

# Reality TV Star Lea Black Says, “Once You Find the Right Person, You’ve Really Got to be Committed to Having Equal Power”



By [Sarah Batcheller](#)

The ever-glamorous Lea Black has appeared on *The Real Housewives of Miami* since season 1. Her charm and sass – not to mention her whirlwind lifestyle among Florida’s elite – have drawn audiences in. With a steady celebrity marriage and beloved thirteen-year-old son, the reality TV star has also balanced a cherished domestic life with all the glitz. She

hosts an annual charity gala to raise money for troubled teens and, in addition to her philanthropic efforts, is the president and CEO of The World of Lea Black, a multi-brand company that offers everything from jewelry and handbags to beauty products.

Now, in her upcoming novel *Red Carpets & White Lies*, Black has penned a fictional depiction of the scandalous, unpredictable lives of Miami's top socialites. In this [exclusive celebrity interview](#), we had the chance to speak with the newly-minted author about her book, the *Housewives*, and her best love advice.

## Reality TV Star Discusses Her Glamour-Filled Upcoming Novel

The spunky Texas native believes that the city of Miami is one of the best in the world, so it's no surprise that she wanted to capture its essence in her novel. "Miami is a very complex city, and it's very international – there's a very diverse crowd," she explains. "So I think it is one of the most exciting cities in the world because it really is a gateway to Central and South America. It's so multi-cultural; you get everything from the really serious intellectuals to the people who came here wanting to live the American Dream to the riff-raff who come and go and sort of reinvent who they are."

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Of course, the best people to inspire the characters in Black's novel were none other than herself and her intriguing social circle. So we had to ask: Are her characters based off of real people? "They all are in a way," she confirms. "But they're compositions of people. I would take the personality traits of one person along with the character of another and

kind of camouflage them.”

Whether or not we’ll see the *The Real Housewives of Miami* stars, whom readers may be able to identify in *Red Carpets & White Lies*, grace the small screen again is still up for debate. The reality TV star says, “Bravo continues to say they haven’t made any decisions, and I think that’s totally true. Our ratings were certainly close to some of the other shows that were renewed, so they *could* justify bringing the show back.”

The network may be rethinking the cast too. “I think that some of the personalities on the show weren’t as well-received by the audience as they would’ve hoped...and that may include me!” she adds. Having formed friendships with other *Housewives*, including Lisa Vanderpump, whom she did business with in Los Angeles, and Kathy Wakile, it’s safe to conclude that Black won’t be falling off the radar anytime soon.

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Despite her busy career, her number one focus is always her family. Not only do the jewelry designer and her husband Roy love to have date nights when they travel, but they work to raise their son to be a respectable young man. “It’s funny; I’ve sent my son twice now to etiquette and charm school! As for my husband, he does good and bad, so I point it out to my son when he does something that’s not acceptable!” she reveals with a laugh. “I put a big effort into teaching my son manners. I think if you don’t have an ounce of manners, then later in life, people will view you differently.” As for their summer vacation plans, the family of three are planning to travel to Los Angeles, something they do each year.

## **Lea Black Shares Best Love Advice**

The reality TV star’s happy celebrity marriage can be attributed to her commitment to working at her relationship

every day. She believes that communication is key. “You should communicate *before* things escalate, not after,” she insists. “And you need to be on the same page in life. If you focus on the ‘me’ instead of ‘we’, then that relationship is not going in the right direction.”

The beauty guru believes that, after you find the right person, you need balance. “Once you find the right person, you’ve really got to be committed to having equal power, an equal balance,” she asserts. “That’s why I’m so against guys who make girls sign prenups – because it situates the guy to have more power through money. You have to go in expecting both people to have an equal say.”

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Black also thinks that, if you’re facing disapproval from your friends and family, you need to make a decision about who’s worth keeping in your life. “You have to tell your friends to support you unconditionally. If not, you can be friends with them at a distance and be amicable, but they can’t be in your daily life,” she believes. “If they’re judging your relationship, then it’ll just cause problems. If they’re going to be in your life, they need to be supportive. They don’t get to criticize your spouse unless it’s something very serious that requires an intervention.”

*Keep up with Lea on Twitter [@leablackmiami](#) and [www.facebook.com/LeaBlackMiami](http://www.facebook.com/LeaBlackMiami). Don’t forget to pick up a copy of Red Carpets & White Lies on May 5th!*

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# Jennie Garth Celebrates Celebrity Engagement with Dave Abrams



By Maggie Manfredi

Celebrating the love! According to [People.com](https://www.people.com), Jennie Garth and Dave Abrams are in the midst of a new celebrity engagement, and they cannot get enough of each other. Abrams' rep stated, "Dave had been working on this for months, and really wanted to plan something special for her around her birthday and make it perfect." The celebrity engagement came as no surprise as the couple have been in a relationship and love since last fall.

# Mark another celebrity engagement down in the books! What are some ways to surprise your partner with a special marriage proposal?

## Cupid's Advice:

Dave Abrams and Jennie Garth have been sharing their celebrity engagement with the public and we could not be more thrilled! Here are some ways to surprise your partner with a perfect proposal:

**1. Lead them away from the trail:** If you've been together for awhile your partner might be expecting a proposal any day now which really throws off any element of surprise. So drop false hints about a big "date" in the future or making the next upcoming holiday "one to remember." This way when you take your partner to a nice dinner or a trip for two they won't suspect a thing.

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**2. Everyday extraordinary:** Do you have a favorite restaurant or a morning coffee hot spot that you frequent together? Try to make these favorite spots the place for one of your greatest memories. Make a somewhat mundane everyday activity extraordinary. All it takes is some roses and maybe a flash mob, the sky is the limit!

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**3. Document it:** Make sure whatever the surprise is that you get it on camera. The surprise and the nerves will have you and your partner probably freaking out so get a third party to make the memory last forever.

Did you have special engagement moment? Share with us below!

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## Famous Couple Jon Hamm and Jennifer Westfeldt Slam Break-Up Rumors



By Maggie Manfredi

They're staying strong! According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), famous couple Jon Hamm and Jennifer Westfeldt are rejecting any and all break-up rumors. Hamm's rep stated, "The story that appeared in this week's edition of *In Touch* magazine is not

true. The only gentleman Jennifer visited regularly in Connecticut was Jon, while he was in rehab. They continue to ask for the public's understanding and sensitivity during this challenging time." The Hollywood couple did prove other rumors true recently when Hamm did a 30 day stay in rehab for his alcohol addiction.

## **This famous couple is denying being on the rocks! What are some ways to avoid letting rumors affect your relationship?**

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

People are always going to talk. Cupid has some tips to deny the dish like celebrity couple Jon Hamm and Jennifer Westfeldt:

**1. Share what you want:** When you're talking about your relationship and love life, be sure to only share what you want to be sharing. Rumors can be made up, but they can also start from the source and get twisted and turned into something else. Start by being cautious about what you bring to the public.

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**2. Laugh it off:** Rumors can be outlandish and just embarrassingly wrong. If they are ridiculous, just brush them off and find amusement in the sheer craziness of it. You know what your relationship means to you and your partner and where you stand, so take comfort in that and let the haters keep talking.

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**3. Communicate:** Ultimately the most important thing is honest and open communication between you and your partner. Stand by each other, defend each other, and just have fun together. Give them something good to talk about!

**How do you keep the rumors at bay? Share your advice below!**

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**‘Married at First Sight’  
Couple Jamie Otis and Doug  
Hehner Share Love Advice: “A  
Strong Foundation is Key”**





By Jenna Bagcal

We've all heard the phrase "love at first sight," but the [reality TV](#) show *Married at First Sight* takes this concept to a whole new level. During the first season of the show, viewers saw Jamie Otis and Doug Hehner say "I do" on their wedding day – which was also the first time that they met each other. The "social experiment" takes six singles and matches them up with their perfect partner with help from a team of experts, including a sexologist, a spiritualist, a psychologist, and a sociologist. In this exclusive celebrity interview, the married celebrity couple discusses their experiences on reality TV and give us the inside scoop on their first year of marriage.

## **Married Celebrity Couple Discuss Their Experience on *Married at First Sight***

The *Married at First Sight* alums recently celebrated their

one-year anniversary by renewing their vows in St. Thomas, where they honeymooned, for *Doug and Jamie's Wedding Special* on FYI. Still, they remember their first wedding as if it were yesterday. "I was so scared before I got *Married At First Sight*," says Otis. "I've never been the one to believe in love at first sight, but I was hoping to have chemistry and butterflies – which, looking back now, I realize is so unrealistic. He was a complete stranger! I was hoping to find my soul mate – and honestly, I believe I have."

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Hehner adds, "I usually go into everything with an open mind, no expectations, and a positive energy. I was hoping to find my soul mate too."

Before they embarked on the marriage social experiment, they had to share their big plans with their loved ones. "When I first introduced the idea to my parents, they kind of brushed it off as another one of 'Doug's Ideas and Adventures' that would eventually play itself out. When I told my friends about it, they all had the same reaction," Hehner explains. "However, no matter how random or bizarre I get, my family and friends have always been super supportive, and they really do trust my judgment enough to just be there for me, no matter what."

Otis says that it was getting the approval of her siblings that mattered most to her. "They said I was crazy, but they'd support me if I believed in it," she reveals. "And then they instantly loved Doug – so much so that they encouraged me to give him a chance when I began to doubt it. I was shocked to hear them encouraging me!"

Otis is no stranger to the world of reality TV: Fans may recognize her from *The Bachelor* season 16 with Ben Flajnik and *Bachelor Pad* season 3, where she had a short-lived

relationship with Chris Bukowski. “If you saw *The Bachelor* and *Bachelor Pad*, then you know I am pretty miserable at dating,” she says with a laugh. “After *Bachelor Pad*, I had no intention of ever being vulnerable on TV again.” But despite her negative dating experiences on these shows, she was willing to give reality TV dating another try after she received a phone call that changed her mind: “When *The Love Experiment* called me (that was the original name of the show) and told me there were four experts who would help me along, it definitely caught my attention.”

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Hehner, who describes himself as “a leap of faith type of guy,” elaborates, “After meeting the experts and trusting that they were taking this experiment as seriously as if they were arranging a marriage for their own child, I had peace of mind knowing that, if they did match me with someone, it was going to be someone that I dreamed about. That is why I was very specific and honest about what I wanted in a mate!”

## **Reality TV Stars Jamie Otis and Doug Hehner Share Best Love Advice**

Their first year of marriage has been full of surprises, and it only makes sense that the celebrity couple says they “still feel like they’re dating.” Hehner shares, “I think that, with any relationship, a strong foundation is key. So building a solid friendship was first on our list, and then, we needed to quickly learn how to be great roommates.”

Otis adds, “Although it’s been an emotional roller coaster, it’s also so awesome to have a teammate in life. It’s amazing to have someone you can count on.”

The reality TV stars obviously know a thing or two about

maintaining a healthy and happy marriage, no matter the circumstances. "I attribute the success of our relationship to taking the time to learn about each other and also being open and honest about everything from day one," says Hehner. "In my opinion, you should never stop dating your spouse. That's what keeps your relationship and love for one another fresh and exciting."

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The pair believes that "it definitely takes a special kind of person to get *Married At First Sight*," and they have some valuable love advice to share with the three couples participating in the second season of the show. "There are a lot of variables. If you don't tell them exactly what you're about and who you want, then they can't do their job right," Otis explains. "After they pair you, it's really up to you to be open to it. It's easy to be scared and feel weird about it because it's the most bizarre feeling, but you have to trust the experts and trust the process."

So what's next for the adorable celebrity couple? They hope to one day have children but share that they have some things to work on before that happens. "Doug has a 'Before Becoming a Daddy' bucket list, and I want to really focus on my relationship with my mom and learn to forgive and heal," Otis divulges. "Also, I want to be patient for Doug. We won't have babies until we're *both* ready."

*You can keep up with Jamie and Doug on Twitter @jamienotis and @DougHehner! Check out Married at First Sight: The First Year.*

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# Love Advice: Can Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper's Work Marriage Work?



By Dr. Jane Greer

The on-screen chemistry shared by actors Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper is so true to life, it's hard to believe it isn't real. The two can be seen everywhere from *Silver Linings Playbook* to *American Hustle* to their upcoming project, *Serena*. Both admit to being each other's work spouses, but insist there is no sex in their faux celebrity marriage. Having a close relationship with someone at work can happen to anyone, not just celebs. You don't actually have to be "playing" husband and wife on screen to feel like you are just that, to an extent. It can happen in any job setting.

**The love advice question is, how entangled can you become with a work spouse, and where do you draw the line so the relationship doesn't negatively affect other parts of your life?**

### **Define Boundaries**

Defining the boundaries and being clear about how far and where you can take the connection can, in fact, make the friendship better and allow you to fall into the zone where flirting can be fun, but safe. It also makes room for your chemistry to kick in because it eliminates the constant question of whether or not you're going to take this relationship to the next level. You know the answer is "no," so that gives you room to express yourself more freely.

### **Attraction is Good**

Many friendships between men and women are punctuated by attraction which is never acted on, but keeps the relationship exciting and alive. In the end, though, it isn't just about that energy and flirtation. It is more about knowing each other well, working well together, having each other's backs, and especially experiencing the security of the trust you share. While people often joke that the relationship has the dimensions of a marriage, it is, in fact, really about the camaraderie.

### **Know the Limits**

The most important piece of love advice when it comes to work marriages is if you aren't in a romantic relationship outside of work, knowing the limits of your "work marriage" is

important so you won't end up disappointed if it never goes beyond what it already is. If you are dating or married to another person, knowing those limits is even more important so it doesn't spill over the walls of the office and create jealousy or a perceived threat to your partner. With that in mind, if you are spending time with your "work spouse" outside of work, invite your significant others to join you. That way they will feel included in your friendship instead of excluded. Along those lines, if you spend personal time together, make sure it is work-related, rather than simply going out to have a good time, so that there is no question about what you are doing when you're together.

As "work spouses" and actors, Jennifer and Bradley might be put in more questionable situations than most who are close and share an office because of the specific roles they are playing. Even so, as long as they hold onto the agreed upon boundaries, they will be able to leave their "work marriage" on the set and live their personal lives without complications.

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## **Dolly Parton Shares Love Advice for a Happy Marriage**







By Jenna Bagcal

In Hollywood, there are few married celebrity couples who stay together, and an increase in celebrity divorces and break-ups. With that thought in mind, it's so refreshing to see Hollywood couples who are successful in their relationships and love, like Dolly Parton and her husband Carl Thomas Dean. In recent celebrity news from [People.com](https://www.people.com), Parton, who has been married for 49 years, discusses her relationship and shares her [love advice](#) for a successful marriage. "They say that opposites attract, and it's true," the country crooner says. "We're completely opposite, but that's what makes it fun. I never know what he's gonna say or do. He's always surprising me."

**After 49 years of marriage, Dolly Parton has valuable love advice to share! How do you continually work on strengthening your marriage?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

You have probably heard people say that marriage is hard work, and they are absolutely right! You and your partner must put in a conscious effort to have the best relationship and love life possible. Consider Cupid's love advice for a long-lasting partnerships like this married celebrity couple:

**1. Keep communication strong:** Communication is one of the most important factors in a healthy relationship, and the lack of it can be a couple's downfall. Whether it's telling your beau about the high and low points of your day or discussing an issue that you might have with the other person, communication helps to keep relationships strong and prevents unresolved issues from cropping up and creating resentment.

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**2. Maintain the intimacy:** After being in a relationship for a long time, you may be extremely comfortable with your partner, so much so that you forget about intimacy. However, keeping the passion alive will help to ensure that your needs and the needs of your partner are being satisfied. Talk to each other about what you want, both in and out of the bedroom.

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**3. Do something new:** Keep your significant other on their toes by doing something out of character. You may have developed a routine that has gotten quite boring and stagnant over the years, especially if you've been married for a long time. Book a trip to an exotic place or just try a new foreign cuisine. Sharing these experiences will give you and your partner something to talk about and might even inspire you to participate in other things outside of your comfort zone.

**What advice do you have for continually strengthening your relationship? Leave a comment!**

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# Famous Couple Jason Aldean and Brittany Kerr Have Celebrity Wedding



By Meranda Yslas

They said, 'I do!' According to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com), famous couple Jason Aldean and his celebrity love Brittany Kerr celebrated their [celebrity wedding](#) this past weekend. The two exchanged vows in a seaside ceremony in Playa del Carmen, Mexico in front of family and close friends. "She looked so beautiful," gushed the groom who got teary eyed when he saw his bride walking down the aisle. "I was so excited to see her."

# Another celebrity wedding is in the books! What are some ways to personalize your big day?

## Cupid's Advice:

Weddings come in all different shapes and sizes, and that's what makes them fun. You can follow in the footsteps of the newly married celebrity couple Aldean and Kerr whose celebrity wedding was on the beach, or you can keep it traditional in a church. It's up to you! Here is some advice from Cupid on how to own your special day:

**1. Send it in style:** Invitations are usually the first time your guests will get the feel of your wedding theme and style, so make you're sending the right message. You can go with the classic elegant look for your invites or you can make them bold and hard to ignore.

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**2. Make your favors the favorite:** Normally weddings have small favors or gifts that guests get to go home with to remember the special celebration they attended. Get creative with your party favors, try making them so they match your wedding's theme.

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**3. What you serve counts:** During the reception, the dinner being served is sometimes a big deal. The options you have when it comes to creating the menu is endless. You can serve food that reflects you and your partner's heritage or the meal you two had on your first date-have fun with it!

How did you personalize your wedding? Share below!

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# 'N Sync Alum Lance Bass Marries Michael Turchin



By Maggie Manfredi

Wedded bliss! According to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com), Lance Bass married fiancée Michael Turchin in L.A. on Saturday, Dec. 20. The pair tied the knot at the Park Plaza Hotel and had a quick ceremony. For personal details, you can search the hashtag “#LanceLovesMichael,” which Bass used to show his excitement leading up to the big day.

## How do you decide how long to make your wedding ceremony?

### Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding ceremony is just that: yours! That being said, timing is a major decision you have to make when confirming the details of your big day. Cupid has some factors to consider:

**1. Who will be:** Keep in mind the amount of guests when deciding on the ceremony length. If there are a ton of people or a very small group, that may change the way you plan your ceremony. Think about who you want involved with the ceremony too; if you have one speaker versus three, that'll impact the amount of time it takes to say your vows.

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**2. Where it is:** If it's a hot August afternoon or a windy beach day, make sure to take that into account. Having guests who are uncomfortable – or a bride or groom who is uncomfortable, for that matter! – will spoil the mood.

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**3. What traditions you want to include:** If you have plans to do something religious or traditional with your bridal party, don't get caught up on time. This is your one opportunity to have the celebration of love that *you* want, so do what makes you happy.

**What are some other factors to consider about your wedding ceremony? Share your thoughts below.**

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# Elton John and Partner David Furnish Marry in England



[By Katie Gray](#)

Music legend and superstar, Elton John, tied the knot this weekend with his longtime partner, David Furnish! The duo got a civil partnership in 2005 and have been together for 21 years. They married in England, where same-sex marriage was recently legalized. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), John said, "We'll do it very quietly. But we will do it, and it will be a joyous occasion, and we will have our children [there]. For this legislation to come through is joyous, and we should celebrate it. We shouldn't just say, 'Oh well, we have a civil partnership; we're not going to bother to get married'. We will get married."

## How do you incorporate your kids in your wedding?

### Cupid's Advice:

If you have children, you'll no doubt want to include them in wedding festivities. Cupid has some ideas:

**1. Tie the knot with family ties:** When tying the knot, it's wonderful to be able to include children in the celebrations! Whether that means your own children or children of family members, it's a beautiful thing. Include the children in the wedding by simply inviting them to all of the events and festivities on the big day as well as the parties leading up to it. They'll simply be happy they're there with the adults.

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**2. Walk it out:** A great way to involve kids in a wedding is by letting them be in the wedding party! Have them walk down the aisle as a flower girl, ring bearer, junior bridesmaid, or junior groomsmen. Let them hold the bride's bouquet during the ceremony or have another kind of task to make them feel important.

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**3. Put on a show:** Consider allowing the children to sing a song or have a musical solo during the wedding reception. Let them entertain you and put on a nice show for your guests to enjoy. It will no doubt showcase the love in the room.

**What are some ways you have incorporated kids into your wedding? Share your stories from your celebration below.**

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# Scarlett Johansson Secretly Married Romain Dauriac in October!



By Amanda Boyer

There are newlyweds in town! Scarlett Johansson and her new husband Romain Dauriac secretly got married several weeks ago. After the birth of their baby girl, Rose Dorothy, in September, the couple decided to keep their wedding a secret for privacy. The ceremony, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), was officiated by Richard J. Miller on Oct. 1 in Philipsburg, Montana in a romantic setting.

**What are some advantages to keeping your wedding under wraps from family and friends?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Keeping your wedding under wraps can be a good idea. Read on for some tips and advantages to a secret ceremony:

**1. It'll be a surprise:** By keeping your wedding details under wraps, your loved ones will be surprised when they see what you did for your big day. You can plan a low-key party to reveal the big news.

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**2. It's yours and yours along:** Your mother-in-law's opinion of your dress or bouquet won't matter if she's not involved in the ceremony! Keeping your wedding private will help you stay focused on what you and your partner want for your special day.

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**3. It's personal:** If you decide not to have a big wedding and get married without an audience, it becomes a personal and romantic time for the both of you to cherish forever.

**Have another reason why you should keep your wedding under wraps? Share with us below!**

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# **Snooki Marries Jionni LaValle**





By Jessica DeRubbo

It looks like Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi is no longer a single woman! The former *Jersey Shore* star tied the knot with longtime boyfriend and baby daddy Jionni LaValle at the Venetian in Garfield, New Jersey on Saturday. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the parents to Lorenzo, 2, and Giovanna Marie, 3 months, had a Great Gatsby-themed celebration, with a cigar and scotch bar.

**What are three creative themes to have at your wedding?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

**1. Gone With the Wind:** Take it back to the times surrounding the Civil War, and center your wedding around the American classic movie, "Gone With the Wind." It's the ultimate love story, and the costumes, settings and decorations in the movie show a rich lifestyle ruled by high class and beauty. Adapt it for your wedding, and it'll be a celebration no one will ever forget.

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**2. Girls wear suits, men wear dresses:** Shake things up a little and do some role reversal. Okay, so we got this idea from the movie *27 Dresses*, but hey, it could work!

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**3. A black tie affair:** Go traditional, and keep things classy. Declare your wedding celebration a black tie affair, and everyone will attend the bash in their finest.

**What are some other themes that would work for a wedding? Share your ideas below.**

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# **Evan Ross Says Married Life with Ashlee Simpson Is 'the Best Ever'**





By Amanda Boyer

Monday, Nov. 17 during the *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1* L.A. premiere, Evan Ross discussed his married life with Ashlee Simpson, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). “It’s the best thing ever,” he said. “I actually want to get back to her, although I’m excited to be on the carpet – it’s incredible.”

**How do you decide when to start trying to have children post-marriage?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

It can be tough to figure out the best time to have kids after your wedding. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Think money:** Babies are expensive, so it’s important to make sure you are financially stable enough to have a child and take care of him/her.

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**2. Living situation:** Having enough space at home to raise a family is just as important as the money. It may be time to look for a new place if space is an issue.

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**3. Time off:** If you are just hitting the ground running in your career, do you have time to give up? Children involve a huge time commitment, so make sure to discuss the logistics with your partner prior to deciding to have a child.

**Share your own tips below!**

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## **Solange Knowles Marries Video Director Alan Ferguson**





By Amanda Boyer

According to [People.com](http://People.com), the Knowles family recently welcomed a new member to the family! On Sunday, Solange Knowles married video director Alan Ferguson in New Orleans. The couple has been together since 2008, but notoriously keeps their lives very private. Ferguson has been doing a lot of work for his new sister-in-law and brother-in-law like directing Beyonce and Jay-Z's music videos and is very involved in the Knowles' family lifestyle.

**What are some ways to show initial interest in a crush?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

If you are crushing on someone and want to give them some hints of interest, read ahead for some ideas and tips:

**1. Approach them:** Just making eye contact and saying hi is a nice gesture. You ask them questions on how their day is going or how is work. Find out their interests then have a conversation about that too.

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**2. Confidence:** It is okay to be shy but do not let it show, having confidence makes a person so much more attractive and shows they have an interest.

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**3. Loosen up:** Do not be scared and stiff when talking and hanging out with them, flirt a bit and use some body language, stop crossing your arms and keeping to yourself!

**Anything we forgot? Comment below!**

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## Top 10 Most Loving Celebrity Husbands







By [Courtney Omernick](#)

It's no doubt that there are many celebrity men we adore and would love to be with. And, there are definitely a few celebrity wives that make us jealous. Below is a list of the most loving celebrity husbands. And, we'd like to remind their wives how lucky they are!

**1. Tom Hanks:** His marriage to Rita Wilson has set the record in Hollywood with the two being together for 25 years. Tom's stated that it feels like he's been married to Rita for only two years because it's gone by so quickly and he's having so much fun with her.

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**2. Tim McGraw:** Is there a better love story than Tim McGraw and Faith Hill? The country duo has been making it work since 1996 by vowing to never spend more than three days away from each other, creating joint tours, and beautiful love duets.

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**3. Barack Obama:** Yes, being the President is the toughest job in the United States and puts a lot of pressure on the family. But, somehow, Barack makes keeping a marriage together look flawless. Barack always comments on how he couldn't do what he does without Michelle by his side, displays his affection in public, and makes time for his family.

**4. Justin Timberlake:** It's still hard to believe that this guy is off the market, but he makes the best husband! It's been said that Justin's album that was released last year is full of love songs dedicated to his wife, Jessica, and that when she's at one of his concerts, he sings them right to her.

**5. Keith Urban:** The country singer fell in love and married Nicole Kidman eight years ago and they have two lovely daughters together. In a recent interview, Nicole talked about how Keith is an amazing man, would do anything for her, and how he carried her physically and emotionally over the past few months while she was dealing with the passing of her father.

**6. Michael J. Fox:** Being a star that has battled so much, Michael always lets the press know how much he adores his wife. Michael and Tracy started a foundation to raise money for Parkinson's research and they've been by each other's side since the 80s. Michael was quoted in Redbook Magazine stating, "The best thing that ever happened to me was getting married."

**7. Ben Affleck:** Whenever Ben is on a talk show, you can always find him giving compliments to his wife, Jennifer Garner. And, when Ben accepted his Best Picture Oscar for *Argo*, he thanked her and openly talked about all of the hard work they'd put into their marriage.

**8. Brad Pitt:** Brad recently married Angelina, but they already have a wonderful history together. He's been by Angie's side through her scare of breast cancer, their multiple adopted children, and more. He's stated that she makes him a better

person, and that he's lucky she's in his life.

**9. Channing Tatum:** The actor met his wife on the set of Step Up, and the rest is history. Channing can't say enough nice things about his beautiful bride and always compliments her as a mom and all-around amazing human being.

**10. David Bowie:** Most people would be surprised that a marriage between a rock star and a supermodel would last two decades. But, in the case of David Bowie, it has. His wife, Iman has stated that David still takes her on date nights and makes her laugh like no one else does.

**What celebrity husbands did we miss? Let us know in the comments!**

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## **Find Out Bette Midler's Rules for a Successful Hollywood Marriage**





By Maggie Manfredi

Hot Hollywood couples are great, but we've got the scoop on two celebs who have had years of love and know how to make it work. According to [People.com](https://www.fox.com/people.com), Bette Midler and Martin Von Haselberg have been married almost 30 years. Though they spent a short, six weeks together and then headed straight to the chapel, Midler knows they are not the norm. Today they have a 27-year-old daughter who is also jumping into show business, and some helpful advice on marriage. "It's best to pick your fights wisely and just meditate. Stay calm. Don't go from zero to 60 in two seconds. Just stay calm and try to breathe. Breathing is really important," Midler said.

**What are three rules for a successful marriage?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

**1. Patience:** Like Bette said take deep breaths and stay calm. Be patient with your partner and listen to what they have to say before you do or say anything.

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**2. Respect:** Understanding that you are both individuals with lives and wants and wishes is imperative to staying afloat. Make sure your partner feels respected by you and feels support from you as their partner to succeed in life.

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**3. Love:** Continue to have date nights. Kisses goodbye, little things that show you care and surprises. Love is why you started this and will be how you make it through both the good times and bad.

**Married and making it work? Share your advice below!**

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**Joe and Teresa Giudice  
Celebrate 15th Wedding  
Anniversary Pre-Jail**





By Maggie Manfredi

The soon to be jailbirds are remaining lovebirds for now. According to [Usmagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com), Joe and Teresa Giudice celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary together with Teresa's jail term coming in January. *The Real Housewives of New Jersey* stars shared a loving Instagram picture, but rumors of their relationship being rocky are continuing to surface. A source says, "Teresa and Joe's emotional connection is fading. Resentment is creeping in." Teresa will serve her jail sentence first and then Joe will follow with a longer sentencing and possible deportation.

**What are some special ways to celebrate your wedding anniversary?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Marriage takes work, time and patience. So sometimes the love can get lost in the mix. Your anniversary is a time to reflect and reinstate why you made this commitment to each other. Cupid has some tips on how to make your day perfect:

**1. Try something new:** Hot air balloon, sailing, art class, volunteer, square dancing? Any of these things spark your interest? These are all random yet exciting date ideas to try with your partner!

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**2. Weekend getaway:** Get a sitter for the kids or the dogs and find yourself a place to hunker down for the weekend. Whether you like the woods or the city, take some time to unplug and unwind together.

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**3. A nostalgic location:** Go back to a place that means something to both of you. Where did the proposal happen, or your first date? Enjoy the times you've spent together in the places where the big moments took place.

**Do you think Teresa and Joe can make it through these tough times? Share your thoughts below.**

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**'Bachelorette' Famous Couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum Talk About Life with Newborn Son Fordham**



By Emily Meyer

Famous couple [Ashley Hebert](#) and [J.P. Rosenbaum's](#) celebrity love story cannot get any more perfect. Since the birth of their first celebrity baby Fordham Rhys, the pair has stayed busy balancing their new responsibilities of parenthood together. In an exclusive celebrity interview with [People.com](#), the former [Bachelorette](#) exclaims, "The first two weeks have been great!" The reality TV star also shares how parenthood has actually brought her and her husband closer together: "Throughout our relationship, our bond always seems to grow stronger with each milestone we reach. It's still very early in our parenting careers, but it's easy to see that it'll take a lot of teamwork, support for one another, and patience when raising this child. You really need to be on the same page all the time." It sure looks like this famous couple are on the path for a lifelong marriage and happy celebrity family.





Ashley and J.P. Rosenbaum welcome son Fordham Rhys into the world. Photo courtesy of Ashley Rosenbaum's Instagram.

**These *Bachelorette* reality TV stars still have sparks flying after the birth of their celebrity baby. Here is how you can keep the romance alive right after a pregnancy!**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone knows that life becomes even more stressful with a newborn, as you can see from this former *Bachelorette*. Still, those tough moments are no excuse to let the romance die between you and your partner. Cupid wants to make sure you and

your significant other keep the love alive after welcoming a baby:

**1. Be patient:** Even though you're probably feeling like your romance will never go back to the way it used to be, remember this is just a phase. Eventually, you'll feel energetic again and have time for just you and your partner. For now, focus on your newborn, but make sure you also show your beau some loving.

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**2. Take time to connect each day:** It doesn't matter what you and your partner talk about, but a little chat can go a long way. Make sure you take the time to talk to them and keep the lines of communication open. This is mandatory if you want your relationship to succeed beyond this stressful stage in your lives.

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**3. Schedule date nights:** Plan ahead of time to go on a date with your partner and stick to it! So often, couples back out of plans because they think something more important comes up. However, it's crucial to make your date nights a priority. This alone time will help make you better spouses *and* parents.

**How did you keep your romance alive after your pregnancy? Tell us in the comments below.**

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# Kanye West Sends a Public Message for Kim Kardashian's Birthday



By Maggie Manfredi

Happy belated Kim! According to [Usmagazine.com](http://Usmagazine.com), Kanye West sent out two tweets in honor of the reality star's 34th birthday on Oct. 21. The rapper stated, "Happy Birthday baby! Thank you for being the dopest wife & mom!" He followed it up with, "Sometimes I feel like just saying I love you isn't strong enough to express how much I love you..." This birthday was low maintenance compared to last year's baseball field with fireworks proposal. But the little family seems to happy and very much in love.

## How do you make your partner feel special on his/her birthday?

### Cupid's Pulse:

Can't think of how to send the love to your partner on their birthday? Cupid has some ideas for how to make it a birthday to remember:

**1. A year ago today:** This one takes a year of planning, so you will have plenty of time. On your partner's birthday write a letter about what they mean to you and what this letter will symbolize a year from now. All you have to do is keep it safe and hidden. You could frame it if you like and it will be a gift that reminds each of you of your life together and how you've grown as a couple.

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**2. Just like the movies:** Want to get corny and romantic? All you need is your lover's favorite rom-com, take a moment or idea from the flick and recreate it. Whether it be a butterfly tattoo/telescope like *A Walk To Remember*, or a shopping spree/chocolate strawberries like *Pretty Woman*...you have lots of cheesy to chose from.

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**3. Let the world know:** Take a note from Kanye's book and share the love. This seems obvious but a loving instagram pic or some nice words on twitter are an easy way to make your special someone feel great on their special day. It will mean something to them that you want to tell them you love them...and also that you want to tell everybody else!

**Have a great birthday idea? Share with us below!**

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# Celebrity Couples Who Rocked the Cradle



By Emily Meyer

It's not a secret that there are quite a few cradle robbers in Hollywood. Although these celebrity couples span multiple generations, so far they have stood the test of time in the limelight. These couples sure aren't letting age get in the way of their relationships. Below, Cupid has five celebrity couples who are continuing to live happily in ageless love:

**1. Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green:** This handsome couple

certainly does not mind their 13-year age gap. Although both actors have stayed busy, since getting hitched in 2010, the couple has also welcomed two little boys. The Greens continue to be in marital bliss and only seem to be growing stronger as a pair.

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**2. Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi:** Even though their 2008 marriage caused quite a stir, most people don't even realize that this famous couple has a large age difference. However, their 15-year age gap has not stopped the couple from being together since 2004. This power duo has led the way for other same-sex couples to also take a trip down the aisle.

**3. Harrison Ford and Calista Flockhart:** After meeting at the 2002 Golden Globes, not only did sparks fly, but so did a glass of wine. Even if it was a spilled glass of wine that brought these two together, it seems to have worked because the pair has been together ever since. The strong and talented couple is not dwelling on their 22-year age gap.

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**4. Johnny Depp and Amber Heard:** After meeting on set in 2010, this mysterious and timeless couple was not actually romantically linked until 2012. The couple has since gotten engaged earlier this year. Nonetheless, the 23-year age difference sure looks good on them.

**5. This couple takes the crown for having the biggest age gap in Hollywood – 6 decades to be exact. Hefner and Harris did not let their 60-year age difference prevent them from getting married and starting a life together. Hefner once tweeted wise words: “When you're in love, age is just a number.”**

**What other celebrity couples have a large age gap? Share what**

you know in the comments!

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# Matthew Morrison Shares Wedding Photo With New Wife Renee Puente



By [Jessica DeRubbo](#)

It's official! Matthew Morrison tied the knot with Renee Puente this past weekend in Maui, Hawaii, according to [UsMagazine.com](#). In fact, Morrison introduced his new wife on Twitter, saying, "Conquered Hurricane Ana and got married!"

Most amazing week EVER. It's my pleasure to introduce, my WIFE, Mrs. Renee Marie Morrison!!" The *Glee* star followed up his tweet with a special photo of the two presumably right after they said "I do." Congrats to the happy couple!

## **What are some unique locations to hold your wedding festivities?**

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

It makes sense to have your wedding in you or your partner's hometown, because then no one has to travel and it "just makes sense." That being said, if you're looking to spice up your wedding and take it in a new direction, Cupid has some tips:

**1. Amusement park:** It may sound crazy, but how cool would it be to sail off on a rollercoaster ride seconds after saying "I do"? Plus, your guests will have the times of their lives bringing it back to their childhood days.

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**2. The beach:** This probably isn't the most unique suggestion, but the beach is no doubt romantic ... assuming it's good weather. Set up white chairs on the beach, and bring lots of flowers. That's all you need to make the day special!

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**3. Carousel:** If your town has a carousel, think about holding your wedding near the inanimate horses. You can take a special ride with your new spouse following the ceremony, and all of our guests can follow suit. Think about the amazing pictures you'll have from such an experience!

**Where are some other unique places to hold a wedding? Share your thoughts below.**



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# Amal Alamuddin Changes Name to Amal Clooney



By Amanda Boyer

After her September wedding to George Clooney in Venice, Amal Alamuddin is now officially Mrs. Clooney! The honeymoon is over, so now Alamuddin decided it was time to change her last name. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Amal also reflected her name change on the website of her London-based law firm, Doughty Street Chambers.

**How do you decide whether to change your name post-marriage?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Thinking about taking your partner's last name? Cupid has some tips to help you decide:

**1. Be traditional:** If you want to be traditional as 80% of people do, take their last name. This is not only for your benefit, but will help distinguish your future children if you decide to grow your family.

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**2. Be unique:** If you want to keep your roots, but also keep a connection with your new spouse, consider hyphenating your name. This is something that will keep both sides of the family together and you ultimately happy.

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**3. Be different:** If you like your individuality and/or have a job that your name is closely associated with, consider keeping your last name.

**Have another way to decide whether to take your partner's last name? Share it below!**

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# **Lauren Conrad Says She Felt Married Before She Was**

# Actually Married



By Maggie Manfredi

LC is making married life look easy! According to [Usmagazine.com](http://Usmagazine.com), William Tell and his bride Lauren Conrad are back from their European honeymoon, and they were quick to share some details. At the 5th Annual Veuve Clicquot Polo Classic on Saturday, Oct. 11, *The Hills* alum said, "It doesn't feel too different – we felt married before we were actually married." The couple drove around Italy and Greece, but are now back at home in California enjoying each other's company.

**What are some ways that marriage can change your relationship?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Saying "I do" is more than a party and a beautiful dress.

Marriage is a big commitment, and a monumental life change. Cupid has some insight into how life will change post wedding (and post-honeymoon):

**1. What's mine is yours:** With marriage comes a more intertwined life. Be committed, share and listen. The relationship will mold as the trajectory of your lives together move forward.

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**2. Making it work:** With marriage comes changes, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. There are going to be good times and bad times, stay patient and stay kind towards your partner even as you travel over the bumpy parts of the road.

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**3. So much better together:** There will be hard times but you now have a partner to share your life with. Remind yourself how lucky you are and how special it is to have this relationship, enjoy it!

**What is your favorite part about the "honeymoon phase"? Share your comments below!**

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# **Brad Pitt Talks About George Clooney, Celebrity Weddings,**

# and His Celebrity Love



By Maggie Manfredi

Love is in the air for Hollywood's favorite hunks! According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), [Brad Pitt](#) believes that marriage is more than just a license, which isn't a surprising opinion considering he recently tied the knot with long-time celebrity love and mother of their children, [Angelina Jolie](#). Pitt commented on actor friend, George Clooney, in light of his Hollywood relationship and rather public [celebrity wedding](#) celebration, saying, "Well, you know, George is extremely accessible. He's one of our best representatives. He's funny as sh-t. He's a joy to be around. I guess maybe I'm more of a miserable b-tard. I'm a bit of a loner, you know? I'm more quiet by nature. And coming from hillbilly country, I'm probably more reserved." Lately, Pitt has been backing off

from his acting career to spend more time with his celebrity love and family.

## **Now that George Clooney is a married man, a lot will change between him and his celebrity love. What are three ways a relationship changes after marriage?**

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

We've come a long way since the standard was grow up, get married, and have babies. Every relationship is unique, and every couple has their own way of living life, but there are some changes that come with marriage if and when that happens. Cupid has some thoughts on them:

**1. Becoming Mr. and Mrs.:** There are now more options when it comes to the woman changing her name. You can: take your spouse's name but keep your pre-marriage name for professional reasons; get creative and start a new legacy with a new last name together; or change your maiden name to your middle name.

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**2. What's mine is yours:** Whether or not you signed a prenup, marriage comes with the principle that you will be sharing a life together. With that idea comes the elements of money, property and children, so be a contributor, listener, and lover.

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**3. Work at it:** You have made it through the honeymoon stage and the cohabitation successfully – congrats! But now, maybe

the kids have three different after school activities to get to, or you've been traveling more for work. No matter what, don't forget to make time for each other! Date nights can help you stay connected. The little things will keep you coupled and happy together.

**What are some fun date night activities for married couples? Share below!**

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## **Find Out Details Behind George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin's Wedding Prep**





By Maggie Manfredi

Everyone's favorite silver fox got hitched to his foxy lady this past weekend! According to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com) Venice, Italy will never be the same post-wedding. George Clooney tied the knot with now-wife, Amal Alamuddin, at Hotel Cipriani. Preparations were in full swing as the famous hotel was transformed into the romantic destination for the nuptials. Prior to the wedding, a source reported, "Everyone is very excited. It's going to be quite the party. There is a lot of celebrating planned. They will be serving the tequila at a couple of the parties!" Pass the lime and the salt, because we want to make a toast to the happy couple.

**What are the three most important things to do during wedding prep?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

You are counting down the days until the wedding, you have checklists and choices to make and family members to please. You might be thinking there isn't enough time! Not to worry,



Cupid is here to assist with the wedding preparation:

**1. Stay organized:** There a lot of moving parts in order to pull off a successful rehearsal, ceremony and reception. Keep a binder (or the 21st century electronic equivalent) to keep track of deadlines and to take notes.

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**2. Be calm:** Will all the guests, the spending and all the personal time put in, it will be easy to stray towards the bridezilla side of the wedding spectrum. But take deep breaths, spend as much time as you can with the person you love and remain calm.

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**3. Have fun:** This is your day! Sure the prep can be stressful but remember why you are doing it, to share with your friends and family the bond that you and your partner are making. That is simply a beautiful thing, embrace the joy.

**What are your pre-wedding must dos? Share your comments below!**