

# George Clooney's Rep Shoots Down Engagement Rumors



George Clooney's on the defense again! The actor's rep has come to his rescue by shooting down a fresh batch of rumors that he has proposed to his Italian model girlfriend, Elisabetta Canalis. The engagement rumors took flight after Canalis was spotted with a ring on a very telling finger, according to [Starpulse](#). Clooney's rep said, "There's nothing to comment on. She likes to wear rings. No more, no less."

Although Cupid previously reported that the couple were getting serious, they are apparently still just enjoying each other's company – sans marriage. **Is there a tactful way to get people to stop pressuring you about marriage?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

**1. Point out the divorce rate:** A great way to get your friends and family to lay off about the future of your relationship is to give them some valuable information – the divorce rate. With the statistic at a healthy 40 percent, point out that you'd rather be sure of what you want than end up in splitsville.

**2. Remind them it's your life:** The bottom line is that the people you are close to only want what's best for you. Tactfully remind them that you're capable of making your own decisions ... and mistakes. Let them know that you're happy and that you'll do what you feel is right for you.

**3. Ask them if they trust you:** When friends and family are pressuring you into marriage, you may feel like they don't trust you to make the right choices for yourself. Let them know that their distrust is hurting you, and they may think again before forcing their views onto you.

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## Snooki's Boyfriend Proposes On Mag Cover





*Jersey Shore* cast member Snooki is in for a huge surprise. [Radar Online](#) reports that Snooki's boyfriend, Iraq veteran Jeff Miranda, has decided to pop the question in a very public way. A shirtless Miranda is featured on the cover of the Sept. 10 issue of *Steppin' Out* magazine kneeling in army fatigues next to the words: "Will You Marry Me?" In his interview with *Steppin' Out*, Miranda talks about why he decided to propose to girlfriend Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi. "I want us to be together forever. I could see us having children. I want to pop the question to her. If we got married we would be the best parents around. She's so loving and puts everyone else before her self. She'll be a great mother." When asked about the unique way he decided to propose, he admitted that Snooki is going to be shocked, but said, "I know she'll say yes."

**What are some unique ways to propose?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

The way you or your partner proposes is a story you'll be telling for the rest of your life, so it's important to make

it memorable. There are countless ways to pop the question, but Cupid gives you some creative suggestions:

**1. Go public:** Forget JumboTron proposals at football games. If you want a truly unique way to propose in public, hire a skywriter to spell out the words "Marry me" in the sky. This exciting and romantic proposal is sure to end with her saying "yes."

**2. Pamper her:** Draw a bath for her and place a rubber ducky in the middle with a ring tied around its neck. Don't forget to create a path of rose petals leading to the bathtub!

**3. Hide the ring:** Want to really surprise her? Propose while doing an everyday chore, like fixing (or pretending to fix) a clogged sink. Make sure she's nearby and pull the ring you had hidden earlier out of the sink. Say something like, "No wonder the sink is clogged, I'll have to find another place to store this ring. How about your finger?"

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## Just Married: Anna Paquin & Stephen Moyer





*True Blood* co-stars Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer proved their chemistry off-screen, as they wed in Malibu Saturday, reported [Us Weekly](#). The couple, who announced their engagement last August, were surrounded by family and friends as they exchanged their vows under a tent by the beach.

**How do you decide if a big or small wedding is right for you?**

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

Needless to say, your friends and family will all have their own opinions about how your wedding should be, but Cupid has some things to consider when deciding whether to have a big or small celebration:

**1. Stay within your budget:** Money isn't always fun to think about, but when it comes to your big day, it's really important to do only what you can afford. The more people you invite to your wedding, the more it costs!

**2. Consider the size of your family:** When deciding how many guests to invite, it's easy to overlook the sheer size of your family. Add them all up before you commit to a specific



number.

**3. Remember your dreams:** Most girls grow up dreaming of their perfect wedding. Did you envision having 100 attendees or 10? If you're one of those people who always pictured your wedding day, think about whether or not you'll regret not making that fantasy a reality.

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## Marilyn Manson & Evan Rachel Wood Are Off Again!



After numerous hookups and breakups, Marilyn Manson and Evan

Rachel Wood have ended their relationship again. This time, the couple split up nearly eight months after Manson popped the question. [People](#) reported that the newly single rocker hit the streets of Los Angeles last Saturday night to eat dinner with friends. [E! News](#) also reported an “unidentified brunette” who Manson apparently referred to as “his new girlfriend.” **Would you give your ex another chance?**

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

On-again, off-again relationships can put you on edge. You never know when it's over, and you may assume the two of you will just get back together later. How do you know when it's time to move on for good, or to give it another chance? Cupid's got some tips:

- 1. Over is over:** You don't necessarily have to do anything. If your ex is crawling back to you claiming they've changed, don't take them back because you feel bad. If it's really over, then accept it.
  - 2. No pressure:** If you need to think it over, don't let them manipulate your decision. If you need time or space, your ex will respect your decision, and back off until you've come to a conclusion.
  - 3. Trust:** If trust between you and your partner has been broken then you need to really think about whether or not that trust can be rebuilt. Think about how angry or upset you were when it ended versus how happy you can see yourself with your current ex in the future. Which thought is stronger?
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# 'Bachelorette' Star Ali Fedotowsky Ignores Rumors



Former Bachelorette Ali Fedotowsky is glad to have fiancé Roberto Martinez by her side. [E! Online](#) reports that Fedotowsky “[doesn’t] pay attention to” rumors pertaining to past partying and racy photographs. Swirling rumors have bothered the blonde bachelorette in the past, but with a new attitude (and a new support system), Fedotowsky finds it easy to keep her head held high. Fedotowsky reveals that her new fiancé is extremely supportive and “always says, ‘Who cares, babe? It’s just us. It’s just about us. None of that stuff matters.’” Fedotowsky says she counts herself “lucky to have a man like that to give me balance and keep me focused on what’s important.” **How can you help your partner deal with a stressful problem?**



## Cupid's Advice:

- 1. Be a good listener:** If your partner is having a problem at work or with friends, chances are they're going to want to vent. It is important to sit quietly and listen carefully to their worries. When they are done venting and you fully understand their insecurities about the problem at hand, offer your input.
  - 2. Don't be overbearing:** When a loved one is stressed, it's natural to want to help as much as possible. You can give them advice and offer your point of view, but you have to be careful. This is their problem and their decision, and you have to respect their opinion, even if you don't agree with it.
  - 3. Honesty:** When you must intervene in your partners decision-making process, you have to be supportive, polite, and honest. Gently remind them to consider all of their options before making a decision. Your honesty will help your partner resolve their problem effectively and without any resentment.
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# Kellie Pickler & Fiancé Are Planning a Unique Wedding





Kellie Pickler got engaged to her songwriter beau Kyle Jacobs in June, and they're slowly but surely making wedding plans, even if that means being a bit non-traditional. Pickler told [People](#) magazine that Jacobs is a "snapper" – he stands and snaps his fingers on the dance floor – so there won't be a first dance at their wedding. And with their love of all kinds of animals, the couple is thinking about having their pet python be the ring bearer!

**How do you plan a unique wedding that represents you as a couple?**

Cupid's Advice:

A wedding is a special occasion, a milestone in life, and should represent the couple being united together. But if the couple doesn't care much for tradition, it may rock a few boats. Here are Cupid's tips on planning the wedding of your dreams while still pleasing your guests.

**1. Compromise:** Maybe you both don't want to do the traditional first dance, but your grandparents' eyes tear up when they hear you won't be hitting the dance floor as a couple, and

will instead boogie right into the YMCA. Instead, keep another traditional part of the ceremony or reception in tact, like the bouquet toss, to make family members happy.

**2. Don't go too over the top:** You and your fiancé are different, so your wedding should be unique. But keep it in check, or it could get tacky, or just plain weird. Ask friends or family members for their opinions before making final decisions.

**3. Don't get in over your head:** Releasing doves the moment you kiss and swans walking around the cocktail hour area might sound perfect, but doves are hard to orchestrate and swans can get mean and nasty. You want the picture-perfect wedding, but not everything is realistic. Do yourself a favor by hiring a wedding planner to help figure out what you can afford, what works for your budget, and what will still look fabulous and keep guests talking long after the wedding.

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## Hilary Duff's "Imminent" Wedding





Ex-Disney star Hilary Duff and fiancé Mike Comrie of the Edmonton Oilers have planned a quiet affair for their upcoming wedding, [E! News](#) confirmed last Friday. The two have been engaged since February, and a source close to the couple told E! News that the wedding is “imminent.” The couple is finalizing their preparations for the big day, which is happening this month. **What finishing steps do you need to prepare for your wedding?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Duff and Comrie have been taking dancing lessons to get ready for their nuptials, but there are a few key steps that many couples might overlook during the hustle and the bustle before the big event.

**1. Beautify:** This should ideally take place a week or so before the wedding. Haircuts and final teeth whitening appointments should happen while there is still time to correct any mistakes.

**2. Game plan:** There are certain aspects that even the best wedding planner might not know to prepare for. Does the best



man have a tendency to make raunchy comments when he's drunk? Have an aunt who's a bit of a cougar with her eye on one of the groomsmen? Prepare for these situations ahead of time.

**3. Happy honeymoon:** The last thing you're thinking about as your wedding approaches is the idea of the aftermath, but it's a key ingredient, too. Make sure you have all the plans set for getting from wedding mindset to honeymoon mode without a hitch.

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## 'The Bachelorette' & Her Fiancé Step Out in Style!





*Bachelorette* Ali Fedotowsky and fiancé Roberto Martinez were officially able to step out as a couple, [E! News](#) reported Tuesday. The two had to keep their romance under wraps after the show finished filming to keep the ending a secret before the finale aired Monday night on ABC. Cupid sends his congratulations to the happy couple!

### **What are ways to celebrate your engagement?**

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

When Fedotowsky and Martinez were finally able to reveal the news, they did so in style. There are all kinds of ways to let friends and family know you're engaged. Let Cupid help:

**1. Family style:** For couple's who have tight-knit families, a simple dinner for both sides might be enough of a party to start things off. Have them over to one of your homes and make it a personal affair for everyone who matters most.

**2. Night on the town:** You could go the surprise route and invite all your friends for a night out. Don't mention the engagement, and see who notices the ring first. At that point, drinks all around will be a no-brainer!

**3. Party time:** To keep everyone happy, throw a large celebration for everyone in your life – the more the merrier!

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## ‘Bachelorette’ Ali Fedotowsky Engaged to Roberto Martinez!



This season's *Bachelorette* ended with an unconventional bang! Ali Fedotowsky chose to not have her second last date with Chris Lambdton, and instead, sent him home early on Monday's finale. It turns out that Roberto Martinez had already won Fedotowsky's heart, [E! Online](#) reported Monday, despite rumors that she hadn't chosen anyone, as Ryan Seacrest predicted in his podcast earlier that day. Other unexpected surprises of

this season included Frank Neuschaefer's early departure to return to his ex on the July 19 episode. Cupid wishes reality TV's newest couple luck!

## **How do you know if the one you love is Mr. or Mrs. Right?**

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

Reality TV sometimes gets a bad rap for being predictable, or staged. However, this season's *Bachelorette* got to the heart of everyone's true feelings, whether it was Frank leaving the show early, or Ali already knowing who the right man for her was. Cupid wants to help, and has some ways to help *you* decide if you've found the perfect mate:

- 1. It's all about honesty:** Infatuation can disguise itself as love by providing the surface feelings of the real deal. In order to be sure, dig into your heart and see how far down your lover is before making a lasting commitment.
- 2. Let's talk about love:** In order to determine true love, don't just trust your gut. Talk it out together, and make sure you're both on the same page.
- 3. Step back:** If you need to know if your feelings are what they seem, take a solo trip away from your partner for a week or two, and avoid or limit contact as much as possible. If true feelings are there, your love will remain when you return.

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**Hulk Hogan Supports Ex's**



# Engagement



Wrestler Hulk Hogan wishes his ex-wife Linda the best of luck with her engagement to 21-year-old Charlie Hill, [RadarOnline](#) reported last week. Though the exes have had troubles since their divorce, Hogan says he is “ecstatic” over his ex-wife’s engagement. Linda Hogan and Hill will reportedly marry next summer, and have been dating since 2008.

**How should you react when an ex gets serious with someone new?**

Cupid’s Advice:

>Although Hulk Hogan initially had some problems with his ex-wife’s new – and much younger – love interest, he eventually supported the situation. While you might not agree with an ex’s new choice in love, it’s important to be the bigger person, and at the very least, keep things cordial.

**1. Hey! No technology:** Cryptic tweets and Facebook statuses are still obvious to anyone who knows you or your ex. If you have something to say and can't tell your ex in person, then don't post it on your profile where anyone can see it.

**2. Be open:** In the event that your ex still wants you in his or her life, you'll most likely meet the new partner. Don't back down from this situation, and be as open-minded as possible when meeting him or her.

**3. Back off:** Once the first encounter has happened and the new relationship is in full swing, let your ex be the one to determine where things go. You are not the one in the potentially fragile new relationship. Be as supportive as you can, and as involved as your ex wants you to be.

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# Russell Brand is Daddy Material





Comedian Russell Brand has the faith of fiancée Katy Perry when it comes to his abilities as a future father. [People](#) reported last week that the pop singer thinks Brand will “be perfect” as a baby daddy, a quality she says was key for her in looking for a potential husband. The two have been engaged since January.

**Is being a good parent the most important trait in a future spouse?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Perry knew what she was looking for when it came to a future husband. If you want to have children, then yes, it’s important to find someone you think will be a good parent. However, it’s a good idea to talk about your goals before thinking about getting hitched:

**1. Prioritize:** If having children is not something you’re considering, the potential to be a good parent – while a good characteristic to have in general – isn’t necessary. Figure out what your future plans are before you looking for your ideal mate.

**2. Break the ice:** If you decide that being a parent is something you want, make sure you broach the subject with your mate carefully. This can be a touchy and intimidating subject for people, so tread delicately.

**3. Make plans:** If having a child is something you both want, and marriage is already in the works, then go ahead and plan for a family. This is a life change that should be addressed ahead of time.

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## It's On, Off, and On Again for Tamera Mowry





*Sister, Sister* actress Tamera Mowry and Fox News correspondent Adam Housley are giving it another shot. According to [E! News](#), Adam proposed to Tamera last week in Italy, and a source close to the couple says, “they were engaged a few years ago, but broke it off... They have been dating on and off for the past year and now he has put a ring on her finger once again.” This isn’t the first celebrity couple to announce a “re-engagement.” Just last month, Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green announced their plans to tie the knot after calling off a three year engagement last February. The two finally married in late June. We’ll now see if the second time’s a charm – or better yet, a diamond – for Mowry and Housley.

**Is it wise to commit to someone for a second time after initially calling off an engagement?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

You may think the person is the love of your life, but deciding to take the plunge after initially calling off an engagement requires some thought. Cupid can help sort out some of your concerns:

- 1. Don’t rush into it:** If the engagement was called off, there must be reasons behind the break up. Make sure you truly know what the concerns were the first time around so you can work them out before deciding on marriage once again.
- 2. Figure out the truth:** Are you really in love and see yourself with this person for the rest of your life? It’s better to be honest with yourself from the beginning so you don’t end up committing to someone you aren’t happy with.
- 3. Get your priorities straight:** If you and your partner have seriously taken the time to work out your issues, and both understand why *now* is the right time to get married versus before, make sure you’re on the same page when it comes to

your future. Take a look at these ten important questions to ask before you get engaged.

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## Jane Krakowski Won't Elope



30 Rock star Jane Krakowski told [People](#) magazine last week that she and her designer fiancé, Robert Godley, will not elope — la Calista Flockheart, her *Ally McBeal* costar. Krakowski and Godley became engaged over the holidays this past year, but have no wedding plans as of yet. The actress *did* reveal, however, that though elopement is not for her, she does think it fits Flockheart and husband Harrison Ford.

## How do you know if elopement is for you?

### Cupid's Advice:

Eloping is a personal decision that can only be made between you and your partner. Before you jump on a plane to Vegas, read Cupid's advice to see if it's right for you:

**1. Family:** Though the wedding is ultimately about you, you may want to first consider the thoughts of your family before making the decision. Bring up the idea of eloping and see how mom reacts.

**2. Serendipity:** Are you a spontaneous couple? Do you believe in the fates and flying by the seat of your pants? If not, a spur of the moment commitment may not be in your best interest. Planners and list-makers beware.

**3. Money matters:** For couples that are tight on cash, an elopement is often cheaper than a full-blown wedding. Depending on where you go, it can double as a honeymoon, thus saving even more time, planning, and even your wallet.

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## 'The Bachelorette' Star Ali Fedotowsky Picks Her Man





Ali Fedotowsky began her stint on ABC's *The Bachelorette* with 20 eligible men vying for her love. Last week, [US Weekly](#) reported that she says she's confident she chose the right man as her future husband during the season finale. Fedotowsky narrowed down her contenders to three in last week's episode, and her final choice will be revealed during the ABC finale on August 2. Though the lucky guy has not been revealed, Fedotowsky told *US* that a 2011 wedding is in the works.

**How do you know if you've chosen the right partner?**

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

Most of us aren't lucky enough to have a slew of suitors at our door, but it's important that we weed out the good partners from the bad when potential lovers do come around.

**1. Stranger danger:** When you begin dating, you can't possibly know all of your partners' dirty little secrets, but remember that more times than not, the past has a way of presenting itself. Keep your ears and eyes open, and take the time to get to know someone before settling down.



**2. Ask for directions:** When choosing a long term partner, it's important that both people are heading in a similar direction, or are willing to compromise to make things work. For example, if you want a commitment and he or she doesn't, or you want to live in the suburbs and they won't move out of the city, these differences could be a relationship deal-breaker.

**3. Love and trust:** The most important traits in a future mate is that they love you and treat you well. If you don't feel love, trust, or respect, then you should move on and wait for someone better.

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## Bristol Palin Wants More Kids... Someday





It appears that being a one-time-mommy just won't do for Bristol Palin. But don't worry – the recently engaged mother of 18-month-old son Tripp isn't planning on expanding her family anytime soon. "I'm going to wait a while, definitely," the 19-year-old told [People](#). "I'm not going to rush into having another kid." Bristol hopes that she and fiancé Levi Johnston, 20, can provide Tripp with "a brother or sister, eventually."

**When will you know if you're ready to enlarge your family?**

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

Thinking about giving your child a brother or sister in the future? Examine these areas of your current family life to see if you and your clan are ready to expand:

**1. Talk to your little one:** No matter how young they may be, discussing the prospect of a new baby brother or sister with your child is a good way to get them used to the idea, while also reminding them that they will always be loved and cared for, regardless of future family size.

**2. Budget:** Kids are priceless, but raising them is not. Before you become a mom or dad for the second time around, get familiar with your spending patterns. Analyze your financial decisions and commitments with your last child, and consider whether or not you could make it work again. Check out MoneyNing's guide to Planning and Budgeting For a New Baby.

**3. How much time is on your side?:** Baby planning and pregnancy can be time consuming, but nothing is more of a commitment than maintaining a family. If you or your spouse are already inundated with career-related responsibilities, or have trouble making time for each other or your current child, then you may need to hold off on adding another baby to your household right now. Take time to fully develop your current family dynamics so that you can all be well-adjusted and welcoming of any future little ones!

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## Bristol Palin & Levi Johnston Engaged





Bristol Palin, daughter of politician Sarah Palin, is engaged to Levi Johnston, [US Weekly](#) revealed yesterday. The couple told the magazine that they have been engaged for two weeks, despite not having the approval of their parents. The two have rekindled their romance after splitting up last year, just months after the birth of their son, Tripp, in December 2008.

**Can a baby-daddy turn into a good husband and father?**

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

Johnston's actions during and after the birth of his son, from posing for Playgirl magazine to his public war of words with Palin's family, shows he has a lot of making up to do. Here are some of Cupid's tips for dealing with an unplanned pregnancy:

**1. Be involved:** Both partners need to be involved in their own relationship with each other, as well as the impending relationship with their child, from the get go. Make real

plans for the future – a child you created together is on its way!

**2. Time to grow up:** No matter how old you are, having a child means it's time to act like an adult. Another life will depend on you for survival. It's imperative you take on a parental role.

**3. There's no 'I' in 'team':** This isn't about just one person anymore. Your and your partner's needs must be balanced with what will be best for you as a couple, and for your child. Even if you aren't yet officially a family, you must function like one for things to run smoothly.

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## Zoe Saldana Engaged







*Avatar* star Zoe Saldana is engaged to My Fashion Database CEO Keith Britton, [E! News](#) reported last week. Saldana and Britton have dated for roughly ten years, but have managed to keep their relationship out of the spotlight. [CNN](#) confirmed the engagement, as well as the couples' "low-key" status, even revealing that one of the few times Saldana ever referenced Britton was at this year's Crystal + Lucy awards night.

**How can you keep your relationship low-key?**

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

Though Saldana and Britton might have taken the under-wraps relationship a bit far, it's refreshing to see a connection that speaks for itself. No matter how long you're dating someone, it is always possible to keep a low-profile on your relationship.

**1. Make it mutual:** Not all people are into quiet relationships. Before you go into secret-mode with your significant other, make sure that's what he or she wants,

too. Some people are shout-it-from-the-rooftops kind of lovers; get a feel for what your partner is like.

**2. Be a family:** No matter how low-down you keep things between you and your partner, make sure your family gets to know them if you want to get serious. That's one group who should know all about your relationship.

**3. Don't be anonymous:** Just because you like to keep your private life separate – and well, private – that doesn't mean your mate has to be a ghost in other aspects of your life. Involve each other when you can, while still maintaining a subtle profile.

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## Rachel Bilson & Hayden Christensen Are “Taking a Break”





*The OC* actress, Rachel Bilson, and *Star Wars: Episode II* star, Hayden Christensen, are reportedly taking a break from their engagement, a source told [USMagazine.com](http://USMagazine.com) last weekend. The couple engaged quietly in 2008; however when asked about the wedding by the US Magazine at the TQH/Take No Prisoners Party, Bilson replied, "No, no plans," and pointed to her ringless finger. A source told the magazine that the couple is "taking about a month off."

**What are some warning signs that you and your significant other need a break?**

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

Not all breaks are a bad thing. Sometimes a little time away is needed to ensure what you have with your partner is right, especially if you're thinking about taking the next step to marriage.

**1. You feel bad about yourself:** The beginning of a relationship always brings highs to your self-esteem. If you no longer feel happy – either with yourself or with the

partnership – step back and see if you're happier without your other half.

**2. You don't want to hang out anymore:** If you no longer enjoy conversing with your partner, or find yourself trying to avoid contact with him or her, it's a sign something's amiss. You can't work on a relationship if you can't communicate with each other – or don't want to.

**3. You compare your partner to other people:** The comparison doesn't have to just be physical; intellectual and emotional comparisons may be more meaningful, especially if you're looking at things your mate has no power to change.

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## Megan Fox & Brian Austin Green are “Re-Engaged”





Maybe there is some truth to the old cliché, the second time's a charm. At the premiere of her latest movie, "Jonah Hex," Megan Fox told [People](#) magazine, "I'm more in love with him (fiancé Brian Austin Green) than I was in the beginning." The couple – who were first engaged in 2006 and called it off last February – re-engaged this month.

**How can you prevent the break-up/make-up syndrome from happening in your relationship?**

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

Sometimes it takes a little distance to find out if two people are meant to be together before they walk down the aisle. Cupid has some suggestions to help keep your relationship on track without all the drama:

**1. Take it slow:** Far too often couples rush into a serious relationship, only to have it end badly. If you slow down the courtship and get to know one another, you'll have a better chance at being together for the long haul.



**2. Be honest:** If something is bothering you, it's important to share your feelings with your partner immediately. Keeping things inside will only cause resentment, and can often lead to a break-up.

**3. The test of time:** Sometimes the only way to know if a relationship will sustain is to see how things go after being together for a few years.

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## Miranda Lambert & Blake Shelton Are Engaged



Country superstars Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton are

engaged after more than five years of courtship. According to [CBS News](#), Shelton asked for permission from Lambert's father before proposing to her in the woods near her home last month – complete with Bacardi and Diet Coke in a Solo Cup, which Lambert loved! [People](#) reported that the two have yet to release wedding plans, but the couple tells the magazine they're enjoying their engagement.

## **How can you make a proposal special yet personal?**

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

Shelton's personal touches made his proposal all the more significant to Lambert – and didn't require too much extra effort on his part. When planning that special moment, think about what will mean the most to the other person so the experience is memorable for you both.

- 1. It's not the size that counts:** While there might be societal pressure for a grand gesture, sometimes simpler is better. Make it about the personal connection between the two of you.
  - 2. WWT?:** What Would They Do? Think about how the other person would propose, which may reveal what they'd want out of an engagement. Make it about the other person.
  - 3. Be sincere:** Speak from your heart, and tell them exactly how you feel. Don't say something cheesy just because you feel you should. Every word, even something as simple as "I love you," counts. Make sure you mean each one.
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# Orlando Bloom & Miranda Kerr Announce Their Engagement!



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

**So you're engaged – now what?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

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

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

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

**3. Envision your perfect day:** You may both have very ideas of what your wedding looks like. Be open with your husband- or wife-to-be and list the must-haves. Compromises are inevitable, and it's best to lay out the groundwork early.