

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.

Chaz Bono and Jennifer Elia Break Off Their Engagement





Despite news of their engagement earlier this year, Chaz Bono and his fiancée Jennifer Elia are no longer engaged or even together. Nevertheless, they appear to be amicable towards one another. According to [People](#), “They leave this relationship with great love, respect and affection towards one another,” and they ask that everyone “respect their privacy at this time.” Bono himself tweeted that he appreciated the fans concern and was doing “just fine” while remaining on “good terms” with his ex.

What are some ways to stay amicable after a split?

Cupid’s Advice:

After a breakup, there are no doubt hurt feelings that can often times turn into drama. Here are some ways to keep your split amicable:

- 1. Give each other space:** Allow your feelings a chance to solidify after the split. Give each other time and space before making any moves to continue a friendship.
- 2. Talk it out:** Does your ex *want* to be friends with you after the break up? Talk about why you want to be friends with your ex. Articulate reasons for continuing a relationship after the breakup. You may end up deciding it’s not a good idea

after all.

3. Be there for each other: Spend time with each other, but not too much time. Be sure that you don't fall into the old habits of your relationship, because that could become sticky territory.

What are some ways you stay amicable with an ex? Share your ideas below.

Engagement Rings of the Rich and Famous



By Nan Gibbons

If we're being honest with ourselves, we know that a 2 million dollar engagement ring probably isn't in our future. Although

you may not be able to afford a multi-million dollar rock, you can still channel inspiration from celebrities to choose a quality, stylish ring for your upcoming engagement. Your personal taste and style mixed with the splendor of celebrity rings will result in the perfect look for you. Here are some styles to consider:

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Classic Elegance

You can never go wrong with classic engagement rings. The timeless beauty of a studded band like Carrie Underwood's or a simple set of diamonds will always do the trick. Underwood's ring combines the style of a wedding ring with the sparkle of an engagement ring and makes for a pretty amazing result!

Standard rings with diamonds in the center of a plain band never fail to draw "oohs and aahs" from family and friends.

Vintage Charm

If you're drawn to the idea of a vintage ring, there are several ways you can work this angle. You can choose to go with an older style or base it off of family history. Prince William combined both of these tactics when he gave his then fiancé, Kate, the same ring his mother Diana wore when she was engaged. The gem had the splendor of an older style, plus the emotional value of family tradition. Going for an older style ring or re-purposing a family heirloom can be a great way to re-create the style of Kate's gorgeous ring.

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Bright and Colorful

Thinking outside the box and considering a less traditional ring is great for couples who enjoy being one-of-a-kind. For her recent engagement, Jessica Simpson was given a stunning

bright red ruby framed by two diamonds and set in a gold band. It looks much more unique than the standard, but still incorporates the classic timelessness of diamonds.

No matter what your style preference, there is a great and affordable ring with your name on it. Whether you prefer sparkly diamonds or colorful gems, you can use celebrity styles to inspire you in order to find the perfect ring for your budget.

Britney Spears and Jason Trawick Get Engaged



Britney Spears has had a turbulent few years. This month, however, she has a lot to celebrate. Aside from celebrating her 30th birthday, recent

reports have confirmed that the pop princess is now engaged to Jason Trawick. According to [People](#), Trawick proposed on his birthday Thursday night in Los Angeles. After giving him tons of birthday gifts and having cake together, Spears was surprised to get a surprise of her own in the form of a Neil Lane sparkly engagement ring. According to sources close to the couple, the two are very happy and have been talking about marriage for a while now.

What are some unique ways to celebrate a recent engagement?

Cupid's Advice: The holidays may be a time to celebrate, but an engagement can be just as much if not even more exciting. No matter if you are getting your friends and family together for a big party or just having a private celebration. Here's how to make it a festive occasion:

- 1. Vegas trip:** You don't have to get married in Vegas to have fun there with your spouse-to-be. Stay at the Bellagio, and watch the fountains burst into the night air together.
- 2. Show off the ring:** Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites provide you with the means to share pictures of your ring with everyone in your network instantly. Make them jealous.
- 3. Pop champagne:** A celebratory bottle of bubbly is perfect of either a romantic dinner for two or a large celebration.

How do you plan on celebrating your engagement? Share your ideas below.

Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum Have No Celebrity Wedding Plans Yet



The *Bachelorette* couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum, who got engaged last August during the reality TV show's finale, won't be saying their "I do's" anytime soon. The famous couple told UsMagazine.com that they haven't set a date for their celebrity wedding yet. Hebert is waiting to finish up school before tying the knot. The former *Bachelorette* star said that she and Rosenbaum are "looking forward to building our lives together. We really are best friends, [so] just being together is a lot to look forward to." Rosenbaum said that they "want to wait for the right time" before walking down the aisle.

Hebert and Rosenbaum are taking their time when it comes to picking a celebrity wedding date. What are the advantages of a long engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

Take a cue from this famous couple and know that there's nothing wrong with a long engagement! In fact, there are plenty of benefits to taking some time before you tie the knot. Cupid has a few reasons why:

1. Less stress: Getting married soon after your engagement means you have to plan an entire wedding – and fast. Take your time and enjoy planning out this special day in your relationship and love.

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2. Take your pick: With your extra time, you can be sure that you book the ideal locations for your wedding and reception. You can also gather all the ideal decorations to throw the perfect party!

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3. No doubts: While you and your fiancé spend some more time together as a soon-to-be-married couple, you'll have time to make sure they're the person you want to spend the rest of your life with.

Why did you like having a longer engagement? Share your comments below.

Rosie O'Donnell Proposed With \$100,000 Ring



Rosie O'Donnell has no problem splurging for her love. The talk show host, 49, told her audience on Monday that she was engaged to girlfriend Michelle Rounds, reports UsMagazine.com. O'Donnell reportedly spent \$100,000 for the engagement ring. "The cushion cut center diamond is approximately 4 carats, and since it's set in platinum, the diamond will be held more securely," said jewelry expert Michael O'Connor. "There may be additional significance to the fact that the center diamond is surrounded by 'rounds' set into a platinum collar."

How do you know what style of engagement ring to buy your soon-to-be spouse?

Cupid's Advice:

Picking out an engagement ring that suits your partner's personality can be difficult. Here are a few suggestions as to cut and style:

1. Solitaire: The most classic and timeless engagement ring is the solitaire. The solitaire has a single diamond set in a band of platinum, gold, white gold, or silver. If your partner is traditional and elegant, this is the way to go.

2. High-Carat diamond: If your partner is outgoing and charismatic, an engagement ring with a big, attention-grabbing diamond may be the correct choice. However, big diamonds of a high quality are extremely expensive. If you're facing tough economic times, consider cubic zirconia as an alternative to a diamond.

3. Brand name: If your partner loves fashion, a brand name ring may be her preferred choice. A ring from Tiffany & Co. or Cartier will be sure to please her.

How did you pick out your spouse's engagement ring? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Rep Denies Reports that Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber Are Engaged





Justin Bieber is not about to tie the knot. Rumors of Bieber's engagement to girlfriend Selena Gomez started circling Wednesday when the actress was photographed wearing a diamond ring, reports UsMagazine.com. Gomez's rep denied the rumor, stating, "She is not engaged." Gomez, 19, and Bieber, 17, were recently spotted in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico for a friend's wedding.

What are some ways to tell you and your partner are ready for marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people are ready for marriage, and others still have some growing up to do before they make it official. Cupid has some ways to tell your mate is set to say "I do":

- 1. You talk about your future:** If you and your partner find yourselves talking about wanting kids and buying a home, then it may be time to take the next step.
- 2. Your friends ask:** Many times close friends and family are able to see things that you can't. A close friend may get you thinking about tying the knot, so take their viewpoint into consideration.

3. You feel ready: If you feel as though you and your significant other will have a long and happy future, then consider marriage. If both of you desire marriage and a life together, then it's a clear choice.

How did you know when you and your spouse were ready for marriage? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Rosie O'Donnell Says She's Been Engaged for Months



Boy, can Rosie O'Donnell and Michelle Rounds keep a secret! The duo have been engaged for months now, but kept it from prying ears until Monday when O'Donnell announced the soon-to-be nuptials on *The Rosie Show*. According to [People](#), the usually outspoken

talk show host confessed on Tuesday that she has never been comfortable discussing her relationships. “You don’t want to become one of those celebrities that talks about their relationship ad nauseum and makes it into a fairy-tale thing, and then they go and have an affair with somebody,” joked O’Donnell. No matter what the reason may be, it’s out now: O’Donnell and Rounds are happily engaged.

What are some ways to tell family and friends that you’re engaged?

Cupid’s Advice:

Getting engaged is exciting, and telling your family and friends should be easy. Here’s how to do it with style:

1. Flash your diamond: We all know you’re proud of it, so wave your hands around in the faces of all your girlfriends until they notice. Point out random things around your apartment, and it won’t be long until your friends are swarming around admiring your newest prized possession.

2. Host a get-together: What better excuse is there to have your family and all of your closest friends over for dinner then to celebrate your new partnership? A dinner party or even just cocktails is the best way to make your debut as an engaged woman, and of course to show off that rock.

3. Blurt it out: When all else fails, and you can’t contain your excitement a second longer, just shout it out. Getting engaged is one of the happiest moments of your life, until you say “I do”, so why not tell those you care about?

How did you tell your family you were engaged? Share your stories below.

Kristin Cavallari Celebrates Re-Engagement With Friends



Reality TV

star Kristin Cavallari and NFL player Jay Cutler are engaged for a second time after their split in July. [People](#) reported that the starlet was gushing over her fiancé and showing off her ring (the same bling he presented her with for their first engagement) during dinner Friday evening at Union Restaurant & Lounge in Las Vegas where they dined with friends and business colleagues.

Is it OK to get back together with an ex?

Cupid's advice:

Go ahead and give him a second chance. Love is a powerful

feeling to forget, and if you think you're meant to be together, then don't give up. Cupid has some tips to make sure you're ready before you take a second shot at love:

1. Mutual decision: After breaking off an engagement, your feelings might be crushed. Make sure you and your partner are both over past negativity and ready to move on as a stronger couple.

2. Confidence: Both you and your partner are going to have to be incredibly confident in your love and trust for one another for this to work the second time around.

3. Change: There's a reason you broke up the first time, so make sure the problem has been resolved. You don't want to throw yourself back into the same problematic situation.

How did you know it was OK to get back together with your ex? Share your comments below.

Rosie O'Donnell Is Engaged to Michelle Rounds





Although it's been a while since they first met, Rosie O'Donnell and her now fiancé Michelle Rounds are on the right page. Their engagement was announced Monday during the commercials on O'Donnell's show, and her audience and her rep have now confirmed it, according to [People](#). She posted a picture of her future betrothed with the caption "love" on her Instagram page as well as a picture on her Twitter page with the caption reading, "happy – in love" Friday. The duo met at a Starbucks earlier this year. O'Donnell said she mistook Rounds to be a heterosexual, 28-year old woman. "It's fun and very exciting," O'Donnell said. "I did not expect it."

What are some unique ways to meet a new partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Bars and clubs aren't often the best ways to meet a partner. Cupid has some alternative suggestions:

- 1. Coffee shop:** Although buying a drink doesn't involve alcohol, the relaxed nature of a coffee shop creates a perfect atmosphere to approach someone to whom you're attracted too.
- 2. Underneath the mistletoe:** 'Tis the season! With the holidays quickly approaching, one of the many

winter festivities could give you an opportunity to find your own snow bunny. Go skiing, snowboarding, sledding and more.

3. Breaking a sweat: Most people don't expect to find someone while working out, which gives you an opportunity to be the exception to the rule and sweep someone off the elliptical.

How did you find your mate? Share your experiences below.

Sources Say Jason Trawick Is Ready to Pop the Question to Britney Spears



It's Britney Spears' birthday, and what better present can she receive than her long term boyfriend and former assistant Jason Trawick

proposing marriage to her? Well, according to sources, this very well may happen. "They've been talking about marriage for a long time, it would be surprising if they are not engaged by the end of the year," said the sources, according to [People](#). It's no secret that Britney Spears has had one crazy ride through life, but her shaved head days seem to be officially behind her.

What are ways to tell your boyfriend is getting ready to pop the question?

Cupid's Advice:

For many couples, marriage is the next exciting chapter in their lives. Before the wedding, however, comes the engagement, and before that comes popping the question.

Proposing marriage is probably the most angst-ridden thing a man (or sometimes woman) goes through. Here are some ways to tell that your partner is gearing up to ask for your hand in marriage:

1. He gets giddy around you: All of sudden your boyfriend has become somewhat shy around you. He says "I love you" more often and seems to need your affection. He's given up on the tough guy persona, and is now showing you a softer side that is more opened to PDA.

2. You spend more quality time together: Your guy seems to be spending more time with you. Forget about poker nights with the boys. He'd rather be in bed with you watching a rom-com.

3. He's planning for the future: You know how guys always say they live day by day, while girls tend to think about the long run? Well, now he has his calendar out and is planning Christmas with your parents. Gone out the days he had a commitment phobia.

How did you know your man was getting ready to pop the

question? Share your experiences below.

Heather Locklear and Jack Wagner Call Off Their Engagement



Their characters may have tied the knot on *Melrose* place a year ago, but Heather Locklear and Jack Wagner won't be heading to the alter anytime soon. According to [People](#), the couple have called off their engagement. The pair, who got engaged in August, had the full approval of Locklear's daughter, Ava. "Ava was so excited when we told her," said Locklear. "She hugged Jack, said congratulations, and she immediately wanted to see the ring. Then she ran and Facebooked her new stepbrother."

How do you know when it's time to call off an engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

When you're set to marry, it can be difficult to just call everything off ... especially after you've already told everyone about your wedding plans. Here are some ways to know it's time to say "no" to marriage:

1. Wedding plans have ceased: If you don't feel like planning your wedding and your partner feels the same way, it's probably a sign that neither of you are ready to tie the knot. It doesn't necessarily mean you have to break up, but there's no reason to rush into marriage right away.

2. You have doubts: Pay minor doubts no mind, as everyone has worries. But when you start having major doubts about the future of your relationship, it's time to start questioning why you're getting married in the first place.

3. You're not excited: Weddings are a joyous occasion and if you're not anxious for yours, that's not good. Sometimes peer pressure and family obligations can lead you into a marriage you're not ready for, so beware of that and stand your ground.

How did you know when to call off your engagement? Share your experiences below.

Rumor: Britney Spears Could Be Engaged After Her Tour

Ends



Apparently three times really may be the charm in this case. Britney Spears may be walking down the aisle with her boyfriend and manager, Jason Trawick. Rumor has it that when Spears wraps up her Femme Fatale tour, Trawick will finally pop the big question after years of dating. According to [RadarOnline](#), Spears is under a conservatorship, which simply means her father is in charge of her financial assets and well being. If Spears decides to get married, her father's lawyer will have to sign off on the union. Spears' family and two sons, Sean Preston and Jayden James, love Trawick and can't wait for him to join the family.

How do you know when to pop the question?

Cupid's Advice:

Proposing can be nerve racking, no matter how long you've been dating your partner. Fear of rejection and long time

commitment can put an engagement on hold. Here are some ways to know you're ready:

1. Family: If your family is crazy about your partner, then he or she is likely a keeper. Do either of you have children? If you have already begun to raise kids as a team, it might be time to make it official.

2. You find yourself looking at rings: Talking about marriage and kids is one thing, but actually window shopping or surfing the net for a ring may mean that your ready to take the next step in your relationship.

3. Commitment: An engagement means a commitment to each other, and the ring lets other men and women know that your partner is happily taken. Some couples decide to stay engaged and forget marriage, while others enjoy a long engagement before sealing the deal. Whatever you and your partner choose, if you're in love and ready to make a commitment, its time to pop the question.

When did you know it was time to ask, "will you marry me?"
Share your experiences below.

Zoe Saldana and Keith Britton Split After 11 Years





Even strong relationships can come to an end. *Avatar* star Zoe Saldana, 33, split from her fiancé, businessman Keith Britton, 35, reports [People](#). “[The couple] have amicably separated after 11 years,” said Saldana’s rep in a statement. The pair will continue their partnership in the website My Fashion Database. “Saldana and Britton remain committed business partners as co-founders of fashion resource MyFDB.com,” said the statement.

How do you rebuild independence after a long relationship ends?

Cupid’s Advice:

When a relationship strengthens over time, so does your dependence on your partner. Here are a few ways to rebuild your independence after a break up:

- 1. Take control of your money:** In long relationships, it’s not uncommon to have shared bank accounts and investments. Separating your funds from your partner’s is one of the quickest ways to reassert your independence.
- 2. Be wary of mutual friends:** After a long time with your partner, the two of you most likely have mutual friends. Though it can be disheartening, strictly sorting your friends

post-breakup will help you move on. Contact with mutual friends will only remind you of your ex.

3. Visit your family: One of the best ways to heal after a break-up is by visiting your friends and family. Those closest to you will help you remember how you were before your relationship and will also help you move forward.

Have you ever been through a break up with a longtime partner? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Jack Osbourne Admits His Baby-to-Be Wasn't Planned



Despite the surprise factor, 25-year-old Jack Osbourne and fiancée Lisa Stelly are thrilled to be expecting their first child together. Known for

his love of extreme sports, Osbourne has no problem curbing these activities once he is a father. He told Britain's *Star* magazine that he is "excited" for the baby and that he's "really happy about the whole thing." [RadarOnline](#) says that along with the excitement of the new baby is the possibility of a reality TV show for the blossoming household, much like *The Osbournes*, which originally brought Osbourne to fame.

How do you quickly adapt to the idea of having a baby?

Cupid's Advice:

Pregnancies aren't always planned, so it's often necessary to come to grips with the idea of having a baby quickly. Here are some things to consider:

1. Tell your family: Telling your family about your unplanned pregnancy can be difficult, but there are a myriad of benefits. They can be a valuable source of support when it comes to difficult decisions, can provide financial help, and may even go with you to your appointments.

2. Stay healthy: Be aware of necessary lifestyle changes such as the one Jack Osbourne plans to make for his baby. Make smart diet choices as well as smart physical choices. Avoid alcohol and dangerous movements.

3. Trust the professionals: When in doubt, there is no better advice given than that of your doctor. Make sure to have regular appointments with your doctor, and don't be afraid to ask them *any* questions you may have.

How would you handle an unexpected pregnancy? Share advice below.

Kaley Cuoco Is Engaged to Josh Resnik



Get set for a *Big*

Bang wedding! Kaley Cuoco, who stars on the award winning sitcom *The Big Bang Theory*, is getting married. The actress, 25, is engaged to addiction specialist, Josh 'Lazie' Resnik, her rep told [People](#). "The surprise proposal took place during a quiet date night at home," the rep said. "The couple are very excited to begin planning their wedding." Cuoco and Resnik have yet to set a date for their wedding.

What are some ways to make an at-home proposal special?

Cupid's Advice:

Just because you're not in front of a crowd doesn't mean an at-home proposal can't be just as memorable. Cupid has some tips:

1. Surprise your partner: Slide the ring on her finger while she's still sleeping, and wake her up with breakfast in bed (a rose in a vase along with the eggs couldn't hurt). She'll wonder why you're being so cute, and then you can point out the ring on her finger.

2. Be romantic: Every girl dreams of their own fairy tale moments, and now is your chance to make one of them come true. Make a trail of candles and rose petals throughout your home. First, lead her to a candle lit dinner for two that you spent hours preparing. For dessert, continue the path to your room and have notes along the way telling her how much you adore her. Once she's made it to your room, which should be the most romantic scene of all, be waiting for her in the doorway down on one knee.

3. Involve the family: Keep the gesture personal by proposing in front of her family. This is more intimate than popping the question in front of a crowd of strangers, and this way she still gets to steal the spotlight. She will love showing off her new bling, and it's a great way to surprise the family as well.

Do you have ideas to share? Share your comments below.

Frankie Muniz Is Engaged to Longtime Girlfriend





After a tumultuous four years together, Frankie Muniz and his girlfriend, publicist Elycia Turnbow are engaged! The young couple excitedly shared the good news through their respective Twitter accounts. “...Im so happy to be ENGAGED to the love of my life @ElyciaMarie!!!” Muniz tweeted on Saturday. The couple have gone through their ups and downs, especially this past year when police were called to their home to investigate a domestic violence claim. According to Muniz’s rep, [*People*](#) reports, “It was a situation that escalated beyond a point that it needed to be.” Hopefully the two can put everything behind them and start fresh with this next chapter in their relationship.

If your partner attacks you once, are they likely to do it again?

Cupid’s Advice:

It’s important to get your partner the necessary help if they do ever attack you. A situation such as this should not be ignored, because it can always happen again. Here are some things to keep in mind:

1. Counseling: Speaking with a professional therapist should be an option for both you and your partner. Therapy can help

determine the source of the anger that led to the violent situation.

2. Communication: Instead of using your hands or objects to express your feelings, make it a priority to walk away if you feel the urge to get physical.

3. Other anger outlets: If anger is a problem for you or your partner, find other outlets to release stress such as going to the gym, running or something healthy that will calm you down.

How do you avoid violent situations with your partner? Let us know below.

Jack Osbourne Announces Engagement and Soon-to-Be Fatherhood





Newly engaged Jack Osbourne, son of Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne, is about to be a father. Osbourne shared the news less than two weeks after he confirmed his engagement to actress Lisa Stelly, reports [People](#). “I’m excited,” said Osbourne on *Piers Morgan Tonight*. “I’m a little nervous.”

How do you balance an impending marriage and soon-to-be parenthood?

Cupid’s Advice:

Though both wedding planning and pregnancy are exhausting, it is possible to balance both. Here are a few suggestions:

- 1. Enlist help:** Planning a wedding is difficult even for people who aren’t pregnant. If a wedding planner is outside the budget, rely on your bridesmaids or phone a close friend for some extra help.
- 2. Remember your schedule:** If you’re planning on getting married while pregnant, make sure to keep your biological calendar in mind. For example, don’t buy a wedding dress that will soon be too small.
- 3. Take it one step at a time:** If planning the wedding is too

stressful or if you're having a rough pregnancy, it's okay to put the wedding on hold. Extend your engagement and wait for a time when you're feeling up to the task.

Were you pregnant at your wedding? Feel free to share your story below!

Elizabeth Hurley Is Engaged



Model and actress, Elizabeth Hurley, who has most recently appeared in *Gossip Girl*, is now happily engaged to Australian cricket player, Shane Warne. After dating for 10 months, according to UsMagazine.com, Warne proposed to Hurley with a huge sapphire ring at the Old Course Hotel in Scotland Friday during a romantic dinner at the hotel's Road Hole Restaurant.

Is it important to get down on one knee when you propose?

Cupid's Advice:

Every engagement should be as unique as the people forming a union. Therefore, there's no exact formula to the perfect engagement. Here are some non-traditional ways to propose that don't involve getting down on one knee:

1. While skydiving: For some extreme couples, it might be more meaningful to pop the question mid-air directly after jumping out of a plane together.

2. Spur of the moment: Spontaneous acts can be very romantic. Try proposing to your partner while walking by a jewelry store and allow them to pick out the perfect ring right then and there.

3. During dessert: It has becoming very common to propose by making arrangements with the restaurant in advance to bring out a ring with your partner's dessert. It's sweet and romantic, but isn't too overly traditional.

Would you be upset if your partner didn't get down on one knee to propose? Share your thoughts below.

Eva Longoria Is Opposed to Long Engagements





Eva Longoria is speaking out against long engagements. The *Desperate Housewives* actress says, "I never believe in long engagements.

People think engagement is another step. It's not another step. You're single and then you're married. The engagement is the planning part." She goes on to say that if she were the bride, she'd be like, "All right, let's get going."

Although Longoria's three-year marriage to Tony Parker ended in January 2011 after rumors of an affair on his part, she has found happiness again with Eduardo Cruz. When asked if she would consider marrying again, she said, "I'm not opposed to it, I just don't really give it a lot of thought right now."

Well, here's to the happy couple!

What are the benefits of a short engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people choose to have short engagements (like Tara Reid), while others choose to ride it out for years (like Brooke Burke). Let's take a look at the benefits to the Tara Reid school of thought:

1. Less time to worry: The lead-up to a wedding can cause a lot of stress. With a short-term engagement, it may still be a lot of stress packed into a small amount of time ... but

before you know it, it's over.

2. You get what you want more quickly: The reason you get engaged is most likely because you're ready to spend your life with the person you said "yes" to or to whom you proposed. By not prolonging the engagement, it's more of an instant gratification.

3. No second guessing wedding plans: Sometimes having more time to plan your nuptials is not exactly a blessing. As the clock keeps ticking, you have more time to change your mind about things that were already set in stone months ago. It can cause a lot of work and chaos.

What are some other benefits to a short engagement? Share your thoughts below.

Nick Jonas and Delta Goodrem Pack on PDA in Cabos





Speculators say the purity ring could be a thing of the past for Nick Jonas. The 18-year old star was seen with girlfriend Delta Goodrem sharing beach chairs and holding each other intimately in Los Cabos over Labor Day weekend, according to UsMagazine.com. In addition to the sexy vacation, Jonas tweeted a message causing some to suspect an impending engagement. “I’m getting so excited about sharing my big news with all of you!” he said. “Who thinks they know what it is?” The two were first seen holding hands in May.

What are ways to bond with your partner on vacation?

Cupid’s Advice:

It doesn’t matter where you go on vacation, as the most important thing is to spend time with your partner. Here are some suggestions:

1. Try something new: Enjoy vacation by doing things you wouldn’t normally do. Part of being away is letting go of the daily grind. For example, go skydiving or bungee jumping with your partner.

2. Make time for simple pleasures: Do things with your lover you usually don’t have time for, such as cuddling in the

mornings.

3. No idiot box: Try not to just watch TV together while on a trip. Instead, relight that spark by spending quality time swimming in the pool or cuddling in the hot tub.

How did you bond on your latest vacation with your partner? Share your experiences below.

‘Big Brother’ Star Will Kirby Is Engaged



Another reality star has decided to tie the knot. [People](#) reports that *Big Brother* season 2 winner, Will Kirby proposed on Tuesday to his longtime girlfriend, *For Love or Money* champ Erin Brodie. Kirby popped the question at Brodie's favorite restaurant, a

romantic venue by the sea. “I’m so fortunate to be in a relationship with Erin,” Kirby said. “I’m thrilled to now open the next chapter of our lives together.” **What are some romantic proposal ideas? Cupid’s Advice:**

Brainstorming ideas for a truly unique and romantic proposal can be difficult. Here are a few suggestions:

1. A place with a view: Try taking your proposal to new heights. Propose during a hot-air balloon ride or on a mountainous scenic route. The view will be breathtaking and unforgettable.

2. The place of your first date: Try taking you partner back to the place where the two of you had your first date. The venue will amuse your partner and will serve as a welcome reminder of how far the two of you have come as a couple.

3. Candle-lit dinner: There’s a reason why the stereotypical, candle-lit dinner has become cliché. It works. While the classic idea is perfect on its own, try adding your own twist by ordering your favorite foods or dining in your favorite town.

Have you heard any romantic proposal ideas or have you accepted any romantic proposals? Feel free to share a comment below!

Jessica Simpson’s Best Friend Cacee Cobb Is Engaged



It seems like Jessica Simpson won't be the only one heading down the aisle soon. [RadarOnline](#) reported that the singer's best friend Cacee Cobb is engaged to her longtime boyfriend Donald Faison. The excited groom tweeted, "If you like it you better put a Ring on it. – Beyonce." Cobb responded with, "If she likes it then she better say YES!!" Faison revealed his feelings for Cobb in an interview last November. "I'm sure I know in my heart I love her and I definitely want to be with her forever, but sometimes you throw marriage in situation and it ruins everything," he told Vibe.com. Fortunately, he got over his fear and proposed to his girlfriend of nearly six years.

How do you support your best friend with wedding plans?

Cupid's Advice:

Since a wedding day is one of the most important days in a woman's life, your best friend will count on you to support her throughout the planning process. Here are three ways to do so:

1. Support: Assist her in finding the perfect dress and organizing the ceremony and reception. Celebrate with her at the bachelorette party and bridal shower.

2. Ceremony: Help her get dressed and ensure that she looks elegant. Give her a reassuring grin whenever she glances your way.

3. Reception: Stay until the very end to assist your best friend with anything she needs.

What are some other ways to support your best friend with wedding plans? Share your thoughts below.

Tara Reid: Engaged and Married All In One Day





Just hours after tweeting that she “just got engaged,” Tara Reid tied the knot with her fiancé Zack Kehayov in Greece on Saturday. UsMagazine.com reported that the *American Reunion* actress recently split from her boyfriend Michael Lilleun. She was also previously engaged to Internet entrepreneur Michael Axtmann, but called it off in April 2010. Even further back, she was engaged to Carson Daly – *The Voice* host – and they ended their relationship in June 2001. Things might be happening very quickly for Reid, but we wish her all the best.

What are the advantages to eloping?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings are expensive and can be stressful to plan. Here is why Cupid thinks eloping can be the best decision for you:

1. Cost: Couples who elope will pay a nominal fee compared to those who have a wedding. Marriage licenses range from \$10 (Colorado) to \$100 (Minnesota). Your other expenses will only be your outfit, transportation and lodging.

2. No stress: Planning a wedding is stressful. If you elope, you won't be overwhelmed because all you have to plan is when and where you want to marry the one you love.

3. Avoid drama: If your parents object to the marriage, then avoid the drama the wedding will cause. By eloping, you'll have a simpler ceremony and won't have to deal with people who don't support you both.

Do you think it's a good idea for couples to elope? Let us know about your thoughts by commenting below.