

# Tasha Smith Gets Married at Home



Every little girl has dreams of a big fancy wedding when she grows up, right? Not necessarily! For Tasha Smith and Keith Douglas, exchanging vows in the living room of their Los Angeles home was a dream come true. “We decided to hold a very simple, intimate ceremony with just us and our pastor,” the 39-year-old actress tells *Essence*. According to *People*, the newlyweds announced their engagement six months ago. Now back from her Las Vegas honeymoon, Smith says, “It was a beautiful, blessed moment that we will remember forever.”

**How do you make a wedding at home romantic?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Many couples would love a wedding like Tasha Smith and Keith Douglas, but they aren't sure how to make it special. Cupid has a few ways to make a wedding at home special:

**1. Live music:** Since you're saving so much money on a venue, why not spend some of it on a band? There's nothing more romantic than walking down the staircase to the sound of soothing instruments in the other room. Then after the ceremony, have them play your favorite requests while you dance the night away with your new spouse.

**2. Decorate:** Decorations can turn any ordinary room into a fancy hall. A few fancy chairs, tables with center pieces and some pretty flowers can help aid with the transformation.

**3. Try outside:** Having a wedding at home doesn't actually limit you to the inside of your house. If it's nice day, why not say "I do" in the beautiful summer breeze or over your newly green lawn covered in spring flowers? Don't forget, your backyard is part of your home, too.

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## LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian Are Engaged





After all the controversy surrounding their relationship, LeAnn Rimes and boyfriend Eddie Cibrian are engaged! According to [People](#), a source close to the couple says, “Yes, they were engaged over the holidays and are very happy.” On Monday, Rimes thanked all of her fans for their support by tweeting, “Thank you for all your well wishes!! We are extremely excited and look forward to a beautiful future. It’s been an incredible last few days, I was shocked!!! We are blessed, our families are so happy and our lives are filled with love.” The pair was surrounded by family and friends in town directly following.

### **What are reasons to involve your family in your engagement?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

An engagement is one of the happiest moments of your life, and who better to share it with than the people who have seen you through it all? Cupid has some reasons to involve your family in your engagement plans:

- 1. Approval:** Even though they have probably met your partner before, introducing someone as your fiancé is totally different. Make sure the people who know you best approve of this decision.

**2. Respect:** Your parents and family are the ones that have raised you and been with you through it all. Include them in the engagement proceedings out of respect.

**3. To share your happiness:** Because your engagement is one of the happiest times in your life, sharing that joy with your family makes it even happier.

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## Natalie Portman is Engaged and Pregnant



Natalie Portman has more to celebrate than her Golden Globe nomination. The actress is engaged to choreographer, Benjamin Millepied, and they are expecting their first child, according to [People](#). The pair met during the production of the Darren Aronofsky's ballet thriller *Black Swan*, where Millepied acted as a

choreographer and one of Portman's co-stars. The couple is excited for their first child who is due in 2011.

### **Is it OK to date your coworkers?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

While there are some people who won't mix business with pleasure, others don't see a problem with it. Before making a decision, Cupid has some things to consider:

- 1. Expressing feelings:** Don't jump into things too quickly. Make sure that your attraction is mutual so that you don't end up making things awkward in the workplace.
- 2. Don't violate company policy:** Some companies discourage relationships among employees while others are more tolerant of it. Find out what the dating policy in your company is beginning a relationship with your coworker.
- 3. Be serious:** Make sure you are both serious about being in a relationship. If you know that it's just going to be a short-term fling, it might be awkward for both of you to work together afterward.

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## **Kate Middleton Celebrates Last Christmas with Family**







This may have been the last Christmas Kate Middleton spends with her own family, [Us Weekly](#) speculates. While Middleton was with her parents in Berkshire, England for the holidays, Prince William spent the holidays doing search and rescue work in a helicopter in North Wales. Once the couple weds next April, Middleton will most likely be spending Christmas 2011 at the royal Christmas Day celebration at Sandringham. Sources say that traditionally, her parents would not receive an invitation. But also according to sources, changes may be in store for royalty in England. "William is determined for this to be the beginning of a new royal family with new ways of doing things, he wants his marriage to last."

## **What sacrifices should you make for a relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Just like Kate Middleton's life is about to change, we all make sacrifices for our relationships in our own individual ways. Here are some guidelines:

- 1. Stay comfortable:** As long as you feel okay about the sacrifices you make in a relationship, that's all that matters. But once you feel like your partner is asking too much of you, rethink things before you go through with them.

**2. Sacrifices are a two-way street:** You should not be the only one making sacrifices in your relationship. If you celebrate Christmas with your family one year, perhaps you can spend time with his family the next. Relationships are all about give and take, and your parents will understand that.

**3. Be true to yourself:** Never do something that makes you uncomfortable or that you puts you in danger. As much as you may love your partner, you are ultimately number one.

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## Playboy Founder Hugh Hefner is Engaged



According to [People](#), Hugh Hefner surprised everyone this holiday season by proposing to girlfriend, Crystal Harris, while exchanging gifts with her on Christmas Eve. The *Playboy* founder then

announced on Twitter that his new fiancé burst into tears when he gave her the ring. To clarify that he was actually engaged, he later tweeted, “Yes, the ring I gave Crystal is an engagement ring. I didn’t mean to make a mystery out of it. A very Merry Christmas to all.” Harris was December 2009’s *Playboy* Playmate. As Hugh Hefner is 84 and his new fiancé is 24, there is a 60 year age difference between the couple.

## **Does an age difference matter in a relationship?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Love knows no gender, color, religion or age. However, a large age gap can result in numerous misunderstandings:

- 1. Different life stages:** People tend to want different things out of life at different ages. When you’re in a relationship with someone significantly older or younger, your needs and wants may clash.
- 2. Energy level:** A difference in energy levels can be caused by many factors, but an age difference is probably the most common instigator.
- 3. Mutual friends:** Though you may be an excellent couple, it might be hard to find common ground when it comes to mutual friends.

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# **Bret Michaels Proposes to Girlfriend of 16 Years on TV**





Bret Michaels has finally found his rock of love. According to [People](#), after dating on and off for 16 years, Michaels proposed to girlfriend, Kristi Gibson on the finale of his VH1 reality show, *Bret Michaels: Life As I Know It* – and she said yes! With two daughters, Raine, 10, and Jorja, 5, and Michael's brain hemorrhage in April, the happy couple have faced years by each other's sides. While proposing, Bret Michaels declared, "I love you, and you've been unbelievably a big part of my life...I know we love and respect each other, and I hope that we can find that inner love that we have forever."

**What are creative ways to propose for everyone to see?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Getting creative with a proposal is a bit tricky. Bret Michaels put it best when he said, "Please say yes, or the rejection will kill me right now." Cupid has some ideas to make it a public affair:

**1. On a dinner cruise:** Get all your friends together for a

dinner cruise on the closest river or lake that provides them.

Splurge for a round of champagne, and pop the question for all of your friends to see.

**2. Family affair:** Throwing a summer barbecue or a holiday bash can be a great opportunity to propose. With family and friends in attendance, surprise your loved one by getting down on one knee in what will surely be a party remembered by all.

**3. The cheese factor:** Yes, this is your time to shine – but who says you can't borrow a move from the classics? Act out a scene from your beloved favorite romantic comedy, such as *Love Actually* and *Stepmom*. Involve those close to you to play the extra parts.

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## Shania Twain and Frédéric Thiébaud Are Engaged





Shania Twain is once again feeling like a woman, according to [People](#). After going through a painful divorce in 2008, the country singer is now happily engaged to Swiss executive Frédéric Thiébaud, and she has a three-carat diamond ring to prove it. Ironically, their relationship began when Twain's ex-husband, music producer Robert "Mutt" Lange, left her for her now fiancé's former wife, Marie-Anne. It looks like these two couples pulled a switch, but everyone involved seems happy with the results. According to a close source, "Shania and Fred are a couple that fit together."

**Is it OK to date your ex's new partner's ex?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Pulling such a switch is a little strange and unconventional, but that doesn't make it wrong. Cupid has a few tips on how to best handle the situation:

**1. Be respectful:** If you and your partner end up pulling the ultimate switch, always be respectful of and happy for your ex.

**2. Enjoy life with your new partner:** Regardless of the circumstances of how you connected with your current love,

remember how lucky you are to finally have found true love.

**3. Ignore the critics:** Some may judge you for dating your ex's partner, but as long as you're happy, it's none of their business.

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## Prince William and Kate Middleton Attend First Event as Engaged Couple



Becoming a princess doesn't happen overnight. After announcing a royal engagement, Prince William assured the public that "he wanted to learn from lessons done in the past to give [Kate

Middleton] the best chance to settle in and to see what happens on the other side.” Middleton believes, “William’s a great teacher, so he’ll be up to help me.” It was evident Middleton was practicing her royal etiquette, accompanying Prince William to a cancer charity event in Norfolk, England, according to [People](#). A royal source confirms, “Between now and the wedding there will be occasions when Catherine does shadow Prince William, to learn the ropes and see how things go.”

## **How do you prepare your partner to handle your career?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

You might not be preparing your partner to join the royal family, but a hectic career can feel just as foreboding. Cupid has a few helpful hints:

- 1. Opportunities:** If your career leaves little time for leisure, spend parts of your day with your partner by involving them in everyday activities like working out at the gym. Engaging in quality time will strengthen your relationship for the time you’re apart due to your job. It will show your partner that even though you enjoy your job, you don’t intend to throw him by the wayside.
- 2. Company:** When you’re keeping busy hours, make sure your partner isn’t waiting late into the night for you to come home. Introduce him to your co-workers’ spouses, and hold joint gatherings to keep your group closely knit.
- 3. Practice:** Just like Prince William gave Kate Middleton time to get used to the royal lifestyle, make sure to give your partner the heads up as to what he has coming for him when it comes to your career. While you’re dating, bring him to events and get him accustomed to the routine.



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# Tony Romo is Engaged to 'Gossip Girl' Star's Sister, Candice Crawford



Tony Romo is engaged to Chace Crawford's sister, Candice Crawford, [People](#) reports. Crawford, a pageant queen and a KDAF-TV anchor in Dallas was out celebrating her 24th birthday when Romo popped the question. The two began dating in 2009, shortly after Romo broke things off with Jessica Simpson. The engagement between Tomo and Crawford comes in third behind a slew of newly engaged celeb couples, including Jessica Simpson's other ex, Nicky Lachey to Vanessa Minnillo and then Simpson's own engagement to Eric Johnson. This chain of ex's getting engaged leaves Cupid asking:

**How do you overcome the news of your ex's engagement?**



## Cupid's Advice:

It's hard to feel genuinely happy for an ex when he announces his new engagement. But instead of stewing, focus on what is going well for you in your own life:

**1. The shock factor:** It's normal to be a little hurt when hearing the news that your ex is engaged. Take some time for to accept the news, and then move on.

**2. Realize what you have:** You may not have a ring on your finger, but you surely have plenty of other things going on in your life to be proud of, whether thats a promising career or wonderful friends.

**3. Remember why you broke up:** Your ex is your ex for a reason and even though it may seem like you're missing out, you're not. Grab a friend and relish in the perks of not being tied down.

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## 90210 Star Shannen Doherty Still Believes in Marriage





“When the going gets tough, you don’t get going – you hang on.” That’s former *90210* star Shannen Doherty’s take on marriage anyway.

According to [People](#), Doherty refuses to give on marriage despite two failed marriages and one unsuccessful engagement.

However, the actress says she is no longer naïve when it comes to the hard work behind a marriage. She explains, saying, “You have to go in with your eyes wide open and realize that it’s probably going to take a lot of work and maybe some couples’ therapy perhaps.”

**How do you keep your faith in relationships after a break-up?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

A bad break-up can have anyone promising themselves that “this will be the last time.” However, Cupid has an idea or two about regaining your faith in relationships:

**1. Live and learn:** Take each relationship’s end as a lesson for the future. Walk away with a few pointers you didn’t have before in order to stop you from making the same mistake twice.

**2. Disregard the lover, not the love:** Love isn’t the one who has wronged you. Blaming relationships for what you’re

currently feeling is misplaced anger. Remind yourself that love never fails; only lovers do.

**3. It's never too late:** There is no deadline for finding “the one.” Appreciate each relationship for the happiness it brings to your life, and keep an eye out for Cupid's arrow.

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## Lauren Bush and David Lauren Are Engaged



Another high-profile engagement was announced this week, reports [NYPPost.com](http://NYPPost.com). David Lauren, son of fashion designer Ralph Lauren, proposed to Lauren Bush, niece of the former president, last Friday. David Lauren proposed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the place where the two first met six years ago. “David told Lauren that he was taking her to see an exhibit, then got down

on one knee,” explained a source. “He had a beautiful ring ready. It was a total surprise to her, and they are both so happy.”

**What do you do if your fiancé’s last name doesn’t flow with your first name?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Lauren Bush will be in a bit of a dilemma following her marriage to David Lauren. Will she become Lauren Lauren?

Here are a few tips to help you with your name-related woes:

**1. Use a nickname:** If you wish to take your husband’s name, but feel uncomfortable with the sound of your new name, try using a nickname. Try Tina Christensen instead of Christina Christensen.

**2. Hyphenate:** You can have the best of both worlds by keeping both your maiden name and adding on your husband’s name. Your new last name may be on the longer side, but hyphenated names allow for much-needed compromise between you and your husband.

**3. Keep your last name:** There are also many women who wish to keep their maiden names. If you identify with these women, then stand strong. Keep your last name. It’s your name, and nobody can force you to change it.

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## **Swiss Tennis Star Martina Hingis Gets Married**



Retired Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis exchanged wedding vows with Thibault Hutin, a French show jumper, in Paris last week, according to [People](#). Hingis acknowledges that the nuptials may have taken some by surprise, but everything was planned out in advance. The ceremony was held at City Hall in the Paris suburb of Neuilly-sur-Seine with a small reception that followed in the Presidential Suite of Paris's Four Season's George V. There will be a traditional Swiss wedding feast held in the spring. The newlyweds met last April, shortly after Hingis had broken off her engagement to Swiss attorney Andreas Bieri.

**Why should you keep the details of your wedding a secret?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone loves a wedding, and sometimes that becomes a problem. Here are some reasons to keep wedding details to yourself:

**1. Everyone has an opinion:** Sometimes people forget that your vision is the only one that matters. While you may be set on

keeping your big day small, someone else may feel a giant blowout would be better.

**2. Avoid your inner bridezilla:** Nothing will test your etiquette like planning a wedding. Keeping details of your wedding quiet will cause less of an uproar from everyone else, and you won't have to answer to anyone but yourself.

**3. Drama-free:** Planning a wedding is stressful enough, and there's no need to get extra people involved if it's not necessary. At the end of the day, everyone will be happy to celebrate the love between you and your new spouse.

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## Nicole Richie and Joel Madden Wed with Elephant



In traditional



Hollywood style, Nicole Richie and Joel Madden finally tied the knot at the home of Richie's singing sensation father, Lionel Richie, surrounded by 130 family members and friends.

But according to [People](#), one big detail stuck out as being unique: a trained elephant was in attendance.

## **How do you incorporate animals into a wedding ceremony?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone's wedding ceremony should be unique, and incorporating animals into the festivities is always an excellent way to show who you are as a couple:

**1. Wed at the zoo:** The zoo can be the perfect wedding venue for a couple with a soft spot for animals. By having your wedding surrounded by animals, you're not only giving your guests a unique experience, but you're also raising awareness for endangered species.

**2. Make your dog part of the wedding party:** People who love their dog consider him a member of the family, and family should always be included in the wedding. Make your dogs both your ring bearer and flower "girl."

**3. Let birds fly:** Angelic birds such as swans and doves have long been associated with wedded bliss. With the right wedding planner, you can have these symbols of innocent love as guests at your wedding.

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# **Katy Perry Takes Russell**

# Brand's Last Name



It's official: Katy Perry will soon be known as Katy Brand, according to [People](#). The 26-year-old singer told Ellen DeGeneres that since her wedding on October 23rd, she has been in the process of taking her husband Russell Brand's last name. She said that people already call her Mrs. Brand to "try to get my attention... Like if I'm at an event or something like that, and they want special attention, they go, 'Mrs. Brand!' And I go shwoosh [looks back]."

**How do you decide whether to take your partner's last name?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

In a recent survey, 70 percent of Americans said they believe that women should take their husband's last name when they get married, but is it the right decision for you? Cupid has some things to consider:

**1. Family unity:** A lot of couples believe that having the same name is an important part of feeling like a family unit when you get married. If you're concerned about unity, changing your name may be the right choice.

**2. Career/identity:** You've lived with your maiden name for a long time, and it connects you to your parents and siblings. Plus, if you've already established yourself professionally, it might actually hurt your career to change your name now.

**3. More options:** There are more than just two options when you get married. You can also have a hyphenated last name, you can take his name and use your maiden name professionally, or he can take your name!

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## Kelsey Grammer and Girlfriend Kayte Walsh Are Engaged





Who says that the third time's a charm? *Frasier* star Kelsey Grammer is going to recite wedding vows for the fourth time! The Emmy-winning actor and third wife Camille divorced only six months ago, but that didn't stop him from giving love another try. Grammer, 55, and flight attendant Kayte Walsh, 29, have been "engaged for a while," according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com).

**After divorce, how can you avoid rushing things with your new partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Kelsey Grammer's whirlwind post-divorce romance may or may not turn against him in the future. Here are a few tips to avoid moving too fast after a split:

- 1. Live separately:** After a divorce, it's normal to want to jump right into a new romance right away. Make sure to get to know each other's good and bad qualities before you share an apartment!
- 2. Hold off on saying "I love you":** It's normal to want love again after a long relationship ends. But make sure you're truly loving and not just lusting before you spit out those three important words. If you speak too soon, you could hurt

both your partner and yourself.

**3. Keep the kids away:** Meeting your new partner's kids or vice versa isn't just a big step in the relationship; it's a big weight on the kids. Be sure your partner will be in your life long-term before you bring your children into the picture.

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## 'Bachelor' Couple Jason Mesnick and Molly Malaney Renew Vows in Vegas



Is it too soon to renew your vows after only 10 months? *The Bachelor* couple Jason Mesnick and Molly Malaney didn't seem to think so. The pair said "I do" for the second time in Las Vegas, as part of the Rock 'n Roll Las Vegas Marathon. Mesnick and Malaney were

one of 60 couples running in the marathon, according to [The Hollywood Gossip](#). The duo stopped at the 3-mile mark pit stop near the Venetian's "Run Thru Wedding."

## What are the benefits of a Las Vegas wedding?

### Cupid's Advice:

If you aren't a fan of getting married in your home town, a destination wedding in Las Vegas has quite a few perks:

**1. It's easier to plan:** No wedding is easy to plan, but many hotels and resorts in Las Vegas make the preparations very easy. Among other things, they offer photography services, high-class receptions and limo services.

**2. It's simple to get there:** For guests arriving from different parts of the country, Las Vegas is a very convenient destination. Airlines offer countless flights to Las Vegas every day. Booking flights and preparing a schedule will be relatively simple for your guests.

**3. It's fun!:** Las Vegas is nothing if not exciting! Bright lights, flashy buildings and high-end resorts will make your wedding memorable for both you and your guests.

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## Wedding Rumors: Nicole Richie and Joel Madden







After four years, two kids, and a 10-month engagement, Nicole Richie and Joel Madden may finally be ready to set a wedding date. Although the couple have been very secretive about the details of their wedding, [Us Weekly](#) reports that Richie had a bachelorette party in September with Christina Aguilera and a few of her other girlfriends. Richie isn't the only one being secretive about the details. At the Oscar pre-show, Madden said, "We're kind of doing it at our own pace. We have no idea right now."

### **What's the benefit of keeping your wedding date a secret?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Once you set the date for your big day, your first instinct may be to send out that "save the date" to let everyone know. But Cupid has some advantages to keeping your wedding date a secret for a while:

- 1. You can make wedding decisions alone:** When people don't know your wedding date, they aren't able to insert themselves into wedding plans. You'll be able to have the wedding you want without any unnecessary input.
- 2. You can keep it exclusive:** If your wedding date is under wraps, you're able to keep the guest list more intimate and

exclusive without feeling obligated to send out extra invites.

**3. You can stay true to your personalities:** Some brides dream of a huge wedding and others just want a few of their close family and friends to be there. If you're the latter of the two, announcing your wedding date may not coincide with your dream wedding plans.

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## Prince William and Kate Middleton Take Engagement Pictures



The paparazzi can take a break, because according to [People](#), the world's most captivating couple, Prince William and Kate Middleton, have sat for their first official photo shoot has an engaged

couple. The royal photographer was none other than Mario Testino, a famed fashion photographer who took some of the most memorable pictures of the late Princess Diana, many which appeared in an iconic 1997 issue of *Vanity Fair*. Mario Testino also photographed the picture perfect couple for both the American and British *Vogue*.

**Where are unique places to have your engagement photos taken?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Engagement photos are a must once you make the decision to tie the knot with your partner. Cupid has a few creative locations for your pre-wedding shots:

**1. Home is where the heart is:** It may not be Buckingham Palace, but as a newly engaged couple, making a home and a life together are what you are celebrating. What better place to take your engagement photos than your own backyard?

**2. Iconic places:** Your engagement is a celebration that should be heard around the world. Venturing to iconic spots like Disney World or the Eiffel Tower is an excellent way to profess your love.

**3. Somewhere important to you as a couple:** Your engagement photos should express who you are as couple. For example, if you and your partner both enjoy hiking, perhaps you should take your pictures on your favorite hiking trail.

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## **Chad Ochocinco is Engaged to**

# Girlfriend Evelyn Lozada



NFL player and *Dancing with the Stars* alum Chad Ochocinco surprised his girlfriend, Evelyn Lozada, by proposing to her on November 16th in their Cincinnati home. Lozada, a model and *Basketball Wives* star, told [Us Weekly](#), "He had a jeweler come to the house... [It was] a total surprise! We sat there and picked out the ring." Ochocinco offered his input on the diamond. The couple have not yet picked a date because, according to Lozada, "We're waiting on the show and football season to end so we can start focusing on the next stage of our lives." **What are some unique proposal locations?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Many proposal locations are overdone. The romantic candlelight dinner is somewhat predictable, as is the flowers-and-ring routine. Couples looking for a more unique experience may like these ideas:

- 1. Return to the place of your first date:** Going back to the place of your first date is both romantic and fun.
  - 2. Take a trip:** Surprise your partner with a trip to a resort in one of your favorite areas. Try the Bahamas if the two of you like beaches, or Europe if you love sight-seeing. The vacation will be one that your partner always remembers.
  - 3. Go on a fun date:** Instead of proposing over dinner, try proposing in a hot air balloon. How many people can say they got engaged while overlooking the countryside from a floating basket?
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## Amazing Race Couple Chad Waltrip and Stephanie Smith Are Married and Expecting





*The Amazing Race* is full of surprises, like underdogs winning it all, leaders falling into last place and challenges that test the mind and body. Love entered the picture as well when contestant Chad Waltrip proposed to teammate and girlfriend Stephanie Smith during the show's 17th season, despite their tumultuous time on the show. "Early on we struggled, had a tough time and I second-guessed myself," admitted Chad Waltrip. "I was so amped up and we fought a lot." Since the couple's elimination and intermission from the spotlight, they completed their nuptials, and are expecting their first child.

## **How do you cut back on fighting in a relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Chad Waltrip and Stephanie Smith's relationship hasn't always been smooth sailing. Cupid has some ideas to make your relationship calmer:

- 1. Figure out the reason:** It's important to recognize why you're fighting, and from where the problems come. By recognizing what sparks your arguments, you can work on strengthening your relationship.
- 2. Listen closely:** Sometimes when people are angry, true feelings spill out. Pay attention to what your partner is saying, even in anger. Then, talk about those true



feelings instead of the extra fluff surrounding them.

**3. Discuss in depth:** If you make nice too quickly and don't discuss why you started arguing in the first place, chances are that you'll be fighting again before you know it. Sit down with your partner and have a calm discussion about what you can do to strengthen your relationship and prevent further arguments.

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# Date is Set for Prince William and Kate Middleton's Marriage



The date is set!

According to [People](#), Prince William and his new fiancée, Kate Middleton, have decided on a spring wedding. The royal union is set to take place on April 29 of this coming year at Westminster Abbey. Both Prince William and Middleton wanted as short of an engagement as possible, and they got their wish. The wedding, which will make Middleton the first non-royal to marry into the royal family in a very long time, will mark a new public holiday for the UK!

### **When should you get married?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

- 1. Autumn:** There's a reason why the fall is the most popular time for couples to get married. With a gorgeous setting for outdoor picture taking, an autumn wedding will leave you with the least headache, at least weather-wise.
- 2. Summer:** Runner-up as the most popular wedding season, summer is one of the best times to tie the knot. If you're dreaming of a wedding on the beach at sunset, mark your calendar for June, July or August.
- 3. A meaningful date:** Ditch traditional wedding seasons and get married on a date that's special between you and your partner. It may be the anniversary of the first time you met, your first date, or even the first time you kissed.

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# **Biggest Loser's Sam Poueu**

# Proposes to Fellow Contestant Stephanie Anderson



It's official!

Former *Biggest Loser* contestant Stephanie Anderson plans on saying "I do" to fellow contestant Sam Poueu, according to [Us Weekly](#). Poueu popped the question at NBC's *Biggest Loser* ranch in California. "I wanted to go back to the ranch, because that's where it all started," said Poueu. The two, who collectively lost 241 pounds on the show, are now ready to build a life together, and they want their *Biggest Loser* family to be there when it happens. "They know what we've been through," says Stephanie Anderson. Though the groom's brother will be his best man, his cousin and partner on the series, Koli Palu, will be a groomsman. Between the announcement and the wedding decisions, the couple has been too caught up in all the excitement to set a date!

**What are ways to decide who will be at your wedding?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Like Sam Poueu and Stehphanie Anderson, engaged couples have to face the difficult decision of who to have at their wedding. Cupid has some tips:

**1. You couldn't imagine it without them:** The first thing you should consider when deciding on guests is what the wedding would be missing without them. Consider looking at wedding photos 10 years down the line. If you want to see them in the memories, invite them to the wedding.

**2. You've known them for a long time:** Next, you should think about the people who have been present in your life the longest. Usually these are the people who will still be in your life long after the wedding!

**3. You attended their wedding:** If you still have room for more guests, invite those who invited you! If you were special enough to be in their wedding, return the favor!

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# Katy Perry's Dad Speaks Out about Daughter's Marriage to Russell Brand





Sex, drugs and rock n' roll aren't usually a parent's "Teenage Dream," but they added up to the perfect husband for singer Katy Perry, according to her father Keith Hudson. The Santa Barbara preacher told [RadarOnline](#), "You couldn't see two f\*\*king happier people," about his daughter and her new hubby, actor and comedian Russell Brand. "I could not have wished for a better son-in-law in Russell. He makes my girl so happy," said Hudson. "She's so happy and he makes her light up. They're going to be just fine..."

**How can your partner make a good impression on your parents?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

No matter how old you are, your parents will likely have some influence over your life. Cupid has some tips on how your partner can make a good first impression:

**1. Show common interests:** Before it's time to meet the parents, prep your significant other by briefing him on your parents' interests. That way, he can be prepared with with a shared interest to discuss, which will hopefully spark lively conversation right away.

**2. Build trust:** It's important to build a bond of trust between your parents and significant other early on. Give your partner a small responsibility (like picking your parents up from the airport or making a dish to bring to dinner), that will show he can be trusted to follow through.

**3. Solicit relationship advice:** At a certain age, parents see their child's romantic partners as potential parents of their future grandchildren. Encourage your significant other to interact with young relatives at family gatherings, and to ask for relationship advice from your parents.

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## Jessica Simpson to Marry Eric Johnson Without Prenup?



After dating for only six months, Jessica Simpson and former NFL player Eric



Johnson announced their exciting decision to walk down the aisle together. The couple's newest announcement? According to [PopEater](#), they're doing it without a prenup! This isn't the first time Jessica Simpson will put on a wedding dress without signing the agreement. In her past divorce from Nick Lachey, who just days ago announced his engagement to Vanessa Minnillo, Jessica Simpson lost \$10 million dollars for saying "I do" without a prenup. The singer's father, though very happy for the two of them, does not want to see his daughter make the same mistake twice and plans on trying to change her mind when the excitement dies down. But for now, the couple is running on love!

### **Should you get a prenup when you get married?**

**Cupid's Advice:** Like many other couples in love, Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson don't think a prenuptial agreement will be necessary. Cupid has some instances where it may be a healthy choice:

- 1. You're wealthier:** Believe it or not, having more money than your partner and insisting on a prenup doesn't make you selfish! It's a harmless way to guarantee that he is marrying you for the right reasons and isn't interested in your bank account.
- 2. You've been married before:** If this isn't your first venture down the aisle, the situation becomes more complicated. If you have kids from a previous marriage, a prenup can ensure that when/if you pass away, everyone in your family receives their share of your assets.
- 3. You don't want the stress:** Money issues are one of the most common reasons for divorce. A prenup can help to halt the stress. If you're fighting less, you're most likely never going to have to use it!