

# Prince William and Kate Middleton: How Will Their Wedding Compare to Charles and Diana's?



When Prince William marries his fiancée, Kate Middleton, there will be many people who will be comparing his wedding to that of his parents', says [People](#). When Prince Charles married Princess Diana on July 29, 1981, the wedding was viewed by millions around the globe. The bride arrived at St. Paul's Cathedral in a glass coach, dressed in an ivory taffeta and lace gown designed by David and Elizabeth Emanuel. After the ceremony, the royal couple rode in to Buckingham Palace, where they kissed on a balcony in front of thousands of onlookers.

**How can you make your wedding stand out?**

Cupid's Advice:

**1. Incorporate unique decor:** You may choose to stay away from traditional wedding color schemes, and go for something more unique for your wedding. For example, if you're getting married in the winter, try silver and white instead of warmer hues.

**2. Be creative with your vows:** When you write your vows, try to stay away from clichés. Tell a brief story, or crack a joke. The guests, and your husband, will appreciate the effort.

**3. Be considerate:** While you may have been extremely busy in preparing for your wedding, chances are your maid of honor has been working just as hard. Reward her, and your other bridesmaids, with a personal and creative gift that shows how much you appreciate them.

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## **'Survivor' Contestant Stephenie LaGrossa and Philadelphia Phillies Pitcher, Kyle Kendrick Get Married**





Stephenie LaGrossa, three-time *Survivor* contestant, tells [People](#), “I never thought there was ‘the one,’ but now I believe it.” She and Philadelphia Phillies pitcher, Kyle Kendrick got married in front of 105 guests at the Silverado Resort in Napa, California. The outdoors ceremony featured the bride in a dress by Priscilla of Boston, while the groom adorned a tuxedo by Huge Boss. Don’t forget about the dogs! Bebe and Champ “acted as flower girl and ring bearer and wore a white dress and a tuxedo, respectively.”

## **How can you incorporate your pets into your wedding?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

While your wedding is meant to honor your relationship with your fiancée, why leave out the little guys who are there through thick and thin: your pets!

**1. Wedding party:** Who said anything about the flower girl and ring bearer being human? Adding your pets to the wedding party like Stephenie LaGrossa and Kyle Kendrick makes for great pictures, especially when clothed in dresses and tuxedos alike.

**2. Gifts:** Turn your party favors into donations to a local animal shelter. Gifts for the newlyweds can be substituted

with contributions to an animal charity.

**3. Cake topper:** Couples adorn their wedding cakes with figurines resembling themselves, but why not the pets? Forget the traditional couple sitting atop the icing and find a cake topper that looks exactly like Gypsy and Beau.

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## LeAnn Rimes Congratulates Ex-Husband, Dean Sheremet on Engagement



After finding out that ex-husband Dean Sheremet was engaged, country superstar LeAnn Rimes tweeted her congratulations, [People](#) reports. “Congrats to @deansheremet and @sarah\_silver on your engagement! A little birdie told me the happy news last

night. Wishes for a life full of happiness.” LeAnn Rimes made headlines last year when she admitted to cheating on her husband with actor Eddie Cibrian, who was also married at the time.

## How do you cope when your ex moves on?

### Cupid’s Advice:

When your ex-husband moves on without a backward glance, it can really hurt. Cupid has some advice on how to cope:

- 1. Remember why it didn’t work:** When your ex gets serious with someone new, you may think, “Why her and not me?” But don’t forget – you ended things for a reason.
- 2. Stay busy:** The more you dwell on the situation, the worse you’ll feel. Go out, and try to have fun.
- 3. It’s your turn:** If your ex-husband can move on, so can you! It might be just the push you need to get your act together and find your own Mr. or Ms. Right.

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# Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson Are Engaged







Free agent NFL player Eric Johnson has officially proposed to Jessica Simpson. The good news is that she's accepted, according to [People](#). After being introduced by mutual friends in May, the pair started dating. Recently, they celebrated Jessica Simpson's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in romantic Italy. Fans can look for this athlete and singer/fashion designer combo at the upcoming Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. "I'm gonna be on a [Macy's parade] float. It's not always the best way to spend a Thanksgiving, but it's a great way to celebrate. So, maybe I'll just have all families on the float," said Jessica Simpson.

**What are some ways you can meet your future mate?**

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

Like many other couples, Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson were introduced through mutual friends. Though there is no best way to meet your future partner, the secret is to put yourself out there. Cupid has a few options to explore:

**1. Online dating:** The use of the Internet can expand your dating pool many times over. If you're having trouble meeting people the traditional way (in person), getting to know potential partners via online dating sites may be the answer.

**2. Singles' mixers:** Speed dating and singles cruises are great options for those looking to meet their next love interest. It takes the guessing out of the situation because you know everyone is attending for the same reason.

**3. The friend connection:** Whether you're being introduced to someone new through friends or playing wingman for a pal, friends play a huge role in helping you find a happy relationship. Utilize your network!

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## 'Hills' Couple Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt to Renew Vows



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Spencer Pratt are making headlines once again. The *Hills* couple are now planning to renew their vows. "I feel like our first [wedding] was an elopement and we had so many margaritas and it was such a crazy time...and then the second one wasn't our wedding. It was just a *Hills* wedding, and it was for all the people there, and it was about everyone else," said Heidi Montag, according to [Us Weekly](#). The couple's marriage has had its fair share of ups and downs so far, including short-lived divorce proceedings. Heidi Montag explained, saying, "We had just gone through so much crazy stuff personally and through our jobs and everything, so for me this feels like our first real marriage. Like our first restart. We deserve a second chance at our marriage and really having this moment and not being robbed of this."

**What are some creative ways to renew your vows?**

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

Renewing your vows is a great way to strengthen your marriage. Here are a few ways to keep the ceremony intriguing:

- 1. Go back to the original venue:** Try going back to the place you were originally married. While it may be easier to revisit a church than a beach in Hawaii, it will be fun to return to a place with so many memories.
- 2. Celebrate with new friends:** You and your husband have inevitably made some new friends since your wedding. Invite your new pals as well as the old so that they can add some new life to the occasion!
- 3. Incorporate your children:** If you have had children since your wedding, make sure that they can be a part of the ceremony as well. If you haven't been blessed with children yet, bring along your pets. A dog ring bearer is always a crowd pleaser.



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# Sources Say Prince William and Kate Middleton Are Engaged



Hearts are breaking all over the world. [Us Weekly](#) reports that “after eight years of dating and two brief splits, Prince William and love Kate Middleton will finally tie the knot next year.” Due to Prince William’s wedding jitters, Kate Middleton agreed to wait after making a secret pact to marry three years ago while the royal couple were on vacation in the Seychelles. While the palace representative refuses to comment on the matter, sources are claiming, “The engagement will be announced in 2011.”

**What are the benefits to a secret engagement?**

Cupid’s Advice:

You've said 'yes'! Now what? There are many ways to celebrate your engagement, and keeping a secret is just one of them:

**1. Avoid the Q&A:** The engagement period is meant to be a special time between you and your fiancée. Keeping it a secret can help keep both of you relaxed while avoiding never-ending questions from friends and family.

**2. Keep family peace:** Unfortunately, your family won't love just anyone you bring home. If you're certain that your current mate is "the one," keeping your engagement a secret will keep the peace.

**3. Easily elope:** While it's been said that every girl dreams of the day she walks down the aisle, most people forget about the months of chaotic planning. An alternative choice is to remain mum and elope! Just be sure to send out a beautiful photo to friends and family who missed out.

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## Seth Rogen Proposes to Girlfriend of Six Years





According to [Us Weekly](#), Seth Rogan confirmed his engagement to writer, Lauren Miller, on the series premiere of *Conan*. However, as Seth Rogan later revealed to Conan O'Brien, popping the question to his future bride was a bit awkward and unconventional. After he bought the ring, which he jokingly compared to the ring from *The Lord of the Rings*, he was so nervous that he decided to propose right away. Though Seth Rogan's intentions were romantic, his girlfriend was in the closet changing at the time. "She was literally only in her underpants and [her chest] was out," Seth Rogan recalled. "I'd already kind of started, and I was like 'Oh man, her [chest is] out! That's not part of the plan!'" Regardless of the circumstances, Lauren Miller accepted.

**What should you do when popping the question doesn't go as planned?**

Cupid's Advice:

Though you may have grown up dreaming about a flawless fairy tale engagement, in reality nothing is perfect. Cupid has some suggestions on what to do if there's a mistake:

**1. Laugh it off:** Laughter is always the best medicine, and chances are that whatever happened to mess up your big moment is probably more funny than tragic.

**2. Do it over:** Who says you can't propose a second time, even if it is only a few minutes after the first attempt?

**3. Get over it:** If for some reason you really can't laugh off a minor kink in the plan, get over it and just enjoy being in love.

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## Victoria's Secret Model Doutzen Kroes Marries Sunnery James



Over the weekend, surrounded by 30 of their closest friends and family members, Victoria's Secret model Doutzen Kroes and producer and DJ, Sunnery James were wed. According to [The Hollywood Gossip](#), the couple were married "in a small, private ceremony in her

Dutch hometown of Eastermar.” Pregnancy didn’t stop Doutzen Kroes from donning a dress created by Spanish designer Pronovias or taking a honeymoon “on an island just north of Madagascar.” They better enjoy their vacation, too; their baby boy is expected in January.

## **How can you plan a wedding with a baby on the way?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

A pregnant bride doesn’t have to sacrifice her wedding dreams. Cupid’s got some things to consider:

- 1. White wedding:** Be sure to take into account your growing belly and schedule dress fittings more frequently as the special day nears. When it comes to shoes, try a low, chunky heel for the ceremony and consider bringing an alternative shoe for the reception. There’s no reason you shouldn’t be joining everyone on the dance floor!
  - 2. Wining and dining:** Planning the reception menu for your guests doesn’t mean you have to throw prenatal care out the window. Consider choosing healthy foods and nonalcoholic alternatives to champagne. And stay hydrated with water and slices of lemon, limes, or strawberries.
  - 3. The Honeymooners:** Don’t be afraid to jet set to the romantic destination you and your partner have had in mind, if your pregnancy is in its early stages. With pregnancies nearing the end, it’s best not to stray too far! This doesn’t mean your getaway plans are ruined; there are plenty of places to stay in the USA.
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# Wedding Bells for Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo



It's about

time! [People](#) reports that Nick Lachey has finally popped the question to longtime girlfriend Vanessa Minnillo last week near a beach in California. Nick Lachey took to Twitter to confirm the happy news. He tweeted, "Hey all. If anyone's heard the rumors of my engagement, they are absolutely true! Vanessa and I couldn't be happier. Thanks for all the love."

Nick Lachey, 36, and Vanessa Minnillo, 29, have been dating since 2006 and the bride-to-be has been recently needling her beau about marriage. Last year Vanessa Minnillo said, "Once again it looks as if I'm always the bridesmaid but never the bride." Sounds like Nick Lachey got the hint when he sealed the deal with an Asscher-cut diamond flanked with trapezoids from Bader & Garrin, according to a source. This is Lachey's second marriage, after divorcing from first wife Jessica Simpson in 2005.

**How long should you date before getting married?**

## Cupid's Advice:

It's important not to rush marriage, but you also don't want to wait too long, as Vanessa Minnillo will attest! Cupid has some suggestions on what is the right amount of time to date before tying the knot:

**1. Four seasons:** While each couple is different, in general it's good to know someone for about a year, or all four seasons, before you make a commitment. It will give you a chance to get to know each other past the honeymoon period of the relationship.

**2. Life experiences:** Perhaps more important than the amount of time you've known each other are the experiences you have been through as a couple. If you've met each other's families, seen each other at your best and worst, and survived at least one major crisis together, you're probably ready.

**3. Love at first sight:** Some may wonder, when you meet someone and immediately know that they're "the one," why wait to get married? While the idea is romantic, your chances of longevity decrease the quicker you jump into marriage. If you're so sure you want to spend the rest of your life together, what difference will a few more months make?

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## Karina Smirnoff Loves her Celebrity Engagement to Brad Penny



As confirmed by [Us Weekly](#), *Dancing with the Stars*' vixen, Karina Smirnoff, is currently in the market for something borrowed, something new, and something blue! Smirnoff has been creating celebrity news showing off her new celebrity engagement ring at TAO's fifth anniversary party in Las Vegas. The dancer says her celebrity engagement to baseball player, Brad Penny, was a complete surprise. "I was in the middle of the show and had no clue what was cooking behind my back. The dinner meeting was set up at a restaurant in Malibu. When [my manager and I] got there, it was completely empty. She excused herself to take a call and while I was sitting there alone, Brad came in," said Smirnoff. "I had crazy hair and black lipstick on and was just concerned about looking like the Bride of Frankenstein. Even after Brad got down to one knee and opened the box with the ring, it still didn't register."

**Smirnoff is happy about her celebrity engagement and excited to**

# share her great news. What are some unique ways to announce your engagement?

## Cupid's Advice:

Everyone wants to be the first to make an exciting announcement. When it comes to an engagement, either yours or that of someone close to you, it's everyone's instinct to want to shout it from the rooftops. However, Cupid has some more creative ways to make the big announcement:

**1. Tweet it:** Online, information spreads virally. The moment it happens, share your good news with your nearest and dearest on the web in real time. Expect tons of comments and retweets. You can even tweet pictures of the ring! Something as little as changing your relationship status on Facebook from 'In a Relationship' to 'Engaged' is bound to grab some attention as well.

**Related Link:** [Jennie Garth Celebrates Celebrity Engagement with Dave Abrams](#)

**2. Throw a party:** Parties are great for any occasion and are the perfect setting to make your first toast as an engaged couple. You may want to do a theme party that references a milestone in your relationship and love or have it where you first met.

**Related Link:** [David Arquette Celebrates Celebrity Wedding with Christina McLarty with Intimate Ceremony](#)

**3. Take over the holidays:** Thanksgiving and Christmas happen every year, but an engagement is far more rare. When you're with friends and family this holiday season, steal the spotlight away from the Thanksgiving turkey and Christmas gifts by announcing your engagement.

How did you announce your engagement? Share below!

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# Katy Perry Praises Russell Brand's Spirituality



After tying the knot in what has been a detailed four-day wedding celebration in India, Katy Perry still can't stop talking about her husband, Russell Brand. Despite the provocative teasing good-girl image Katy Perry maintains in the public eye, she tells *Harper's Bazaar*, "I always knew I wanted a great man of God. Someone who was going to be an inspiration for people and also be a lovely husband and father." Wait, are we still talking about Russell Brand? Apparently so. [Us Weekly](#) reports that Brand is a "deeply spiritual man and ideal dad material." And what about the 10-year age gap? Katy Perry explains, "We're at different places in our lives, but we can



still grow together.” With a man that’s “though-provoking, articulate [and] a real advocate,” it looks like clear sailing for the newlywed couple – with a few laughs along the way.

## **How important is religion in a relationship?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

While Perry and Brand meet on common religious ground, does religion have to be a deal breaker? Here are a few arguments to keep in mind for your own blooming relationship:

**1. Get your feet wet:** If you and your significant other hold beliefs in different faiths, try enlightening each other about the culture and faith behind your respective religions. If you feel comfortable, attend a service and get a firsthand look!

**2. Have an open dialogue:** If your relationship is headed somewhere serious, don’t be afraid about discussing spirituality. Talk about the importance of your faith. Explore the idea of conversion or allowing your relationship to follow a multi-faith path, observing both religions.

**3. Think about the future:** While kids might not be in the near future, or are perhaps around the corner, one thing to keep in mind is the future. Sure, religion might not be a problem when it comes to the two of you, but what will happen when you add a child into the equation? Raising a child in a certain faith might be an uncompromising matter in your relationship and in the end, religion might become a problematic aspect of your relationship.

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# Niecy Nash in Love with Lack of Wedding Plans



Niecy Nash is in love and wants the world to know it! The Style Network host told [People](#) that when it comes to planning her wedding, “The only thing I know I really want is to marry that guy.” “That guy” is electrical engineer fiancé, Jay Tucker. The one other wedding detail Nash has set is who she wants for her bridesmaids, including Sherri Sheperd from *The View*. Beyond that, Nash has a lot of planning to do. “Falling in love was easy,” she says. “Planning a wedding, not so much.”

**What are some ways to avoid the stress of wedding planning?**

Cupid's Advice:

Love is of course the most important part of planning a wedding, but the stress of finding the perfect dress, cake, and flowers will soon set in as the date nears. As the clock ticks, Cupid has some relationship advice to help you say ‘no’

to stress as you get ready to say your I do's:

**1. Make a checklist:** Get organized by formatting a spreadsheet or checklist to help you keep track of a budget and what needs to get done. Also, make sure you have a budget in mind as you begin to book vendors. It's easy to get out of control with your finances when it comes to a wedding!

**2. Turn to friends:** Once you choose your wedding party, let them get involved in the process. With that said, make sure you ask friends and family you truly believe want to share in your special day. Too often, people will say 'yes' to a wedding party, when in reality they would rather be doing anything else. Also, take advice from friends who recently got married. They can most likely point you in the right direction.

**3. Hire a wedding planner:** If you can afford it, consider looking into a wedding planner to handle the load. If you choose to go this route, get references or even ask the locale where you are considering having your wedding to recommend someone. Also, make it clear from the beginning what your budget is so that your planner stays in that range.

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# Katy Perry and Russell Brand's Wedding Noise Complaints





While singer Katy Perry and comedian Russel Brand's wedding may have been all about "no regrets, just love" – for neighbors not in attendance, it was anything but a "teenage dream." The couple's wedding at the Aman-i-Khas hotel in Rajasthan, India, last week was loud enough to draw noise complaints. The hotel, which is located next to a sacred tiger sanctuary, has been charged with violating the district's laws against loud music after 10 p.m. Perry and Brand, who were free from any charges, have headed to the Maldives for their honeymoon, but managers of the hotel could face fines or jail time.

### **How can you make your wedding stand out?**

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

While Perry and Brand may have made headline news with their extravagant wedding, getting hotel managers fined with noise complaints isn't the best way to make your marriage memorable.

Cupid has some tips on how to make everyone remember your special day in a positive way:

- 1. Personalize:** Whether you're writing your own vows or featuring a slideshow of your sweetest moments as a couple, try to include unique personal touches in both the ceremony and at the reception.

**2. Make it about everyone:** Most people focus on the bride, but there are two people getting married, and you're celebrating your love with your friends and family. Whether it's a customized groom's cake, or a choreographed dance number, try to incorporate your wedding party and particularly your new spouse into as many details as possible. Little surprises will have a big effect!

**3. Sparkling moment:** Rather than blinging out your entire wedding, save some dough by featuring one shining moment at the ceremony and reception. It could be releasing doves after the vows, or a particularly moving speech, but make sure it's something unique to the two of you as a couple, and make sure you don't overdo it. It should be a tasteful unique addition to your big day.

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## Katy Perry's Pre-Wedding Excitement







Katy Perry is enjoying her final days as a single woman. Following her performance on Britain's *The X-Factor*, Perry and fiancé Russell Brand talked to judge Simon Cowell backstage. A source tells [\*Us Magazine\*](#), "She had so much fun with Simon, and Russell was chatting with him too. Katy was hugging Russell a lot after her performance. She kept asking him, 'Was I OK?' 'Was it OK?', but he was nothing but supportive. He was stroking her bum in her catsuit. He couldn't keep his hands off her, actually." The engaged pair also went to a private screening of *The Social Network* on Monday. On Tuesday, Perry and Brand intend to fly to India for their extravagant 6-day wedding celebration. The few guests, including Rihanna, will stay in "pimped out" tents and are to be flown in on private jets. Despite the extravagance, Brand seemed uneager to talk about the celebration. "I'm trying to preserve it, to keep it a beautiful thing," Brand explained. "I think people get the wrong idea on how we want the wedding to play out. Love between two people is the most spectacular yet ordinary thing in the world."

**What are some things to be careful about before your wedding?**

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

The days before your wedding are nerve-wracking, exciting, and unlike anything you have ever experienced. While you should

enjoy these last few days to the best of your ability, here a few things of which to beware:

- 1. Too much talk:** No matter how excited you are, talking about your wedding too much may ruin the big day. By talking about the big day, you raise expectations. Hold disappointment at bay, and keep at least some of your excitement to yourself.
- 2. Stress:** Wedding planning is stressful. You want the best day possible, but by accepting the fact that no wedding is absolutely perfect, you will be able to relax and really enjoy the day without worrying about minor things.
- 3. Too many nerves:** Chances are, before your wedding you are feeling excited and nervous. While it is good to share your nerves, make sure you do so in a healthy way so you don't give your friends and family the wrong idea.

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## True Blood's Joe Manganiello to Tie the Knot





True love has found

*True Blood* star Joe Manganiello. According to [People](#), the actor proposed to actress/model Audra Marie while on vacation in Italy. But this couple's romance didn't start off easily. "She wouldn't go out with me for six months," Manganiello told [People](#) in September. "We started dating a few months before I got cast [on *True Blood*]." Now the couple are anything but coy, confessing exactly what attracts them to each other. Manganiello says, "She's sweet ... nice. And she makes crazy English breakfasts," while Marie loves Maganiello's "sense of humor, his work ethic and how humble he is with everything that has gone on."

**When does playing hard to get work?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

While honesty is key in a healthy relationship, being a little coy with your emotions in the beginning may be what it takes to get the spark going. Cupid recommends when playing hard to get is a good thing:

**1. Playing the game:** Many people treat dating like a fun game, so not letting on right away can create a pursuit that will make finding out more about you a goal your crush is striving to achieve. Bring on the excitement!

**2. Adding mystery:** By not immediately laying it all out there,

you're leaving something to the imagination. Your romantic interest will have to ask you out again to get more info about you, ensuring a second or even third date.

**3. Playing it safe:** While it'll take your potential partner longer to learn more about you, it'll also take you longer to learn about him/her, allowing you to truly get to know the person you could be dating before you get too serious.

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## Funnyman Seth Rogen Proposes to Longtime Girlfriend



According to [RadarOnline](#), *Funny People's* Seth Rogen popped the question to longtime girlfriend, Lauren Miller last week. After coming back from a family visit in Boston, the actor bent down on one knee to ask for her hand in marriage. Dating since 2004, a

source close to the couple reveals that Miller was beginning to give up hope for a proposal.

**If your man seems reluctant to pop the question, how can you tactfully find out what he's thinking?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

If you're looking for a ring by spring, perhaps some good old-fashioned subconscious mind tapping will do the trick:

**1. Get his reaction:** Bring up the subject of marriage indirectly. For example, if a mutual friend of yours recently got engaged, make a casual comment about it, like, "I wonder where they'll have the wedding," or "They look even happier than they did before." Does he unknowingly smile when you say it, or does he roll his eyes? His reaction could be all that you need to solve the proposal puzzle.

**2. Channel Josephine Bonaparte:** The empress of France knew what to do when Napoleon was dragging his feet. Rumors that she was spending her free time in the likes of powerful, rich men, jolted Napoleon to put a ring on it. By letting your beau know that you're a hot commodity, it could give him just the push he needs to go to the jewelers.

**3. The ultimatum:** In today's society, things move fast. Technology has caused us to think quicker, act quicker and question things a lot more than we did in previous decades. So, it's no surprise that you may need to ask yourself, "Where is this going?" Pick a time when both of you are alone and relaxed to bring it up. But don't flip out if you don't get the answer you want. Sometimes its better to move on.



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# 'American Idol' Star Crystal Bowersox Is Engaged



Congratulations are in order for *American Idol* runner-up Crystal Bowersox. [E! News](#) reports that the folk-pop singer is engaged to fellow musician Brian Walker, with plans to tie the knot next month. Bowersox, 25, broke up with long-time boyfriend and father of her 1-year-old son near the end of her stint on *American Idol*. She used her heartbreak to deliver some emotionally powerful performances, earning her the second place spot after crooner Lee DeWyze won last season. **How can a breakup be a positive thing?**

## Cupid's Advice:

It's hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel when you're in the midst of a painful breakup. But Cupid has some

ideas on why ending a relationship can actually be good for you:

- 1. Express yourself:** Crystal Bowersox did it, and so can you. Use your heartbreak to make beautiful poetry, music, or art. So many musicians have recorded their biggest and best hits after their hearts were recently broken. It's a great form of therapy, too.
  - 2. Reconnect with friends:** You should never go through a breakup alone, so let your friends cheer you up (with the help of lots of ice cream and romantic comedies, of course). Plus, you can make up for all the times you decided to go out with your ex-beau instead of chill with your girls.
  - 3. Start fresh:** Splitting from a partner gives you the perfect opportunity to think about what you want (and don't want) in future relationships. Use the time to sort out your priorities and goals.
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## 'Bones' Star Emily Deschanel Ties the Knot





A match was made in Hollywood this weekend when actress Emily Deschanel wed writer and actor David Hornsby. The couple tied the knot in front of friends and family at a small ceremony in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles, reported [People](#). The pair are both stars in the world of television, with Deschanel starring on FOX's crime show, *Bones*, while Hornsby is most famous for his work on FX's *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*.

**Is having the same career as your spouse good or bad?**

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

Cupid knows that common interests make couples stronger, but that sometimes, opposites attract. So will matching career paths make or break a couple? Cupid has some insight from both sides:

**1. Separate, but equal works:** Being in the same career field as your spouse gives you a common passion, but working in the same building, or even for the same company, might not give each of you the space you need to be happy.

**2. Diversity adds spice:** On the other hand, having different careers, skills and passions can add a different dimension to your relationship, by allowing you to teach each other something new.

**3. Moderation is key:** In either instance, making sure you balance your career and how much time and effort you put into it with everything else you and your spouse hold dear – including each other – will help keep your relationship healthy.

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## Brooklyn Decker Talks About Marrying Young



When model Brooklyn Decker married tennis star beau Andy Roddick last year at the age of 22, she was considered a young bride by today's standards. But [People](#) reports that Decker doesn't consider it unusual, partly because her and her husband's families have a history of marrying young. Decker told *Page Six Magazine*, "It

wasn't weird for me... My mom got married when she was 19, and my husband's parents got married young – in their 20s. And both sets of parents are still together.” Decker added that her career as a successful swimsuit model and her husband's position as a world-class tennis player helped make walking down the aisle an easy choice. “We both were successful on our own, we both had our own income, we both had our friends, but it's just what we wanted,” Decker said. “It was never part of my plan to get married young, but we did it because we really wanted to.”

## **What are the benefits of marrying young?**

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

Today there are many reasons to put off marriage, but some people still choose to marry young. Cupid has some insight on when marrying sooner rather than later might actually be a good idea:

**1. Your career is on track:** If you feel like you have a good job and can make it on your own financially, you're ready to get married. Some people get married young because they need support from a partner, but if you're like Brooklyn Decker and Andy Roddick and you both have successful careers, there's no reason to wait.

**2. You want to have kids early:** If your dream is to be a mother by 25, marrying young is a great way to reach that goal. That way you have a family intact early in life, and you won't be in your 70's when your kid goes to college!

**3. You have religious ties:** Sometimes religious couples get married young because they have made a vow of celibacy. Religion and deep-seeded beliefs can often times be a great foundation for a relationship, even if that relationship begins at an early age.



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# Christina Aguilera Talks Marriage



Christina Aguilera is singing love songs when it comes to her relationship with husband Jordan Bratman. According to [Us Magazine](#), Aguilera is cited in the October issue of *Cosmopolitan UK* as saying, “We’ve been married for five years now, and I think the secret is in always keeping it interesting. You have to make time for yourselves.” Aguilera also says that even the most loving marriages require effort and a lot of patience.

**How can you keep your relationship alive?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**



After being married for several years, you may find yourselves getting into a rut. Cupid has some advice to help make sure the honeymoon doesn't end:

**1. It's date night:** Sometimes a marriage can feel as if it's becoming all work and no play. Give yourselves a night out, without the kids, to have fun. Take the time to catch up on the things which get lost in everyday craziness.

**2. Take on a new interest together:** Talk about doing something the two of you have always wanted to try, but never had the time to do. Sign up for cooking lessons or take up a new sport. It's never too late to explore something new together.

**3. OMG... I luv u:** Technology now and days makes it easier than ever to stay in touch. A quick "hello" or "I love you" via text will let your spouse know you're thinking of him or her throughout the day.

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## Snooki's Boyfriend Proposes On Mag Cover





Jersey Shore cast member Snooki is in for a huge surprise. [Radar Online](#) reports that Snooki's boyfriend, Iraq veteran Jeff Miranda, has decided to pop the question in a very public way. A shirtless Miranda is featured on the cover of the Sept. 10 issue of *Steppin' Out* magazine kneeling in army fatigues next to the words: "Will You Marry Me?" In his interview with *Steppin' Out*, Miranda talks about why he decided to propose to girlfriend Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi. "I want us to be together forever. I could see us having children. I want to pop the question to her. If we got married we would be the best parents around. She's so loving and puts everyone else before her self. She'll be a great mother." When asked about the unique way he decided to propose, he admitted that Snooki is going to be shocked, but said, "I know she'll say yes."

**What are some unique ways to propose?**

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

The way you or your partner proposes is a story you'll be telling for the rest of your life, so it's important to make it memorable. There are countless ways to pop the question, but Cupid gives you some creative suggestions:

**1. Go public:** Forget JumboTron proposals at football games.

If you want a truly unique way to propose in public, hire a skywriter to spell out the words "Marry me" in the sky. This exciting and romantic proposal is sure to end with her saying "yes."

**2. Pamper her:** Draw a bath for her and place a rubber ducky in the middle with a ring tied around its neck. Don't forget to create a path of rose petals leading to the bathtub!

**3. Hide the ring:** Want to really surprise her? Propose while doing an everyday chore, like fixing (or pretending to fix) a clogged sink. Make sure she's nearby and pull the ring you had hidden earlier out of the sink. Say something like, "No wonder the sink is clogged, I'll have to find another place to store this ring. How about your finger?"

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## Just Married: Anna Paquin & Stephen Moyer





*True Blood* co-stars

Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer proved their chemistry off-screen, as they wed in Malibu Saturday, reported [Us Weekly](#).

The couple, who announced their engagement last August, were surrounded by family and friends as they exchanged their vows under a tent by the beach.

**How do you decide if a big or small wedding is right for you?**

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

Needless to say, your friends and family will all have their own opinions about how your wedding should be, but Cupid has some things to consider when deciding whether to have a big or small celebration:

**1. Stay within your budget:** Money isn't always fun to think about, but when it comes to your big day, it's really important to do only what you can afford. The more people you invite to your wedding, the more it costs!

**2. Consider the size of your family:** When deciding how many guests to invite, it's easy to overlook the sheer size of your family. Add them all up before you commit to a specific number.

**3. Remember your dreams:** Most girls grow up dreaming of their

perfect wedding. Did you envision having 100 attendees or 10? If you're one of those people who always pictured your wedding day, think about whether or not you'll regret not making that fantasy a reality.

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## Hilary Duff & Mike Comrie Signed a Prenup



[Page Six](#) reported yesterday that Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie are not only man and wife now, but they also signed a prenuptial agreement. The former Edmonton Oiler and Disney star made sure to protect their assets before getting hitched in front of 100 family and friends Saturday evening in Santa Barbara, according to sources. "It was a totally amicable agreement. They love

each other very much and knew this was just a technicality,” said one insider. While Duff, 22, made her fortune starring as Lizzie McGuire in the hit Disney television series and later in several movies, Comrie, 29, is the heir to an appliance and retail business, The Brick, and his fortune is worth as high as \$500 million.

### **Should you and your partner sign a prenup?**

Cupid’s Advice:

- 1. Bring it up:** Broach the idea of a prenup gently because it’s a sensitive subject. Stress that this would protect both of your finances, and ensure that what you build together is shared in case, God forbid, anything happens that could dissolve your marriage.
- 2. Ask and answer a lot of questions:** This request can hurt the other party’s feelings, but it can protect both your assets, and prevent future complications should a divorce happen.
- 3. Get legal advice:** Both parties should see their lawyers to learn more about how a prenup would benefit them.

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## **Kellie Pickler & Fiancé Are Planning a Unique Wedding**





Kellie Pickler got engaged to her songwriter beau Kyle Jacobs in June, and they're slowly but surely making wedding plans, even if that means being a bit non-traditional. Pickler told [People](#) magazine that Jacobs is a "snapper" – he stands and snaps his fingers on the dance floor – so there won't be a first dance at their wedding. And with their love of all kinds of animals, the couple is thinking about having their pet python be the ring bearer!

**How do you plan a unique wedding that represents you as a couple?**

Cupid's Advice:

A wedding is a special occasion, a milestone in life, and should represent the couple being united together. But if the couple doesn't care much for tradition, it may rock a few boats. Here are Cupid's tips on planning the wedding of your dreams while still pleasing your guests.

**1. Compromise:** Maybe you both don't want to do the traditional first dance, but your grandparents' eyes tear up when they

hear you won't be hitting the dance floor as a couple, and will instead boogie right into the YMCA. Instead, keep another traditional part of the ceremony or reception in tact, like the bouquet toss, to make family members happy.

**2. Don't go too over the top:** You and your fiancé are different, so your wedding should be unique. But keep it in check, or it could get tacky, or just plain weird. Ask friends or family members for their opinions before making final decisions.

**3. Don't get in over your head:** Releasing doves the moment you kiss and swans walking around the cocktail hour area might sound perfect, but doves are hard to orchestrate and swans can get mean and nasty. You want the picture-perfect wedding, but not everything is realistic. Do yourself a favor by hiring a wedding planner to help figure out what you can afford, what works for your budget, and what will still look fabulous and keep guests talking long after the wedding.