'Glee' Star Naya Rivera Says She and Fiance Are 'On the Same Page' About Wedding Plans





By April Littleton

Wedding plans for *Glee* star Naya Rivera and Big Sean seem to be going very smoothly. "At the end of the day, he knows 'happy wife, happy life!' Rivera told <u>People</u>. "So, he's kind of like, 'Whatever you want, babe!'"

What are some ways to compromise with your partner about wedding plans?

Cupid's Advice:

Your big day is slowly approaching, but there are still so many details left untouched. You and your significant other can't seem to agree on much these days and it's not from lack of trying. Don't worry, Cupid is here to help:

1. Share ideas: Let your significant other what you have in mind for your wedding and vice versa. Once all ideas are out on the table, try to find a way to combine the two to make something new and unique. If mixing plans isn't what you're looking for, maybe the two of you can think about what you're willing to give up. For example, your partner might want fresh flowers, while you could settle for artificial.

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2. What's important: When you and your partner end up in an argument about the details of the wedding, think about what's really important. At the end of the day, the marriage you have with your significant other is what counts not the wedding. Yes, you still want to be able to look back and have fond memories of your reception and ceremony, but do you really think 10 years from now you'll still be upset over what flavor your wedding cake was?

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3. Keep an open mind: You might not be a fan of your honey's ideas for the reception and ceremony, but keep in mind that it's their wedding too. When your family and friends come to your wedding, they should be able to recognize the elements you incorporated and what your partner chose as well.

How did you compromise with your partner about wedding plans? Share your experience below.

Ben Affleck Says Wife Jennifer Garner Is 'the Most Important Person to Me'





By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, Ben Affleck only has one person to thank for all of his success — his wife, Jennifer Garner. "She is by leaps and bounds the most important person to me in that respect," Affleck said in an interview with <u>Playboy</u> of Garner's resolute support. "Over the past 10 years she has allowed me to have a stable home life while accomplishing my professional goals." The couple married in 2005 and have three

children together, son, Samuel, 21 months and daughters Violet, 7 and Seraphina, 4.

What are some ways to show your appreciation for your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

After awhile, it can be hard to find different ways to show your partner you still love and care about them. Sometimes, the smallest gestures can make your loved one feel over the moon. Cupid has some tips:

1. Thank them: The simplest way to show your appreciation for your significant other is just by thanking them often. Does your partner take out the trash everyday? Does he/she cook and clean the most out of the two of you? Sure, a sweet "thank you" will do the trick, but think about giving your partner a nice gift. Surprise your love with a special meal or take them out for a night out.

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2. A day out: Plan out a day where you and your partner do everything he/she likes to do. Whether it be going swimming, seeing a movie or simply lounging at home all day — let them pick out the activities for the day. When the day is over, your honey will feel appreciated and know you care about their wants and desires.

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3. Physical contact: Make sure you shower your significant other with hugs and kisses. When your partner does something nice for you, show your love with a sweet kiss and a hug. A little physical contact can mean the world to your love and it will also keep the spark between you and him/her alive.

What are some other ways to show appreciation for your

'Family Ties' Star Meredith Baxter Ties the Knot





By April Littleton

Family Ties star Meredith Baxter and her longtime partner, Nancy Locke tied the knot in an intimate ceremony in Los Angeles Sunday afternoon. A friend sang and played guitar at their wedding ceremony, and during the reception, Locke's band took to the stage. The lovebirds have been together for seven years. "Now I understand why marriage caught on!" Baxter told

People.

What are some ways to make music a central theme to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Music can either bring a wedding celebration together, or cause the whole occasion to crash and burn. When it comes to showing musical creativity in your reception and ceremony, you and your partner have plenty of options to choose from. Cupid has some tips:

1. Spin the tunes yourself: If you're having your wedding on a tight budget, you might want to think about handling the music all on your own. Plan out some of your favorite songs, along with your partners and get a iPod playlist ready. As long as you have the essentials — a laptop, speakers, audio cables, etc, it shouldn't be too hard to keep things running smoothly throughout your special day. Of course, a friend can always help you out when you're ready to hit the dance floor yourself.

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2. Live band: There's nothing like a live performance to get the crowd's adrenaline going. Yes, the option will probably cost more than DIY tunes or a professional DJ, but you'll walk away with an experience of a lifetime. A band will be able to set the tone for your wedding reception and ceremony and keep the party going without any hiccups.

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3. DJ: With a DJ in hand, you'll be able to hear all of your favorite tunes, plus a dozen more you didn't even think to add to your playlist. If you decide to go this route, pay close attention to who you pick for the gig. A DJ might not

understand what kind of "feel" you're going for at your wedding and could possible ruin the day for you and your honey.

What are some other ways to make music a central theme to your wedding? Comment below.

Newlyweds Ace Young and Diana DeGarmo Start Holiday Traditions





By April Littleton

American Idol finalists Ace Young and Diana DeGarmo, who have been married for six months are starting off the Christmas holidays together for the first in their relationship. "We've already been decorating, and it's been a lot of fun because we're creating our own traditions." Young told <u>People</u> at Sunday's annual Hollywood Christmas Parade. "We have a blank slate. It's kind of weird."

How do you compromise to start your own holiday traditions with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Is this your first holiday with your loved ones? Are you curious about the ways to begin new traditions with your family? You don't have to start with a completely blank slate unless you choose to do so. You can always just build on some of the activities you already love. Cupid is here to help:

1. Talk about what's important: Sit down and have a talk with your significant other about the traditions you would like to introduce to your new family. You and your partner can incorporate some of the things you did during the holidays along with some of the activities he/she was raised to do. Building on the traditions you already have can make it easier for you and your honey to create new ones.

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2. Make a list: Create a list of some activities and ideas you want to bring into your family traditions this year. Have your companion make a list as well and then compare notes. Only pick the first couple of things you find important and save the rest for next time.

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3. Start fresh: Take a chance and do something complete

different over the holidays. Bake a special pie or have your family think of a new game all of you can be together for years to come. Traditions start from new beginnings, so think of something your loved ones will enjoy doing time and time again.

How did you compromise to start your own holiday traditions with your partner? Comment below.

Katy Perry and John Mayer Pose for First Portrait Together





By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, John Mayer and Katy Perry posed for professional photos to accompany the release of Mayer's latest album, Paradise Valley. Debuting the cover shot on his Instagram, Mayer captioned the image, "Proud of this song, proud of this artwork, proud of this girl." The couple have been in an on-and-off again relationship since the summer of 2012.

What are some ways to showcase your love?

Cupid's Advice:

You're in love and you want everyone to know it! Showing your love someone doesn't necessarily mean spending all of your money or displaying too much public affection. You can just as easily show your partner you care for them with subtle gestures. Cupid has some tips:

1. Quality time: Show your significant other that they're a priortiy in your life by spending some much needed time together. You don't ignore the person you love, or make

excuses to why you can't see them on a regular basis. If that special someone in your life is important to you, show them by making time for them no matter how busy your schedule is.

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2. Say it: You don't need any fancy gimmicks to show your partner you care. All you really have to do is say those three magic words. Some couples forget how good it feels to hear and say "I love you." All the gifts in the world couldn't replace hearing your loved one actually tell you how they feel. So, tell your honey you love and them and do so often.

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Justin Timberlake's AMA Win

3. Commit to the relationship: Your significant other should be the only special someone in your life. Appreciate them and accept them for all that they are. Nothing shows true love than by staying invested in the relationship you chose to be a part of in the first place.

How do you showcase your love for your partner? Comment below.

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis Step Out After Demi Moore Divorce News





By April Littleton

Two days after Ashton Kutcher's divorce from Demi Moore was finalized on Nov. 29, Mila Kunis and her former *That '70s Show* co-star stepped out together. The couple were spotted getting foot massages together in Los Angeles. Moore and Kutcher announced their separation after infidelity rumors surfaced in 2011. The *Jobs* actor filed for divorce December 2012. Kunis and Kutcher began dating in April of that same year. "They are very much in love," an insider told *UsMagazine.com*. "They are inseparable and try to spend as much time together [as possible]."

How do you move on after your divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

People don't get married just to get divorced, but sometimes it's the only option for couples who find themselves in a deteriorating relationship. Getting over a divorce can be painful, stressful and challenging. Cupid has some tips:

1. Acceptance: In order to completely move on from your

divorce, you first need to accept the situation. Continuing to harbor feelings for your ex won't help you or him/her get on with their life. Give yourself the chance to start fresh. Sometimes two people aren't meant to be together in the long run. Your marriage ended for a reason. You might not understand or see the positive in the situation just yet, but give yourself some time — don't make the same mistakes twice.

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2. Do something for you: Remember that vacation to Jamaica you always wanted to take? Maybe you thought about switching up your hairstyle often but couldn't because of your former flame. Now is the time to do something that will make you happy. Take some time off from work and go see the world, or get a whole new makeover — a new look means a better you.

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3. Get back out there: You don't have to start dating right away, but don't be afraid to meet someone new when you feel like you're ready. Most likely, you won't be looking for anything serious for quite awhile, but it's always nice to have someone to talk to and even cuddle with.

How did you move on after your divorce? Share your experience below.

Macaulay Culkin Kisses New Girlfriend Jordan Lane Price

in Paris





By Brittany Stubbs

The romantic air of Paris has definitely gotten to Macaulay Culkin, as he was seen locking lips with his new girlfriend identified as Jordan Lane Price. The couple was spotted Tuesday, Nov. 26 on the terrace of Cafe de Flore in Paris where they were kissing and holding hands under the table. A source confirms to <u>UsMagazine</u> that the *Home Alone* star's new companion is "a cool chick — based in New York," also stating that the couple has "tons in common."

How do you show your affection for your partner in public?

Cupid's Advice:

We've all seen that couple obnoxiously making out over the

dinner table that makes us want to yell, "get a room!" It's uncomfortable and no one wants to be *that* couple. But there are more appropriate ways to show some public affection for your significant other:

1. Holding Hands: This may sound childish, but there is something sweet and significant about holding the hand of your partner. It's also PDA appropriate for any age or audience to witness.

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2. Snuggle up: Sitting on the same side of the booth in a restaurant or close against each other on the Subway, shows your partner you love being close to them at all times.

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3. Don't forget the little things: Refilling your partner's wine when you're out to eat, letting them sample a piece of your meal off your fork, and reaching for their hand when waiting for the meal or check to come, are little ways to make your significant other feel special, as well as connected to you.

How have you shown your affection for someone in public? Share your experiences below.

Kanye West Calls Kim Kardashian 'the Most

Beautiful Woman of All Time'





By Brittany Stubbs

Kanye West is head over heals for Kim Kardashian, fiancee and mother of his 5-month-old daughter, North. *UsMagazine.com* shares an interview the rapper had with the Hot 97 radio host Angie Martinez on Monday, Nov. 25th, in which West claimed the reality star was, "the most beautiful woman of all time...arguably of human existence." The love-struck rapper then went on to share his beliefs about their relationship being one of a kind, and a "love story for the ages."

What are some ways to publicly announce your affection for your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

We don't all have the ability to rant about our love for someone on a radio show like celebrities do, but there are other ways to share how you're feeling:

1. Utilize social media: It sounds silly, but this is the way our generation operates. Taking advantage of the ability to upload a picture of your significant other or put yourself "in a relationship" on Facebook is today's version of "going steady." Want to make it really special? Make a YouTube video for your other half.

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2. Give a toast: People underestimate the power of words, but just taking a moment to announce how much you appreciate and love your partner in front of friends and family can have a huge influence on both your relationship, and how people view your relationship.

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3. Send out a holiday card: It's getting to be that time of year where distant family members and acquaintances feel the need to send you cards with pictures of their children or the big trip they took this year. Why not send a 'Seasons Greeting' with your partner? It shows how committed yo are by wanting to share your affection with everyone on your mailing list.

What are some ways you've publicly announced your affection for your partner? Show your experiences below.

Lady Gaga Says Boyfriend Taylor Kinney Is a Weirdo Like Her





By April Littleton

According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Lady Gaga is finally spilling the beans about her boyfriend, Taylor Kinney. During an interview on <u>The Ellen DeGeneres Show</u>, the <u>Applause</u> singer revealed that her and her beau have similar personalities. "He is extremely strange, actually, and we complement each other's weirdness," Gaga said to DeGeneres. The episode is set to aired Monday, Nov. 25.

What are some important things to have in common with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone's heard the saying 'opposites attract,' but it doesn't hurt to have a thing or two in common with the person you love — especially if you plan on spending a lifetime together. Cupid is here to help:

1. Long-term goals: You may not know how you want your life to be like in the next few years, but you should at least have an idea. Do you want kids? A house of your own? Do you plan on moving for the sake of a new job? All of these things are important to discuss with your significant other because what they want in the future might not be what you're hoping for. When it comes to your relationship, the two of you should be in sync with each other and know what the other is looking for in the long run.

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2. Similar interests: If you and your honey don't have at least a few common hobbies, there won't be much for you to talk about or agree on when it comes to dates. If your boyfriend/girlfriend is a movie junkie, rent a few of their favorite movies and spend the night cuddling on the couch. If you prefer to do something that gets your adrenaline pumping, maybe you and your partner can try water skiing or hiking — just make sure it's something both you and your loved one can enjoy together.

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3. The feelings you have for each other: You shouldn't be in a relationship with someone if they don't share the same feelings as you. If you're not sure how your partner feels, ask them. If it's obvious that they don't feel the way that you do, then you need to take a step back before you end up getting hurt.

What are some other things you should have in common with your

Kaley Cuoco Celebrates Bridal Shower with Famous Friends





By April Littleton

According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Kaley Cuoco celebrated her future walk down the aisle with a bridal shower Saturday, Nov. 23. Some of the guests included Ali Fedotowsky, Lacey Chabert and Melissa Rauch. The bride-to-be wore a floral-printed dress with a collared neckline and blue heels. Cuoco and fiancé Ryan Sweeting got engaged just three months after dating.

How do you decide who to invite to your bridal shower?

Cupid's Advice:

Creating a long list of names for an event like a bridal shower can seem like a difficult and tedious task. Who do you invite and who will have to miss out on all the fun? It's impossible to hold a shower with every single one of your family members, friends and co-workers in attendance. Unfortunately, you'll have to narrow it down. Cupid has some tips:

1. Ask for help: You generated a list of all of the potential invitees, which may include your friends and family, along with some of your partner's. Now you're left with the challenging task of condensing the list. If you can't do it on your own, ask someone you trust to look over the list. They'll be able to give you some much needed input on who should be at your shower versus the people who'll need to sit this one out.

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2. Small or big get-together: Think about what kind of bridal shower you want. Do you want a big, fancy shindig or would you rather keep it simple with a few close friends around? Keep in mind that the bigger your party is, the more expensive it will be.

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3. Same as the wedding guests: To make things easier on yourself, just invite the same people you're inviting your wedding (unless you're having a huge ceremony). Another option you could try is simply inviting all the people who you know can't make it to your wedding — that way they can still wish the bride well without any hard feelings.

How did you decide who to invite to your bridal shower? Share

'The Host' Star Jake Abel Marries Allie Wood





By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, The Host star Jake Abel married screenwriter Allie Wood, Saturday Nov. 9 in New Orleans. The ceremony featured a traditional second line parade. The bride and groomed twirled around a pair of umbrellas as they walked down the street. The couple, who have known each other since they were teens, got engaged on New Year's Eve at Times

Square.

What are some unique musical touches you can add to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Your special day is right around the corner, but there are still a few finishing touches left to wrap up. What kind of music should be included at your reception and ceremony? Should you hire a band, a wedding singer, etc. Everyone has their own set of preferences, but Cupid has a few tips:

1. Personal wedding singer: If someone in your family is a good singer or if one of your good friends can belt out a nice tune, ask them to sing at your wedding. You can choose to pay them or ask them to sing at your ceremony and reception as a favor to you and your spouse.

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2. Live band: What's your partner's favorite band? What's your favorite song? Think about the different possibilities and see if you can hire a live band to perform at your wedding. The band can play a combination of all of your favorite hits as well as your honey's.

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3. DJ: If you want to hear a bit of everything at your reception, hire a DJ. Of course, you'll need to give your preferred disc jokey a list of dos and don't to play at your wedding. Once they get a feel of what you and your significant other like, he/she will be able to keep everyone on their feet all night long.

What are some other musical touches you can add to a wedding? Comment below.

Muse Media Manager Thomas Kirk Marries at Kate Hudson's House





By April Littleton

Congratulations to Muse media manager Thomas Kirk and Jaclyn Ferber who married at Kate Hudson's Pacific Palisades home Saturday, Nov. 9. A source told <u>UsMagazine.com</u> that the wedding took place in the front yard of Hudson's home, which had been decorated with bistro chairs and an ivy-covered altar. The new bride wore a strapless gown and walked down a white wood plank aisle.

What are some ways to make a wedding at home special?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to a wedding, nothing can be as special as having it in the comfort of your own home. Just because you decide to hold your special day in a familiar place doesn't mean it can't be mesmerizing and over-the-top if that's what you're expecting. Cupid is here to help:

1. Decorations: If you plan on having your wedding outside of your home, hire a professional landscape to tend to your yard. Get some fresh, unique flowers planted just in time to be in full bloom for your wedding. You can also hang up lanterns, lamps or other different types of lights to really help your wedding ceremony and reception stand out.

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2. Food: Instead of hiring a caterer have some of your most trusted friends and family members help you prepare the meals for your big day. The menu options you come up with can be inspired from your significant other's favorite food or yours.

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3. Keepsakes: Provide all of your guests with disposable cameras so that they can capture precious moments throughout the reception and ceremony. Once the photos are developed, you and your new spouse can create a scrapbook together or you can pass out the pictures to your loved ones.

Engaged Ciara Says She May be 'Part-Bridezilla'





By April Littleton

Ciara is already preparing the details on her upcoming wedding to rapper Future. "It's going to be two parts," she told <u>People</u> at the People's Choice Awards nominations announcement last week. "We're both from Atlanta and we have so many family and friends ... it's going to be hard to get everybody in one place, so we're going to do a celebration part and a wedding."

What are some ways to keep stress out of wedding planning?

Cupid's Advice:

Wedding planning can be a fun and exciting task for a couple

as well as hectic. Everyone dreams of having the "perfect" ceremony and reception and sometimes this train of thought can get in the way of realizing what's really important — marrying the love of your life. Cupid has some tips:

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- 1. Family and friends: You don't have to plan your whole wedding by yourself. If you need some additional help, ask some of your trusted loved ones to lend you a pair of extra hands. You can assign different tasks out for certain individuals to do. Does one of your friends have the perfect handwriting to do your wedding save-the-dates? Maybe your mom would be the perfect person to help with the cake. On a side note, don't stress out if they give you some advice you may not like they're just trying to help you have a perfect day.
- 2. Wedding planner: A professional wedding coordinator can be a big help if you're unsure of how things are supposed to go. However, hiring someone to help with your wedding can end up being very expensive.

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3. Just have fun with it: Planning out the details of your wedding shouldn't be stressful in the first place. This should be a fun and exciting time for you and your fiancé/fiancée. Don't agonize over the little things that won't matter once you're married. Remember, the most important part of your commitment is the marriage itself — not the reception and ceremony.

What are some other ways to keep stress out of wedding planning? Comment below.

Kanye West Says He Wants 'Fighter Jets' at Wedding to Kim Kardashian





By April Littleton

The way <u>UsMagazine.com</u> sees it, Kanye West wants an over-the-top wedding. During an interview with Big Boy Neighborhood, he hinted that there would be some big surprises when he marries Kim Kardashian. "Two words," he said. "Fighter jets."

What are some ways to make your wedding unique?

Cupid's Advice:

There are a lot of common beliefs about what a wedding should be like, but consider adding some personal flair to your big day! Cupid has some advice:

- 1. The invitations: Go the extra mile and personalize your wedding invitations. Make them by hand or simply add something that your guests would associate you with. You could even decorate the invitations based on the theme of your wedding. If you're holding the ceremony on the beach, why not add a drawing of a palm tree? Be as creative as you want. After all, this is your special day.
- 2. The food: Chicken or fish? That's usually the only two options guests get at a wedding reception. You and your partner can get really creative with the wedding menu. What are some of your favorite foods? What about your guests'? You can include some of the meals you'd like along with some of the suggestions your family and friends have.
- 3. The ceremony: The venue you choose to have your ceremony and reception at should be at a place that defines who you are and what your relationship is about. When your guests arrive to your wedding, they shouldn't be wondering why you would choose the place you did. Were you raised on a farm? Why not have your wedding there? The location possibilities are endless.

How did you make your wedding unique? Comment below.

Kanye West Displays His Love for Kim Kardashian





By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, Kanye West sported a shirt with an almost nude shot of Kim Kardashian on the front last Saturday during the beginning of his "Yeezus" tour in Seattle. This isn't the first time the new day showed his affection for his girlfriend. Last week, Kardashian posted a racy post-baby selfie via Twitter, which West complimented," HEADING HOME NOW."

How do you show your love for your partner publicly?

Cupid's Advice:

Whether you're out in public or not, you always want to show your significant other that you love and care about them. However, you don't want to be seen doing something that should be left behind closed doors. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. A simple gesture: You don't want to go too overboard with the PDA, but a warm hug and some hand holding will do the trick. These gestures are not only cute, but you'll be showing the rest of the world who you have your eyes on.
- 2. Pay attention: When you're out in public with your significant other, pay attention to what they're wearing, what they want to do and what they talk about. There's more to love than just the physical aspect. Instead of grossing everyone out with an inappropriate make out session at the mall, show your partner your affection for them by simply being attentive.
- **3. Say it:** There's no better way to show your love for your partner than by saying it. You can tell your honey 'I love you' as many times as you want and wherever you want. It'll make your boo smile and you'll feel good about it too.

What are some other ways to show your love for your partner publicly? Comment below.

Former 'Hills' Star Lauren Conrad Is Engaged





By April Littleton

Lauren Conrad is finally getting her happily ever after! The former *Hills* star is set to marry law student William Tell. "I am very excited to share with you guys that William and I got engaged over the weekend," Conrad wrote on her blog Sunday. Her friends are just as excited for her walk down the aisle. "Everyone is so happy for her. He's such a great guy. They are perfect for each other!" a source told <u>People</u>. The lovebirds began dating in 2012.

How do you know when you've met the person you're going to marry?

Cupid's Advice:

All relationships require dedication and hard work, but can an individual really tell if the person they're dating is "The One"? At the end of the day, the only person who knows the answer to that question is you, but there are a few signs that can help you make a decision. Cupid is here to help:

1. You have great communication: It's natural for a couple to

fight from time to time, but it's how you resolve the conflict that matters. If you and your honey can manage to get through a fight without using any physical or verbal means, then you might be meant for each other. Getting into an argument while maintaining a level of respect for each other's space and boundaries will only strengthen your bond. The better the communication is between you and your partner, the better chances you have of creating a long-lasting relationship.

- 2. Your friends and family love your partner: If the people you love and trust the most approve of your special guy/girl, then there's a good chance that you and that person are in it for the long haul. Of course, sometimes family members tend to push you toward someone you have nothing in common with, so just be sure you're dating the person you're interested in spending your time with.
- 3. Same goals: Sharing the same life goals and interests are key aspects in maintaining a strong relationship. Think about your long-term goals. What type of career do you see yourself having? How many kids does your significant other want? Where would you two live together if things ever got serious? If you can come to an agreement on all of these questions, the life you plan on sharing with your honey will only be filled with happiness.

How did you know you met the person you were going to marry? Share your experience below.

T.R. Knight Marries Longtime

Boyfriend Patrick





By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, T.R. Knight married his boyfriend of three years, Patrick Leahy, Friday, October 4. Some of the guests included Katherine Heigl and Kate Walsh who are both former <u>Grey's Anatomy</u> costars. Knight, 40, left the show in 2009.

How do you decide who to invite to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Wedding bells are in the near future for you and your partner, but you have yet to narrow down the guest list. Who gets to see your special day in all its glory? You won't be able to invite everyone. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Close friends and family only: Limit the wedding invites to just your close, personal friends and family only. If you're not close to anyone you work with, then there's no point in inviting them when the seating is limited. The same rule should apply to your significant other. He/she should only invite people they associate with on a regular basis.
- 2. Ask your parents for help: If you're still having trouble narrowing down the guest list, call in some reinforcements. Your parents would be perfect for the job. Nobody knows you better than the people who raised you, so they should be able to give you some insight on who to invite and who to exclude.
- 3. No guilt trips: Don't let anyone make you feel bad for not including them in YOUR wedding. If they truly consider themselves a friend, they'll come to understand the reason for the exclusion. They'll be happy for you regardless if they actually attend or not.

How did you decide who to invite to your wedding? Share your experience below.

5 Simple Ways to Turn Your Relationship Around





By Elliot Connie

No one likes to talk about problems with their love partner. That's not surprising, because problem-focused talk starts with a negative statement and assumption: We have a problem.

For many years, I've been working with couples and training couples' therapists using a different approach. It's called solution-focused communication. When we turn problem-focused talk on its head and look to find a solution instead, the results are dramatic, positive and surprisingly quick.

The next time your partner says, "Honey, we need to talk," see if you can steer the conversation in an upbeat, solutionfocused direction. Here are five ways to do it:

1. Discuss it as a goal, not a challenge: When you partner says, "I'm not happy when you do XYZ," gently suggest to him or her that you could talk about ways to make things better. Discuss the issue in terms of a goal—what you both like, what makes you happy. When you begin the conversation with goals, it gets both partners thinking about solutions, possibilities

and opportunities for change.

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- 2. Notice "did wells" and "did rights": Sometimes when we get into a negative pattern with our partners, it's too easy to notice all the things we don't like—pet peeves, annoying habits, even his or her tone of voice. See if you can think back over the last few days and name some things your partner did well and got right. Maybe he reminded you about your doctor's appointment, or she took the time to fix you breakfast. Share these observations with each other. Doing so helps each partner feel noticed, valued and appreciated.
- 3. Establish a true partnership: In business, people are assigned to the specific jobs for which they are best qualified. Couples who divide their roles in terms of who is equipped to do the job better have fewer problems in their relationships. Talk to your partner about what you're each good at (your strengths) and what you're not so good at (your weaknesses). Then match the household jobs with your respective strengths. This will create an effective and high-functioning relationship dynamic that brings out the best in both people—and minimizes conflict.
- 4. Recall your honeymoon phase: Couples spend a lot more time talking about conflicts and problems than they do about all the qualities that made them fall in love with each other in the first place. Sit down with each other and retell the story of how you first met. Try to remember details from those first few months—everything that surprised and delighted you. Having this conversation will stimulate many good ideas and feelings.

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5. Continue to date: Remember what it was like to date your partner? Maybe he brought you your favorite take-out. Or she wore that dress you loved. When you were dating, both of you said and did things to make each other happy. It's simple to

get out of a relationship rut by reintroducing some of those early behaviors, from kissing each other when you leave for work in the morning, to sending the occasional love text, to surprising your partner with a night out. The key is to do these romantic things daily and regularly.

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Hollywood Couples that Went from Reel to Real





By April Littleton

It doesn't take much for two celebrities to hit it off while they're practicing lines together on the set of their new film or while shooting some improv on the latest hit television show. Many of us wonder what it would be like to see some of our favorite onscreen couples create a celebrity love story in real life. Well, brace yourself! Cupid has a list of Hollywood couples who took their romance off-camera:

Celebrity Love Stories That Began On-Screen

1. Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus: Although Miley Cyrus isn't necessarily singing Liam Hemworth's praise with her newly-dropped single Wrecking Ball, who can forget the celebrity love story that unraveled when the two first met? During the production of the film The Last Song, the pop star began dating her Australian co-worker. She even went as far as to call him her "first serious boyfriend." However, the celebrity couple had a rocky relationship from the start. The duo broke

up twice before announcing their celebrity engagement in June 2012. Three times wasn't the charm in this case either: The pair recently called off their relationship for good.

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- 2. Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan-Tatum: It was love at first sight when Channing Tatum met his celebrity love on the set of the 2006 flick, Step Up. After the film wrapped, the pair began dating. Two years later, the famous couple got engaged in Maui, Hawaii, and they married on July 11, 2009 at Church Estates Vineyards in Malibu, California. The lovebirds recently added a new addition to their family, a baby girl named Everly Elizabeth Maiselle who was born on May 31st of this year.
- 3. Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis: It shouldn't be a shock to anyone that former That 70's show co-stars Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher are finally an item. After all, he was her first kiss. In 2001, Kunis admitted to People that she took a liking to Kutcher the moment she saw him. "I was like, 'Oh, he's so cute, it's the Calvin Klein model!' ... Then I was like, 'I have to kiss him?' I was so nervous and uncomfortable. I had the biggest crush on him." More than a decade has passed since that on-screen kiss, and the Hollywood couple have been dating for over a year now.
- 4. Eva Mendes and Ryan Gosling: Eva Mendes and The Notebook actor met while filming The Place Beyond the Pines. Although the couple keeps their celebrity relationship tightly under wraps, Mendes did speak briefly to The Edit about her boyfriend of two years. "I literally lose my ability to speak... I live in a very protective kind of bubble that I've created for myself."

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5. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie: The chemistry between these

two was hot on and off the set of their movie Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Although Brad Pitt was still married to Jennifer Aniston during the filming of the 2005 box office hit, the Lara Croft: Tomb Raider actress later admitted that the two "fell in love" on the set. In January 2006, she confirmed to People that she was pregnant with Pitt's first child. After a seven-year celebrity relationship together, Brangelina announced their engagement April 2012.

Who are some other Hollywood couples who turned their onscreen love into the real thing? Comment below.

Rose Byrne's Boyfriend Calls Her 'Love of My Life' at Emmy's





By Kerri Sheehan

Boardwalk Empire star Bobby Cannavale took home an Emmy for Best Supporting Actor on Sunday night. In his acceptance speech he made sure to thank current girlfriend, Rose Byrne. During the speech Cannavale called Byrne, "The love of my life." Cannavale and the *Insidious 2* star were first linked in late 2012 but a source revealed to *UsMagazine.com* that the pair were, "Dating for a few months," before going public with the relationship.

What are some ways to make public declarations of love?

Cupid's Pulse:

Sometimes you're so in love you want to shout it to the world. Let Cupid help you decide how to show your love:

1. Public display of affection: Nothing shows your love better than a little PDA. If you love your partner and want others to know it then hand holding and kissing are the perfect subtle way to let others know.

- 2. Go to a game: You shouldn't be shy about how you feel about your partner. Take your lover to a baseball game and arrange to have the billboard flash a message to your beau.
- **3. Facebook:** When you're feeling especially appreciative of your partner posting a photo of the two of you on Facebook will let others know. This is a subtle way to display your affection.

How do you make public declarations of love? Share below.

Kate Bosworth Marries Michael Polish at Ranch in Montana





By April Littleton

According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Kate Bosworth tied the knot with film director Michael Polish in Philipsburg, Montana Saturday, August 31. The newlyweds met on the set of the 2011 film, *Big Sur*. Polish proposed to Bosworth in August 2012 during a trip to South Korea after the pair went public at a Coldplay concert just one year earlier.

How do you decide on a location for your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

The location of the wedding is probably one of the most important aspects you'll have to carefully plan. You want your wedding to take place in a memorable environment, but there are a few key factors you should take into consideration. Cupid has some advice:

- 1. Budget: Look at your budget and see what you can and can't afford. If you can't afford your dream location just yet, think about some things you can go without or think about cutting your guest list down. You can also decide on a different place for your wedding if you'd rather keep everything else the same.
- 2. Theme: Consider what kind of style you're going for before you book a wedding location. Does your ceremony and reception have more of a tropical theme? Hold your wedding outdoors by the beach. Have you always dreamed of having your own fairytale ending? Think about having your ceremony in a castle. Everything about your special day should go with the theme you've picked.
- 3. Compromise: What you want in a wedding might not be what your partner envisions. Take some of their ideas into consideration while you're making plans. You want them to be happy with how the event turns out too. After all, you're not

the only one getting married.

How did you decide on your wedding location? Comment below.

How to Deal with Your Partner's Professional Failure





By Courtney Allen

It is said that "a woman's loyalty is tested when her man has nothing, and a man's loyalty is tested when he has everything." And let's face it; every guy and gal is bound to

face these crucial tests in their relationship.

That is because in this complicated and unpredictable life, failure and success go hand in hand; whether it is at your first D1 college soccer game after your coach unexpectedly declares you goalie or your first, real job out of college as a local reporter at your hometown television station. But it's not failure that defines you; it's how you recover from the seemingly life-ending experience that determines just how bright your future will be. Believe it or not, your partner can make all the difference in getting you back on the path to success. For better, but in this case, for worse, every great partner will do these exact things to get the one they love through the hardest of times:

1. Express empathy: When your partner's world is crashing down around them, all they want to know is that you understand. Everyone has been in the professional "hot" seat and it is important to remind your honey that it is a typical experience. Take powerful stories of basketball god, Michael Jordan, Apple mastermind, Steve Jobs, and talk show host turned Forbes Most Powerful Woman in the World, Oprah Winfrey, who experienced some of the biggest failures before reaching their ultimate success. Even though failure is common, be sure to make your love feel special by showing that their particular situation is especially important to you. Be extremely attentive and respond to their feelings with sensitivity, taking into account the type of person they are.

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2. Be a source of encouragement and support: Bouncing back after a failure is the toughest part of the experience. Constantly reassure your partner of their full potential. Failure creates a world full of doubts that can often be very hard to go up against. Help build up the confidence of the one you love after it has been stripped away by vocalizing their

strengths and engaging in activities that they feel confident in. Express your 100 percent commitment to their happiness and let your honey know you are in it together.

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3. Help look toward the future: Moving forward is essential after a failure and can determine what comes next. Create a positive atmosphere for your partner so that they can leave the negativity in the past. It is impossible to visualize a better future if the past is clouding your vision. Lend a hand in the tiresome search for a new job or the discovery of methods of improvement. Help come up with an ambitious plan that includes dreams, goals and means of reaching them. Your love's future is in their hands. Be a continuous reminder of this, as it will lead their life in the exact direction they want it to go.

What are some ways you've helped out your partner after a failure? Share your ideas with us!

7 Ways to Know If It's Really Love





By LaKesha Womack, Author of "Is She The ONE?"

Love... What is it? How do you know when you have found it? For some it is easy to determine but for most of us, we need a sign, a couple of clues...

Love is a choice. When you love someone, you have to remind yourself, sometimes daily, that this is the person that you choose to be with. No one is perfect so they will make you mad, make you feel like breaking down but if it is really love, you would rather be with them than without them. The temptation to escape your situation, even temporarily, will come at every turn. You will have a choice to stay or to go, if it's really love you will choose to stay.

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Love requires time. Always remember quality over quantity. Sometimes people get confused and think that you have to spend every free moment with another person; however, you want to be sure that you are giving the best of yourself to that person instead of the most. You need to be present and living in the

moment when you are with them. Focus on creating meaningful conversations and moments that build a solid foundation for your relationship.

Love is a priority. You make time for what's important to you. Just as you should choose to spend time with the person you love, that person should be priority in your life and not an afterthought. This does not mean that you must center your life around another person but if you find that you are not considering how your decisions will affect him or her, you probably aren't in love.

Love is unconditional. When you really love someone, you don't try to change them. You love them "because of" who they are and not "in spite of" what you see. You don't look at their flaws and think of ways to change them rather you realize that their assets and flaws combined create the person you love. Love should be inspiring and uplifting.

Love makes you vulnerable. When you love someone, you let down your guard and let them in. You make yourself emotionally available to share with the other person. You talk about feelings, your past, your present and your future. Most importantly, you are honest. Effective communication requires trust because once you let your guard down and begin sharing, you trust this person to take care of the information you are sharing and to accept you as you are.

Love requires compromise. You will not always be right nor will the other person always be right but you must be willing to meet each other in the middle. You will know its love when you willingly give in to make the person happy and they do the same for you.

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Love requires commitment. When you love someone, you don't want anyone else. When you love someone, you give it your all. You leave nothing on the table. You don't hold back.

There is no Plan B.

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'Austenland': Whimsical World of Fantasy Shows the Beginnings of Love





By April Littleton

A 30-something-year-old woman's lifelong obsession with Jane Austen leads her to to a theme park based on the writer's stories and there she meets a handsome suitor. Although she is unable to enjoy the same luxury perks as the wealthier bachelorettes who are currently staying at Austenland, she decides to make the most of the trip anyway. During her stay, she falls in love with a servant and all of her dreams begin to come true.

Should you see it:

Keri Russell, Jane Seymour and Jennifer Coolidge are just a few of the A-list stars who are signed up to play a part in this film. If you're a fan of rom-com movies, *Austenland* will be the perfect flick for you to see before summer ends.

Who to take:

This movie would be great to see with a bunch a friends or if you know someone who is interested in any of Jane Austen's works, they might find Austenland interesting as well. It is a

romantic film, so taking a date who doesn't mind your choice of genre wouldn't be a bad idea either.

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How do you know when someone is "The One?"

Cupid's Advice:

You might be in love for the first time or you've simply just never had strong feelings for anyone before until you met your current partner. Either way, you're wondering if he/she may be the love of your life. Nowadays, it's hard to peg out the sincere boyfriends/girlfriends from the illegitimate ones. Don't worry, Cupid has your back:

- 1. Communication: How well do the two of you communicate with each other? Is your significant other a good listener? If the answer is yes, your partner may be thinking about a long-term relationship. Only those who are really invested in a solid relationship will be attentive, so keep that in mind the next time you start to notice your love dozing off in the middle of your conversation.
- 2. Respect: If your honey really is The One, he/she will treat you like a queen. Does your partner cater to your every want and need? Are you able to fully express your opinions and thoughts? Does your love keep all promises? You should be able to say yes to all of these questions without hesitation. You might have a keeper on your hands, but if you have any doubts about his/her feelings for you, you need to rethink the status of your relationship.

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3. Family and friends: What do your family and friends think about your significant other? Good or bad, your loved ones may

be able to see things in your boo that you wouldn't be able to see because of your romantic feelings. If there's any concern coming from your family or friends, take it into consideration before you make any solid commitments.

How did you know your partner was "The One?" Comment below.