

Anna Paquin & Stephen Moyer Are Avid Skypers



Newly-engaged “True Blood” stars Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer have found a way to keep their love alive, despite long distances. The couple, who met on the set of the show, are avid users of Skype, and would use it for “three or four hours” when they first began dating, according to [People](#) magazine. Moyer told *Playboy* in a recent interview that it helped them build trust in their relationship early on.

How can you make a long-distance relationship work?

Cupid’s Advice:

Some say absence makes the heart grow fonder, and this was obviously the case for Paquin and Moyer. Long-distance relationships can not only work, but grow, as long as both

parties put in the work and the extra effort for their love.

1. Keep in contact: Whether through email, Skype, or even snail mail, you need to keep in touch. Keep each other up-to-date on the little things to tighten your bond.

2. Make the extra effort: If a card or bouquet is sweet when you are living in the same town, think how much it would mean from miles away. Those added touches can make your partner's day, and also keep you on their mind.

3. Don't over-expect: No matter how much you wish it wasn't true, you are still in a long-distance relationship. Don't hold unreasonable expectations for yourself or your partner in terms of visits or long catch-up sessions. Not everyone has time for a three-hour Skype every day.

Orlando Bloom & Miranda Kerr Announce Their Engagement!





It's official – for real this time! After numerous engagement rumors throughout their three-year relationship, Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr are engaged, the actor's rep confirmed to [E! News](#) on Monday. The Victoria's Secret Angel's rep told [People](#) the Kerr family is "thrilled." A date has yet to be set.

So you're engaged – now what?

Cupid's Advice:

Unless there's a reason to rush, enjoy your engagement!

1. Relax: You have all the time in the world to play the role of husband or wife. Take time to settle into the idea of being betrothed to your loved one.

2. Whip out the calendar: Sit down with your partner and figure out what needs to be planned, and when. Make sure you work on the time line the two of you set together, and keep your family and friend's influences to a minimum. This is *your* day!

3. Envision your perfect day: You may both have very ideas of what your wedding looks like. Be open with your husband- or

wife-to-be and list the must-haves. Compromises are inevitable, and it's best to lay out the groundwork early.

Harrison Ford and Calista Flockhart Tie the Knot



It's official! Harrison Ford from *Indiana Jones* has married long-time love, Calista Flockhart, star of *Ally McBeal*, after a seven-year courtship. The Governor of New Mexico, Bill Richardson, officiated the ceremony.

Why do some couples wait years before making the leap to marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Only you and your partner know when the time for marriage is right. Don't feel pressured to rush the big day. Here are a few reasons why couples wait:

- 1. You're comfortable:** Many couples become comfortable in their relationship, and may be too lazy to bother taking it to the next level. Communicate with each other to make sure you're both on the same page.
 - 2. Security:** It's possible that one or both of you have grown comfortable with the relationship and the thought of marriage would take you out of your comfort zone. If you and your partner *do* want to eventually marry, talk about fears that may be holding you back.
 - 3. Peer Pressure:** You feel pressure from friends and family to take your pairing to the next level, but you know that you aren't ready. Don't get married for the sake of others. Eventually, you will realize whether or not you want to spend the rest of your lives as one.
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Carrie Underwood Leaves Honeymoon Plans to Hubby





Country crooner Carrie Underwood has all her wedding plans in order, save for one – she is leaving the planning of her honeymoon to her fiancé, hockey star Mike Fisher. Underwood has chosen and set every aspect of her big day, but says Fisher is solely in charge of the honeymoon plans, according to [People](#).

How do you divide up aspects of planning a wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Though the wedding is typically the bride's responsibility, there's always something the groom can do. It's a way to make him feel more involved in the event and relieve some of the pressure on the bride, as long as it's done right.

- 1. Don't jump the gun:** While it's important to start the planning phase of your wedding early, giving the groom-to-be too much responsibility too fast can bring on cold feet early. Let him be involved, but don't force things into his lap right away.
- 2. Give him the goods:** If he won't have fun picking out

flowers, don't force him to go. He'll only make it harder on you. But if he likes music, then let him pick the band or plan your first dance.

3. Make it a group effort: Even if you both have your own areas of expertise or involvement, make sure you work together. While surprises are nice, it's always good to give some feedback, even if it's as simple as Underwood's request for a honeymoon in "someplace warm."

Alanis Morissette's Secret Home Wedding



Cupid strikes Alanis Morissette – with marriage! [People](#) confirmed the singer's marriage to Souleye (real name: Mario Treadway), the 30-year-old singer and rapper she's been dating since 2009. The two celebrated their nuptials at their Los Angeles home on May 22nd, surrounded by family. Morissette confirmed the news herself on her Facebook fan page. This is the first marriage for both.

What steps can you take to ensure that a new marriage will work?

Cupid's Take:

- 1. Know who you can trust:** Morissette and Souleye married privately, and it wasn't confirmed until two weeks later. A tight inner circle can contribute to a couple's success – it shows everyone is on the same page, with the same goals for the couple.
- 2. Share only what you want:** Morissette confirmed her marriage via Facebook and Twitter. Realize the power of social media sites, and use them to your advantage when spreading news. Sharing is good, but not everyone needs to know complete details.
- 3. Enjoy each other:** Revel in the newness of your marriage. Some couples forget that a marriage is more than a four-hour dance party. Stay connected with your partner so that you're still in that "I Do" stage long after they're said and done.