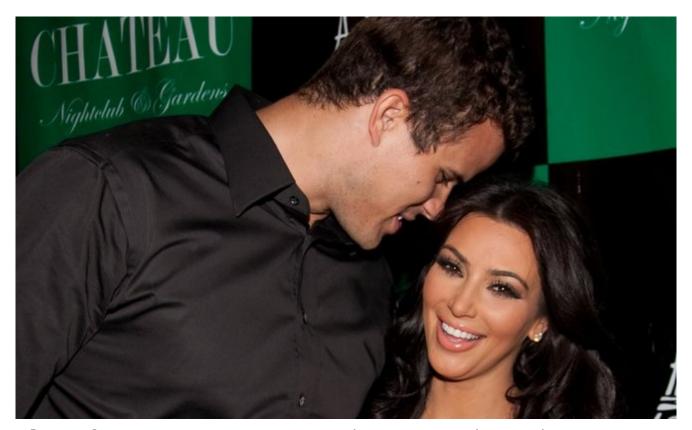
Home is personal and comfortable. The saying, "home is where the heart is" makes proposing there the perfect location:

- 1. Casual dress: Proposing in a casual setting can be more comfortable for both of you. Plus, you don't have to worry about getting dressed up.
- 2. Privacy: You can have more of a private moment as a couple on this special day. There's no need to worry about people in public looking on.
- **3. Going out to celebrate:** If you propose at home, you can go out afterward to celebrate in style.

What's your take on proposing to your partner at home? Share your comment below.

Newlywed Sara Rue Says She's Never Been Happier





Rules of Engagement actress and Jenny Craig spokeswoman Sara Rue put her new hot body to use in a wedding dress recently and could not be happier. "I feel so lucky to have found someone as kind, funny and smart as Kevin (Price)," she recently gushed in USMagazine.com. The two wed Saturday in a beach-themed affair, held at the Bel Air Bay Club in Malibu. The guest list was small, only 112 total for this "small and intimate" affair (according to wedding planner Rachel Hollis). "One of the first things Sara ever told me was that she was obsessed with butterflies and hummingbirds," Hollis spoke of the reception. "She loves specifically hummingbirds. She had this idea of a vintage inspired garden party and it evolved from there."

What are some ways to make your wedding reception unique?

Cupid's Advice:

Your big day should be everything you wished for and more, so why not change it up? Instead of the traditional wedding and reception, here are a few ways Cupid guarantees your wedding will stand out from others:

- 1. Themed wedding: Most feel this is tacky, but what better way to stand out? Agree on a theme with your partner and give your guests the most unforgettable wedding reception they've ever seen.
- 2. Top chef: Most of your guests have been to these before. They're over the traditional, cliché reception platters. Switch it up by considering a hibachi-style sushi bar or other personally-made entrées.
- 3. Make it meaningful: Share the amazing experiences you've shared with each other with everyone else throughout your special day. Select food and decoration choices based on what you've gone through as a couple.

How did you out-do the traditional wedding reception? Share your stories below.

Michael Bublé and New Wife Plan Second Wedding in Canada





A wedding is one of the most important days of your life, and Michael Bublé may get to experience it twice. The crooner recently married Luisana Loreley Lopilato de la Torre, and the lucky bride may head down the aisle once again. Roughly a month and a half ago, the pair wed in Buenos Aires where Torre's family is located, according to E! Online. Bublé's reps confirm there will be no second wedding, yet rumor has it that a second wedding will take place for his family in Canada. Reps do confirm, however, that there will be a reception for those who could not make it to their ceremony. The newlywed will then venture off to Italy before Bublé's big tour.

How can you celebrate your wedding with family from two parts of the world?

Cupid's Advice:

Making both of your families happy can be tricky, and you'll need to compromise. Your wedding day is supposed to be one of the best days of your lives, and you'll of course want to share it with those you love. Cupid has a few ways you can

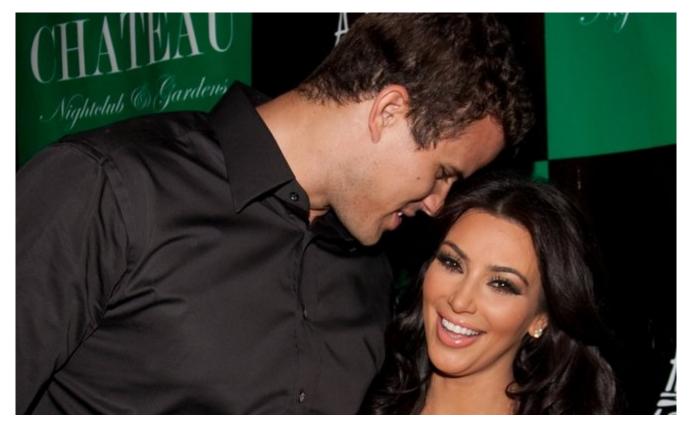
make sure all of your family members and friends are included:

- 1. Destination wedding: This may be expensive, but why not go all out? Everyone can meet up and take a cruise through the tropics while you two exchange vows at sea.
- 2. The sympathy card: Guys, she's really stressed out right now, and she wants her day to be perfect. If she wants to get married in her hometown, have your family come to her. Those truly close to you will make arrangements to be there no matter what.
- **3. Meet in the middle:** Find somewhere that is mutual territory and that makes sense. Perhaps that means halfway for both parties, or even in your own backyard.

How did you make both of your families happy at your wedding? Share your stories below.

LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian Pack On the PDA At Bash





LeAnn Rimes and new husband Eddie Cibrian were anything, but shy at an NBC upfront bash at Del Posto in NYC last week. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the newlyweds were indulging in some major PDA at the party. They were apparently "making out in the middle of [everything]," said a source. The source explained by saying that Rimes was "making a compete scene and holding up her camera as they are making out so she [could] take pictures of them making out — it was unreal."

Is there such a thing as too much PDA?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone has a different opinion on what is an acceptable amount of affection to reveal to the public. Cupid has some general guidelines to follow when you're unsure:

1. Think about another couple: If you saw a random couple in public, would it gross you out to watch them make out in front of you? If the answer is "yes," then you probably should refrain from doing the same thing with your partner. As the old adage says, treat those around you as you'd want to be

treated.

- 2. Decide if it's necessary: It's always a good thing to ensure that your partner feels loved and cared for at all times, and that includes when you're out in public. That said, think about whether showing excessive affection in front of people is truly needed. The answer is, probably not.
- 3. Analyze your reasoning: Are you just showing affection in front of people to make someone jealous? Are you simply trying to reassure yourself that the relationship is solid? Either way, those are probably not good reasons to do it. Sometimes the reasoning behind our actions reveal deeper truths.

What's your view on PDA? Share your opinions below.

Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton Go On Bass Fishing Honeymoon





Talk about a romantic honeymoon! Newlyweds Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton who tied the knot this past Saturday have been updating us via Twitter about their fun getaway, according to E! Online. The two decided to go bass fishing for their honeymoon instead of the traditional island getaway. Lambert certainly isn't hiding her excitement about the recent wedding either, as she tweeted "Mrs Shelton here! Winning!!!!" in true Charlie Sheen fashion. Plus, she accompanied her tweet with a picture of the bass she caught. It seems like she is most certainly is "winning" on her honeymoon!

How do you decide where to go and what to do on your honeymoon?

Cupid's Advice:

Choosing where to go and what to do on your honeymoon is one of the most stressful parts of the whole wedding planning process. Luckily, Cupid has some pointers on how to make those decisions a little bit easier:

1. Ask for opinions: Ask your family and friends where they

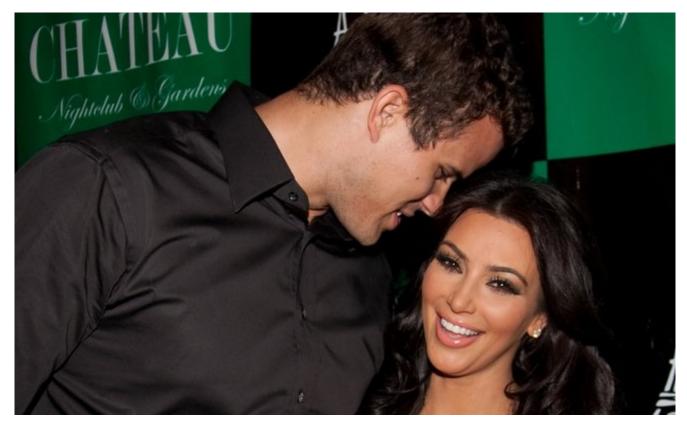
think may be a good honeymoon destination for the two of you. Your friends and family know you well and will be able to give the best advice.

- 2. Pick one of your dream destinations: Everyone has that one place they'd love to go to, and your honeymoon is the perfect opportunity to live out that dream. If the two of you have two different ideas, compromise and pick a location that has a little of both of your destinations in it.
- 3. Meet with a travel agent: Sometimes travel agents have the best ideas of where to go on a honeymoon, based on good deals and unique locations. Meeting with an agent may open your eyes to a bunch of places you may not have known existed.

How did you decide where to go and what to do on your honeymoon? Share your stories below.

Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton Get Married





Country music royalty Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton got hitched Saturday night in true country style at Don Strange Ranch in Boerne, Texas. Going along with the country theme, the menu was far from the typical chicken or fish options seen at most receptions. According to <u>People</u>, the main dish was venison harvested by the bride herself. The star-studded guest list included A-listers such as Katherine Heigl, Kelly Clarkson and Laura Bell Bundy.

How do you make your wedding menu unique?

Cupid's Advice:

Let's face it: it's fun to break away from "typical." Cupid has some ideas on how to do just that when it comes to the menu at your wedding:

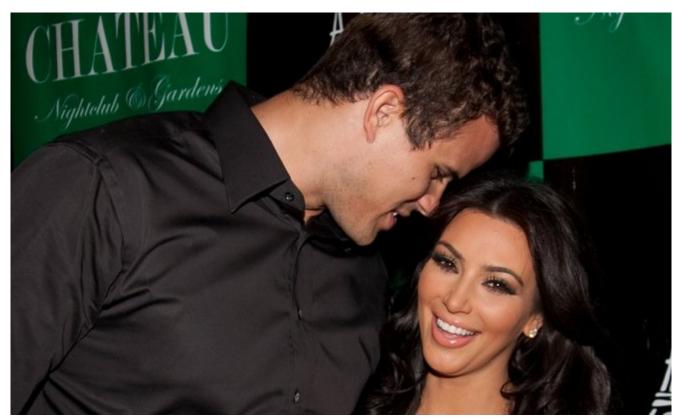
1. Do an "around the world" theme: Can't decide on what kind of food to serve at your wedding? Then choose all of them. Choosing dishes from multiple ethnicities can be fun for both you and your guests.

- 2. Recreate your first date: Even if you just went to a local diner, getting catered food from the place you went to on your first date is a great way to celebrate the beginnings of your relationship on your wedding day.
- **3. Go all out:** If you have the budget and the taste for fine food, make your menu completely gourmet. It will be a meal your guests will always remember.

What kind of food do you plan on serving at your wedding? Share your menu below.

Kristin Cavallari Talks Wedding Plans With Jay Cutler





Professional party girl and former *Hills* star Kristin Cavallari revealed she will marry fiancé Jay Cutler next spring. She also recently spoke of let loose some exciting wedding details! "I'm trying to decide between a really small, intimate wedding or a huge, blowout party-type wedding," Cavallari told *People*. "If I have a big wedding, then yes, some (cast mates) will be invited," she says. "If I have a small, intimate wedding, it will probably just be family and really close friends." Cavallari decided on a Monique Lhuillier gown and takes ideas from wedding magazines. She will meet with planners within the next few weeks. The former reality TV star may or not be customizing her own shoes. She and her NFL quarterback fiancé will wed at home in Chicago, Illinois, since it's closest to their families.

How do you explain why you didn't invite someone to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings are expensive, and there isn't room for everyone. However, people get offended if they don't make the cut.

Here are ways to nicely and honestly tell someone why you chose not to include them on your big day:

- 1. Keep it clear: Set standards and agree on them. For example, if you agree to include strictly family and close friends, don't invite someone you haven't seen for a really long time. It shouldn't be difficult to explain why you didn't invite someone if they've been a distant presence in your life.
- 2. Dates and children: Not everyone needs a date, and not everyone's kids should be there. Keep it to nieces, nephews and godchildren, but no more than extended family. This will cut the list drastically and avoid stress. You also don't want too many strangers around, so don't allow everyone to bring dates.
- 3. Don't bring work home: It's your wedding, and you deserve a good time. Don't feel pressured to invite every single colleague, especially if you don't have a personal relationship. Stick to the select few to whom you feel close.

How did you explain to people not invited to your wedding why they weren't invited? Comment below.

'Amazing Race' Winners Cheyne Whitney and Meghan Rickey Get Married





Winners from the show *The Amazing Race*, Cheyne Whitney and Meghan Rickey, tied the knot Saturday in front of over 200 of their friends and family. "I'm a little bit hoarse, a little sick, but I'm excited ... this is our day," Whitney said. "It's been perfect. The ceremony couldn't have been better." The guests included some other *Amazing Race* duos, such as professional poker players Tiffany Michelle and Maria Ho, father and son duo Sam and Dan McMillen, who finished in second place and recently divorced Brian Kleinschmidt and Ericka Dunlap, who finished in third place.

What are ways to decide who to include in your wedding party?

Cupid's Advice:

It's tough to narrow down who to include in your wedding party. Cupid has a few suggestions to consider before you decide:

1. Blood runs thicker than water: It's probably important to always include your closest family members in your party. It's always worse to have a scorned brother, sister or cousin

that a neglected friend.

- 2. The pawns: The friends who introduced you and your spouse deserve at least an invitation to the ceremony. Try to include them if you're still friends with them.
- **3. 'I love you, man':** Whether big or small, your closest friends ought to be present, even if it's just one or two of your closest friends.

Who would be in your wedding party? Let us know below by commenting.

Marie Osmond Re-Wears Wedding Dress to Re-Marry Stephen Craig





When Marie Osmond remarried her first husband, Stephen Craig, in Las Vegas on Wednesday, guests at the wedding must have experienced a total déjà vu. The *Donny and Marie* star walked down the aisle in the same wedding dress she had the first time around! However, she did update the look a bit with a new veil and a set of chunky pearls. According to *People*, the actress didn't originally plan on wearing her old dress. After picking out a wedding dress, Osmond began to have second thoughts about it. It was then that she began cleaning out her garage and came across the gown she had worn at the first wedding.

What are some ideas for the "something old" part of your wedding attire?

Cupid's Advice:

Tradition has it that a bride should have something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue on her wedding day. Cupid has some suggestions as to what your "something old" could be:

- 1. Grandmother's jewelry: Since your wedding day is a day unlike any other, your jewelry has to stand out. See if your grandmother has anything on hand to be your "something old." An elegant string of pearls goes great with almost any wedding dress.
- 2. An old garter: If you can't locate a garter that was used in a previous family member's wedding, then go to a vintage store and pick one out.
- 3. A vintage veil: Though your mother looked ravishing once upon a time in her wedding dress, it's probably out of style by now, especially if she got married in the 80's. That sid, if you'd like to use some aspect of you parents' wedding in your attire, the veil may be an excellent choice. Unlike dresses, veils are one size fits all.

What do you plan on using as your something old at your wedding? Share a comment below.

LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian Prepared the Kids for Their Wedding





LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian sat down and had a very important conversation with Cibrian's young sons three days before their wedding, according to *People*. Because it's Cibrian's second marriage, he wanted mason, 7, and Jake, 4, to know exactly what to expect on the big day. "The kids have known we were getting married since we got engaged," said Rimes. "We explained that they were going to have two families." Cibrian chimed in, saying, "The kids come first in everything we do. We wanted to make sure LeAnn and my wedding was not only ours, but their party too. They were beyond excited to celebrate us all coming together as a family." Rimes and Cibrian took the kids' role in their future marriage very seriously, as they even went to therapy to learn the best way to communicate with them.

How do you explain a second marriage to your kids?

Cupid's Advice:

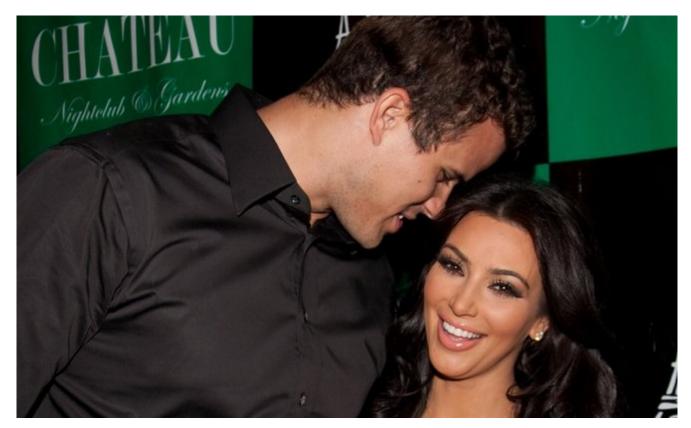
It's not always easy to make children feel comfortable when it comes to one of their parents remarrying. Cupid has some advice on how to handle the situation:

- 1. Attend therapy: Take a cue from LeAnn Rime and Eddie Cibrian. If you're not quite sure how to explain a second marriage to your kids or how they may react, attending therapy as a family is a great idea. Everyone will be able to talk about their feelings in a safe environment.
- 2. Make it fun: A great way to get through to your kids may be to turn the situation into a game or fairy tale. Have a family game night where the kids are most comfortable and casually explain the situation. This way the children are calm and more receptive to the news.
- **3. Be honest:** Simply be up front and explain to the kids how you two truly love each other and just because you're getting married, it doesn't mean you'll love *them* any less. Explain that a second marriage may be different, but different in a good way.

How did you explain your second marriage to your kids? Share your comment below.

Prince William and Kate Middleton's Wedding Reception Was 'Cozy'





The royal wedding was the hot ticket everyone was after, and according to <code>People</code>, it didn't disappoint. The reception was an 'exclusive' and 'cozy' event that every guest enjoyed. Prince William and Kate Middleton invited all of their close family and friends, which consisted of 650 people total. According to Alex van Straubenzee, father of the late Henry van Straubenzee, "It was very cozy. There was a wonderful relaxed atmosphere. There were lots of people there — even in a place as big as Buckingham Palace. I won't say it was informal, but everyone was having a wonderful time." The guests were served two wedding cakes, a traditional fruit cake and a chocolate biscuit cake which was Prince William's pick because it's from an old family recipe.

What are some unique wedding reception themes?

Cupid's Advice:

Not everyone can have a wedding reception fit for a royal, but Cupid has suggestions for some unique wedding reception ideas:

1. Keep it cozy: You can always have a reception a little bit

like Prince William and Kate Middleton's by inviting your closest friends and family to the reception. Your special day will mean a lot to them just as it means a lot to you.

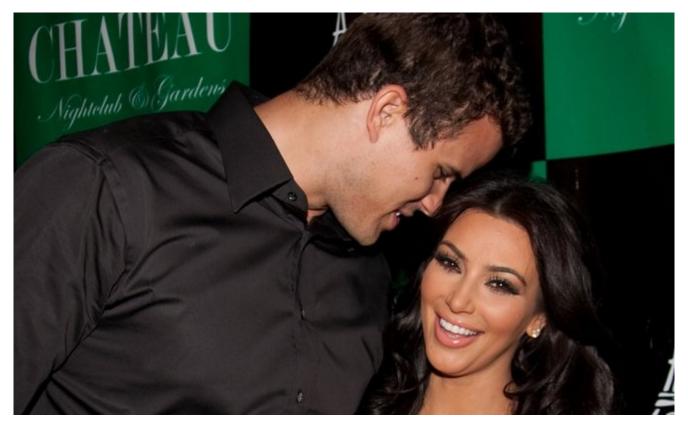
2. Make it relaxed and fun: A great way to celebrate tying the knot is by having a fun "cocktail" hour type of reception. A lot of people think that the best part of a wedding is the reception, so why not dance the night away by making your reception a little bit like a night club? Keep it fun, simple and relaxed so you and your guests have a great time.

3. Make it intimate and romantic: Set up some candles, have romantic music playing and make your wedding reception just as memorable as the wedding ceremony itself. Keep the feeling of love in the air and show your guests just how much you and your significant other love each other.

Have any great reception theme ideas to share? Comment below.

Former 'Bachelor' Travis Stork Is Engaged





Dr. Travis Stork, the former *Bachelor*, and his girlfriend of two years, Dr. Charlotte Brown, are getting married, *People* confirms. Stork proposed to Brown while they were vacationing on the island of Lanai in Hawaii, and she of course accepted. Although the wedding date is yet to be scheduled, the couple's friends say the two are very happy.

Where should you propose?

Cupid's Advice:

Are you ready to propose to that special someone, but aren't sure exactly where? Cupid has some suggestions for you that might come handy:

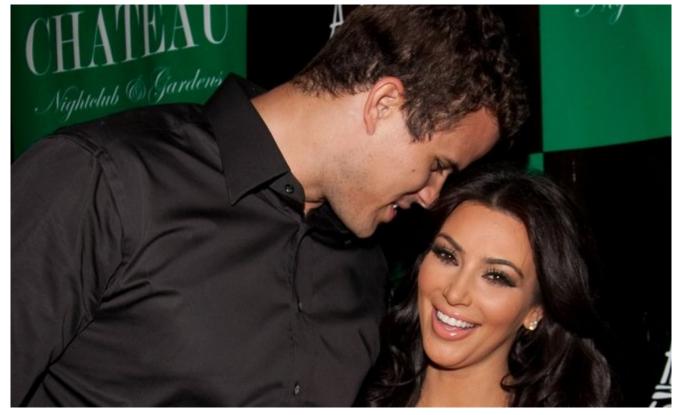
- 1. First date: Almost everyone remembers their first date with their significant other. Add on more memories to the place you first met or had your first date by proposing there.
- **2. Favorite place:** Does your sweetheart have a favorite place? Then make that place more special by proposing to her/him there.

3. Vacation: Does your partner want to travel abroad? Buy two plane tickets and during your vacation, pop the question.

What creative place were your proposed to? Share your story below.

Lorenzo Lamas Marries for the Fifth Time





Let's hope that the fifth time's a charm for Lorenzo Lamas. The 52-year-old actor married wife number five, model Shawna Craig, 24, in Cabo San Lucas last weekend. Lamas' eldest daughter, who is older than his new wife, was in attendance at

the wedding. Shayne Lamas told <u>E! Online</u> that she wishes the best for her father and new stepmom. "They are both really excited and seem very much in love, so they of course have my blessing."

What can you do to help a relationship last?

Cupid's Advice:

Starting something is easy, but making a relationship last is the hard part. Cupid has some tips on how to stay together for good:

- 1. Communication: To make a partnership last, make sure you and your significant other are honest with each other and feel comfortable talking about your feelings.
- 2. Love: If you base a relationship on lasting love and respect and not just initial lust and attraction, you're more likely to stay in it for the long haul.
- **3. Fun:** Enough with the heavy stuff. If you and your mate have fun together no matter what you're doing, you're more likely to stay together longer.

What do you do to make sure your relationship lasts? Share your comments below.

Kate Hudson and Matt Bellamy Are Engaged!





Kate Hudson, America's favorite blonde beauty, announced her engagement Wednesday to Matthew Ballamy on the *Today* show. After Matt Lauer noticed her ring, the actress proclaimed, "I'm engaged! It just happened a week ago. I'm so glad you noticed. I haven't really announced it. ... I was waiting for someone to notice." According to *People*, she would not reveal any more about the engagement ... only that it was very romantic.

Does it take the intimacy out of your proposal story if you share it?

Cupid's Advice:

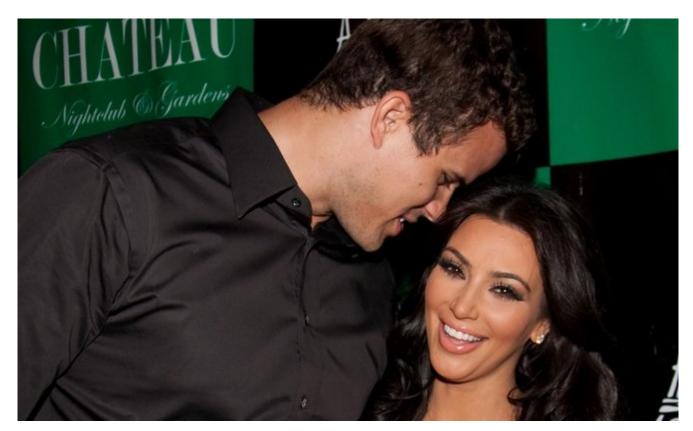
Though secret proposals and/or marriages may seem romantic, most people who go that route find it difficult to keep something so joyous a secret. It's not a matter of intimacy; it's a matter of practicality:

- 1. Give me a ring: Even if you choose not to share your engagement with friends and family, the ring is a dead giveaway.
- 2. Share the love: You may agree to keep your engagement a secret, but one of you is bound to crack.
- 3. Eloping: It ends up being more of a surprise than secret.

Did you get married in secret? Share your story below.

Kristin Cavallari and Jay Cutler Are Engaged





Former Laguna Beach star Kristin Cavallari has found her happy ending with boyfriend Jay Cutler, <u>People</u> reports. Cavallari and the Chicago Bears quarterback, who have been dating since last fall, got engaged during a weekend getaway to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. A source close to the couple says, "He surprised her with a quick trip to Cabo to ask her to marry him."

Where are some unique locations to propose?

Cupid's Advice:

When you feel ready to pop the question, it's best to do it somewhere special. Cupid has some ideas on unique places to get engaged:

- 1. On the beach: Take your mate on a surprise trip to a tropical locale, like Jay Cutler did for Kristin Cavallari. You and your partner will never forget the sun setting on the water.
- 2. On a mountain: If you want to propose in a memorable

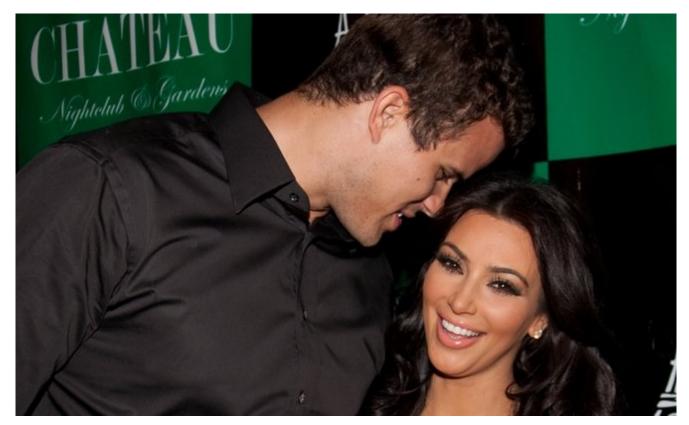
location, climb to the top of a mountain. You'll feel like you're on top of the world (literally). Plus, it'll make for a great post-engagement photo op!

3. Where you met: Whether you first laid eyes on your honey on top of the Empire State Building or in a supermarket, revisit that place to propose. It will remind you of the magic you felt when you first met.

Got any creative proposal ideas? Share them below.

Prince William and Kate Middleton's Wedding to Cost \$34 Million





The royal wedding isn't only the most anticipated wedding ceremony in years, but it's also one of the most expensive! According to RadarOnline, Prince William and Kate Middleton's wedding is expected to cost \$34 million altogether. Included in this expense is security (\$32 million), a wedding band (\$11,000) in addition to the ring passed down from Princess Diana that is now valued at \$1 million, a reception for \$600,000 and much much more.

What are ways to cut your wedding cost?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings may seem like they aren't going to cost a lot, but once you add up all of the little things, it may shock you how expensive it will be. Cupid has some advice on how to cut costs:

- 1. Shop around: Each component of a wedding has a cost. The best way to find the lowest prices is to comparison shop. Don't go with the first thing you stumble upon.
- 2. Do-it-yourself: Little things such as a centerpiece or a

favor can cost big bucks. To keep expenses down, consider putting these types of things together yourself.

3. Cut your guest list: Most reception halls charge by the plate. Try to keep your guest list as short as possible by only inviting your close friends and family.

What are some ways you cut costs are your wedding? Share your comment below.

'Deuce Bigalow' Star Rob Schneider Marries Longtime Girlfriend





Looks like he can no longer be called a male gigolo! Rob Schneider, star of comedic flicks such as *The Benchwarmers* and *The Hot Chick*, tied the knot with his longtime girlfriend Patricia Azarcoya Arce Saturday in a private ceremony in Beverly Hills, according to E! Online. "Patricia and I were surrounded by our closest friends and family; it was the happiest day of my life," Schneider said in a statement. "We had a great time at the wedding and are looking forward to our honeymoon." This is the third marriage for the former star of *SNL*.

What responsibilities come with being married?

Cupid's Advice:

Dating is to basic math as marriage is to differential equations; it's a whole new level of work. Cupid has a few tips to remember when taking the leap of faith:

1. The beauty of monogamy: The two of you made a promise to stay faithful through good times and bad. It takes a

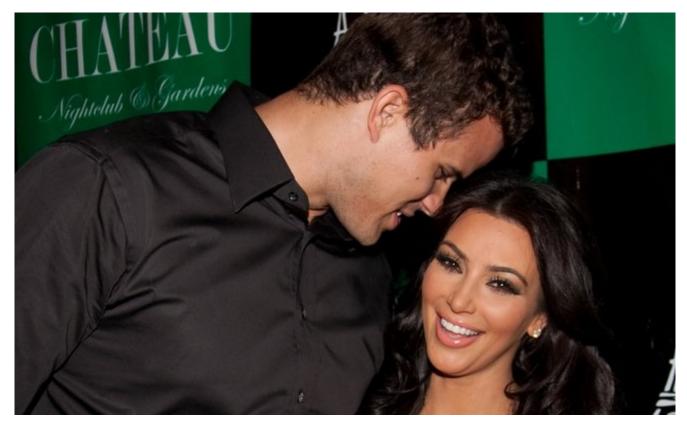
responsible couple to make that realization and strive to uphold it every day.

- 2. 'A Whole New World': This means more than just living together. They say that once you're married, everything changes; the best couples are the ones who adapt to the changes and make things work.
- **3. 'We Can Work it Out':** The truth is that you and your spouse will fight a lot in your marriage. If you're serious about your commitment, then you'll have to remember one word compromise.

How did your life change after you tied the knot? Share a comment below.

Newly Married LeAnn Rimes Talks First Easter As a Wife





LeAnn Rimes celebrated Easter as a new wife after marrying beau Eddie Cibrian last weekend, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. The 28-year-old actress and singer gushed about her new hubby and his two kids when she tweeted, "Brunch w/my husband on the beach, massages and an impromptu Easter Egg hunt w/ 2 special boys! Perfect day, perfect weekend!" Cibrian, 38, and Rimes met in 2008 on a movie set and famously started dating while married to other people.

How do holidays change after you get married?

Cupid's Advice:

When you're part of a couple, holidays change completely. Cupid has some insights on what to expect:

- 1. Share time: After you get married, for better or worse, you'll get to know your in-laws well. When a big holiday rolls around, you may find yourself splitting time between your mate's family and your own.
- 2. Split holidays: Some couples divide up holidays so that you

spend Christmas with one family and Easter with another, for example. Decide with your partner what works best.

3. Get more presents: When you have a spouse, your family doubles! Now you'll have more people to cook and shop for ... but the more the merrier, right?

How did you celebrate Easter with your significant other? Share your comments below.

LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian Are Married





Love is in the air for newlyweds Eddie Cibrian and LeAnn Rimes, who exchanged their personalized vows on Friday at a private home in California, according to <u>People</u>. The two exchanged their vows in front of 40 guests who thought they were attending the couple's engagement party, but instead were surprised by witnessing the two tie the knot in an intimate wedding. In attendance were Cibrian's sons Mason, 7, and Jake, 4, from his previous marriage as well as a few close family members and friends.

What are the benefits to writing your own vows?

Cupid's Advice:

Deciding whether to write your own vows for your wedding or sticking with the traditional ones can be difficult. Cupid's got some benefits to keeping it original:

- 1. They come from the heart: By writing your own vows, you can truly express how you feel about your significant other. It helps make your special day that much more meaningful and romantic.
- 2. They help make the marriage yours: Other than the venue, guests, clothing and theme, a couple doesn't have much say in the sacred process of marriage. The same speech is given at every wedding in order to make it official, but by exchanging your own vows, you put a personal spin on the proceedings.
- 3. They help make the day unforgettable: Personal vows help make your wedding even more unforgettable. When the going gets tough in your marriage, you'll always have your vows to look back on to get you through a difficult time.

What's your opinion on personally written vows? Comment below.

Lauren Bush Laughs About Her Potential Married Name to David Lauren





Socialite and model Lauren Bush is currently discovering a new answer to the age-old question, "What's in a name?" The relative of former presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush and founder of FEED Projects is engaged to be married to Ralph Lauren's son, David Lauren. Therefore, she will soon be Lauren Lauren if she decides to take his last name. Bush, who began modeling in high school, met David Lauren in New York in April 2004. According to <u>People</u>, Bush tentatively plans to

solve this ironic dilemma by hyphenating her name. "I think it will be Lauren Bush-Lauren. That's not final, but I think it's nice to have the same name as your husband. I am sort of old-fashioned in that way," she said.

What are some ways to avoid having an unflattering last name after marriage?

Cupid's Pulse:

Though Lauren is more ironic than embarrassing, last names can be a very sensitive subject in a marriage, especially if they make you chuckle. Cupid has some advice on how to avoid ending up with an unflattering last name:

- 1. Create a new last name: It may not be traditional, but many modern couples have decided to create a new last name by mixing both of their names together. This ensures that your child has a part of both your last names without sounding like a law firm.
- 2. Keep your old name: Your name is part of your identity, and choosing not to change it doesn't make your marriage any less meaningful.
- **3. Hyphenation:** If you don't mind ending up with two last names, this might be the way to go.

Do you believe that a woman should change her last name when she gets married? Let us know below.

Reese Witherspoon Says Married Life Feels Great





Reese Witherspoon hit New York City on Sunday for the premiere of her new movie Water For Elephants. The star was all smiles at her first red carpet appearance since tying the knot with CAA agent Jim Toth at her ranch in Ojai, California in late March. When asked how married life is, Witherspoon replied, "It feels great!" The actress recently got back from her honeymoon in Belize, and life is slowly getting back to normal. Luckily, Witherspoon is able to balance her marriage and her promotional duties just fine, saying that "Everything's just great!" Witherspoon has also added more film premieres in order to get closer to her fans, saying, "This is an opportunity to really connect with the fans. It's a nice opportunity for me to connect with the people who

actually go and see the movies."

How does married life feel different than the single life?

Cupid's Advice:

It may seem to you like you're already married before you actually tie the knot, but there are a few key differences in the life of someone who's married and someone who's single. Cupid has some thoughts:

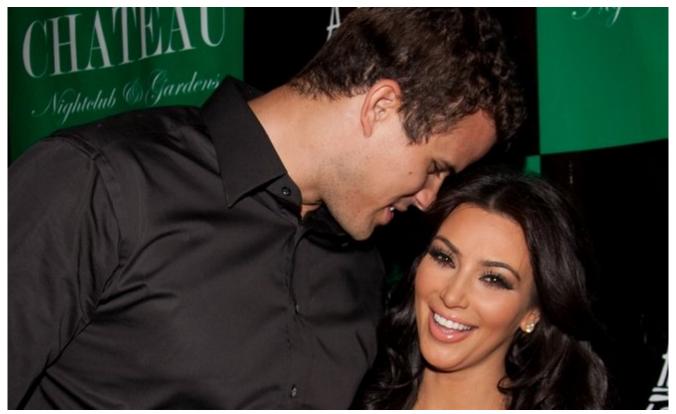
- 1. You're never lonely: Once your married, you have your best friend and partner in life. You no longer have to fear being single or alone forever.
- 2. You have someone to share everything with: When you're married, you have someone to confide in about your secrets, insecurities or even life's excitements. You no longer have to keep a wall up because someone is there to listen to and care about you.
- 3. You have someone to always have fun with: An important part of any marriage is to keep the spark alive, and the best way to do that is to simply have fun. When you're married you have someone to go to a concert with or with whom to plan the future.

What do you think changes in life when you get married? Comment below.

Prince William and Kate

Middleton Practice Balcony Kiss





With less than two weeks left until the big royal day, everyone at the Westminster Abbey is buzzing with excitement. <u>UsMagazine.com</u> reports that Prince William and Kate Middleton have rehearsed the entire ceremony, including the 1:25 p.m. balcony kiss. "It's not the actual kiss that needs rehearsing..." an aide told the magazine. "However, the angle that they come in at needs to be correct, otherwise they could block the shot and the world will miss out on that momentous moment."

What kind of kiss should you use at your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

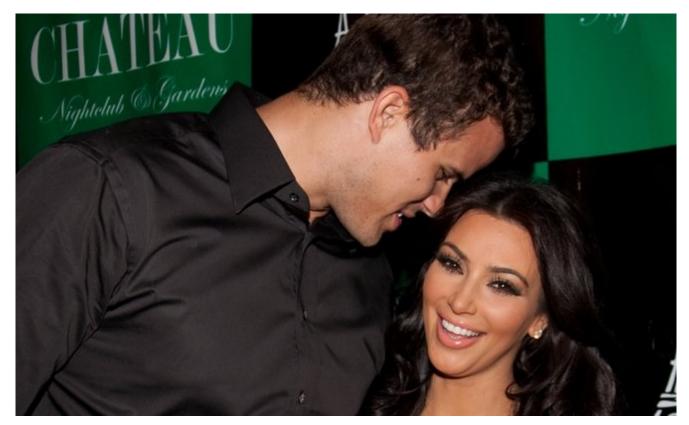
So your wedding day is almost here, and you're still undecided about which wedding kiss to have. No problem! Cupid offers suggestions on how to decide:

- 1. Mutual decision: Speak with your significant other about what kind of wedding kiss you both want. If one of you wants a long intense kiss, but the other wants a short and sweet peck, perhaps you can compromise with something in between.
- 2. Practice: Once you figure out what kiss you both want, practice it. As they say, practice makes perfect.
- **3. Keep it short:** We all understand that it's your wedding day, but try not to make out in front of a crowd. Keep your kiss short, sweet and sincere.

What kind of kiss did you share on your wedding day? Comment below.

Survey Says Americans Would Spend Up to \$600 to Attend the Royal Wedding





With the highly anticipated royal wedding on the horizon, there's a lot of buzz surrounding this high profile event. Prince William and fiancée Kate Middleton's glamorous wedding plans fascinate Americans — so much so, that three in five people would pay on average about \$600 to get their hands on an invitation to the soiree.

With the media reporting every detail of the event, Americans are speculating about which luxury they would choose to include in their own big day. When polled, 29 percent of women stated that they would choose to distribute personalized gifts to each of their guests. However, 22 percent said they would like to ride in as a couple on a horse-drawn carriage, while 17 percent would wear a couture wedding gown on their special day.

Americans Say "I Do" to Cash: The royal couple is using the union of their love to do some good for mankind. The pair has asked well wishers to donate a gift to one (or all) of their five hand-picked charitable organizations, rather than giving money or gifts to congratulate them. However, when asked,

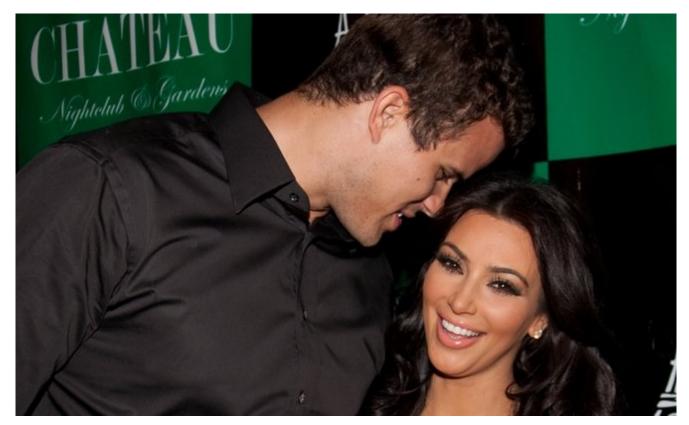
only two percent of Americans would do the same. More than 50 percent say they would like to receive cash as gifts, and 23 percent say they would prefer gifts purchased from a wedding registry.

While the general public will not be invited personally to take part in the couple's nuptials, Americans can tune into NBC on April 29, 2011 at 5:30 AM EST and 2:30 PM PST.

This survey was conducted by American Express Spending & Saving Tracker and was completed online among a random sample of 2,020 consumers over the age of 18. Interviewing was conducted by Echo Research between March 24 and March 28, 2011. For access to previous American Express Spending & Saving Tracker results, please visit www.americanexpress.com/aboutus.

Roberto Martinez Says Ali Fedotowsky Is Not a Bridezilla





Bachelorette couple Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez can't wait to tie the knot. However, according to <u>People</u>, they have yet to announce their wedding date to the public. Lucky for the groom-to-be, the former reality star is no wedding diva. "She's not a bridezilla, thank god," Martinez said. "I'd be scared to death if she was, but no, she's awesome." It looks like the world of reality TV can count on one less bridezilla.

How do you know if your partner is a bridezilla?

Cupid's Advice:

Even the nicest of your friends can turn into a bridezilla when it comes to his or her big day. Here are the signs to look for to see if you have a bridezilla on your hands:

- 1. Most of the people attending the wedding are bridesmaids: A true bridezilla will start bulking up the troops ASAP. If you're in a wedding where there are 25+ bridesmaids, chances are you're dealing with a bridezilla.
- 2. The bride begins to speak like a drill sergeant: If the

bride is starting to sound more like a general than a blushing bride, she is probably a little too wedding-obsessed.

3. The tears at the wedding aren't tears of joy: Many friendships have died as a result of wedding drama. Don't let your partner's need for a perfect wedding day go too far.

Have you ever had to confront a bridezilla? Tell us your story by commenting on this post or tweeting CCupidsPulse.