

# Kristin Cavallari and Jay Cutler Are Engaged



Former *Laguna Beach*

star Kristin Cavallari has found her happy ending with boyfriend Jay Cutler, [People](#) reports. Cavallari and the Chicago Bears quarterback, who have been dating since last fall, got engaged during a weekend getaway to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. A source close to the couple says, “He surprised her with a quick trip to Cabo to ask her to marry him.”

**Where are some unique locations to propose?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

When you feel ready to pop the question, it's best to do it somewhere special. Cupid has some ideas on unique places to get engaged:

**1. On the beach:** Take your mate on a surprise trip to a tropical locale, like Jay Cutler did for Kristin Cavallari.

You and your partner will never forget the sun setting on the water.

**2. On a mountain:** If you want to propose in a memorable location, climb to the top of a mountain. You'll feel like you're on top of the world (literally). Plus, it'll make for a great post-engagement photo op!

**3. Where you met:** Whether you first laid eyes on your honey on top of the Empire State Building or in a supermarket, revisit that place to propose. It will remind you of the magic you felt when you first met.

Got any creative proposal ideas? Share them below.

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## Facebook Founding President Sean Parker Is Engaged





Facebook co-president Sean Parker is engaged, reports [People](#). Parker's rep confirmed that the Napster co-founder proposed to long-time girlfriend Alexandra Lenas, a singer/songwriter from New York.

**How do you make sure work doesn't get in the way of your relationship?**

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

Balancing your personal life and your career is a task not even the most experienced workers have yet been able to master. Here are a few ways to make sure you have equal time for both:

- 1. Set aside time:** You should make a little bit of time for your partner every day. Even if the time allotted is as little as an hour, your partner will appreciate that you feel your relationship is as important as your work.
- 2. Plan date nights:** Even if you've been overloaded at work, that shouldn't stop you from planning nights that are dedicated completely to your relationship. Abandon your work for an evening and go out to dinner.
- 3. Make it up:** If you're overwhelmed with work on a certain

night and have no time for your partner, make it up to him or her. Send her roses the next day or take her to dinner the next night.

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## Hugh Hefner and Crystal Harris Get Close at Lingerie Party



*Playboy* founder Hugh Hefner and his much-younger fiancée Crystal Harris were caught huddling close all night at the *Playboy* Golf Lingerie and Pajama Party at the *Playboy* Mansion in L.A. last week, according to [People](#). The duo “looked smitten,” according to a source at the party with them. Hefner, the 85-year-old husband-to-be, also received a life-sized birthday card from *Playboy* Golf CEO Ajay Pathak.

## Does age matter when it comes to marriage?

### Cupid's Advice:

Cupid tends to think that age in itself doesn't matter, but there are some things to consider before entering into a relationship with someone significantly older or younger than yourself:

- 1. Different generations:** If you and your partner were born in different generations, you grew up with different commonly held beliefs. Make sure you're on the same wavelength morally before you get too serious.
- 2. Think longterm:** Think about whether you want to have kids and what your age difference means in that situation. Will your spouse have enough energy to put into raising a child?
- 3. Energy levels:** Someone younger might have a lot more energy for activities and outings than someone older. If your partner is much older than you, are you willing to deal with those limitations?

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## LeAnn Rimes and Brandi Glanville End Feud Over Eddie Cibrian





The ongoing internet feud between country crooner LeAnn Rimes and her fiance Eddie Cibrian's ex wife Brandi Glanville is over, reports [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). Rimes has been accused of creating a fake Twitter account and cyber bullying Glanville, but both women are denying any harassment has taken place. "We have communicated and have a direct understanding that we are only ourselves on Twitter and have no other accounts that try to destroy one another," Rimes tweeted.

### **Should you be concerned about your partner's ex?**

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

Your partner is with you for a reason. Always remember, you were chosen over everyone else:

**1. Underlying issues:** If you're self-conscious about your love life for some reason or you began to date your partner while he was still connected to an ex, this can cause issues. Sometimes you should just ignore the past and focus on the present.

**2. Over the line:** Does your partner's ex continuously step over the line? If the ex in question continues to make themselves known in an unwanted situation, speak up and tell him or her how you feel.

**3. You're naive:** If your partner's ex is still around because your partner is keeping them around, perhaps you should look into this. Is your partner being 100% honest with you about letting his ex down slowly and carefully? A breakup takes one conversation, not three weeks.

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## Paris Hilton and Boyfriend Cy Waits Shop for Engagement Rings



Paris Hilton and boyfriend Cy Waits may soon be getting engaged, reports [People](#). The couple were spotted shopping at Jacob & Co. jewelry store in New York City on Friday. "They shopped for engagement rings," says a source. "They were really cute together. Paris was making comments about the rings and

joking that her ring has to be at least 24 carats.” While the pair did not leave the store with an engagement ring, Hilton did “[walk] out sporting a \$25,000 white gold and black diamond ring.” Hilton’s rep later revealed, “The couple were shopping in New York looking for something special for Paris’s 30th Birthday.”

**How can you tell when your mate is about to propose?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

While most women are surprised when their partner pops the question, some are ready and well-prepared. Here are a few ways you can tell when your man is about to propose:

**1. He asks your opinion:** When he casually asks for your opinion on restaurants or even on jewelry, it may be a sign that he’s about to pop the question. He could be on a mission to find a special setting and the perfect ring.

**2. Your rings are missing:** If you find one of your rings missing one day, don’t panic. Chances are, he’s taking the ring to a jeweler in order to find an engagement ring that will fit your finger correctly.

**3. His behavior changes:** If your partner is about to propose to you, he’s probably extremely nervous, excited or both. You may be able to pick up on his changing behavior and mood swings.

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**Former ‘Idol’ Star Scott**



# MacIntyre is Engaged



Former *American Idol*

Season 8 contestant Scott MacIntyre has found “the one.” MacIntyre and his fiancée, Christina Teich, plan to wed later this year, the singer’s rep confirmed to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). The couple will make their first public appearance at the Season 10 *American Idol* Top 24 party, which will be held February 24 in Hollywood.

**Where should you go public as a couple?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Now that you’re an official couple, you shouldn’t worry about where you can be seen together. There are endless options, and you should embrace them. Cupid has a few suggestions:

**1. Wedding:** Is one of your relatives on the way to getting married? Take your significant other to the wedding as your date. This is one of the best way for your partner to get acquainted with the relatives she or he hasn’t met yet.

**2. Private parties:** If you're part of an exclusive organization that will hold a private event soon, invite your partner to attend the party with you.

**3. Events:** Wait for a special occasion, whether that ends up being your friend's birthday, a holiday, a festival or a concert. You'll remember the day you announced your relationship even more if it's in a special location.

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## Former 'Jersey Shore' Star Angelina Pivarnick Is Engaged



Let's do a fist pump for a *Jersey Shore* engagement! Angela Pivarnick is officially engaged, following her boyfriend David Kovac's very public proposal on the red carpet outside of STYLE360 Sachika's fashion show Wednesday. "She was completely surprised [and

said], ‘Are you serious?’ She looked really happy and shocked,” an onlooker told [People](#).

## **Should you propose at a public event?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Proposing in a public setting generally has two outcomes – successfully romantic or embarrassing rejection. The best proposal settings tend to have a tie to your relationship. Here are some things to consider when planning your proposal:

**1. Avoid clichés:** Instead of sticking with the old ‘romantic candlelit dinner, flowers and hiding the ring in champagne’ routine, make it unique and personal. Take your mate to the restaurant where you had your first date or your first kiss. Something that holds significance to your partner shows thought.

**2. A romantic strikeout:** Unless you plan on running across Wrigley Field or standing on the 50-yard line of Ohio Stadium, don’t take a cue from the Jared commercial by proposing during a sporting event. It’s unoriginal and the last thing you need are crazy fans surrounding your special moment.

**3. Make sure it’s right:** Don’t make the move if you have doubts. Proposing is a big step in a relationship, and it’s important that you have no doubts.

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# **Vanessa Minnillo and Nick**

# Lachey Are Savoring Engagement



After getting engaged, most couples practically race down the aisle like there's a finish line at the end. That's not the case for soon-to-be married couple Vanessa Minnillo and Nick Lachey. Minnillo, 30, and Lachey, 36, are savoring their engagement. According to [People](#), the two were engaged in November and have been enjoying it ever since. "We're enjoying being engaged," Minnillo says. "Everyone rushes to the next step and I like this step. I'm in love and we're happy, so when it comes and it happens organically I will welcome it with open arms."

**How long should you be engaged before marriage?**

Cupid's Advice:

Although most couples believe that sooner is better, Vanessa Minnillo and Nick Lachey are proof that taking the engagement process slow is very rewarding. Cupid has a few good things

that can come out of waiting:

**1. Growing comfortable:** Being engaged really puts a relationship into perspective, and it's a great way to tell whether or not you're truly ready to commit to this person forever. Waiting will not only help you both become more comfortable and sure of your decision, but it can give you some time to ease into the transition from engagement to marriage.

**2. Making decisions:** Taking your time with wedding arrangements will give you and your fiance not only more time to make your own decisions, but also to come together and find a common ground on your perfect wedding. The longer you wait, the less stressful the planning becomes!

**3. Right time:** Many couples make the mistake of getting married right away without thinking about the rest of their priorities. Give yourselves sometime to finish school, or wait until your jobs are less hectic before you request time off. Wedding stress becomes a lot less scary when it's the only thing you have to worry about.

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## 'Idol' Contestant Chris Medina Shares Story of Fiancee's Brain Injury





How much would you sacrifice if your partner got ill? The millions of people watching *American Idol* Wednesday night had to consider that question after watching Chris Medina's touching story. *People* reports that when 26-year-old Medina auditioned for the judges in Milwaukee, he told the story of how he and the love of his life, Juliana, dated for six years and got engaged. Then two months before the wedding, everything changed when Juliana got in an accident that left her with a traumatic brain injury.

"I was about to make vows just two months from the accident – through thick and thin, 'til death do us part, for better or worse," he said. "What kind of guy would I be if I walked out when she needed me the most?"

**Should you sacrifice aspects of your life for your partner's illness?**

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

An illness or injury will test even the strongest relationship. Cupid has some advice on how much you should sacrifice when your partner goes through a trauma:

**1. Respect the vows:** Like Chris Medina said, when you get married, you make a vow to be there for each other "in sickness and in health, 'til death do us part." Your partner's illness gives you an opportunity to show how much

those vows mean to you.

**2. Get help:** Don't go through this experience alone. If your mate needs care, make sure you ask for help from family, friends and professionals instead of taking it all on yourself.

**3. Don't sacrifice everything:** Your partner would probably want you to go out and enjoy life instead of worrying about him or her constantly. Take time for yourself once in awhile.

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## Kate Hudson Talks Pregnancy and Engagement Rumors



Actress Kate

Hudson's pregnancy is igniting many rumors, most of which are absurdly untrue, reports UsMagazine.com. While on the England-based talk show *The Graham Norton Show*, Hudson

effectively debunked several rumors. She revealed that while she is pregnant with boyfriend Matt Bellamy's child, she's not engaged to him. When asked about the possibility of a marriage, she replied, "I don't like putting that sort of pressure on it and I don't feel it necessary to get married." The actress went on to explain, "I just want to be happy."

## **Is getting married unnecessary pressure to a relationship?**

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

Many feel that a relationship is only worthwhile if it results in marriage. However, more and more people are finding this untrue. Before you begin to stress over a dead-end relationship, consider the following factors:

- 1. Don't rush:** Your relationship will pan out in its own time. Even if it seems to have a long way to go before marriage enters into the equation, have no fear.
- 2. Think things through:** Before you sprint to the altar, think about the reasoning behind your decision. Do you want to marry to please others, or is it really what *you* want? Marriage is life-changing, so take it seriously.
- 3. Your happiness:** Ultimately, the point of marriage is for the couple in love to be happy together. If you and your partner are happy already and you don't think marriage will enhance it, it's totally fine to keep things the way they are.

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## **Bride-to-Be Reese Witherspoon**



# Focuses on Upcoming Wedding



Wedding bells are ringing for Reese Witherspoon! After a divorce from her ex-husband, Ryan Phillippe, the actress is now engaged to Hollywood agent, Jim Toth. In fact, she recently went wedding shopping in Paris with three of her girlfriends and a source says that she's thrilled about starting a new life with her fiancé. "He's a grown-up who's really ready to take the next step," says Witherspoon's friend. "He's a family-oriented guy, and that's all she ever wanted."

**How do you know if your partner is family-oriented?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Now that you've fallen in love, you're ready to settle down. But how do you know your partner is family-oriented? Cupid has some telling signs:

**1. Family time:** Your future spouse has a close relationship with his or her family and enjoys spending quality time with yours.

**2. Interactive:** Does your fiancé like interacting with children? If so, this is an indication that your significant other more than likely has a soft spot for children and may want some of his or her own.

**3. Children:** He or she has openly talked about having children and building a family with you.

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## Jennifer Love Hewitt Picks Out Three Wedding Rings



Jennifer Love Hewitt is making it really easy for her boyfriend to propose by picking out three engagement rings for him to choose from.

The 31-year-old actress has been dating Chicago actor and director Alex Beh for seven months, and things must be going well for the couple. Hewitt told Ellen Degeneres that she found the rings at Tiffany's, according to *People*. "I feel like I'm doing the guy a favor. I don't want to be upset if he picks a bad ring, so I feel like having three picked out and saying, 'Look! Look at this plethora of things you can choose from!'"

**What are ways to make sure your groom-to-be picks out the right ring?**

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

Getting engaged is exciting, but getting engaged with the right ring? Perfect. Cupid has some tips on how to make sure your mate proposes with the right rock:

**1. Drop hints:** If you want him to shop at a certain store, get him on the mailing list or rip out ads from the store and put them where he'll find them. He should get the hint eventually.

**2. Use a celebrity example:** Pick up a copy of *People* and point out a particular celebrity's engagement ring as beautiful. Giving him an idea of the style and design you want will help guide him when picking out a ring.

**3. Have breakfast at Tiffany's:** If you are really picky and know exactly the ring you want, tell your man that when he proposes, you'd love to be able to pick out the ring yourself. Being proposed to in Tiffany's with your choice of ring is also very romantic (see: *Sweet Home Alabama*).

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# Jessica Simpson Talks Up Eric Johnson's 'Perfect Tush'



Jessica Simpson isn't shy about letting her fans in on the details to what she finds attractive in her fiancé, Eric Johnson, according to UsMagazine.com. In fact, Simpson tweeted on Saturday, "Saying my prayers before bedtime...Thank you Lord for blessing me with a Man that has the perfect Tush." This isn't the first time Simpson has made a public declaration about her love and attraction to free agent Johnson. The duo have been captured in the past locking lips in Italy as well as licking frosting off of each other's faces.

**Are physical attributes important in a partner?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

The rules of attraction are vague, as people have their own preferences. Sometimes we don't like to admit that our boyfriends won us over initially with their looks (and then

later his personality), but there may be more to it than just an easy pair of eyes:

**1. It's all science:** While we may swoon for a man with a strong jaw, what our subconscious is seeing is a man with good genes who is a potential mate. Even though we think we're choosing our partners, our primal instincts may really be running the show.

**2. It's not just looks:** Sometimes after you've been in a relationship for awhile you sit and joke with your girlfriends about how you landed your flame. Pheromones, or a subtle scent that every person emits like a perfume, can attract you to your match more than looks alone.

**3. Physical attraction is important:** No matter the reason, there's no denying that you need to be physically attracted to your partner in order to be in a successful relationship. As long as you like him for more than his good looks, that's all that matters. That said, there's nothing wrong with appreciating his assets!

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## Jason Mraz Won't Marry Until Gay Marriage is Legal





Singer Jason Mraz may have proposed to his fiancée, Tristan Prettyman, in December, but he doesn't see a marriage in the new future, according to UsMagazine.com. At Elton John's Concert to Benefit the American Foundation for Equal Rights, Mraz explained the reason for his long engagement. "The wedding would be nice for our family, our friends, our community – our moms especially – and so it puts us in the fight," said Mraz. "We can't get married until [gay] marriage is legal and equal...I think giving people the right to marry will be a huge movement in civil rights."

## **What are some reasons to prolong your engagement?**

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

It's perfectly acceptable to delay your rush to the altar. If a too-soon marriage is causing strife, then consider a long engagement. Here are a few reasons to prolong your engagement:

- 1. Career issues:** Planning a wedding is a lot of work. If you or your partner are facing a stressful time at work, then consider waiting for your careers to settle down before tying the knot.
- 2. Last minute details:** In many relationships, especially

long-distance relationships, there are many final details to work out. Living arrangements, career changes and relocation are only a few of the issues facing engaged couples.

**3. Not being ready:** There's no room for second thoughts. If you're not sure you're prepared to make it official, there's no harm in waiting. You've already found 'the one,' so the pressure's off.

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## Jesse James and Kat Von D Are Engaged



It's wedding bells for one of the most controversial couples in Hollywood: Jesse James and Kat Von D have announced their engagement. James and now ex-wife Sandra Bullock split in June after news of his multiple affairs surfaced. The motorcycle mogul, who began

dating Kat Von D shortly after the divorce, professed his love for his fiancée to *People*. “You know sometimes the public and press gets it wrong. This is one of those times. 2010 was actually the best year of my life because I fell in love with my best friend. An amazing woman who stood behind me when the world turned their backs.”

**How do you know when someone is truly committed?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

It can be tough to tell if the person you’re dating is planning on being in the relationship for the long haul.

Cupid has some ideas and how to tell if he’s truly committed:

- 1. There for you:** When the going gets tough, and your partner stands by you in a time of crisis, it’s safe to say he’s not a flight risk.
- 2. All about PDA:** If your mate isn’t afraid to sing your praises in front of anyone and everyone, it’s more than likely true love.
- 3. Don’t care what people think:** When it comes to your relationship, sometimes there will be naysayers. If your partner doesn’t seem to care about the critics, he’s there for the count.

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## **Rick Fox and Eliza Dushku Discuss a Future Marriage**





*Dancing With the*

*Stars* alum and former NBA star Rick Fox admits that he too may soon be joining the ranks of the newly engaged this winter season. Fox, 41, recently told *UsMagazine.com* that he and partner Eliza Dushku, 30, are thinking about getting married. "I hear [wedding bells] now," explained Fox. "We've been honest about that conversation, and we've had it." However, the basketball star-turned-actor still has some reservations concerning marriage. "I've failed in marriage before, and this will be her first marriage...so we want to make sure the foundation is laid in a responsible way where communication is had about what she wants from life as a woman – whether she wants to have kids or go back to school – whatever she wants to do."

**What are some things to consider before getting married?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Getting married is one of the most life-changing decisions you can ever make, and before you jump into such a huge commitment

it's important to think about every aspect of your relationship. Here are just a few things to consider:

**1. Similar goals:** Be sure that you and your partner both wish for the same things in life, like children and a house by the beach. If you have different goals, then you'll never be able to fully cooperate.

**2. Your feelings:** Ask yourself if your current partner is "the one." Make sure that your feelings are the deepest you've ever felt, and that you feel confident and happy in your decision to spend the rest of your life with that person.

**3. Readiness:** Make sure that both you and your partner are at peace with all of your past relationships. Feeling jaded or torn up over a previous breakup will only hurt your chances of making your current relationship work.

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## 'Black Swan' Actress Natalie Portman Prefers a Friend with Benefits





While Natalie Portman still hasn't publicly spoken about her new fiancé (and new baby bump), *People* reports that she recently opened up about what she wants in a partner in the new issue of *InStyle*. "I look for all the same things I would in a friend... Obviously, you need the sexual attraction, too, so it's like your best friend who you are also really attracted to." Portman is engaged to French choreographer and actor Benjamin Millepied, who she met on the set of her new movie *Black Swan*. The two are expecting their first child later this year.

**How important is it to be best friends with your partner?**

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

Plenty of romantic relationships blossom out of friendships. Cupid has some ideas on why your significant other should also be your best friend:

**1. Get to know each other better:** Friends often get to know each other on a deeper level than lovers do, because there's no pressure. Being best friends with your mate will make your relationship even more intimate.

**2. Build a foundation of friendship:** When the honeymoon phase is over and the romance wears off, you still have your best

friend. Physical attraction is important, but if you want to grow old with your partner, make sure you're friends first.

**3. Keep your other friends:** While it's important that you and your significant other are friends, make sure he's not your only one. It's important to have a social life outside of your partner.

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## 'The Bachelorette' Star Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez to Wed in 2011



When it comes to Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez's relationship, what *Bachelorette* host Chris Harrison loves the most, "is that they're living their lives." According to *People*, Fedotowsky

recently began a gig as a correspondent for the local Fox station in San Diego. Her groom-to-be has opened a new office for his insurance business as well. Friend and former *Bachelorette* bachelor Kiptyn Locke suggested, "It's important to be away for a while and get to know each other so then when you go do those things, it's all real." With things going so well, it doesn't seem that a 2011 wedding will surprise anyone.

## **What should you know about your partner before getting married?**

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

While you might feel that you know everything there is to know about your partner, it doesn't hurt to ask a few additional questions. Cupid's got three topics to discuss before tying the knot:

**1. Skeletons in the closet:** Nicole Kidman had to deal with Keith Urban's addictions early on in their marriage. Having a past isn't something to be ashamed of, so ask your partner to be honest with you.

**2. Finances:** While commercials for [freecreditscore.com](http://freecreditscore.com) might sing about extreme financial sorrows, they aren't kidding! No one enjoys talking about their financial situation, but rather than let this become an obstacle after you've walked down the aisle, get it over with now.

**3. Home sweet home:** If you or your partner are currently living separately, discuss where you plan to live after getting married. Jobs, family and the economy can affect possible locations your partner will consider living.

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# Kate Middleton Attends Wedding with Future In-Laws



This weekend, Kate Middleton got to know her future royal family a little better at the wedding of a close friend of her fiancé, Prince William. *People* reports that Middleton and Prince William joined Prince Harry, Princess Beatrice and Middleton's future in-laws at the wedding of Harry Aubrey-Fletcher to the Honorable Sarah Louise Stourton on Saturday. Kate Middleton, who turned 29 on Sunday, will get married to Prince William on April 29 at Westminster Abbey.

**What are some ways to impress your future family?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Getting along with your partner's family is really important if you plan to have a future together. Cupid has some advice on how to charm the in-laws:

**1. Be yourself:** Don't pretend to be someone you're not, because your partner's family will most likely see right through you. Be honest and confident, and they can't help but love you.

**2. Show you're serious:** Make sure your partner's family knows how much you care about him. If they're confident that it's true love, they'll be grateful that their child is happy.

**3. Ask for advice:** By asking your in-laws for help, you're showing them that you trust them and are open to their opinions. They'll appreciate being included in your life as a couple.

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## Did Reese Witherspoon and LeAnn Rimes' Men Pay for their Rings?





With new celebrity engagements comes speculation over the rings. The debate gets heated when A-listers pair with relatively unknown individuals because people question how the future groom can afford his bride's massive diamond. Jeweler Johnny Brookheart explained to E! Online how men like Jim Toth and Eddie Cibrian purchase rings for their fiancées (Reese Witherspoon and LeAnn Rimes, respectively). Brookheart explained, "For celebrity clients I typically ask for half the value down and generously finance the rest for a long term...We keep a team of experts on retainer who can help us value and collateralize almost everything under the sun. Houses, horses, art, watches, etc. We'll either help them secure a loan with their assets, or we may just make a trade." If further financial help is needed, Brookheart explains that his jewelers present the grooms with discounts, though the generosity of the discount is measured by "... how willing the star is to assist in crediting the jeweler after the proposal...It's always a negotiation, but this is where being A-list really pays off."

**What do you do if your partner can't afford a nice engagement ring?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

While it's always nice to receive a pleasant shock when coming



face -to-face with a giant diamond ring for the first time, this expectation is not always realistic. If your partner can't afford a nice engagement ring, here are some options:

**1. Pay together:** Try splitting the cost of the ring to make the burden easier on the both of you. This way, you'll be able to get the ring you really want without making your partner worry.

**2. Get a temporary ring:** Try wearing a thin golden band instead of a diamond ring. When a time comes when you and your partner are both more financially capable, then buy a bigger engagement ring. Plus, then you'll have two rings with sentimental value!

**3. Go without a ring:** There is not a law requiring engagement rings. If you have your heart set on a diamond, then buy a more affordable necklace or bracelet. If you don't care for jewelry, celebrate by going on a small vacation, or save the money for the future.

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## Reese Witherspoon and Jim Toth Are Engaged





Reese Witherspoon will soon be walking down the aisle once again, this time with Hollywood agent Jim Toth. The actress, 34, and Toth, 40, began dating in January 2010. This will be Witherspoon's second time down the aisle; her first marriage to actor Ryan Phillippe ended in 2008. Witherspoon and Phillippe have two children together, Ava, 11, and Deacon, 7. An insider revealed that Witherspoon's children have bonded with Toth and "...are happy with [Toth]." The source assured *UsMagazine.com*, "[Reese] is definitely happy, in love and definitely wants to settle down."

## **What are things to consider about a second marriage?**

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

When your first marriage doesn't work out, it's understandable to want to give married life another shot. Here are a few things to consider about a second marriage:

**1. Children:** If you have any children from your first marriage, make sure they are fond of your new partner. Your children need to have a say in deciding who their next family member will be.

**2. Child/Spousal support:** Before walking down the aisle, make sure you have taken care of all of the monetary concerns.

Review the child or spousal support you are receiving from (or giving to) your ex-husband, and be aware of any changes that will occur.

**3. First marriage's failure:** Take some time to reflect on your first marriage, and figure out why it failed. By analyzing your mistakes, you can go into your second marriage with a stronger understanding of what it takes to make a marriage work.

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## LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian Are Engaged



After all the controversy surrounding their relationship, LeAnn Rimes and boyfriend Eddie Cibrian are engaged! According to [People](#), a source close to the couple says, “Yes, they were engaged over

the holidays and are very happy.” On Monday, Rimes thanked all of her fans for their support by tweeting, “Thank you for all your well wishes!! We are extremely excited and look forward to a beautiful future. It’s been an incredible last few days, I was shocked!!! We are blessed, our families are so happy and our lives are filled with love.” The pair was surrounded by family and friends in town directly following.

### **What are reasons to involve your family in your engagement?**

Cupid’s Advice:

An engagement is one of the happiest moments of your life, and who better to share it with than the people who have seen you through it all? Cupid has some reasons to involve your family in your engagement plans:

- 1. Approval:** Even though they have probably met your partner before, introducing someone as your fiance is totally different. Make sure the people who know you best approve of this decision.
- 2. Respect:** Your parents and family are the ones that have raised you and been with you through it all. Include them in the engagement proceedings out of respect.
- 3. To share your happiness:** Because your engagement is one of the happiest times in your life, sharing that joy with your family makes it even happier.

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# **Natalie Portman is Engaged**

# and Pregnant



Natalie Portman has more to celebrate than her Golden Globe nomination. The actress is engaged to choreographer, Benjamin Millepied, and they are expecting their first child, according to [People](#). The pair met during the production of the Darren Aronofsky's ballet thriller *Black Swan*, where Millepied acted as a choreographer and one of Portman's co-stars. The couple is excited for their first child who is due in 2011.

## Is it OK to date your coworkers?

### Cupid's Advice:

While there are some people who won't mix business with pleasure, others don't see a problem with it. Before making a decision, Cupid has some things to consider:

- 1. Expressing feelings:** Don't jump into things too quickly. Make sure that your attraction is mutual so that you don't end up making things awkward in the workplace.

**2. Don't violate company policy:** Some companies discourage relationships among employees while others are more tolerant of it. Find out what the dating policy in your company is beginning a relationship with your coworker.

**3. Be serious:** Make sure you are both serious about being in a relationship. If you know that it's just going to be a short-term fling, it might be awkward for both of you to work together afterward.

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## Kate Middleton Celebrates Last Christmas with Family



This may have been the last Christmas Kate Middleton spends with her own family, [Us Weekly](#) speculates. While Middleton was with her parents in Berkshire, England for the holidays, Prince William spent the

holidays doing search and rescue work in a helicopter in North Wales. Once the couple weds next April, Middleton will most likely be spending Christmas 2011 at the royal Christmas Day celebration at Sandringham. Sources say that traditionally, her parents would not receive an invitation. But also according to sources, changes may be in store for royalty in England. "William is determined for this to be the beginning of a new royal family with new ways of doing things, he wants his marriage to last."

## **What sacrifices should you make for a relationship?**

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

Just like Kate Middleton's life is about to change, we all make sacrifices for our relationships in our own individual ways. Here are some guidelines:

- 1. Stay comfortable:** As long as you feel okay about the sacrifices you make in a relationship, that's all that matters. But once you feel like your partner is asking too much of you, rethink things before you go through with them.
- 2. Sacrifices are a two-way street:** You should not be the only one making sacrifices in your relationship. If you celebrate Christmas with your family one year, perhaps you can spend time with his family the next. Relationships are all about give and take, and your parents will understand that.
- 3. Be true to yourself:** Never do something that makes you uncomfortable or that you puts you in danger. As much as you may love your partner, you are ultimately number one.