

# Playboy Founder Hugh Hefner is Engaged



According to [People](#),

Hugh Hefner surprised everyone this holiday season by proposing to girlfriend, Crystal Harris, while exchanging gifts with her on Christmas Eve. The *Playboy* founder then announced on Twitter that his new fiancé burst into tears when he gave her the ring. To clarify that we was actually engaged, he later tweeted, “Yes, the ring I gave Crystal is an engagement ring. I didn’t mean to make a mystery out of it. A very Merry Christmas to all.” Harris was December 2009’s *Playboy* Playmate. As Hugh Hefner is 84 and his new fiancé is 24, there is a 60 year age difference between the couple.

**Does an age difference matter in a relationship?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Love knows no gender, color, religion or age. However, a large age gap can result in numerous misunderstandings:

**1. Different life stages:** People tend to want different things out of life at different ages. When you're in a relationship with someone significantly older or younger, your needs and wants may clash.

**2. Energy level:** A difference in energy levels can be caused by many factors, but an age difference is probably the most common instigator.

**3. Mutual friends:** Though you may be an excellent couple, it might be hard to find common ground when it comes to mutual friends.

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## Bret Michaels Proposes to Girlfriend of 16 Years on TV



Bret Michaels has finally found his rock of love. According to [People](#), after

dating on and off for 16 years, Michaels proposed to girlfriend, Kristi Gibson on the finale of his VH1 reality show, *Bret Michaels: Life As I Know It* – and she said yes!

With two daughters, Raine, 10, and Jorja, 5, and Michael's brain hemorrhage in April, the happy couple have faced years by each other's sides. While proposing, Bret Michaels declared, "I love you, and you've been unbelievably a big part of my life...I know we love and respect each other, and I hope that we can find that inner love that we have forever."

**What are creative ways to propose for everyone to see?**

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

Getting creative with a proposal is a bit tricky. Bret Michaels put it best when he said, "Please say yes, or the rejection will kill me right now." Cupid has some ideas to make it a public affair:

**1. On a dinner cruise:** Get all your friends together for a dinner cruise on the closest river or lake that provides them.

Splurge for a round of champagne, and pop the question for all of your friends to see.

**2. Family affair:** Throwing a summer barbecue or a holiday bash can be a great opportunity to propose. With family and friends in attendance, surprise your loved one by getting down on one knee in what will surely be a party remembered by all.

**3. The cheese factor:** Yes, this is your time to shine – but who says you can't borrow a move from the classics? Act out a scene from your beloved favorite romantic comedy, such as *Love Actually* and *Stepmom*. Involve those close to you to play the extra parts.

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# Shania Twain and Frédéric Thiébaud Are Engaged



Shania Twain is once again feeling like a woman, according to [People](#). After going through a painful divorce in 2008, the country singer is now happily engaged to Swiss executive Frédéric Thiébaud, and she has a three-carat diamond ring to prove it. Ironically, their relationship began when Twain's ex-husband, music producer Robert "Mutt" Lange, left her for her now fiancé's former wife, Marie-Anne. It looks like these two couples pulled a switch, but everyone involved seems happy with the results. According to a close source, "Shania and Fred are a couple that fit together."

**Is it OK to date your ex's new partner's ex?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Pulling such a switch is a little strange and unconventional, but that doesn't make it wrong. Cupid has a few tips on how

to best handle the situation:

**1. Be respectful:** If you and your partner end up pulling the ultimate switch, always be respectful of and happy for your ex.

**2. Enjoy life with your new partner:** Regardless of the circumstances of how you connected with your current love, remember how lucky you are to finally have found true love.

**3. Ignore the critics:** Some may judge you for dating your ex's partner, but as long as you're happy, it's none of their business.

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## Prince William and Kate Middleton Attend First Event as Engaged Couple





Becoming a princess doesn't happen overnight. After announcing a royal engagement, Prince William assured the public that "he wanted to learn from lessons done in the past to give [Kate Middleton] the best chance to settle in and to see what happens on the other side." Middleton believes, "William's a great teacher, so he'll be up to help me." It was evident Middleton was practicing her royal etiquette, accompanying Prince William to a cancer charity event in Norfolk, England, according to [People](#). A royal source confirms, "Between now and the wedding there will be occasions when Catherine does shadow Prince William, to learn the ropes and see how things go."

**How do you prepare your partner to handle your career?**

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

You might not be preparing your partner to join the royal family, but a hectic career can feel just as foreboding. Cupid has a few helpful hints:

**1. Opportunities:** If your career leaves little time for leisure, spend parts of your day with your partner by involving them in everyday activities like working out at the gym. Engaging in quality time will strengthen your relationship for the time you're apart due to your job. It

will show your partner that even though you enjoy your job, you don't intend to throw him by the wayside.

**2. Company:** When you're keeping busy hours, make sure your partner isn't waiting late into the night for you to come home. Introduce him to your co-workers' spouses, and hold joint gatherings to keep your group closely knit.

**3. Practice:** Just like Prince William gave Kate Middleton time to get used to the royal lifestyle, make sure to give your partner the heads up as to what he has coming for him when it comes to your career. While you're dating, bring him to events and get him accustomed to the routine.

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## Tony Romo is Engaged to 'Gossip Girl' Star's Sister, Candice Crawford





Tony Romo is engaged to Chace Crawford's sister, Chandice Crawford, [People](#) reports. Crawford, a pageant queen and a KDAF-TV anchor in Dallas was out celebrating her 24th birthday when Romo popped the question. The two began dating in 2009, shortly after Romo broke things off with Jessica Simpson. The engagement between Tomo and Crawford comes in third behind a slew of newly engaged celeb couples, including Jessica Simpson's other ex, Nicky Lachey to Vanessa Minnillo and then Simpson's own engagement to Eric Johnson. This chain of ex's getting engaged leaves Cupid asking:

**How do you overcome the news of your ex's engagement?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

It's hard to feel genuinely happy for an ex when he announces his new engagement. But instead of stewing, focus on what is going well for you in your own life:

**1. The shock factor:** It's normal to be a little hurt when hearing the news that your ex is engaged. Take some time for to accept the news, and then move on.

**2. Realize what you have:** You may not have a ring on your finger, but you surely have plenty of other things going on in your life to be proud of, whether thats a promising career or wonderful friends.



**3. Remember why you broke up:** Your ex is your ex for a reason and even though it may seem like you're missing out, you're not. Grab a friend and relish in the perks of not being tied down.

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## 90210 Star Shannen Doherty Still Believes in Marriage



“When the going gets tough, you don’t get going – you hang on.” That’s former *90210* star Shannen Doherty’s take on marriage anyway. According to [People](#), Doherty refuses to give on marriage despite two failed marriages and one unsuccessful engagement. However, the actress says she is no longer naïve when it comes to the hard work behind a marriage. She explains, saying, “You have to go in with your eyes wide open and realize that it’s probably going to take a lot of work and

maybe some couples' therapy perhaps."

**How do you keep your faith in relationships after a break-up?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

A bad break-up can have anyone promising themselves that "this will be the last time." However, Cupid has an idea or two about regaining your faith in relationships:

**1. Live and learn:** Take each relationship's end as a lesson for the future. Walk away with a few pointers you didn't have before in order to stop you from making the same mistake twice.

**2. Disregard the lover, not the love:** Love isn't the one who has wronged you. Blaming relationships for what you're currently feeling is misplaced anger. Remind yourself that love never fails; only lovers do.

**3. It's never too late:** There is no deadline for finding "the one." Appreciate each relationship for the happiness it brings to your life, and keep an eye out for Cupid's arrow.

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## **Lauren Bush and David Lauren Are Engaged**





Another high-profile engagement was announced this week, reports [NYPost.com](https://www.nypost.com). David Lauren, son of fashion designer Ralph Lauren, proposed to Lauren Bush, niece of the former president, last Friday. David Lauren proposed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the place where the two first met six years ago. “David told Lauren that he was taking her to see an exhibit, then got down on one knee,” explained a source. “He had a beautiful ring ready. It was a total surprise to her, and they are both so happy.”

**What do you do if your fiancé’s last name doesn’t flow with your first name?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Lauren Bush will be in a bit of a dilemma following her marriage to David Lauren. Will she become Lauren Lauren? Here are a few tips to help you with your name-related woes:

- 1. Use a nickname:** If you wish to take your husband’s name, but feel uncomfortable with the sound of your new name, try using a nickname. Try Tina Christensen instead of Christina Christensen.
- 2. Hyphenate:** You can have the best of both worlds by keeping both your maiden name and adding on your husband’s name. Your

new last name may be on the longer side, but hyphenated names allow for much-needed compromise between you and your husband.

**3. Keep your last name:** There are also many women who wish to keep their maiden names. If you identify with these women, then stand strong. Keep your last name. It's your name, and nobody can force you to change it.

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## Prince William and Kate Middleton Take Engagement Pictures



The paparazzi can take a break, because according to [People](#), the world's most captivating couple, Prince William and Kate Middleton, have sat for their first official photo shoot with an engaged couple. The royal photographer was none other than Mario

Testino, a famed fashion photographer who took some of the most memorable pictures of the late Princess Diana, many which appeared in an iconic 1997 issue of *Vanity Fair*. Mario Testino also photographed the picture perfect couple for both the American and British *Vogue*.

**Where are unique places to have your engagement photos taken?**

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

Engagement photos are a must once you make the decision to tie the knot with your partner. Cupid has a few creative locations for your pre-wedding shots:

**1. Home is where the heart is:** It may not be Buckingham Palace, but as a newly engaged couple, making a home and a life together are what you are celebrating. What better place to take your engagement photos than your own backyard?

**2. Iconic places:** Your engagement is a celebration that should be heard around the world. Venturing to iconic spots like Disney World or the Eiffel Tower is an excellent way to profess your love.

**3. Somewhere important to you as a couple:** Your engagement photos should express who you are as couple. For example, if you and your partner both enjoy hiking, perhaps you should take your pictures on your favorite hiking trail.

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# **Chad Ochocinco is Engaged to**

# Girlfriend Evelyn Lozada



NFL player and *Dancing with the Stars* alum Chad Ochocinco surprised his girlfriend, Evelyn Lozada, by proposing to her on November 16th in their Cincinnati home. Lozada, a model and *Basketball Wives* star, told [Us Weekly](#), "He had a jeweler come to the house... [It was] a total surprise! We sat there and picked out the ring." Ochocinco offered his input on the diamond. The couple have not yet picked a date because, according to Lozada, "We're waiting on the show and football season to end so we can start focusing on the next stage of our lives." **What are some unique proposal locations?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Many proposal locations are overdone. The romantic candlelight dinner is somewhat predictable, as is the flowers-and-ring routine. Couples looking for a more unique experience may like these ideas:

**1. Return to the place of your first date:** Going back to the

place of your first date is both romantic and fun.

**2. Take a trip:** Surprise your partner with a trip to a resort in one of your favorite areas. Try the Bahamas if the two of you like beaches, or Europe if you love sight-seeing. The vacation will be one that your partner always remembers.

**3. Go on a fun date:** Instead of proposing over dinner, try proposing in a hot air balloon. How many people can say they got engaged while overlooking the countryside from a floating basket?

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# Amazing Race Couple Chad Waltrip and Stephanie Smith Are Married and Expecting



*The Amazing Race is*

full of surprises, like underdogs winning it all, leaders falling into last place and challenges that test the mind and body. Love entered the picture as well when contestant Chad Waltrip proposed to teammate and girlfriend Stephanie Smith during the show's 17th season, despite their tumultuous time on the show. "Early on we struggled, had a tough time and I second-guessed myself," admitted Chad Waltrip. "I was so amped up and we fought a lot." Since the couple's elimination and intermission from the spotlight, they completed their nuptials, and are expecting their first child.

## **How do you cut back on fighting in a relationship?**

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

Chad Waltrip and Stephanie Smith's relationship hasn't always been smooth sailing. Cupid has some ideas to make your relationship calmer:

- 1. Figure out the reason:** It's important to recognize why you're fighting, and from where the problems come. By recognizing what sparks your arguments, you can work on strengthening your relationship.
- 2. Listen closely:** Sometimes when people are angry, true feelings spill out. Pay attention to what your partner is saying, even in anger. Then, talk about those true feelings instead of the extra fluff surrounding them.
- 3. Discuss in depth:** If you make nice too quickly and don't discuss why you started arguing in the first place, chances are that you'll be fighting again before you know it. Sit down with your partner and have a calm discussion about what you can do to strengthen your relationship and prevent further arguments.



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# Date is Set for Prince William and Kate Middleton's Marriage



The date is set!

According to [People](#), Prince William and his new fiancée, Kate Middleton, have decided on a spring wedding. The royal union is set to take place on April 29 of this coming year at Westminster Abbey. Both Prince William and Middleton wanted as short of an engagement as possible, and they got their wish. The wedding, which will make Middleton the first non-royal to marry into the royal family in a very long time, will mark a new public holiday for the UK!

**When should you get married?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

**1. Autumn:** There's a reason why the fall is the most popular time for couples to get married. With a gorgeous setting for outdoor picture taking, an autumn wedding will leave you with the least headache, at least weather-wise.

**2. Summer:** Runner-up as the most popular wedding season, summer is one of the best times to tie the knot. If you're dreaming of a wedding on the beach at sunset, mark your calendar for June, July or August.

**3. A meaningful date:** Ditch traditional wedding seasons and get married on a date that's special between you and your partner. It may be the anniversary of the first time you met, your first date, or even the first time you kissed.

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## **Biggest Loser's Sam Poueu Proposes to Fellow Contestant Stephanie Anderson**





It's official!

Former *Biggest Loser* contestant Stephanie Anderson plans on saying "I do" to fellow contestant Sam Poueu, according to [Us Weekly](#). Poueu popped the question at NBC's *Biggest Loser* ranch in California. "I wanted to go back to the ranch, because that's where it all started," said Poueu. The two, who collectively lost 241 pounds on the show, are now ready to build a life together, and they want their *Biggest Loser* family to be there when it happens. "They know what we've been through," says Stephanie Anderson. Though the groom's brother will be his best man, his cousin and partner on the series, Koli Palu, will be a groomsman. Between the announcement and the wedding decisions, the couple has been too caught up in all the excitement to set a date!

**What are ways to decide who will be at your wedding?**

### **Cupids Advice:**

Like Sam Poueu and Stephanie Anderson, engaged couples have to face the difficult decision of who to have at their wedding. Cupid has some tips:

**1. You couldn't imagine it without them:** The first thing you should consider when deciding on guests is what the wedding would be missing without them. Consider looking at wedding photos 10 years down the line. If you want to see them in the

memories, invite them to the wedding.

**2. You've known them for a long time:** Next, you should think about the people who have been present in your life the longest. Usually these are the people who will still be in your life long after the wedding!

**3. You attended their wedding:** If you still have room for more guests, invite those who invited you! If you were special enough to be in their wedding, return the favor!

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## Jessica Simpson to Marry Eric Johnson Without Prenup?



After dating for only six months, Jessica Simpson and former NFL player Eric Johnson announced their exciting decision to walk down the aisle together. The couple's newest announcement? According

to [PopEater](#), they're doing it without a prenup! This isn't the first time Jessica Simpson will put on a wedding dress without signing the agreement. In her past divorce from Nick Lachey, who just days ago announced his engagement to Vanessa Minnillo, Jessica Simpson lost \$10 million dollars for saying "I do" without a prenup. The singer's father, though very happy for the two of them, does not want to see his daughter make the same mistake twice and plans on trying to change her mind when the excitement dies down. But for now, the couple is running on love!

### **Should you get a prenup when you get married?**

**Cupid's Advice:** Like many other couples in love, Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson don't think a prenuptial agreement will be necessary. Cupid has some instances where it may be a healthy choice:

- 1. You're wealthier:** Believe it or not, having more money than your partner and insisting on a prenup doesn't make you selfish! It's a harmless way to guarantee that he is marrying you for the right reasons and isn't interested in your bank account.
- 2. You've been married before:** If this isn't your first venture down the aisle, the situation becomes more complicated. If you have kids from a previous marriage, a prenup can ensure that when/if you pass away, everyone in your family receives their share of your assets.
- 3. You don't want the stress:** Money issues are one of the most common reasons for divorce. A prenup can help to halt the stress. If you're fighting less, you're most likely never going to have to use it!

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# LeAnn Rimes Congratulates Ex-Husband, Dean Sheremet on Engagement



After finding out that ex-husband Dean Sheremet was engaged, country superstar LeAnn Rimes tweeted her congratulations, [People](#) reports. “Congrats to @deansheremet and @sarah\_silver on your engagement! A little birdie told me the happy news last night. Wishes for a life full of happiness.” LeAnn Rimes made headlines last year when she admitted to cheating on her husband with actor Eddie Cibrian, who was also married at the time.

**How do you cope when your ex moves on?**

Cupid’s Advice:

When your ex-husband moves on without a backward glance, it can really hurt. Cupid has some advice on how to cope:

**1. Remember why it didn't work:** When your ex gets serious with someone new, you may think, "Why her and not me?" But don't forget – you ended things for a reason.

**2. Stay busy:** The more you dwell on the situation, the worse you'll feel. Go out, and try to have fun.

**3. It's your turn:** If your ex-husband can move on, so can you! It might be just the push you need to get your act together and find your own Mr. or Ms. Right.

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## Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson Are Engaged





Free agent NFL player Eric Johnson has officially proposed to Jessica Simpson. The good news is that she's accepted, according to [People](#). After being introduced by mutual friends in May, the pair started dating. Recently, they celebrated Jessica Simpson's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in romantic Italy. Fans can look for this athlete and singer/fashion designer combo at the upcoming Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. "I'm gonna be on a [Macy's parade] float. It's not always the best way to spend a Thanksgiving, but it's a great way to celebrate. So, maybe I'll just have all families on the float," said Jessica Simpson.

**What are some ways you can meet your future mate?**

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

Like many other couples, Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson were introduced through mutual friends. Though there is no best way to meet your future partner, the secret is to put yourself out there. Cupid has a few options to explore:

**1. Online dating:** The use of the Internet can expand your dating pool many times over. If you're having trouble meeting people the traditional way (in person), getting to know potential partners via online dating sites may be the answer.



**2. Singles' mixers:** Speed dating and singles cruises are great options for those looking to meet their next love interest. It takes the guessing out of the situation because you know everyone is attending for the same reason.

**3. The friend connection:** Whether you're being introduced to someone new through friends or playing wingman for a pal, friends play a huge role in helping you find a happy relationship. Utilize your network!

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## Sources Say Prince William and Kate Middleton Are Engaged



Hearts are breaking

all over the world. [Us Weekly](#) reports that “after eight years of dating and two brief splits, Prince William and love Kate Middleton will finally tie the knot next year.” Due to Prince William’s wedding jitters, Kate Middleton agreed to wait after making a secret pact to marry three years ago while the royal couple were on vacation in the Seychelles. While the palace representative refuses to comment on the matter, sources are claiming, “The engagement will be announced in 2011.”

## **What are the benefits to a secret engagement?**

Cupid’s Advice:

You’ve said ‘yes’! Now what? There are many ways to celebrate your engagement, and keeping a secret is just one of them:

- 1. Avoid the Q&A:** The engagement period is meant to be a special time between you and your fiancée. Keeping it a secret can help keep both of you relaxed while avoiding never-ending questions from friends and family.
  - 2. Keep family peace:** Unfortunately, your family won’t love just anyone you bring home. If you’re certain that your current mate is “the one,” keeping your engagement a secret will keep the peace.
  - 3. Easily elope:** While it’s been said that every girl dreams of the day she walks down the aisle, most people forget about the months of chaotic planning. An alternative choice is to remain mum and elope! Just be sure to send out a beautiful photo to friends and family who missed out.
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# Seth Rogen Proposes to Girlfriend of Six Years



According to [Us Weekly](#), Seth Rogen confirmed his engagement to writer, Lauren Miller, on the series premiere of *Conan*. However, as Seth Rogen later revealed to Conan O'Brien, popping the question to his future bride was a bit awkward and unconventional. After he bought the ring, which he jokingly compared to the ring from *The Lord of the Rings*, he was so nervous that he decided to propose right away. Though Seth Rogen's intentions were romantic, his girlfriend was in the closet changing at the time. "She was literally only in her underpants and [her chest] was out," Seth Rogen recalled. "I'd already kind of started, and I was like 'Oh man, her [chest is] out! That's not part of the plan!'" Regardless of the circumstances, Lauren Miller accepted.

**What should you do when popping the question doesn't go as planned?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Though you may have grown up dreaming about a flawless fairy tale engagement, in reality nothing is perfect. Cupid has some suggestions on what to do if there's a mistake:

- 1. Laugh it off:** Laughter is always the best medicine, and chances are that whatever happened to mess up your big moment is probably more funny than tragic.
  - 2. Do it over:** Who says you can't propose a second time, even if it is only a few minutes after the first attempt?
  - 3. Get over it:** If for some reason you really can't laugh off a minor kink in the plan, get over it and just enjoy being in love.
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# Wedding Bells for Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo





It's about time! [People](#) reports that Nick Lachey has finally popped the question to longtime girlfriend Vanessa Minnillo last week near a beach in California. Nick Lachey took to Twitter to confirm the happy news. He tweeted, "Hey all. If anyone's heard the rumors of my engagement, they are absolutely true! Vanessa and I couldn't be happier. Thanks for all the love."

Nick Lachey, 36, and Vanessa Minnillo, 29, have been dating since 2006 and the bride-to-be has been recently needling her beau about marriage. Last year Vanessa Minnillo said, "Once again it looks as if I'm always the bridesmaid but never the bride." Sounds like Nick Lachey got the hint when he sealed the deal with an Asscher-cut diamond flanked with trapezoids from Bader & Garrin, according to a source. This is Lachey's second marriage, after divorcing from first wife Jessica Simpson in 2005.

## **How long should you date before getting married?**

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

It's important not to rush marriage, but you also don't want to wait too long, as Vanessa Minnillo will attest! Cupid has some suggestions on what is the right amount of time to date before tying the knot:

- 1. Four seasons:** While each couple is different, in general

it's good to know someone for about a year, or all four seasons, before you make a commitment. It will give you a chance to get to know each other past the honeymoon period of the relationship.

**2. Life experiences:** Perhaps more important than the amount of time you've known each other are the experiences you have been through as a couple. If you've met each other's families, seen each other at your best and worst, and survived at least one major crisis together, you're probably ready.

**3. Love at first sight:** Some may wonder, when you meet someone and immediately know that they're "the one," why wait to get married? While the idea is romantic, your chances of longevity decrease the quicker you jump into marriage. If you're so sure you want to spend the rest of your life together, what difference will a few more months make?

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## Karina Smirnoff Loves her Celebrity Engagement to Brad Penny





As confirmed by [Us Weekly](#), *Dancing with the Stars*' vixen, Karina Smirnoff, is currently in the market for something borrowed, something new, and something blue! Smirnoff has been creating celebrity news showing off her new celebrity engagement ring at TAO's fifth anniversary party in Las Vegas. The dancer says her celebrity engagement to baseball player, Brad Penny, was a complete surprise. "I was in the middle of the show and had no clue what was cooking behind my back. The dinner meeting was set up at a restaurant in Malibu. When [my manager and I] got there, it was completely empty. She excused herself to take a call and while I was sitting there alone, Brad came in," said Smirnoff. "I had crazy hair and black lipstick on and was just concerned about looking like the Bride of Frankenstein. Even after Brad got down to one knee and opened the box with the ring, it still didn't register."

**Smirnoff is happy about her celebrity engagement and excited to share her great news. What are some unique ways to announce your**

# engagement?

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone wants to be the first to make an exciting announcement. When it comes to an engagement, either yours or that of someone close to you, it's everyone's instinct to want to shout it from the rooftops. However, Cupid has some more creative ways to make the big announcement:

**1. Tweet it:** Online, information spreads virally. The moment it happens, share your good news with your nearest and dearest on the web in real time. Expect tons of comments and retweets. You can even tweet pictures of the ring! Something as little as changing your relationship status on Facebook from 'In a Relationship' to 'Engaged' is bound to grab some attention as well.

**Related Link:** [Jennie Garth Celebrates Celebrity Engagement with Dave Abrams](#)

**2. Throw a party:** Parties are great for any occasion and are the perfect setting to make your first toast as an engaged couple. You may want to do a theme party that references a milestone in your relationship and love or have it where you first met.

**Related Link:** [David Arquette Celebrates Celebrity Wedding with Christina McLarty with Intimate Ceremony](#)

**3. Take over the holidays:** Thanksgiving and Christmas happen every year, but an engagement is far more rare. When you're with friends and family this holiday season, steal the spotlight away from the Thanksgiving turkey and Christmas gifts by announcing your engagement.

**How did you announce your engagement? Share below!**



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# Prince William & Kate Middleton – Almost Engaged?



Those hoping to see Prince William and Kate Middleton walk down the aisle sooner rather than later may have found the smoking gun. According to [People](#), photos recently emerged in the *Daily Mail* of the royal couple on a shooting holiday with Middleton's parents at the royal estate of Balmoral. Though a spokesman from the royal heir's office says that he/she would not comment on the Prince's private life, could this holiday with the Middleton family point to an upcoming diamond ring?

**What are some signs of an impending engagement?**

Cupid's Advice:

Weather an engagement is expected or unexpected, it's always

an exciting beginning for a happy couple. Cupid has some tell tale signs that an engagement may be in the works:

**1. Family ties:** Meeting and spending significant amounts of time with your partner's family is always a sign that your relationship is heating up. Extra points for family holidays and vacations!

**2. Gold rush:** Finding excuses to go to the store without you or slyly asking your friends for your ring size are obvious signs that your partner is about to pop the question.

**3. Eyes that sparkle:** Sometimes a future engagement can be spotted not through actions, but through a longing look into your partner's eyes. They seem to say, "I can't live without you."

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## Did Marilyn Manson Help Raise Evan Rachel Wood?





Although odd couple Marilyn Manson and Evan Rachel Wood have officially called it quits, their bond remains strong, according to [Us Weekly](#). The 23-year-old actress told *Nylon Magazine* that she still feels close to ex Marilyn Manson, 41, because he, “had a hand in raising me.” The two have had an on-again off-again relationship since meeting in 2006, including an engagement that lasted for seven months in 2009. Despite their recent split, Wood says she’ll always have affection for Manson. “I’m always gonna love that guy. He’s a genius, he’s an amazing artist, we’re still friends. Some things just aren’t meant to be.”

**What are the benefits of dating someone much older than yourself?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

While Marilyn Manson and Evan Rachel Wood’s father-daughter relationship is a little out of the ordinary, there still are benefits to dating someone much older. Cupid has some ideas about why you should try going out with someone in a different age bracket:

**1. Learn something:** If the person you’re dating is much older, they probably have a lot of life and love experiences that you

haven't. Take the opportunity to learn everything you can from your older and wiser partner.

**2. Show me the money:** Not to be materialistic, but if you're with someone who is considerably older than you, chances are they have had the time to accumulate a bit of cash. Enjoy the fruits of your mate's labor, and let them treat you!

**3. Better with age:** Maturity comes with age, so dating someone older inevitably means less video games and fart jokes. And that's a good thing.

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## True Blood's Joe Manganiello to Tie the Knot



True love has found *True Blood* star Joe Manganiello. According to [People](#), the actor proposed to actress/model Audra Marie while on vacation

in Italy. But this couple's romance didn't start off easily. "She wouldn't go out with me for six months," Manganiello told [People](#) in September. "We started dating a few months before I got cast [on *True Blood*]." Now the couple are anything but coy, confessing exactly what attracts them to each other. Manganiello says, "She's sweet ... nice. And she makes crazy English breakfasts," while Marie loves Maganiello's "sense of humor, his work ethic and how humble he is with everything that has gone on."

## **When does playing hard to get work?**

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

While honesty is key in a healthy relationship, being a little coy with your emotions in the beginning may be what it takes to get the spark going. Cupid recommends when playing hard to get is a good thing:

- 1. Playing the game:** Many people treat dating like a fun game, so not letting on right away can create a pursuit that will make finding out more about you a goal your crush is striving to achieve. Bring on the excitement!
  - 2. Adding mystery:** By not immediately laying it all out there, you're leaving something to the imagination. Your romantic interest will have to ask you out again to get more info about you, ensuring a second or even third date.
  - 3. Playing it safe:** While it'll take your potential partner longer to learn more about you, it'll also take you longer to learn about him/her, allowing you to truly get to know the person you could be dating before you get too serious.
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# Funnyman Seth Rogen Proposes to Longtime Girlfriend



According to [RadarOnline](#), *Funny People's* Seth Rogen popped the question to longtime girlfriend, Lauren Miller last week. After coming back from a family visit in Boston, the actor bent down on one knee to ask for her hand in marriage. Dating since 2004, a source close to the couple reveals that Miller was beginning to give up hope for a proposal.

**If your man seems reluctant to pop the question, how can you tactfully find out what he's thinking?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

If you're looking for a ring by spring, perhaps some good old-fashioned subconscious mind tapping will do the trick:

**1. Get his reaction:** Bring up the subject of marriage indirectly. For example, if a mutual friend of yours recently

got engaged, make a casual comment about it, like, “I wonder where they’ll have the wedding,” or “They look even happier than they did before.” Does he unknowingly smile when you say it, or does he roll his eyes? His reaction could be all that you need to solve the proposal puzzle.

**2. Channel Josephine Bonaparte:** The empress of France knew what to do when Napoleon was dragging his feet. Rumors that she was spending her free time in the likes of powerful, rich men, jolted Napoleon to put a ring on it. By letting your beau know that you’re a hot commodity, it could give him just the push he needs to go to the jewelers.

**3. The ultimatum:** In today’s society, things move fast. Technology has caused us to think quicker, act quicker and question things a lot more than we did in previous decades. So, it’s no surprise that you may need to ask yourself, “Where is this going?” Pick a time when both of you are alone and relaxed to bring it up. But don’t flip out if you don’t get the answer you want. Sometimes it’s better to move on.

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## ‘American Idol’ Star Crystal Bowersox Is Engaged





Congratulations are in order for *American Idol* runner-up Crystal Bowersox. [E! News](#) reports that the folk-pop singer is engaged to fellow musician Brian Walker, with plans to tie the knot next month. Bowersox, 25, broke up with long-time boyfriend and father of her 1-year-old son near the end of her stint on *American Idol*. She used her heartbreak to deliver some emotionally powerful performances, earning her the second place spot after crooner Lee DeWyze won last season. **How can a breakup be a positive thing?**

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

It's hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel when you're in the midst of a painful breakup. But Cupid has some ideas on why ending a relationship can actually be good for you:

- 1. Express yourself:** Crystal Bowersox did it, and so can you. Use your heartbreak to make beautiful poetry, music, or art. So many musicians have recorded their biggest and best hits after their hearts were recently broken. It's a great form of therapy, too.
- 2. Reconnect with friends:** You should never go through a breakup alone, so let your friends cheer you up (with the help of lots of ice cream and romantic comedies, of course). Plus,



you can make up for all the times you decided to go out with your ex-beau instead of chill with your girls.

**3. Start fresh:** Splitting from a partner gives you the perfect opportunity to think about what you want (and don't want) in future relationships. Use the time to sort out your priorities and goals.