

Steven Tyler Gets Engaged to Girlfriend Erin Brady



It's been confirmed!

Steven Tyler is officially engaged to girlfriend Erin Brady. He proposed to his lady love with a Loree Rodkin ring, according to UsMagazine.com. Tyler has been a fan of the jewelry designer for a long time and decided on a 5 carat brilliant cut diamond set on a micro pave diamond and platinum band. Rumors of the rockstar's upcoming marriage surfaced when the pair were seen during a getaway in Hawaii this week with Brady flashing a shiny new ring. It's looking like the 63-year-old singer will be tying the knot for the third time.

How do you decide which engagement ring to get your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

The ring is at the center of every engagement. It's the first thing people are going to ask about, so it's important to make

it special. Cupid has some tips:

1. Originality: No one wants the same ring as someone else, especially a friend or family member. That would be a disaster. Make sure the ring you choose bears no resemblance to one belonging to someone close to your partner.

2. Your budget: Not everyone can afford 10 carats, and that's okay. Get something classy that your partner will cherish forever.

3. You partner's taste: The type of jewelry you might like may not exactly be your partner's taste. Figure out a way to find out their preferences, whether that means asking them directly or polling their family and friends.

What does your dream engagement ring look like? Share your thoughts below.

Prince William and Kate Middleton's New Year's Eve Plans





Prince William and Kate Middleton will be surrounded by family and friends as they ring in the New Year. A source told UsMagazine.com that the newlyweds plan to spend New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in Aberdeen, Scotland and will stay at Birkhall, the 53,000 acre estate belonging to William's father, Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla Parker-Bowles, Duchess of Cornwall. The source also revealed that Middleton's parents, Michael and Carole, are expected to join in on the festivities, although they won't likely be staying with the royal family.

What are some romantic ways to spend New Year's Eve?

Cupid's Advice:

Whether you're going out on a double date or staying inside cuddled up watching a movie with each other, there are plenty of romantic ways to ring in the New Year with your love. Here are a few last-minute ideas to make sure you get your New Year's kiss:

1. Plan a dinner at home: There's a wise tale that says to get to a man's heart, you have to know how to cook. Prepare a candlelit, romantic dinner at home for just the two of you. If the weather is somewhat breezy, set up a nice backyard dinner for you and your love. That way, you will have front

row seats to an early firework show.

2. Hit the beach: You may not be able to ring in the New Year in Las Vegas or New York, but you can always take a quick getaway trip to a nearby beach that will allow you and your significant other to spend some quality time together. Watch the fireworks pop over the ocean as you and your love relax with your feet dug into the sand.

3. Dance the night-away: So maybe you're the type of couple that likes to be seen. Head to the club dressed to impress, and dance all night to your favorite songs. Go as a couple, on a double date or with a group of your closest friends.

How do you plan to spend the New Year with your significant other? Share your ideas below.

Rumor: Katy Perry and Russell Brand Celebrate Christmas Apart After "Massive Fight"





Pop sensation Katy

Perry and actor husband Russell Brand spent Christmas apart this year. After a planned trip to Brand's hometown of London, Perry ended up flying to Hawaii with some friends.

According to UsMagazine.com, the couple had a major argument, which resulted in cursing at each other and storming off.

Perry was spotted without her wedding ring while splashing in the Pacific Ocean, and Brand was seen catching up with old friends in a local pub in Coverack, Cornwall. Although the couple denied divorce rumors in November, trouble is threatening. "The split may come soon, but they are both so dramatic and volatile, the relationship could become great again," says a source.

What are some ways to quickly move on from a fight?

Cupid's Advice:

All couples fight, but avoiding it is impossible. Moving on quickly and peacefully is easier than you think. Cupid has some tips:

1. Admit when you're wrong: We all make mistakes sometimes, and it's okay to be wrong. The best way to move on from an argument is by pointing out your faults. Your partner will appreciate it and will learn from your example. They may

admit to their wrong doings in future situations.

2. Apologize: Along with admitting your mistakes, make sure you apologize to your sweetheart. Saying you're sorry makes all the difference in an argument. Also, show your significant other how much you care by making it up to them with a personalized apology.

3. Don't let the issues hang in the air: The longer the fight sits, the bigger it will grow. Talk about your issues soon after they arise. Discussing how both members of the relationship feel will make for an easy fix. Compromising on the matter will make you both happier.

How did you move on quickly from a fight? Share your stories below.

Sandra Bullock Explains Why She Returned to Acting Post-Split





After splitting with her husband, Jesse James in 2010, Sandra Bullock did not rush back to work. In fact, she told the [Associated Press](#), “I was perfectly content to be permanently broken.” And by broken she means not able to act. Director Stephen Daldry pushed for her to be in *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, and that finally changed her mind. “I honestly didn’t think I was in a place where I wanted to work or wanted to step out of where I was... I wasn’t prepared. But that opportunity was louder than my head,” she said according to [People](#). “We had a great time. It’s no longer ‘selfish actress’ in the moment,” she says. “I wanted to have an amazing time with him and, fortunately, Mr. Daldry presented it. In every possible way, it was the best!”

How can your career help you move on after a breakup?

Cupid’s Advice:

After a rough break up, the career route is often the best road to take. Working on a project and being successful are the keys to moving up and moving on:

1. Your mind will be occupied: With a challenging project at work, you will be more focused and not on your ex. Focusing all of your negative energy on something positive can

certainly do no harm to the healing process.

2. You can focus all of your energy on work: Your ex probably took up a lot of your time and energy. With him in the past, you can accomplish all of your career goals easily. No distractions and plenty of free time will allow you to achieve more.

3. A promotion could be headed your way: With all this new focus and motivation, a promotion might be the next exciting and needed change in your life. Working towards becoming number one in the office is a great way to distract yourself from a break up and an excellent way to boost your confidence.

How did your career help you after a breakup? Share your stories below.

Matthew McConaughey Proposes to Longtime Girlfriend Camila Alves





Matthew McConaughey

made sure his long-time girlfriend Camila Alves, had a very merry Christmas this year. After being together for nearly five years, the couple is finally getting married.

McConaughey proposed to the Brazilian model on Christmas Day and announced the engagement on his WhoSay account. “Just asked Camila to marry me...#Merry Christmas,” he wrote in a post accompanied by a picture of the 42-year-old actor kissing a smiling Alves, 29, in front of the Christmas tree. The couple, who met in 2006, have two children together- Levi, three, and Vida, who turns two in January. The actor previously gushed to [People](#) “[Alves] is the love of my life. Everything is right.”

What are some reasons to get married after you’ve already started a family together?

Cupid’s Advice:

Just because you and your partner may have already moved in together and/or have kids before getting married, doesn’t mean that your significant other is fine sticking with the boyfriend or girlfriend title. Here are some reasons to tie the knot even after you’ve already jumped a few steps ahead.

1. **Support:** Some people may think that your goals or dreams are figments of your imagination, but when you have someone

who believes in you and is your biggest cheerleader- that's marriage material right there. Finding someone who supports you is hard to come by.

2. Create a foundation: Kids tend to model after their parents and when they come from a strong, loving and committed family unit, it helps provide them with the best opportunity for success in their own love lives when they get older.

3. Enjoying life: There's nothing more enjoyable than marrying your partner or best friend. It's nice to have someone with whom you can grow and share intimate experience with together.

Is marriage important once you start a family with someone? Tell us your thoughts below.

Were Kate Middleton's Kiki McDonough Earrings a Present from Prince William?





As Kate Middleton strolled to and from church with the royal family on Christmas Day, she looked stunning as usual. But, the thing that turned heads and made headlines were the new pair of sparklers she wore with her outfit. We're talking about the \$3,000 diamonds dangling from her ears. People.com has confirmed that the jewels were by Kiki McDonough, the designer who made similar items for Prince William's mother Diana.

What are some unique gift ideas for your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to jewelry, diamonds are still a girl's best friend, but shopping for your boyfriend is a little different! Cupid has some tips to help you win his heart.

1. Wardrobe: Guys can always use new clothes, and picking them out is a plus. However, instead of getting something for him, buy something sexy for yourself that turns him on. It's a win-win gift situation that could heat-up your romance during the cold winter season.

2. Game day: Relationships require sacrifices, so if you're not a sports fan it's time to be one for a day. Buy your guy tickets to his favorite sporting event and he'll be part of

your cheering team for a longtime to come.

3. Appetite: When aren't men hungry? Making a romantic homemade dinner that includes his favorite foods will leave him feeling more content than ever.

What gift did your guy love the most? Share your comments below!

John Legend is Engaged to Model Girlfriend Chrissy Teigen



Dating since 2007, R&B singer John Legend and 26-year-old model Chrissy Teigen got engaged over the holiday weekend. According to

UsMagazine.com, Legend proposed while the couple were vacationing in the Maldives. Legend, a nine-time Grammy winner known for hits such as “Ordinary People” has managed to keep his relationship strong with Teigen who starred on *Deal or No Deal* and has appeared as a *Sports Illustrated* model.

How do you keep your relationship going when you have a demanding job?

Cupid’s Advice:

Work doesn’t need to get in the way of your relationship. If you prioritize what’s important and engage in little acts that make your partner feel special, the relationship will continue to grow. Cupid has some tips for doing just that:

1. Travel: Make time to reconnect with your partner. Take a vacation like John Legend’s Maldives trip with his fiancée. If you don’t have the budget for travel to the archipelago islands, pretend you do and recreate the experience at home. The internet is a powerful tool for research and recipes.

2. Keep the romance alive: Remember the little things about your partner, and make sure you let them know that you’re thinking of them when they’re not around. Even a simple phone call or post-it note left on their laptop can work wonders.

3. Communicate: Constantly communicating with your sweetheart keeps the relationship going in the right direction. If you are open with one another it will help you handle any problems that may arise before they become too serious.

What are some ways you and your partner stay connected despite a demanding job? Share your experiences below

What Your Gifts Say About Your Relationship



By Amy Osmond Cook,

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When it comes to gifts, I am an expert—at receiving them. I love gifts of any kind ... from other people. (No, I'm not going to buy myself a \$285,000 pink Bentley like Paris Hilton did last year.) The problem is, when it comes to giving gifts, I am a nervous wreck.

Gift giving represents two things: (1) that you care about a person enough to give a gift, and (2) that you know a person well enough to give something that he or she will like. Mess one of those up, and it does some damage to your relationship.

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Take, for example, the gift I gave to my husband five years

ago. We were newly married, and I wanted to get him something personal and meaningful. He loves golf, and he's a funny guy—so I thought the trick remote control golf ball (that you can move when your opponent is about to swing) was going to be a hit. I waited in anticipation as he opened the box and saw a momentary look of confusion before he masked it with a smile. He thanked me and said that he loved it, but the damage was done. In that one look, I knew that my gift had tanked.

Fast forward five years. After watching him play golf (a lot!) and listening to his golfing adventures with his buddies (a lot more!), I would never give him a remote control golf ball. I now know that, for him, the rules of golf are sacred.

A serious golfer never tries to move an opponent's ball—especially for a laugh. It violates one of the cardinal rules of sportsmanship. (So does laughing at someone when he shanks his shot – I found out the hard way!) My gift bombed because I didn't know my husband well enough. I knew that he loved golf, but I missed the intricate details.

Stories like mine are a dime a dozen—a woman receives a vacuum cleaner from her husband, and she runs to her room and cries.

A man receives a toolbox and feels ashamed that he doesn't know how to use the tools inside. For better or worse, we attach special meaning to gifts, especially over the holidays.

So if you want to put some currency in your partner's emotional bank account this holiday season, buy . . .

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1. Something intimate. Take note if your partner voices his wish list for Christmas. If he cares enough to say what he actually wants, paying attention to that will make him feel valued and understood. If he doesn't have a Christmas wish, try to find something that will have special meaning between the two of you. Still have those Angels tickets from your first date? Frame them!

You can also make a gift meaningful by giving to something your partner cares about. For example, many celebrities, like Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, care deeply about charitable causes and prefer donations to their favorite charities to extravagant gifts.

2. Something valuable. Take this relatively. If you want to take your relationship to the next level, give your partner something that says, "You are so valuable to me, I would sacrifice anything to have you in my life." That's what women hear when their boyfriends buy them expensive jewelry or spend all day helping them cook. It's not the money or the time, exactly—it's the fact that someone would sacrifice to give them something beautiful or meaningful. You don't have to be like Nick Cannon and buy your significant other a \$400,000 Rolls-Royce Phantom or pull a Jude Law and buy your love a \$200,000 diamond-and-sapphire ring, but it should be better than the pack of bubble gum my friend got from her boyfriend one year.

If you're like me, gift giving is a nail-biting phenomenon. That said, if you give your partner something meaningful and valuable, you can move that relationship dial to the next level. Then again, you could always take your chances and buy a pair of two-person mittens that Chelsea Handler and Chuy are sporting this year!

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Kendra Wilkinson and Family Celebrate First Christmas at Home



This was the first year that Kendra Wilkinson and her husband Hank Baskett spent Christmas at home. Since their two-year-old son, Hank IV was old enough to participate in Christmas activities, the reality stars decided to start making some holiday family traditions.

"I woke up and realized that this is going to be baby Hank's first year to really know what's going on. It's not really about me anymore – it's about him now," Wilkinson told People.com.

How do you make your child's holiday special?

Cupid's Advice:

Kids just want to be included and do the things that the “big” people are doing! Cupid has some tips to help make your child's holiday a special one.

1. Wrapping presents: Wrapping gifts can be a difficult task for anyone, especially a child, but let them help you by sticking the tape down or putting the Christmas tag on the box.

2. Baking: Christmas cookies are a part of the major food groups during the holidays, so why not join in the festivities? You and your child could make Christmas-character treats with cookie cut-outs.

3. Christmas tree: Load up the car and go somewhere where you and the little ones can pick the Christmas tree together. As they grow up it will be something they always remember doing as a family.

How do you make Christmas special for your children? Share your comments below.

Mel Gibson's Ex Takes Half of His Fortune in Divorce





Mel Gibson's divorce came with a price. Gibson's divorce from wife Robyn Moore was finalized Friday in Los Angeles, reports [People](#). Moore, Gibson's ex-wife of nearly 30 years and mother of their seven children, was awarded half of Mel Gibson's near \$850 million fortune. The couple had no prenuptial agreement, so Moore is legally entitled to half of what Gibson earned during their marriage. Gibson's divorce payout is considered to be one of the biggest in Hollywood history.

How do you decide whether a prenuptial agreement is necessary?

Cupid's Advice:

It's possible to ask for a prenuptial agreement without offending your partner. Here are a few reasons to ask for a prenuptial agreement:

- 1. Career differences:** Most people are married when they are young, and before they start to earn serious amounts of money. If you feel that either you or your partner has high earning potential, then ask for a prenuptial agreement.
- 2. Salary differences:** If you currently earn much more or much less than your partner, a prenuptial agreement is in your best interest. The agreement will protect your monetary well-being in any future fall-outs.
- 3. Previous marriages:** If you have been married and divorced

before, it may be a good idea to ask for a prenuptial agreement. Learning from past mistakes and taking precautions in case your new marriage also ends poorly is a reasonable and wise decision.

If necessary, should you ask for a prenuptial agreement? Feel free to leave a comment with your thoughts below!

Zoe Kravitz and Penn Badgley Engage in Poolside PDA



Penn Bradley enjoyed a romantic getaway with his girlfriend Zoe Kravitz while hanging out by the pool in Miami. The *Gossip Girl* star, who last dated Blake Lively, began his new relationship with the beautiful daughter of rocker Lenny Kravitz in October reported [USmagazine](#). The couple enjoyed their vacation with a dip in

the pool and some cuddling on their beach lounge chair.

What are some ways to make a vacation more romantic?

Cupid's Advice:

It doesn't get much more intimate than a vacation near the beach or at the poolside while sipping cocktails. Cupid has some tips to make sure you have fun in the sun.

1. Dress for the occasion: It's called a *romantic* getaway for a reason! Let loose and wear something sexy and a little more revealing than you would if you were at home.

2. Stay Refreshed: A pina colada or a frozen margarita is the perfect drink to keep you cool under the sun's rays and get you in the mood for a little PDA.

3. Horseplay: You're on vacation so have fun! Go swimming or tease each other by splashing around in the water. Smiling and laughing will bring you closer together as a couple and make for some great memories.

What's your advice for having a loving vacation with your partner? Tell us below.

**Hollywood Couple Ashley
Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum
Celebrate with Holiday**

Traditions



Hollywood

couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum are celebrating both Christmas and Hanukkuh during their first holiday season together after recently getting engaged on the reality TV show *The Bachelorette*. As Rosenbaum told [People](#), "We have been celebrating the first few nights of Hanukkuh. We lit some candles." Rosenbaum also introduced his celebrity love to the Jewish tradition of having Chinese food. The happy Hollywood couple spent Christmas in Maine with Hebert's family eating and singing holiday carols.

Although this Hollywood couple had different holiday traditions, they still celebrated with each other.

How do you adapt to your partner's family traditions?

Cupid's Advice:

When you start a new relationship and love, you and your partner may have so different traditions – and that's okay! One of the fun things about being in a partnership is learning new things. Here is some relationship advice on how to celebrate your love's traditions:

1. Participate: You may not understand your partner's traditions or religion, but don't be a Scrooge. For the sake of your relationship and love, give their family a chance and try it out. Ask for ideas about what to make or bring over. You'll enjoy the festivities even more if you contribute!

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2. Educate: If you're feeling uncomfortable and don't know what to expect from your partner's family, the best way to learn about Hanukkuh or the Italian 'Feast of the Seven Fishes' is to research the tradition before you go. It won't make you a pro, but it will surely give you some background and make you feel more comfortable.

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3. Ask questions: Show interest by asking questions about certain activities, prayers, or food. Most people love to talk about family traditions and how they got started. Being inquisitive fills the evening with nostalgia and shows how much you care.

What's your favorite holiday tradition? Share it with us in the comments below.

Robert DeNiro and Grace Hightower Welcome a Baby Daughter



Married since 1997, Robert De Niro and Grace Hightower recently welcomed a new baby girl into the world via a surrogate mother. Helen Grace Hightower joins the couple's son Eliot, which is 13-years old. In addition, De Niro has four older children from two previous relationships. According to [RadarOnline](#), the couple's daughter weighed in at a healthy birth weight of 7lbs, 2oz.

What are some things to consider when you're deciding when to have children?

Cupid's Advice:

Having kids is a big decision, and it's not one that should be taken lightly. If possible, think through all of the negatives and positives before settling on a decision. Here are some things to consider:

- 1. Money:** A baby costs money. There's baby supplies, nursery items and even hospital costs. Making sure you can afford to have a baby and that you have reliable income to raise your child is important.
- 2. Strong relationship:** Is your relationship or marriage strong enough to withstand the stress of having a child? As long as you and your partner are completely committed to having kids, there shouldn't be negative affects on your relationship.
- 3. Stable home:** Do you like to travel or are you more apt to stay in one place? A stable home is crucial to raising a child in a healthy environment.

What are some things you considered before having a child? Share your thoughts below.

Matt Damon and Scarlett Johanssen Learn to Love in 'We Bought a Zoo'





Benjamin Mee (Matt

Damon) is a single parent, journalist and widow. While attempting to balance school lunches, fight off single moms and deal with a lousy editor, Mee spontaneously quits his job. Instead of worrying about how to pay bills and get by raising his 14-year old son and 7-year old daughter, he buys an old house in the countryside with amenities like lions, tigers and bears. His zookeeper, Kelly (Scarlett Johansson) is often his saving grace. *We Bought a Zoo* highlights the fact that a small amount of courage and a lot of love can get people through any number of tough situations.

How do you support a loved one in tough times?

Cupid's Advice:

Stress on a relationship is like carrying a heavy weight on your shoulders. It slows you down, but the will to keep moving is the best way to survive. Here are some tips on how to do so:

1. Get involved: The best way to show your significant other support is to get involved with projects in which they are

involved. It will also give you both some time together.

2. Give an ear: Some days, your partner just needs to vent and have someone listen to them. Offer a shoulder for them to lean on.

3. Spin the cynicism: It's okay to have doubts and to share them. It's more important for a relationship to have no hidden truths.

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How do you support your significant other? Share your thoughts below.

Prince William and Kate Middleton Act Goofy at Charity Visit





Prince William and

Kate Middleton got their groove on during a visit to Centrepoin't's Camberwell Foyer, a charity very close to the heart of the late Princess Diana. The Duchess of Cambridge watched with a smile as her prince imitated the dance moves of Centrepoin't Foyer resident, Vanessa Boateng, who was the winner of the organization's Got Talent contest. According to UsMagazine.com, the casually dressed royal couple seemed happy and relaxed. In the spirit of the holidays, they also made mince pies and gingerbread cookies with the homeless youth.

What are some ways to make laughter a bonding experience in your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Laughter is one of the most important parts of any relationship. Everyone should be with someone who can make them giggle. Cupid has some great ways to bond over laughter with your partner:

1. Joke around: Always be on the lookout for a good laugh. When you're with someone you love, it's always a good time to let loose.

2. Inside jokes: Couples always seem to have things that are only funny to them, which makes their bond even stronger.

3. Smile: You have to be smiling to laugh. Always take a moment to smile at your partner.

What's the funniest thing to ever happen to you and your partner? Share your experiences below.

Denise Richards and Charlie Sheen Bring Kids on a Winter Vacation



Charlie Sheen is spending the holiday season a little differently this year, reports [People](#). The actor and his ex, Denise Richards, are

vacationing with their daughters at an unknown tropical location. Sheen posted a photo of the family on the social networking site WhoSay with the caption, "What's better than a modern family vacation!?! love spending winter break w/ @denise_richards & my kids!"

Is it unhealthy to take a vacation with your ex and the kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Though having the family together may seem beneficial, there are some downsides to a shared vacation. Here are a few things to consider before vacationing with your ex and the kids:

1. Payment: Make sure that you and your ex come to an agreement about the cost of the trip. Decide if the two of you will split the cost of the hotel room, meals and outings ahead of time.

2. Living arrangements: Before you invite your ex on vacation, make sure you review your living arrangements. If you are planning on staying in a hotel, make sure your room has enough beds for your whole family to sleep comfortably (and separately).

3. Your feelings: If you and your ex still have a strained relationship, vacationing together is not the best idea. Your kids may love having the family together, but they will not enjoy it if you and your ex spend the getaway bickering.

Have you ever vacationed with your ex and the kids? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Rob Kardashian Says He Doesn't Want a Girlfriend for Christmas



Sorry, girls! Rob Kardashian is flying solo this holiday season. “I mean, I want a girlfriend. I’ve been single for a while, but I’m 24 years old and I feel like I have a lot of work to do on myself first and that’s really what I’ve been focusing on. I’m focusing on my health and getting into shape and my career,” he tells [People](#). What does Kardashian want exactly? Just time together with his family. The whole Kardashian crew spends Christmas Armenian style and, of course, together as a family. Kris Jenner gives out pjs every year for the whole crew, and they all sleep at the house, get up at about 6 a.m. and celebrate together. “My mom also throws an awesome Christmas party every year and at the end of the party – once everyone leaves – we all sit by the fire and talk as a family.”

What if the man you like doesn't want to settle down?

Cupid's Advice:

So what do you do when you're ready to pick a wedding date, but your significant other doesn't even want to live with you yet? It's difficult, but it might be time to move on:

1. Talk about why he doesn't want to settle down: Maybe there is an underlying factor that is scaring your man from committing fully. It could be some pressure you place on him, or it could have to do with how his own family worked out. Either way, talk to him and try to understand on his level.

2. See if you can make any compromises: Could it be possible you are too controlling for his liking? If your man is nervous about living with you because of such issues, make compromises. You won't wake him up or 6 a.m. yoga on Saturdays if he will put the toilet seat down. Talking about issues like that might make your man excited about the whole idea, instead of trying to run from it.

3. Consider moving on: If all else fails and your man still doesn't want to settle down, you might have to find a new man. We all hate to hear this, but you and your lover have to want the same thing for your relationship to succeed. There is sure to be someone out there who wants what you want.

How did you get your man to settle down? Share your stories below.

Lady Antebellum Singer Dave Haywood Is Engaged



Dave Haywood, 29, gave his girlfriend, Kelli Cashiola, 29, the holiday gift every girl wants: an engagement ring! A representative for Haywood confirmed to [People](#) that he proposed on Monday evening. He did so first by picking up his finance and blind folding her as he drove her to their home, which was converted into a winter wonderland. When the blindfold was removed “will you marry me” was spelled out in Christmas lights on the front of their house and Haywood slipped a ring onto Cashiola’s finger. Cashiola, of course, said yes. Haywood is the final Lady Antebellum band member to be engaged. A date has not been set, but it is said to be after the spring wedding of band mate Hillary Scott.

What are some unique ways to propose?

Cupid’s Advice:

Every girl dreams of the day a man will get down on one knee and ask her to spend her life with him. Guys, this is how to do it and make sure your girl says “yes”:

1. Return to the spot of your first date: What is more special than the spot of your first date, or even better, your first kiss? Nothing. Bringing back all those happy memories and first date jitters will be sure to make the moment romantic and unforgettable.

2. Make it unexpected: Try not to let your honey know what you’re up to. The more of a surprise it is the better! The look on your girlfriend’s face will be priceless.

3. Tie in all of her favorite things: If you and your girlfriend love skiing take her on a ski trip and propose by the fireside after her favorite meal. Or maybe you love baking together... bake cupcakes and drop the ring into one and make sure that’s the one she tastes first. No matter what you choose to do, make sure it’s something special and unique to you as a couple.

How did you propose? Share your stories below.

Backstreet Boys Singer A.J. McLean Ties the Knot





Backstreet Boy, A.J.

McLean is married. The boy band cutie wed his longtime girlfriend at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Los Angeles. The couple is all about putting a spin on tradition. According to UsMagazine.com, McLean proposed to Rochelle Karidis on stage at a live concert in Vegas, and Rochelle walked down the aisle to Guns N' Roses. Way to make it unique, you two!

What are some ways to incorporate your favorite things in your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings are meant to be fun, but can sometimes become too traditional and you lose sight of who you are as a couple.

Here's how to celebrate your likes and dislikes, without being tacky:

1. Music: If Rochelle can do it, so can you. Walk down the aisle or make your reception playlist full of songs that you and your partner love groovin' out to.

2. Reception: Don't be afraid to mix in something you like with tradition or skip tradition all together. Love the idea of belly dancers? Go for it, because receptions are your time to shine.

3. Theme: Why not make your wedding all about you? Pick a theme that you love and incorporate it in everything, from decor to food.

How did you incorporate your style in your wedding? Share your experiences below.

Spencer Pratt and Heidi Montag Lock Lips On a Ski Trip



It looks like Speidi is still going strong! Former *Hills* stars Spencer Pratt and Heidi Montag were spotted loading on the PDA on top of a mountain in Mammoth, Calif. The duo were snowboarding and skiing, respectively. But they didn't stop there in the way

of winter activities, as they were also spotted sledding and snowmobiling on their affectionate trip, as well. "It was so much fun," Montag told UsMagazine.com. "There is no better way to get in the Christmas spirit than being out in the snow and skiing." The notoriously drama-ridden couple were on school vacation, as Pratt is studying political science at the University of Southern California. "It helped get us in the Christmas mode. It was the best trip ever," added Montag.

"This has been the best year of my life, and I'm very excited to see what 2012 is going to hold."

How do you make a ski trip romantic?

Cupid's Advice:

Ski trips can either be an intense sporting event or a relaxing romantic getaway, depending on your mood and actions.

Cupid has some way to get the romantic sparks flying:

1. Warm up by the fire: The best part about a couples ski trip is getting cozy by the fire after a long day of weathering the cold. Grab a blanket, and snuggle up next to your partner.

2. Hold hands on the way up: The chair lift ride is a great time to bond with your significant other. Hold hands and partake in the scenery below.

3. Share a kiss on top: Once you make it to the top of the mountain, share a quick smooch before heading back down. Take a look at the rolling hills beyond you, and briefly enjoy the moment together.

How did you make your ski trip more romantic? Share your experiences below.

How to Handle Your Crazy In-Laws Over the Holidays



By Evan Fischer

While Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries may no longer have to worry about dealing with the in-laws, there are plenty of newlyweds out there facing the first real test of their matrimonial commitment this holiday season: meeting their new family members. For Jerry O'Connell and Rebecca Romijn, who recently renewed their vows, this will be old hat. But celebrity couples like Wills and Kate and Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert will find themselves in the same boat as every other newly joined couple in the world; facing the uncertainty of several days trapped with their in-laws. The good news is that there's no need for stress. By following just a few simple guidelines, newlyweds everywhere can have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday, even if the in-laws are a little bit crazy. Here's how:

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1. Offer to help: The best way to get in good with the in-laws is to offer assistance here and there. Your mother-in-law may not want you in the kitchen while she's cooking, but perhaps she'll let you watch her make her special recipe (no doubt she'll be flattered by your interest). And you can always offer to set the table, wash some dishes or otherwise make yourself useful. Don't be pushy, but offer frequently.

2. Clean up after yourself: Even if you're treated more like a guest than a member of the family, you need to be a responsible adult and try not to make more work for your hosts than necessary. This means picking up after yourself, doing your own laundry (towels included), washing dishes (or at least putting them in the dishwasher) and generally making an effort to leave a room just as neat as you found it.

3. Set aside "me" time: There's nothing wrong with taking a little time out for yourself, especially if it saves you from a meltdown. No matter what you do, there's going to be some pressure to perform for your new partner's family. So give yourself breaks here and there to decompress; take a bath, a nap or a walk to get away. And any time you can manage it, drag your new spouse along for some alone time.

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4. Participate: You've joined a new group, but you'll always be an outsider unless you integrate yourself. Even if you don't want to play board games, sing carols or look at family photo albums, be a sport. It will help you become a family member a lot faster than opting out.

5. Delegate "handling" responsibilities: This is a biggie, and it could just save your holiday. Each spouse needs to handle their own family, including making arrangements and dealing with any issues that arise. The person that approaches in-laws in an aggressive manner is going to be seen as an

interloper, so don't try to be dominant. You handle your family, and let your spouse handle the in-laws. Less stress over the holidays will greatly reduce your chance of winding up in relationship counseling in the New Year.

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Notoriously Private Couple Jessica Lange and Sam Shepard Have Split



Actress Jessica Lange and her partner of almost thirty years Sam Shepard kept ended their relationship. In fact, the couple, who kept their relationship very private, decided to split almost two years

ago, according to [People](#). “They both are pursuing independent lives,” says a source. A rep for Lange confirmed the split, but the *American Horror Story* actress has no further comment.

How do you keep your breakup from making a splash?

Cupid’s Advice:

Breakups can be dramatic, but if you can get out of a relationship without causing a scene, you’ll be better off in the long run and in the healing process. Cupid has some tips to keep your split low key:

1. Don’t tell everyone: Your business isn’t the world’s business. Once everyone knows, they’re going to want to put in their two cents, which will become overwhelming and annoying.

2. Wait: Take some time to figure out your own emotions and to face the reality of your new life without your partner, so that you’re ready to face family and friends once they find out.

3. Stay busy: Keep your routine as normal as possible, and get out of the house when you can. Don’t keep yourself cooped up wallowing, but instead embrace your new found independence.

How did you keep your breakup quiet? Share your comments below.

Russell Armstrong’s Exes

Accuse Taylor Armstrong of Being Heartless Post-Suicide



Taylor Armstrong, star of *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*, was recently widowed by the loss of her husband, Russell Armstrong, to suicide. After the fact, his ex-wife Barbara Fredrickson and his former fiancée Milette Fields say Taylor is being heartless and self-centered in the wake of his tragic death. Both women have children with Armstrong, and claim that Taylor was too busy to break the news to either of their families in person, who found out once the story hit the news. The reality star even failed to call Armstrong's mother to offer her sympathies. According to [RadarOnline](#), Barbara believes Taylor is hiding valuable belongings of Armstrong's on purpose, none of which she's offered as memoirs to his children, and is planning a tell-all about Armstrong's abuse.

How do you move on after you tragically lose your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Dealing with a spouse's death is often one of life's challenges, but it can be especially difficult when their death is sudden or tragic. Cupid has some tips to help you move on:

- 1. Grieve:** You've just lost your best friend and companion, so don't feel guilty taking as much time as you need to cry it out. Go through their belongings and pack away old things yourself to help with the mourning process.
- 2. Keep busy:** Maintain your regular schedule, and get out of the house often. Lean on your family and friends for support.
- 3. Let go:** This person will forever be in your heart and a part of your life, but you need to accept that they're gone. They would want you to move on, and keep living your life.

How did you cope with the loss of a loved one? Share your comments below.

Brad Goreski Shares Breakup Drama Details After Split With Rachel Zoe





On his new Bravo show, *It's a Brad, Brad World*, Brad Goreski admits he and ex-girlfriend Rachel Zoe are no longer on speaking terms. "We don't speak to each other. I would love to be able to speak with her," he said. According to [People](#), he has yet to meet her nine-month old son, Skylar, because he has "not been invited." Goreski said he has an "idea" of why he and his stylist are on bad terms. "I think I have conducted myself with honesty, with dignity and with grace," Goreski said. "And I will continue to do so no matter what is said about me."

How do you cope when your ex refuses to speak with you post-split?

Cupid's Advice:

Breakups are tough and avoiding each other is an easy way to help with the healing process. Cupid has some suggestions to help you accept this situation:

- 1. Carry on:** Just because you're not speaking with your ex, it doesn't mean your world stops. Take this time to prioritize your life and rebuild it.
- 2. Cut the cord:** You don't have to delete your ex's number or

defriend them on Facebook, but finding ways to distance yourself makes things easier.

3. Time: Like a lot of issues in relationships and breakups, in time you'll be able to accept the situation. Just be patient.

What did you do when your ex shut you out post-split? Share your experiences below.