

Hilary Duff's "Imminent" Wedding



Ex-Disney star

Hilary Duff and fiancé Mike Comrie of the Edmonton Oilers have planned a quiet affair for their upcoming wedding, [E! News](#) confirmed last Friday. The two have been engaged since February, and a source close to the couple told E! News that the wedding is “imminent.” The couple is finalizing their preparations for the big day, which is happening this month. **What finishing steps do you need to prepare for your wedding?**

Cupid's Advice:

Duff and Comrie have been taking dancing lessons to get ready for their nuptials, but there are a few key steps that many couples might overlook during the hustle and the bustle before the big event.

1. Beautify: This should ideally take place a week or so before the wedding. Haircuts and final teeth whitening appointments should happen while there is still time to correct any mistakes.

2. Game plan: There are certain aspects that even the best wedding planner might not know to prepare for. Does the best man have a tendency to make raunchy comments when he's drunk? Have an aunt who's a bit of a cougar with her eye on one of the groomsmen? Prepare for these situations ahead of time.

3. Happy honeymoon: The last thing you're thinking about as your wedding approaches is the idea of the aftermath, but it's a key ingredient, too. Make sure you have all the plans set for getting from wedding mindset to honeymoon mode without a hitch.

'The Bachelorette' & Her Fiancé Step Out in Style!





Bachelorette Ali

Fedotowsky and fiancé Roberto Martinez were officially able to step out as a couple, [E! News](#) reported Tuesday. The two had to keep their romance under wraps after the show finished filming to keep the ending a secret before the finale aired Monday night on ABC. Cupid sends his congratulations to the happy couple!

What are ways to celebrate your engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

When Fedotowsky and Martinez were finally able to reveal the news, they did so in style. There are all kinds of ways to let friends and family know you're engaged. Let Cupid help:

1. Family style: For couple's who have tight-knit families, a simple dinner for both sides might be enough of a party to start things off. Have them over to one of your homes and make it a personal affair for everyone who matters most.

2. Night on the town: You could go the surprise route and invite all your friends for a night out. Don't mention the engagement, and see who notices the ring first. At that point, drinks all around will be a no-brainer!

3. Party time: To keep everyone happy, throw a large

celebration for everyone in your life – the more the merrier!

James Van Der Beek Marries Again



Second times the charm! Last weekend, James Van Der Beek married girlfriend Kimberly Brook, reported [People](#). The actor made the announcement via Twitter, tweeting, “The woman I love did me the honor of became my wife today... I look forward to earning her for the rest of my life.” Brook is currently pregnant with the couple’s child.

What are some other ways to announce your wedding?

Cupid’s Advice:

With the incredibly fast-paced advancement of technology today, there are more outlets than ever to announce everything from weddings to a girls' night out. Read some ways of Cupid's ways to announce the big news:

1. Social media: Twitter is certainly one way, but Facebook is another option. You can also create a web page with some imagination and free time.

2. Tried and true: Nowadays, it's unique to see important dates announced the old fashioned way: the newspaper. Take it a step further and use a half or whole page to include pictures, comments from attendees, or even old love letters to each other. It's a great memento for the wedding album!

3. Surprise soiree: Invite your family and friends to your home or favorite restaurant and announce your news with a festive cake displaying the ring. You can celebrate all night!

'Bachelorette' Ali Fedotowsky Engaged to Roberto Martinez!





This season's *Bachelorette* ended with an unconventional bang! Ali Fedotowsky chose to not have her second last date with Chris Lambdton, and instead, sent him home early on Monday's finale. It turns out that Roberto Martinez had already won Fedotowsky's heart, [E! Online](#) reported Monday, despite rumors that she hadn't chosen anyone, as Ryan Seacrest predicted in his podcast earlier that day. Other unexpected surprises of this season included Frank Neuschaefer's early departure to return to his ex on the July 19 episode. Cupid wishes reality TV's newest couple luck!

How do you know if the one you love is Mr. or Mrs. Right?

Cupid's Advice:

Reality TV sometimes gets a bad rap for being predictable, or staged. However, this season's *Bachelorette* got to the heart of everyone's true feelings, whether it was Frank leaving the show early, or Ali already knowing who the right man for her was. Cupid wants to help, and has some ways to help *you* decide if you've found the perfect mate:

1. It's all about honesty: Infatuation can disguise itself as love by providing the surface feelings of the real deal. In

order to be sure, dig into your heart and see how far down your lover is before making a lasting commitment.

2. Let's talk about love: In order to determine true love, don't just trust your gut. Talk it out together, and make sure you're both on the same page.

3. Step back: If you need to know if your feelings are what they seem, take a solo trip away from your partner for a week or two, and avoid or limit contact as much as possible. If true feelings are there, your love will remain when you return.

**Chelsea Clinton Marries
Longtime Boyfriend Marc
Mezvinsky**





Chelsea Clinton and

Marc Mezvinsky have finally tied the knot in a fairytale wedding! Surrounded by 400 close friends and family, the now Mrs. Mezvinsky walked down the aisle in a gorgeous wedding dress by Vera Wang (a family friend). This summer's post talked about wedding took place at Rhinebeck, a small town in upstate New York. The beautiful interfaith ceremony was presided by Rabbi James Ponet and Rev. William Shillady at Astor Courts, reported [People](#). Mother of the bride, Hillary Clinton, released a statement that said, "We could not have asked for a more perfect day to celebrate the beginning of their life together, and we are so happy to welcome Marc into our family."

How can you prepare for your dream wedding without going overboard?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone wants a fairytale wedding, but that dream comes with a very expensive price-tag. The ideal wedding usually takes around a year to plan – take your time, and use Cupid's helpful tips to save money and stay classy!

1. Budget: Figure out how much money you can afford to spend for your big day. You don't want to start your new life as

husband and wife with huge wedding debt.

2. Pick and choose: Decide what factors are most important to you for the wedding (e.g. wedding dress, cake, food), and let other details, like custom linens, take backseat.

3. DIY: Small things that may seem like a big deal can actually be done yourself! There are some great websites that explain how to make bridesmaids bouquets, or where to get the bows and ribbons to decorate the church or venue for half the price.

Hulk Hogan Supports Ex's Engagement



Wrestler Hulk Hogan

wishes his ex-wife Linda the best of luck with her engagement to 21-year-old Charlie Hill, [RadarOnline](#) reported last week. Though the exes have had troubles since their divorce, Hogan says he is “ecstatic” over his ex-wife’s engagement. Linda Hogan and Hill will reportedly marry next summer, and have been dating since 2008.

How should you react when an ex gets serious with someone new?

Cupid’s Advice:

>Although Hulk Hogan initially had some problems with his ex-wife’s new – and much younger – love interest, he eventually supported the situation. While you might not agree with an ex’s new choice in love, it’s important to be the bigger person, and at the very least, keep things cordial.

1. Hey! No technology: Cryptic tweets and Facebook statuses are still obvious to anyone who knows you or your ex. If you have something to say and can’t tell your ex in person, then don’t post it on your profile where anyone can see it.

2. Be open: In the event that your ex still wants you in his or her life, you’ll most likely meet the new partner. Don’t back down from this situation, and be as open-minded as possible when meeting him or her.

3. Back off: Once the first encounter has happened and the new relationship is in full swing, let your ex be the one to determine where things go. You are not the one in the potentially fragile new relationship. Be as supportive as you can, and as involved as your ex wants you to be.

It's On, Off, and On Again for Tamera Mowry



Sister, Sister

actress Tamera Mowry and Fox News correspondent Adam Housley are giving it another shot. According to [E! News](#), Adam proposed to Tamera last week in Italy, and a source close to the couple says, “they were engaged a few years ago, but broke it off... They have been dating on and off for the past year and now he has put a ring on her finger once again.” This isn’t the first celebrity couple to announce a “re-engagement.” Just last month, Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green announced their plans to tie the knot after calling off a three year engagement last February. The two finally married in late June. We’ll now see if the second time’s a charm – or better yet, a diamond – for Mowry and Housley.

Is it wise to commit to someone for a second time after initially calling off an engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

You may think the person is the love of your life, but deciding to take the plunge after initially calling off an engagement requires some thought. Cupid can help sort out some of your concerns:

- 1. Don't rush into it:** If the engagement was called off, there must be reasons behind the break up. Make sure you truly know what the concerns were the first time around so you can work them out before deciding on marriage once again.
 - 2. Figure out the truth:** Are you really in love and see yourself with this person for the rest of your life? It's better to be honest with yourself from the beginning so you don't end up committing to someone you aren't happy with.
 - 3. Get your priorities straight:** If you and your partner have seriously taken the time to work out your issues, and both understand why *now* is the right time to get married versus before, make sure you're on the same page when it comes to your future. Take a look at these ten important questions to ask before you get engaged.
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What Role Will Religion Play at Chelsea Clinton's Wedding?





In just a few days, Chelsea Clinton and fiancé Marc Mezvinsky will tie the knot, as Cupid reported last month. Before the big day on July 31, the media is abuzz with speculation. Will the wedding really cost two million dollars? What's on their playlist? But there's one detail that hasn't received quite as much attention: how will religion play a role in the ceremony? Clinton was raised Methodist, while Mezvinsky is Jewish. CBS's Early Show had life coach and dating expert Donna Barnes offer her perspective on interfaith marriages last week.

What are some unique ways to incorporate religion into a wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

With the number of people marrying outside their own religion on the rise, discussing what role religion will play in the ceremony is important. Understanding and respecting your partner's beliefs and practices can also help create a happy home life of mixed faiths. Here are a few circumstances to consider for the big day:

1. Interfaith weddings: If you and your partner don't share the same religion, but want to incorporate faith into the ceremony, you could go the interfaith route and have one officiant from each religion present.

2. Want a religious ceremony in a non-religious location:

You've dreamed of saying "I do" on the beach, or maybe even in your own backyard, with a religious ceremony. This may be difficult, as many faith-based officiants won't perform wedding ceremonies outside places of worship. You could, however, opt for two separate ceremonies: an intimate celebration at a place of worship, as well as another at your dream location, led by a non-religious officiant, like a Justice of the Peace.

3. Non-practicing: If you and your spouse's family have religious roots, but you don't currently practice a particular faith, you may wonder if having a wedding in a place of worship is appropriate. Ask yourself and your partner how comfortable you feel when inside these locations, talk to your families about the role that faith may or may not play at the ceremony, and seek advice from a religious leader.

Ultimately, do what feels right for you and your spouse.

Linda Hogan To Marry Charlie Hill





Linda Hogan, 50, has publicly announced that she and 21-year-old boyfriend, Charlie Hill will tie the knot. Hogan's children, Nick (who is friends with Charlie) and Brooke, have come to terms with their mother's love for someone so much younger than she is. "Brooke initially had misgivings, but she's happy now to see her mom thriving," an insider close to Hulk Hogan told PopCrunch.com.

Can a May-December romance improve your life?

Cupid's Advice:

Whether you're the May or December in this type of relationship, there are ways to make it work, and even improve your lives as a couple. Read some of Cupid's ways to help:

- 1. Youthful tendencies:** Some cougars claim that dating someone younger than they are provides an opportunity to feel young again.
- 2. Maturity levels:** There are benefits for the younger person in the relationship, such as the possibility of advancing their maturation level by needing to relate to an older mate, as noted on WebMD.

3. There's never a dull moment: The age difference allows more avenues of excitement, giving older and younger partners the opportunity to experience adventures they may not otherwise have chosen to have on their own.

Orlando Bloom & Miranda Kerr Elope!



Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom, who announced their engagement just last month, tied the knot in a secret ceremony Thursday, their reps confirmed, reported [The Daily Telegraph](#). A statement released by the model's employer, Australian department store David Jones, said, "David Jones is thrilled for Miranda, Orlando and their families – this is an exciting

chapter in their lives and they will share a wonderful future together.”

Why do people choose elopement or secret weddings over huge public ceremonies?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings can be complicated and stressful. If couples feel overwhelmed by the intricate details of their big day, they might simply decide to elope. Here are a few other reasons to ditch the fanfare in favor of a small, private event:

- 1. Decisions get in the way:** Things like trying to determine the seating chart can be a large wedding's nightmare. Opting for a family-only ceremony will help keep the big issues simple so you can celebrate the real reason for the wedding: love.
- 2. Families don't agree:** Some couples find themselves torn between their relatives' best intentions, so they discard the big 'to do' and elope to get away from all the bickering.
- 3. Financial woes:** With today's economy affecting more people than ever, a small, private service is often the best way to keep money in the bank, and still enjoy an intimate confirmation of love. Video tape the event to share with everyone else later.

Jane Krakowski Won't Elope



30 Rock star Jane Krakowski told [People](#) magazine last week that she and her designer fiancé, Robert Godley, will not elope à la Calista Flockheart, her *Ally McBeal* costar. Krakowski and Godley became engaged over the holidays this past year, but have no wedding plans as of yet. The actress *did* reveal, however, that though elopement is not for her, she does think it fits Flockheart and husband Harrison Ford.

How do you know if elopement is for you?

Cupid's Advice:

Eloping is a personal decision that can only be made between you and your partner. Before you jump on a plane to Vegas, read Cupid's advice to see if it's right for you:

1. Family: Though the wedding is ultimately about you, you may want to first consider the thoughts of your family before

making the decision. Bring up the idea of eloping and see how mom reacts.

2. Serendipity: Are you a spontaneous couple? Do you believe in the fates and flying by the seat of your pants? If not, a spur of the moment commitment may not be in your best interest. Planners and list-makers beware.

3. Money matters: For couples that are tight on cash, an elopement is often cheaper than a full-blown wedding. Depending on where you go, it can double as a honeymoon, thus saving even more time, planning, and even your wallet.

Bristol Palin & Levi Johnston Engaged





Bristol Palin, daughter of politician Sarah Palin, is engaged to Levi Johnston, [US Weekly](#) revealed yesterday. The couple told the magazine that they have been engaged for two weeks, despite not having the approval of their parents. The two have rekindled their romance after splitting up last year, just months after the birth of their son, Tripp, in December 2008.

Can a baby-daddy turn into a good husband and father?

Cupid's Advice:

Johnston's actions during and after the birth of his son, from posing for Playgirl magazine to his public war of words with Palin's family, shows he has a lot of making up to do. Here are some of Cupid's tips for dealing with an unplanned pregnancy:

1. Be involved: Both partners need to be involved in their own relationship with each other, as well as the impending relationship with their child, from the get go. Make real plans for the future – a child you created together is on its way!

2. Time to grow up: No matter how old you are, having a child means it's time to act like an adult. Another life will depend on you for survival. It's imperative you take on a parental role.

3. There's no 'I' in 'team': This isn't about just one person anymore. Your and your partner's needs must be balanced with what will be best for you as a couple, and for your child. Even if you aren't yet officially a family, you must function like one for things to run smoothly.

John Krasinski & Emily Blunt Wed



Just a week after his costar Jenna Fischer got married, *The*

Office star John Krasinski wed actress Emily Blunt, [People](#) reported Saturday. [US Weekly](#) confirmed that couple married in Italy, after spending the week with George Clooney at his villa in Lake Como. The newlyweds have been dating since 2008, and got engaged last August.

Can success at work lead to success in love?

Cupid's Advice:

Krasinski and Fischer married each other on their TV show, and celebrated real life marital bliss only one week apart. While their individual relationships are different, their work life seemed to predict their personal futures. You too can allow your professional success to influence your daily life by taking the right steps.

1. Use work to network: Colleagues who see you every day might have a friend who's perfect for you. Just be careful not to burn any bridges at work if any consequential relationships don't pan out.

2. Mix business with pleasure: In moderation, of course. While getting involved with someone at work might not be the best idea, hanging out with work friends outside the office can open you up to a new group of people.

3. Find inspiration at home: Should a relationship bloom due to a work connection, keep those two worlds intertwined. Your partner undoubtedly knows something about your office life; use it to your advantage. He or she can be someone who can help you brainstorm a new idea, and also give you a back rub after a long day.

Country Wedding for Carrie Underwood



Country singer Carrie Underwood married Mike Fischer of the Ottawa Senators last Saturday, [People](#) reported over the weekend. The couple exchanged vows on a Georgia plantation in front of family and friends, with Underwood in a custom Monique Lhuillier gown. Underwood had previously been in high-profile relationships with actor Chase Crawford and Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo.

Can you find Mr. Right after a series of Mr. Wrongs?

Cupid's Advice:

After a succession of very public relationships and breakups, Underwood kept things private this time around and struck

romantic gold with Fischer. Read on for Cupid's tips on moving past failed love and finding your happily ever after:

- 1. Keep your options open:** After a failed relationship, it's easy to want to close your heart all together. While this may save you from future heartache, it will also keep you from new love as well.
 - 2. Take a jump:** Should that new special someone come along, don't be afraid to open yourself up again. Scared that they aren't like the other guys you've dated? See this as a new opportunity and adventure in love.
 - 3. Make a change:** Something went wrong in your past relationships – that's why they ended. Before you try to get serious with someone you *think* might be the one for you, take stock of past mistakes and try not to repeat them.
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Carrie Prejean Weds Raiders Quarterback





Former Miss California, Carrie Prejean, married Oakland Raiders quarterback, Kyle Boller, last weekend, reported [E! Online](#). The event was complete with a mermaid-style gown and a white Rolls Royce Phantom to take them away to their honeymoon. The pair have been together since last July, and got engaged in February despite Prejean's past media controversies, including her face-off with celebrity blogger Perez Hilton over her opposition to same sex marriage and her interview with Larry King.

How can you show support for your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes, speaking one's beliefs can have negative ramifications, and can hurt others. If this has happened to your partner, Cupid has some ideas to help you through the experience:

1. Support your partner: Stand by your mate. Show your support, and be by their side if they're going through a rough patch. Be a shoulder to lean on, and a safe place to go when they've had a bad day.

2. Find others: If your partner is dead-set on a controversial belief, regardless of what it concerns, help them find others who share the same sentiment. Help your mate start a blog, join Twitter, or connect on Facebook, where they can express their opinions with those who feel the same way.

3. Keep searching: Look for opportunities where your partner can help build their platform. Keep an ear out for local events where he or she can participate in. If you can, be at the venue if your loved one chooses to talk about their cause.

Ali Fedotowsky: Stay-At-Home-Mom Not in Future Plans



(Spoiler alert!)

Last week on ABC's *The Bachelorette*, a competitive reality

dating game show, Ali Fedotowsky, had a one-on-one date with contestant Ty. She found out he ended his previous marriage because his ex-wife worked, and he was looking for a traditional stay-at-home mom. Traditional is something that Ali is certainly not. "I imagine a lot of the women cringed when they heard Ty make the comment about women being presidents of companies," Fedotowsky told Reality TV Calender last week. "Ha ha. Trust me, I cringed too." Ty ended up being eliminated last night – Ali was still concerned about his traditional values.

What should you do if you're dating a man who expects a "traditional" wife, and you are anything but?

Cupid's Advice:

While more women opt to work and pursue a career than be a stay-at-home mom, many men still expect a 1950's housewife. Here's Cupid's take on dealing with this outdated stereotype:

1. Talk before you walk: Make sure you're both clear with what you are looking for from the other person. Also, consider that some men look at women working as a loss of power. In the book *Choices in Relationships: An Introduction to Marriage and the Family*, the author says many men who want a traditional wife think that a woman earning more money threatens their masculinity, and their status as head of the household.

2. Think of the kids: According to family therapist Gayle Peterson, studies show that children who have working mothers tend to have higher self-esteem, since working mothers feel happier with themselves, and those good feelings spread to family members. Also, some families might need that two person income to provide for the children.

3. Figure out work/life balance: Talk with your partner to figure out the best way to balance work and house duties. Map

out schedules and share responsibility.

Zoe Saldana Engaged



Avatar star Zoe Saldana is engaged to My Fashion Database CEO Keith Britton, [E! News](#) reported last week. Saldana and Britton have dated for roughly ten years, but have managed to keep their relationship out of the spotlight. [CNN](#) confirmed the engagement, as well as the couples' "low-key" status, even revealing that one of the few times Saldana ever referenced Britton was at this year's Crystal + Lucy awards night.

How can you keep your relationship low-key?

Cupid's Advice:

Though Saldana and Britton might have taken the under-wraps relationship a bit far, it's refreshing to see a connection that speaks for itself. No matter how long you're dating someone, it is always possible to keep a low-profile on your relationship.

- 1. Make it mutual:** Not all people are into quiet relationships. Before you go into secret-mode with your significant other, make sure that's what he or she wants, too. Some people are shout-it-from-the-rooftops kind of lovers; get a feel for what your partner is like.
- 2. Be a family:** No matter how low-down you keep things between you and your partner, make sure your family gets to know them if you want to get serious. That's one group who should know all about your relationship.
- 3. Don't be anonymous:** Just because you like to keep your private life separate – and well, private – that doesn't mean your mate has to be a ghost in other aspects of your life. Involve each other when you can, while still maintaining a subtle profile.

West and Fitzgerald Wed at Family Castle in Ireland





[E! Online](#) covered actor Dominic West's (*The Wire*) wedding last weekend to college sweetheart, Catherine Fitzgerald, at her family's castle in Limerick, Ireland. They spared no expense for the ceremony, including the bride riding in on a horse drawn carriage. The pair have three kids together, and immediately following the ceremony, whisked their two youngest up to have them christened while the audience was still seated. Some of the guests included West's *Wire* co-stars Sonja Sohn and Wendall Pierce.

Can the perfect wedding be attained without losing your bank account?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone dreams of having an elaborate wedding, but the logistics aren't always attainable. Check out Cupid's suggestions on how you can have your perfect wedding without losing your savings:

1. Set up a savings account: As soon as you agree to a marriage proposal, it's a great idea to set up an account that you make weekly deposits into to help minimize the dent to your wallets as the wedding date moves closer.

2. Determine your budget: Once you've accumulated a decent savings, begin planning your nuptials. Start with the most expensive such as the bride's dress, or the cake of your dreams, then work your way down to the rings.

3. Keep up your plan of action: Maintain a list of everything you want to include, and as you accumulate the funds, take care of it and cross it off the list.

Mena Suvari's Roman Wedding



American Beauty actress Mena Suvari married concert producer Simone Sestito in Rome last weekend, Suvari's rep confirmed to *Gossip Cop*. The two held their reception in the same castle that held the Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes nuptials in 2006.

Suvari and Sestito kept their destination wedding personal, [People](#) reported, with wedding bands designed by Sestito, and a first dance written just for the couple.

How can you make a destination wedding feel like home?

Cupid's Advice:

Destination weddings can be fun and exotic, but it's important not to let the romance of the wedding get lost in the allure of the destination. Suvari and Sestito had the right idea by keeping their nuptials small and personal.

1. Placement is key: While cities like Rome and Paris are traditionally romantic, you should pick a destination that means something in your relationship. Make the place part of the celebration. Also, keep travel distance in mind when planning invites.

2. Bring home with you: By involving friends and family when and where you can, any location can feel like home. Even on another continent, make sure everyone feels comfortable.

3. Go out with a bang: One great thing about destination weddings is the potential to integrate the place into your ceremony. Suvari and Sestito set off fireworks over the castle to end the evening. Similar exciting events can be done at multiple locations.

Megan Fox & Brian Austin

Green's Intimate Wedding!



That was fast! Cupid found out recently that actors Megan Fox, 24, and Brian Austin Green, 36, re-engaged after a brief break. It turns out that the couple married at the Fours Seasons Resort on the Big Island of Hawaii last week, which Green's rep confirmed Monday to [TMZ](#). The ceremony was intimate, with less than a dozen guests in attendance. This is the first marriage for both Fox and Green.

How can you keep your wedding small and intimate?

Cupid's Advice:

With shows like *Platinum Wedding* and *My Fair Wedding* all the rage, the pressure is on to have a big and extravagant wedding. However, a smaller and more personal ceremony can be just as – if not more – special. Here are some of Cupid's tips on keeping your plans to a minimum:

1. Don't invite everyone and their mom: This may be the hardest thing to do, since you'll want to share this day with everyone (and loved ones may feel left out if they're not invited), but this is a surefire way to keep your ceremony under control.

2. Go away: Take a note from Fox and Green and plan a destination wedding that many people won't be able to attend. Sounds harsh, but it's a way to have potential guests weed themselves off the list without you having to lift a finger.

3. Set a budget – and stick to it: A budget will keep you from spending too much, whether it's on food, flowers, or the cake. If you can't (or don't want) to pay for extra guests, you don't need to.

Chelsea Clinton's New Wedding Details





It's been confirmed that former first daughter Chelsea Clinton will marry longtime boyfriend Mark Mezvinsky on July 31. The specifics are sketchy at best, as Clinton is known for keeping her life out of the public eye, but [New York Magazine](#) revealed some details last week on possible locations and wedding dress designer rumors. For more, check out the [CBS Early Show's](#) Tuesday interview with Doree Shafrir, a contributing editor for *NYMag*, above.

How can you ensure your wedding is memorable while on a budget?

Cupid's Advice:

Not everyone has the money and resources to plan a small and private wedding. In this economy, however, it's not unusual to choose low-key options. Here are some of Cupid's ways to scale down the reception while leaving a lasting impression:

- 1. Have a house reception:** Ask friends and family that own large property if they could lend you their space as a wedding gift. If they've been hit by the economy, this will be a gift that gives back!
- 2. Keep it simple:** Not everyone needs a towering floral

display on every table. Small touches, like votive candles and rose petals, can go a long way. If you're fortunate enough to use a private house, bring decor from the ceremony to serve a double-duty shift.

3. Just hit play: Create a wedding play list on your iPod and ask a friend or family member who loves to ham it up if they'd like to MC your big night. This makes your event even more personal than it already is!

Miranda Lambert & Blake Shelton Are Engaged



Country superstars Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton are engaged after more than five years of courtship. According to [CBS News](#), Shelton asked

for permission from Lambert's father before proposing to her in the woods near her home last month – complete with Bacardi and Diet Coke in a Solo Cup, which Lambert loved! [People](#) reported that the two have yet to release wedding plans, but the couple tells the magazine they're enjoying their engagement.

How can you make a proposal special yet personal?

Cupid's Advice:

Shelton's personal touches made his proposal all the more significant to Lambert – and didn't require too much extra effort on his part. When planning that special moment, think about what will mean the most to the other person so the experience is memorable for you both.

- 1. It's not the size that counts:** While there might be societal pressure for a grand gesture, sometimes simpler is better. Make it about the personal connection between the two of you.
- 2. WWT?:** What Would They Do? Think about how the other person would propose, which may reveal what they'd want out of an engagement. Make it about the other person.
- 3. Be sincere:** Speak from your heart, and tell them exactly how you feel. Don't say something cheesy just because you feel you should. Every word, even something as simple as "I love you," counts. Make sure you mean each one.

Valerie Bertinelli & Tom

Vitale Plan Low-Key Wedding



Though she was formally married to a rock star, Jenny Craig spokeswoman Valerie Bertinelli says her upcoming wedding to financial planner Tom Vitale won't be over the top. According to [People](#) magazine, the couple – who both had prior nuptials – are focusing on the marriage itself instead of the ceremony this time around.

Does the ceremony make the marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

While celebrity weddings today only seem to get bigger and better, Bertinelli and Vitale go against the mold by concentrating on their relationship. While the wedding shouldn't set the tone for a marriage, it *is* somewhat of a reflection of the couple; make sure you send the right message at your ceremony.

1. Plan your guests: If you want an intimate wedding ceremony but don't want any friends or family to feel left out, plan ahead to maintain balance. Keep the wedding small, and go for a larger reception.

2. Location, location, location: If you're a more adventurous couple, try a destination wedding in a unique spot. Whether it's on a beach or in a 16th century castle, make it a place you're comfortable in.

3. Do a us a favor: Your wedding favors give guests a final, lasting impression of your wedding – and your marriage. Let these tokens illustrate who you are as a couple, and remind the guests of the fun time they had at your wedding.

Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden Marries Personal Trainer





A royal wedding!

Last Saturday's lavish ceremony between Sweden's Crown Princess Victoria and her former personal trainer, Daniel Westling, rivaled Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer's spectacle in 1996. According to [Telegraph](#), King Carl XVI Gustaf initially disapproved of the union because of Westling's 'commoner' status, but granted the couple's wishes to show his country that he can modernize his methods and way of thinking.

How can you make a relationship work without your family's blessing?

Cupid's Advice:

Relationships can be tricky business, but if you've found your soul mate, it shouldn't matter where they come from – or what your family has to say about your partner.

1. Be up front: Don't hide any potentially negative details of your partner's past. Your loved ones shouldn't pass judgment unless it's for a good reason. If they do, they should know you're committed to seeing the relationship through, despite their opinions.

2. When to say stop: If your family continually dismisses your

mate, tell them how much it hurts and affects you. Ask them politely to stop bashing your partner. If they don't, consider distancing yourself to make the point even clearer.

3. Open lines of communication: If you're honest and keep your family involved, any feelings they have against your pairing may disappear as they see your love and relationship develop.