

# Jennifer Aniston Shows Off Engagement Ring on a Date with Justin Theroux



By Nic Baird

Actress Jennifer Aniston wore her enormous engagement ring out for a romantic Saturday night with fiancé Justin Theroux, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). The two had a private table in the garden of Hollywood's Chateau Marmont. The couple chatted and made subtle signs of affections, like Theroux reaching out to touch her hand during the meal. Although the actor-screenwriter proposed to Aniston back in August, the ring didn't publicly debut until Oct. 6.

**What are some ways to make a classic dinner date more**

**romantic?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

The classic dinner date is definitely the generic outing for a new couple, but pack it full of romance, and it won't lose its magic. It's always a great excuse to sit down and talk to your significant other for a couple of hours. Keep these tips in mind, and try new variations to pull off a deeply engaging dinner date:

**1. Ambiance:** The local, music, and the food create the date. Candles and flowers go a long way obviously, but try changing up the setting. Have a picnic, find some water, or make your own meal at home. Just changing things up adds some fresh romance.

**2. Conversation:** More important than what you're eating, or where you're eating it, is how you interact with your partner. If dinner is following an activity, you can discuss the heartfelt and funny moments of your date. For a special dinner date, you should make a connection in the conversation. Discuss topics that are special to you, or take the opportunity to learn more about your partner.

**3. Appearance:** Even if you've both seen each other at your worst, a special dinner date means it's time to spruce up. Dress appropriately for the date, but if you're unsure, always overdress. Putting extra effort into your appearance tells your partner this date is special to you, and shows an endearing vulnerability. You're sending them an intimate message by soliciting their attraction. If you get dolled up for an important event, then make this one of them.

**What are some ways you've made your dinner dates more romantic? Share your experiences below!**

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# Guy Ritchie Is Engaged to His Pregnant Girlfriend



By Jennifer Ross

The word is out! She said “yes” and Guy Ritchie could not be any happier. Recently confirmed by [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the British director proposed to his longtime girlfriend, Jacqui Ainsley. Ritchie, 44, and Ainsley, 30, were at a dinner date last Sunday at Madeo Restaurant in L.A., where she showed off both her baby bump and her round-cut engagement ring. The baby-to-come will be the second child for Ainsley with her fiancé, one which she revealed to the world on the red carpet at the London premiere of the movie, *The Dark Knight Rises*. The

happy couple has been dating since 2010. Before Ainsley, Ritchie ended an eight year marriage with Madonna in 2008, and shares two sons with her.

## **What are some cute ways to propose to your pregnant girlfriend?**

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

Although proposing to your girlfriend after she is pregnant may be a reversal of traditions, it is still as romantic and exciting as the original way. Depending on which trimester she is in, you may have limitations to the ways you can propose. However, with her being pregnant, you have the unique opportunity to get creative and even try to include your unborn child into the details. Here are a few ideas that are sure to make any proposal a huge success:

**1. Written for the stars:** If your girlfriend is near the end of her pregnancy, a great way to propose is to take her to the movies. Before you go, have the proposal, along with a picture of you two or the new baby, added to the advertisements shown before a movie. Then sit back, relax and enjoy the show. You can even invite your friends and family and let them be surprised as well. Contact your local cinema for the details.

**2. Get the OBGYN involved:** If your OBGYN is up for it, ask him/her to help you with the proposal at your next appointment. Have the doctor perform the normal consultation as they usually would. Towards the end of the visit, the doctor could "recommend" another supplement for overall health and well-being of both baby and mom. Watch her surprise as she is handed a prescription that states, "Will you marry him?"

**3. A gift for the baby:** Since the baby will need lots of things, why start clothes shopping right away. Buy a newborn onesie and have the words, "Will you marry my daddy?" added on it and wrap it nicely. You can give it to your girlfriend

either alone over dinner or at a special time with friends and family around. It will be a wonderful proposal she remembers every time your newborn wears the onesie.

When you were pregnant, how did your partner propose to you? Tell us below.

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## 7 Lessons We Can Learn from Celebrity Divorces



By Relationship & Sex Talk, Jane Greer, Ph.D., for GalTime.com

Katie and Tom? Kim and Kris? Seal and Heidi? Do you relate to any of these A-lister break-ups?

With all the celebrity divorces topping the news regularly, there is much to be learned from their trials, and in some cases, triumphs. Here are seven tips to help you steer clear of a Maria Shriver-Arnold Schwarzenegger un-hitching, or handle a divorce gracefully— if that's the best route to take.

**Know what you are getting into before you walk down the aisle.**

Could this have been the issue for Katy Perry and Russell Brand's short marriage? We can't know for sure, however, we can take note. I often think of how we take the time to plan a vacation. We decide where we want to go, where to stay, eat, and tour. You wouldn't jump into the car without any thought and head to a destination. Why would you do that with a marriage? Learn what your partner wants out of life, and what they expect from you and the home you build, before you commit to being together forever. That is the only way to ensure a happy future and continued travel together.

**Pay attention to the signs, so a divorce doesn't blindside you.**

"I had no idea it was going to take this turn," Jennie Garth of "Beverly Hills 90210" fame told "Access Hollywood Live" about divorcing Peter Facinelli of "Twilight" fame after eleven years of marriage. The thing to keep in mind with this one is, if you've been fighting and then the fighting stops, it doesn't always mean things have improved. Maybe your spouse has simply given up. Just because your partner stops complaining doesn't mean the complaints have necessarily gone away. Don't assume all is well; make sure it is.

**First deal with the "me" so you don't get caught up in the "we."**

Could Katie Holmes' path been different had she focused more on herself before she wed Tom Cruise? The perception that Cruise overwhelmingly ruled the roost and left no room for the compromise that a healthy marriage demands is something we all



can learn from. Before you commit to a life of possible unhappiness, make sure you are a strong individual. Then together you can focus on becoming a couple.

**Make your anger work for you.** Rumor has it that one element in Heidi Klum and Seal's break-up was intense anger. In an intimate relationship everyone seeks a loving and safe shelter, and behavioral issues or outbursts can quickly erode those comforts. Over time, one partner may lose the sense of sanctuary and begin to feel fearful and anxious knowing that at any time their spouse might blow up. That pattern of behavior destroys the foundation of your mutual trust and commitment. Instead of letting things between you become explosive and hurtful, use those strong feelings to do good.

**Don't compare your old partner to your new one.** Was Brad Pitt busy comparing ex-wife Jennifer Aniston to his new partner Angelina Jolie? Well, rumors seemed that way for years, but the honkin' engagement ring on Angie's finger puts that to rest. For the rest of us: If you play the comparison game, you will just keep yourself stuck on what was wrong with your past marriage. This will keep the pain and loss of divorce alive, instead of allowing you to let go and move on. Create closure for yourself, and to do that you have to be willing to let go. That means being able to cope with what you left behind, focusing on the positive of what you took away from it. When you talk negatively you keep your bad feelings alive. When you talk positively you put them to rest. The ultimate goal is to get on with your new life in a better place for what you gained from your old one.

**Tend to other aspects of your life – financial, professional, health, parenting, education, friendships and family relationships.** When "Desperate Housewives" star Eva Longoria ended her marriage to Tony Parker, NBA star point-guard for the San Antonio Spurs, one of the things that suffered was her financial situation. It is not unusual for the loss you have already been through with your separation or divorce to

replicate itself in other parts of your life. Often, people end up experiencing loss in a panoramic sense – it finds its way into everything, taking over even more than their love and home life. Don't turn a blind eye to other corners of your life that need your attention, places where you can still make a difference. Pay attention so you can focus on and sustain the other things you still have in your life, thereby curbing the widespread devastation.

**Don't bad-mouth your ex in public.** Alec Baldwin is quoted in gossip mags bashing former wife Kim Basinger. Find an outlet for your anger, sadness or leftover emotions by keeping a journal, seeing a professional counselor, or joining a divorce support group. It might feel good in the moment to go off about your former partner. But even if you're not in the press or spotlight, be mindful that saying negative things out loud about an ex rarely serves anyone well in the long run.

If you keep these tips in mind you can hopefully use them to insulate your marriage and stay on track. But if you've gotten to the point of no return, then maybe these lessons will help you remain in control so that you don't exacerbate an already difficult situation and make it worse. Use them to regain your footing and start your new life on solid ground.

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## **Elisha Cuthbert Proves Patience Can Pay Off**







By Relationship & Sex Talk, Jane Greer, Ph.D., for Galtime.com  
relationships and timing

Elisha Cuthbert, one of the stars of the ABC series *Happy Endings*, is proving that sometimes people do live happily ever after. It was recently announced that she and longtime boyfriend Dion Phaneuf, the Toronto Maple Leafs NFL hockey player, are engaged to be married after dating for four years. For some, that could seem like an eternity to wait.

**But, what about the rest of us? It raises the question, how much time do you give a relationship before getting a proposal? And how long is too long?**

There are many things that can keep one or both members of a couple from taking that big leap toward marriage. Sometimes these issues are never resolved, or worse, they are just excuses. Other times they really are honest concerns that just need time to work themselves out, as was the case with Elisha and Dion. So how can you know the difference?

The most important thing to keep in mind is that despite the

fact that your partner's reluctance to commit can feel like a rejection of you, try not to take it personally. You can do this by recognizing that very often when one partner is holding back on taking that huge step, it often has more to do with their own individual issues and fears than with how they feel about the other person. They might be worried about career success, or making enough money to support a family, or maybe they were betrayed before and have trust issues. If someone has already been married, there might be all sorts of concerns keeping them from trying again.

Talk to your partner about why they are not ready to go forward. See if you can jointly determine what it might take for them to get beyond their fears. Set goals to work toward making those changes and then you can set a time limit for yourself, maybe six months or a year, to see if anything is being done. As long as your partner is trying, then your relationship is still viable and worth fighting for. But if your partner is all talk, and has made no attempt to move toward the goals you set together, sadly, it might be an indication that nothing will ever change. At that point, you can do what they have not been able to do, take the next step yourself and move on.

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## **Mario Lopez's Fiancé Courtney Mazza Surprises Him at Vegas Bachelor Party**





By Erin Minty

Host of *Extra* and *America's Best Dance Crew* Mario Lopez held his bachelor party this past weekend at TAO Beach in Las Vegas. Among 15 of his closest buds, Lopez lounged in the sun, snacking on fresh fruit, sushi, crispy rice and quesadillas, reports [People](#). No matter how much fun he had with the guys, however, it was his fiancé's surprise addition to the all-boys weekend that was the showstopper. Courtney Mazza, who has been engaged to Mario Lopez since January, appeared during the bachelor party to perform with the Pussycat Dolls.

**What are some ways you can contribute to your partner's bachelor/bachelorette party?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

A bachelor/bachelorette party can be one of the most memorable times that a bride/groom gets to spend with their friends before the big day. Without stepping on anyone's feet, you may be tempted to make the party even more special. Cupid has some advice on how to contribute to your partner's

bachelor/bachelorette party:

**1. Have a specially designed cake delivered:** Have a tasty treat delivered to the party that has a special message design. Show you're thinking of your partner and your approaching big day.

**2. Make sure champagne is waiting in their hotel room:** Have chilled champagne delivered to your soon-to-be spouse's hotel room so that she/he and their friends can toast to your nuptials.

**3. Make a surprise appearance:** Take a hint from Courtney Mazza and make a quick unexpected appearance at the bachelor or bachelorette party. Make sure that this appearance would be appreciated before deciding to do it, however.

**How did you contribute to your partner's bachelor/bachelorette party? Leave your story below.**

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## **Favorite Celebrity Engagement Rings**





By Sarah Ribeiro

Engagement rings can be one of the most important elements in beginning a marriage. They signify the bond you have with your partner, their commitment to you, and the security of your relationship. Of course, there's also the glamour and luxury that comes with a gorgeous diamond on your hand! Here are some celebrity engagement rings that perfectly represent both the strength and extravagance of celebrity weddings and marriages:

## Top Celebrity Engagement Rings

**1. Kate Hudson:** Hudson's engagement ring from Muse rocker Matthew Bellamy is an outstanding statement in such a private celebrity relationship. The \$200,000 platinum ring is a nine carat emerald-cut diamond with tapered baguettes on the side. The two have been engaged for a year, and although they have no wedding date set, they do have a son together, Bingham.



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**2. Kate Middleton:** The royal duchess of Cambridge was definitely given a ring fit for a queen. Her celebrity love Prince William presented her with his mother Princess Diana's engagement ring, a round-cut blue sapphire surrounded by 14 diamonds. At the time it was worn by Diana in 1981, it cost 30,000 British pounds – the equivalent of roughly \$47,000.

**3. Angelina Jolie:** Being one of Hollywood's most luxurious famous couples, this duo will no doubt have an over-the-top celebrity wedding celebration. Newly-engaged Jolie was given a rectangular-cut diamond on a yellow-and-white gold band. Rumor has it Pitt commissioned a jeweler to find the finest-quality diamond for his love, even requesting a cut shaped perfectly for her hand.

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## No Limits For This Famous Couple's Ring

**4. Beyoncé Knowles:** One of Hollywood's most expensive wedding rings naturally belongs to one of the highest-grossing Hollywood couples. The rapper gave Beyoncé a \$5 million celebrity engagement ring before their secret marriage in April 2008. The 18-carat diamond, made by jeweler Lorraine Schwartz, is emerald-cut and set in a platinum band. For security purposes, the singer wears a fake copy of it, which is still worth more than \$5,000.

**5. Natalie Portman:** In 2010, the famous actress, vegan and humanist was gifted an eco-friendly engagement ring to fit her lifestyle. Husband Benjamin Millepied found ballet dancer-turned jeweler Jamie Wolf to design the \$35,000 ring, which



uses recycled platinum and an antique oval center stone surrounded by pavé diamonds from a conflict-free mine, meaning no miner was hurt or treated unfairly when mining the stones. Millepied personalized his choice by making the ring a statement to his love's activism and loving nature, a sweet statement for an even sweeter couple.

Which celebrity engagement ring is your favorite? Tell us below.

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## Olympic Figure Skater Michelle Kwan is Engaged



By Erin Minty

Decorated Olympic figure skater Michelle Kwan has another type of decoration to add to her collection—a diamond ring! Michelle Kwan got engaged to her boyfriend Clay Pell, 30, director for strategic planning on the National Security staff at the White House, on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 32-year-old athlete tells [People](#), “It was a simple decision and it made sense, that’s what’s so exciting to me.” Pell proposed on Block Island, off the coast of Rhode Island, after a day on the beach and swimming with the love of his life.

**What are some ways to make a marriage proposal exciting?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

A marriage proposal is probably the most important you will ask (or be asked) in your relationship, so you want to make sure to do it right. Cupid has some advice on exciting and interesting ways to pop the question:

- 1. Wait for an unexpected moment:** For those who love surprises, a proposal is much more romantic and exciting when it is a complete surprise. Plan yours for a time when your partner will not be expecting it, or somehow fit it in to your partner’s daily schedule so they will be completely shocked
- 2. Plan an overly romantic night:** For those who love the romance films, go overboard and then some with your proposal. Rent out a restaurant, invite your partner’s family and friends to come, or any other extreme moment that they will never forget. Pick up some classic romance movies for inspiration.
- 3. Have a private getaway:** For those who like their privacy, plan a romantic getaway to pop the question. Make sure the two of you are completely alone, and tell your partner all the things you are looking for in your future together before

getting down on one knee. This will always be a special memory that only the two of you share.

What made your marriage proposal exciting? Share your story below!

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## ‘Bachelor Pad’ Stars Blakely and Tony Get Engaged on the Show’s Finale



By Jennifer Ross

In the season finale of *Bachelor Pad*, it was Nick Peterson that walked away with the \$250,000 jackpot, leaving his partner, Rachel Trueheart, empty handed. However, Peterson was not the only one to come out a winner. A surprise ending to the show happened when Tony Pieper proposed to his girlfriend and partner, Blakeley Jones. It appeared as if both Jones, 28, and Chris Harrison, host of the show, were unaware of Pieper's, 30, plans. According to [People](#), Jones has been reported saying that although she knew she would marry Pieper someday, she had no idea when it would happen. Let's hope their marriage is not as fast as their dating relationship.

**What are some very public ways to propose marriage?**

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

Almost every man, at one point in his life, will have to answer that day old question – “How should I propose to the love of my life?” From the simple to the over-the-top plan, Cupid's Pulse has a few ideas for you to consider.

**1. K.I.S.S.:** When in doubt, **Keep It Smart and Simple**. While being proposed to can make a person feel like No. 1, not everyone enjoys being the center of attention. A good way to propose low key at home is to remove all her jewelry from her jewelry box and replace it with just the ring. Then, wait for her surprise reaction when she finds it as she is getting dressed.

**2. Spell it out:** Another great idea is to get the loved ones involved in helping you propose. Plan a party, inviting all your friends and family. Recruit some of the attendees to wear a T-shirt bearing one letter of the phrase, “Will you marry me?” Then, as soon as you two walk in, suggest a group photo and let the shirts speak for themselves.

**3. Look up:** For an outrageous idea, why not propose surrounded by thousands of your “closest friends” and your favorite team!

Many sporting events allow bookings for your proposal to be shown on their scoreboard or big screen arena-boards. Just be sure to book it days or weeks in advance, depending on the popularity of the game. Another benefit is the booking fee usually goes towards the team's foundation.

**How were you proposed to? Have a great proposal story for us? Tell us below!**

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## **Britney Spears and Jason Trawick Reveal How Their Romance Began**







By Erin Minty

Britney Spears' fiancée Jason Trawick is speaking out about how their relationship originally began. "It was kind of one of those things where she moved, like, turned around, so we were face-to-face and then ..." said Trawick. Before he could continue, though, Spears stepped in and stopped the 40 year old from giving too many personal details away, according to [People](#). From business to pleasure, the couple have been able to make things work, and hopefully Spears has finally found the one.

**What are some unique ways to meet a potential partner?**

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

Finding a potential partner can be a really difficult thing to do. Cupid has some advice on some new and interesting places to meet a new date:

**1. Online:** The stigma that comes along with online dating is starting to diminish. If you haven't had much luck finding people you connect with in your every day life, try an online



dating site. Tons of people have successfully found a partner online, and it takes away the stress of finding someone on your own.

**2. Volunteer activities:** If there is a cause or organization in your community that you are passionate about, helping out by volunteering for a day can be a great way to meet new people that share some of your passions. Chat up the cute person working at the site with you and you never know what may happen!

**3. Gym/park:** If you are someone who loves the idea of working out, but may not be able to find someone to go with you, go for a run at your local park or hit the gym. Chances are, some cute single will be working out too (hopefully alone) and you can talk a little while you work out in a stress-free environment.

**What interesting place did you meet your partner? Let us know your story below!**

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## **Reports Say Chad Kroeger's Parents Did Not Meet Avril Lavigne Pre-Engagement**





By Erin Minty

The recently announced engagement between Avril Lavigne and Nickelback's lead singer Chad Kroeger came as a big shock to fans around the world. Other people it came as a shock to were Chad's parents. The couple admits to *Hello! Canada* magazine that Chad's parents never met Lavigne before the engagement, reports [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). Kroeger says, "You never know what your parents are going to say when you tell them you're getting married – especially when it's with someone they haven't met yet!" Apparently, he has never met the young singer's parents either. The two seem very nervous about making a good first impression, but Lavigne adds, "Everyone is super stoked for us. The reaction from our friends and family has been awesome!"

**What are some ways to impress your partner's parents?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Meeting your partner's parents the first time can be extremely nerve-wracking. Cupid has some advice on making a good

impression the first time you meet:

**1. Be confident:** You don't want to be shy on your first meeting with the parents, or your actions may be misinterpreted. Engage them in conversation and have a response to things that they say. Keep eye contact when speaking to them, and you will look interested and confident.

**2. Dress to impress:** Don't show up wearing some old baggy sweatpants or something with holes. You don't need to wear a tuxedo or gown either, but you want to look presentable when you first meet your partner's parents. A lot of a first impression has to do with the way you look, just like on a job interview. So, be polished and look nice for your first meeting.

**3. Show love for your partner:** All parents just want to know that their child is happy. If you love your partner: show it! Don't do anything inappropriate, but smile and show your appreciation to your partner in front of his or her parents. It will make their parents much more open to you to see their child loves you back.

**How do you impress your partner's parents on your first meeting? Let us know below.**

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**'Happy Endings' Actress  
Elisha Cuthbert Is Engaged to  
NHL Star**



By Erin Minty

Canadian-born actress Elisha Cuthbert and her longtime boyfriend Dion Phanuef have become engaged. The NHL player proposed this weekend and sources confirm that she said “yes,” according to [People](#). The actress is known for her current role on ABC’s hit TV show *Happy Endings* as well as her role on *24*, while her new fiancée is famous on the ice as the captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs. The two have been dating since 2008, and are finally deciding to settle down together.

**How do you know when you’ve been together long enough to get engaged?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Taking the next step from a relationship to an engagement can be a huge and scary decision. Cupid has some advice:

**1. You are 100% open:** Relationships are about learning every little detail about your partner's lives, past and present. When there is no more to learn, and you are happy with what you know, it may be time to move forward in your relationship. When a couple has no secrets and knows each other so well, getting engaged seems like the obvious step.

**2. You see a future:** If you imagine your future life being married, and you can see your partner as the one you are with, then an engagement might be in order. After a certain amount of time (it is different for everyone,) if you know that your partner is the one you want to spend the rest of your life with, then moving forward is the answer.

**3. You want to move forward:** There are only so many steps after being in a monogamous relationship. Try moving in together. If you have done that, adopt a pet together or buy a home. When you still want to move forward in your relationship, becoming engaged is only natural, and a perfect next step towards a happy life.

**How do you know when you have been together long enough to get engaged? Let us know below!**

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## **Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Resurface in France Amid Celebrity Wedding Rumors**







By Erin Minty

The ever-elusive [Brad Pitt](#) and [Angelina Jolie](#) were finally spotted in France while in Le Touquet. The [Hollywood couple](#) owns a 1,000 acre estate in the south of France near Le Touquet, and both Pitt and his celebrity love are in Europe working on projects, with Jolie shooting *Malificent* and Pitt shooting *The Counselor*. According to recent celebrity gossip, their celebrity wedding is set for next spring. Though nothing has been confirmed, one insider tells [UsMagazine.com](#), “Angelina wants a simple, joyous wedding.”

**Hollywood couple Jolie and Pitt may have finally picked a celebrity wedding date. What are some ways to choose your wedding date?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Setting a date can be an extremely stressful time for any



couple about to be married. Cupid has some relationship and love advice about how to start thinking about a date for your wedding:

**1. Start with a season:** Is there one season that has always called out to you? Maybe you love the sunshine and beaches associated with summer, or maybe the pristine white of snow is more your style. Think about what would match your dream dress and your venue choices. By narrowing your choices down to a particular time of year, you can eliminate most of the year and have a much smaller list of dates to choose from.

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**2. Look at your calendar:** While weddings are one of the most important events of the season, there are some other important events that cannot be rescheduled. Make sure you're planning your wedding for a downtime for your family. If you want everyone to be able to attend, keep in mind their schedules when picking a date.

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**3. Pick a day that stands out to you:** Maybe you and your partner have a special joke related to a certain date, like the first day you kissed, the day of your first date, or some equally important milestone in your relationship. Picking a date that has importance to you, whether you guests know it or not, is another way to make your day even more special than it already is sure to be.

**When do you think this celebrity wedding will take place? Let us know in the comments below!**

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# Source Says Justin Theroux Had Been 'Dying' to Propose to Jennifer Aniston



There has been a big hype about Justin Theroux and Jennifer Aniston's recent engagement. The two had been dating for 15 months before the actor-screenwriter popped the question on the day of his birthday, August 10 in New York City. According to [People](#), a close friend of Theroux claims, "He's been dying to do it!" Aniston made Theroux's 41st birthday one to remember by accepting the proposal, and she looks more in love than ever. The couple's complimentary laid-back attitude makes

them a perfect match, and friends and family couldn't be more thrilled for them

**What are some signs that it's time to get engaged?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

When deciding to spend the rest of your life with someone, you have to make sure your relationship is in the right place to make that big step. Here are some signs that you're ready to become engaged:

**1. You've been in a long term committed relationship:** It's hard to decide you want to spend the rest of your life with someone if you haven't gotten to know them for long enough. If you have been in a dedicated and committed relationship for over a couple of months, then you can consider a proposal and know what you would be getting yourself into.

**2. You've moved in together:** Just because you have been dating for a while, doesn't mean you know exactly what you'd be marrying into. At least not until you've lived with a person. Once you live with them, you live and breathe them. You wouldn't want to become engaged to someone and find out what they live like later on.

**3. Make sure you're on the same page:** Before becoming engaged you need to make sure you have similar plans in life. There are things to discuss before making such a big step in life, such as children, living, occupation, traveling plans, etc.

**When do you think a couple is ready to become engaged? Share your thoughts below.**

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# 4 Things Jennifer Aniston Taught Me About Relationships And Love



By Liz of [WeLoveDates.com](http://WeLoveDates.com)

I've always been fiercely and annoyingly Team Jen, so when the news of her celebrity engagement to Justin Theroux broke out, I was possibly a bit too excited. As a complete and utter romantic, I'm just happy she's found her happy ending. In honor of America's Sweetheart, here are four things Jennifer Aniston has taught me about relationships and love:

# Relationship And Love Advice from Jennifer Aniston

**1. Keep on keepin' on:** *"There are no regrets in life, just lessons."*

It's easy to look at someone like Aniston and wonder if she would have done anything differently. Would she have fought to stay married to celebrity ex Brad Pitt and gotten into a cat fight with Angelina Jolie? Would she have begged him to stay with her? But by having no regrets and choosing to learn from her past, she is telling the world that nothing that has happened to her in life will ever define who she really is.

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**2. Take responsibility:** *"Relationships are two people; everyone is accountable. A lot goes into a relationship coming together, and a lot goes into a relationship falling apart. Even if it's 98 percent the other person's fault, it's 2 percent yours... You can only clean up your side of the street."*

Even the best relationships and love can turn sour. A lot goes on behind the scenes, whether you're part of a famous couple or not. Instead of playing the role of a heartbroken victim, good love advice is to evaluate where you went wrong in the relationship. You didn't fall in love over night, and your relationship didn't end in the blink of an eye.

**3. Don't try too hard:** *"If you try and be sexy, you'll never be sexy."*

You never get the impression that Aniston is trying too hard. She doesn't dress like she's giving something away for free, and she isn't overly gratuitous when it comes to her sexuality. There is a reason why she's often referred to as the girl next door, and women all over the world look to her

for style inspiration. Simply put, she's not desperate, and you shouldn't be either!

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**4. Love doesn't play by the rules:** *"You know, it isn't designed. Love just shows up and you go, "Oh, wow, this is going to be a hayride and a half."*

Nothing about relationships and love makes sense, and the sooner you accept that, the more fun you'll have dating. To get the most out of love, you have to be willing to let go of control and just go with the flow. Sometimes things won't work out your way, and you'll be heartbroken and alone, but other times, you'll be full of butterflies, loved beyond belief, and excited about the future – like we sure Aniston is over her celebrity engagement.

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## Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux Are Engaged!







Jennifer Aniston may have found her true love. Justin Theroux, Aniston's boyfriend of 18 months, has proposed, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), and she said "yes"! This will be Aniston's second marriage, her first being to Brad Pitt in 2000.

**How do you know when it's time to tie the knot?**

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

Getting married is a big step in your relationship. Here are some ways to know it's time to tie the knot:

- 1. You've talked about it:** If you've talked marriage with your honey and you both seem comfortable with the idea, it may be time to put those plans into action.
- 2. You're ready for what's next:** You and your partner are ready to start a family; what better first step than getting hitched?
- 3. You're practically married:** If the two of you live together, share funds, and even have a family of your own already, there's nothing getting in your way of a successful

marriage.

How do you know when it's time to tie the knot? Share your comments below.

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## Kristin Cavallari Gushes About Motherhood



Kristin Cavallari is officially a mom! *The Hills* star gave birth to her first son, Camden Jack Cutler, with Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler on Wednesday. According to [People](#), the 25-year old tweeted, "Being a mom is the most incredible feeling. I am so in love with this little boy!" Now that the

couple has welcomed the new addition to their family, their wedding plans can go into full swing. The stars have been engaged since January after a short split.

**How do you know if your partner will be a good parent?**

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

There are many qualities that go into being an excellent parent. Although no one is expected to have mastered parenting in nine months, here are some qualities that are a must when choosing the person you want to spend your life with:

**1. Responsible:** Responsibility is the most important attribute of a parent. There is a life that is now dependent on you, and it's the one person you don't want to let down.

**2. Sense of humor:** Children are full of energy and love to have fun. Good parents should love having fun with their kids and should never take themselves too seriously.

**3. Good communicator:** Communication is the key to any functioning relationship, especially with your children. Your role is not to only talk, but to listen as well.

**What qualities do you expect when searching for the mother/father of your children? Share your thoughts with us.**

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**Rumor: Is Kate Bosworth Engaged?**



It appears to be that Kate Bosworth considers Michael Polish as more than just her boyfriend. According to [People](#), Bosworth was writing about her travels with Polish in a travel blog for Vogue, when the actress casually commented, “On our first day in Seoul, my fiancé, Michael Polish, and I venture out to discover Changdeokgung Palace.” The star in love has been with Polish for a year now, but is she hinting that there is a wedding sometime in the near future?

**What are some ways to announce your engagement to friends and family?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Engagements are special events that should be shared with those who are special in your life. Here are some ways to announce your engagement to friends and family:

**1. Send a formal email out:** Of course you wouldn't email your parents about an engagement, but for everyone else it seems appropriate. Everyone turns to their email nowadays that it would be normal to send out a mass email to everyone you want to know so no one feels left out.

**2. Post it on Facebook:** Most people are on Facebook, so it seems like an easy way to reach out to everyone. Post a picture of the engagement ring, and update your status revealing the news.

**3. Let your close ones spread the word:** News travels fast. So, it will most likely be that once you tell your parents or best friends, they will be sure to spread the word to everyone else.

**How would you announce your engagement to friends and family? Share your thoughts below.**

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## **Natalie Portman and Benjamin Millepied Get Married**







After costarring in the *Black Swan*, winning big at the Oscars and having a baby boy together, Natalie Portman and Benjamin Millepied have finally gotten married. [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) confirms that the couple exchanged vows in a Jewish ceremony at a private home near Big Sur, Calif. They were married in the dark beneath a chuppah, a canopy placed over Jewish marriage ceremonies. Jeweler Jamie Wolf designed their wedding rings, which were made from recycled platinum and conflict-free diamonds. Though the couple keeps their personal life under wraps for the most part, Portman gave us a little insight into their relationship during her acceptance speech at the 2011 Oscars, calling Millepied “[her] beautiful love.”

**What are the advantages to putting off your wedding ceremony?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Getting engaged is a stepping stone to marriage, but many are now holding off the ‘I do’s’ to soak in their engagement bliss. From Jessica Biel to Christina Applegate, celebrities have explained why they’re putting off their wedding ceremonies. Here are some advantages of doing so:



**1. Prolong the special moment:** The most romantic part of your life will be the period of time in which you are engaged. Some can get so caught up in the planning stresses of a wedding that they miss out on basking in the moment of being engaged. Take the time to enjoy your life as an engaged couple and show off that ring to everyone.

**2. Not rushing into anything:** When a wedding is rushed, often times it becomes messy. On top of a less-than-perfect wedding ceremony, your actual partnership can be affected if you rush into it. Take the time of being engaged to really hash out any old arguments or feelings that may affect your relationship in the long-run so that your wedding day will be nothing but full of love.

**3. Better planning:** The more time you take to just be engaged, the more time you have to plan for the big day. From picking out the perfect dress to seating charts to finding a beautiful venue to the catering, there's a lot that goes into a wedding. Your engagement period and wedding ceremony will be much less stressful if you carefully choose everything over a long period of time.

**What do you think are some advantages to putting off a wedding ceremony? Tell us below.**

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## Jessica Biel Has Done Nothing for Her Wedding Yet





Although Jessica Biel has been with Justin Timberlake since 2007, and the couple announced their engagement this past January, she has done “almost nothing” to prepare for her wedding. In Biel’s eyes, there’s no reason to rush things. According to [People](#), she said, “Being engaged is just absolutely amazing. You’re in this romantic, ahhhhh, breathless moment that I’m just trying to extend as long as possible.”

**How do you know when to start planning your wedding?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

So you’ve shared the good news of your engagement with your friends and family. Now what? Here’s some advice on how to figure out when to start preparing for the big day:

**1. Talk it over with married couples:** After announcing your engagement, ask friends and family for some helpful tips. Receiving advice from couples who have already been through the wedding planning process can be a big help. Ask them for recommendations and what they wish they knew when they started planning their own wedding.

**2. Have an open mind:** Planning can be very difficult. Whether the venue you want may is already booked, or the dress you want is too expensive, things can always get out of hand. But, before you get upset and overwhelmed, remember that no matter what, it's going to be an *amazing* day. Once you're able to think positively like this, you're ready to start your plans.

**3. Get a time frame to work with:** Deciding how long of an engagement you and your partner want is crucial for obvious reasons. It'll help you decide whether to start planning now or if you can allow yourself time to bask in the joy of being a fiancé. Once you know how long you have to plan, you can make a list of things to accomplish and work through them at your own pace.

**How did you know when to begin preparing for your wedding? Tell us your story below.**

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## **'Bachelorette' Star Emily Maynard Toasts Fiance Jef Holm's Birthday at Dinner Party**





Emily Maynard's fiancé Jef Holm certainly has had a lot to celebrate, including his 28<sup>th</sup> birthday. The recently engaged pair partied with friends in New York City, but they couldn't keep their hands off each other. According to [People](#), they were often seen "holding hands under the table." Surrounded by guests, Holm was surprised with a birthday cake while out on the rooftop. With his new fiancée on his arm and a ton of guests all there for him, Holm "loved the attention" and the duo threw a great party.

**What are some ways to surprise your partner with a birthday celebration?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Birthdays only come once a year, so it's crucial that you make your significant other feel as special as possible on this day. Consider these simple ideas to celebrate:

**1. Throw a party:** Surprise or not, getting together your beau's friends is definitely a great way to celebrate the person you love. A fun atmosphere with drinks and good company

will be the perfect thing to make your honey\_happy to turn a year older and thankful you took the initiative to coordinate it.

**2. Do something adventurous:** Parties and dinner aren't for everyone, show your babe you really care by taking them out to do something unique or daring. Go skydiving if you're feeling a thrill or maybe spend the day at an amusement park.

**3. Keep it just the two of you:** Sometimes the most thoughtful way to commemorate your partner can be done with little effort. Send your\_loved one out for a part of the day so you can set up your house to resemble an elegant restaurant and make your honey's favorite meal.

**How do you celebrate your partner's birthday? Tell us below.**

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## **'Saved By the Bell' Star Mark-Paul Gosselaar Ties the Knot**







Bells are ringing in honor of Mark-Paul Gosselaar ... wedding bells, that is. The former *Saved by the Bell* star tied the knot with advertising exec Catriona McGinn in Sante Ynez, California on Saturday. According to [People](#), jewelry designer Neil Lane says, "He was so excited to have found the woman of his dreams," as he was preparing his proposal over a year ago. Now that the two are officially hitched, McGinn gains two steps kids from her hubby's previous marriage... and let's not forget that magical honeymoon to Italy.

**How do you involve your partner in wedding planning tasks?**

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

Weddings may seem like the bride's responsibility, but some grooms actually want to be involved with wedding plans. Here are some great ways to include your significant other in arrangements for the big day:

**1. Location:** Choosing a location is one of the biggest decisions when planning a wedding. Include your honey in making this choice as you save the minor details to yourself.



**2. Caterer:** Food is the way to a man's heart. Ensure that your fiancé will actually enjoy the catering by taking him with you to test the options.

**3. Guest list:** The guests are a big part of a wedding. Make the list with your honey to avoid forgetting special guests and balance the number for the budget.

**How would you involve your partner in wedding plans? Share your thoughts with us.**

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## **'Bachelorette' Emily Maynard Says 'Love Is Worth the Chaos'**





At the end of *The Bachelorette*'s eighth season, Emily Maynard couldn't be happier with her fiancé, Jef Holm. Maynard tells [People](#), "There were many ups and downs, and at times things were very chaotic, but love is worth the chaos!" The reality star says that while she always dreamed of great love, she didn't know that the love that she and Holm share even existed. After a failed first attempt at finding a man, Maynard reaches out to her fans stating, "Thanks again for the second chance and sticking with me until I got my fairy tale ending!"

**How do you overcome challenges as a couple?**

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

Even if you and your partner are incredibly in love, your relationship is sure to have some challenges every once in a while. Don't assume that these problems ensure a breakup. Instead, use tips like these to work through them:

**1. Confront the problem:** Whatever dilemma you and your beau are facing, the first step is to acknowledge the problem. If

you let an important issue bother you but don't speak up, you'll end up getting angry over irrelevant things and confuse them with your bad moods.

**2. Communicate:** Set aside a specific time to talk about the issue. Express your feelings to your partner and be sure to listen to their thoughts on the issue as well. Keep calm and try to come to a solution.

**3) See a counselor:** Going to relationship counseling gets a bad reputation, but it's nothing to be ashamed of. When you feel like you've done all you can and don't know where else to turn, seek out professional help.

**How did you and your beau overcome a difficult challenge? Tell us your story below.**

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## **James Righton and Keira Knightley Love Being Engaged**





Keira Knightley and her musician fiancée James Righton are among many young, hot Hollywood couples. The *Pirates of the Caribbean* veteran and her talented man seem to be over-the-moon happy and in love since the announcement of their engagement in May. A source close to the pair tells [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), “Honestly, they’re great for each other. They love being engaged.” The future bride and groom have been dating publicly since April of last year.

### **How do you know when it’s time to propose?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Deciding when you should propose can be tricky, even if all the feelings seem to be there. Here are some signs that can help making your decision a little easier:

**1. Your heart:** Follow your heart. If you cannot imagine your life without your honey and are madly in love, you should take the next step without hesitation.

**2. Hints:** Hints are a girl’s best friend; whether she’s ready for a ring or wants a specific birthday present. Taking

advantage of these moments can prove helpful in the future.

**3. Long relationship:** A pair who has been together for quite some time knows each other inside and out. Don't waste any more time, and go after what you want while you have it.

**How would you know it's time to propose? Share your thoughts with us.**

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## Is JWOWW Getting Engaged?



Jenni 'JWOWW' Farley is the next *Jersey Shore* member to tie the knot. Farley and boyfriend Roger Mathews are considering marriage, according to [People](#). The pair, who have

been together for almost two years, live together and are ready to make the next step.

## **How do you know when it's time to consider marriage?**

### **✖ Cupid's Advice:**

After you've been dating for a while, your left hand usually starts to itch with anticipation of an engagement ring. Here are some ways to tell that it's time to move forward and consider marriage:

**1. You want to settle down:** If you're growing tired of uncertainties and dating around, it might be time to settle down. Talk to your partner and see what the next step is for you.

**2. You're practically married already:** You're living together and have kids—you might as well tie the knot.

**3. You can't imagine life without them:** If your love makes your life complete, it may be time to vow to each other for life.

**How do you know when it's time to consider marriage? Tell us below.**