

Rumor: Halle Berry Is Engaged to Olivier Martinez



Halle Berry is no longer on the market, or at least that's the rumor going around. According to [People](#), "Olivier Martinez, Berry's boyfriend of more than a year, has given her a diamond-and-emerald engagement ring." The two co-starred in a French film in 2010 and became a couple shortly after. This would be Berry's third time tying the knot, as she was previously married in the early 1990s as well as in the early 2000s.

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

Cupid's Advice:

It's not always clear when it's time to take the big step of marriage with your partner. Cupid has ways to know if you're meant to be:

1. No need to impress each other: You're able to be yourself

around your partner. There's no longer a need to pretend you like their weird music or have a taste for fondue.

2. Trust: You trust each other. When you go out, you're not wondering what they're doing and vice versa. A secure relationship is critical when taking it to the next level of commitment.

3. Ready for forever: Once you've truly grasped what marriage means and that you want to be with this person for the rest of your life, then marriage may be the next step. If you can't imagine your life without them, maybe you should make them a more permanent part of it.

What are some other ways to know you're ready for marriage? Share your thoughts below.

Lady Antebellum Singer Hillary Scott Ties the Knot





Congrats to Lady Antebellum singer Hillary Scott and drummer Chris Tyrrell, who are officially married, as of Saturday. The couple, who has been engaged since July, held a small ceremony in upstate New York in front of family and close friends, according to [People](#). “We got married,” Scott, 25, said as she flashed a wedding ring in a video on Lady Antebellum’s website with her new hubby. “We just wanted you to hear it from us first. We love you. We’re so excited to be starting our life together and we just had to let you in on the exciting news.” Scott said she couldn’t be happier and loves having someone in her life who completely accepts her. “Everything is brighter. Everything has a deeper meaning. I’ve found a guy who truly embraces me for who I am and appreciates the things that I don’t necessarily love about myself.”

How do you know if your partner embraces you for who you are?

Cupid’s Advice:

While most people say they accept their lover, it’s sometimes can be difficult to believe it. Cupid has some ways to help you be sure:

1. Closeness: Ask yourself where your partner is whenever you’re having a tough time. Someone who truly accepts you

isn't fair weathered.

2. No judgement: Your significant other should be the person you confide in, and they don't hold what you say against you.

3. Return the favor: A person is more likely to accept you if they feel welcomed by you. Be sure to let your partner know how you feel toward them.

How do you know when your partner accepts you? Share your ideas below.

Brandi Glanville Has Quickie Wedding in Las Vegas



Brandi Glanville rang in the new year by getting a new husband...temporarily that is. The 38-year-old star of *The Real Housewives of Beverly*

Hills married a mixed martial arts manager, Darin Harvey this past weekend. However, according to UsMagazine.com: Glanville, the former wife of Eddie Cibrian, tweeted of the marriage "We're not gonna stay married. But it was a fun way to start out the new year!" According to a source, they got drunk and became hitched for publicity. The two have never been linked romantically and think of each other as brother and sister.

Why is it important to think things through before getting married?

Cupid's Advice:

Marriage is not a step to be taken lightly. Cupid's Pulse has some reasons why one should truly think about their relationship before saying "I do."

1. Responsibility: Marriage is a big responsibility and when people walk down the aisle it should be for better or worse.

Kim Kardashian took on a lifelong and very public commitment when she wed Kris Humphries. And, when she separated from her husband, she took away the maturity that this type of union entails, showing that one doesn't truly have to take on that duty for life.

2. It's not a joke: When Britney got married in Vegas, and annulled it less than 3 days later, she illustrated to young people that marriage was disposable. A commitment of marriage should be based on proper planning and true love.

3. Issues will arise: For those who wed on a whim, they will experience added pressure when problems arise. Being with someone isn't easy and being with a partner you aren't 100 percent sure about is even worse. Some people do make mistakes and don't realize it, until it's too late. But, there should be an added fight and marriage counseling before calling it quits.

What are your thoughts on the sanctity of marriage? Share your opinion below.

Prince William and Kate Middleton's New Year's Eve Plans



Prince William and Kate Middleton will be surrounded by family and friends as they ring in the New Year. A source told UsMagazine.com that the newlyweds plan to spend New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in Aberdeen, Scotland and will stay at Birkhall, the 53,000 acre estate belonging to William's father, Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla Parker-Bowles, Duchess of Cornwall. The source also revealed that Middleton's parents, Michael and Carole, are expected to join in on the festivities, although

they won't likely be staying with the royal family.

What are some romantic ways to spend New Year's Eve?

Cupid's Advice:

Whether you're going out on a double date or staying inside cuddled up watching a movie with each other, there are plenty of romantic ways to ring in the New Year with your love. Here are a few last-minute ideas to make sure you get your New Year's kiss:

1. Plan a dinner at home: There's a wise tale that says to get to a man's heart, you have to know how to cook. Prepare a candlelit, romantic dinner at home for just the two of you. If the weather is somewhat breezy, set up a nice backyard dinner for you and your love. That way, you will have front row seats to an early firework show.

2. Hit the beach: You may not be able to ring in the New Year in Las Vegas or New York, but you can always take a quick getaway trip to a nearby beach that will allow you and your significant other to spend some quality time together. Watch the fireworks pop over the ocean as you and your love relax with your feet dug into the sand.

3. Dance the night-away: So maybe you're the type of couple that likes to be seen. Head to the club dressed to impress, and dance all night to your favorite songs. Go as a couple, on a double date or with a group of your closest friends.

How do you plan to spend the New Year with your significant other? Share your ideas below.

Backstreet Boys Singer A.J. McLean Ties the Knot



Backstreet Boy, A.J.

McLean is married. The boy band cutie wed his longtime girlfriend at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Los Angeles. The couple is all about putting a spin on tradition. According to UsMagazine.com, McLean proposed to Rochelle Karidis on stage at a live concert in Vegas, and Rochelle walked down the aisle to Guns N' Roses. Way to make it unique, you two!

What are some ways to incorporate your favorite things in your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings are meant to be fun, but can sometimes become too traditional and you lose sight of who you are as a couple. Here's how to celebrate your likes and dislikes, without being tacky:

1. Music: If Rochelle can do it, so can you. Walk down the aisle or make your reception playlist full of songs that you and your partner love groovin' out to.

2. Reception: Don't be afraid to mix in something you like with tradition or skip tradition all together. Love the idea of belly dancers? Go for it, because receptions are your time to shine.

3. Theme: Why not make your wedding all about you? Pick a theme that you love and incorporate it in everything, from decor to food.

How did you incorporate your style in your wedding? Share your experiences below.

Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum Have No Celebrity Wedding Plans Yet





The *Bachelorette* couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum, who got engaged last August during the reality TV show's finale, won't be saying their "I do's" anytime soon. The famous couple told UsMagazine.com that they haven't set a date for their celebrity wedding yet. Hebert is waiting to finish up school before tying the knot. The former *Bachelorette* star said that she and Rosenbaum are "looking forward to building our lives together. We really are best friends, [so] just being together is a lot to look forward to." Rosenbaum said that they "want to wait for the right time" before walking down the aisle.

Hebert and Rosenbaum are taking their time when it comes to picking a celebrity wedding date. What are the advantages of a long engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

Take a cue from this famous couple and know that there's nothing wrong with a long engagement! In fact, there are plenty of benefits to taking some time before you tie the

knot. Cupid has a few reasons why:

1. Less stress: Getting married soon after your engagement means you have to plan an entire wedding – and fast. Take your time and enjoy planning out this special day in your relationship and love.

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2. Take your pick: With your extra time, you can be sure that you book the ideal locations for your wedding and reception. You can also gather all the ideal decorations to throw the perfect party!

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3. No doubts: While you and your fiance spend some more time together as a soon-to-be-married couple, you'll have time to make sure they're the person you want to spend the rest of your life with.

Why did you like having a longer engagement? Share your comments below.

Jeff Probst Marries Lisa Ann Russell





It's been confirmed! Jeff Probst and Lisa Ann Russell said "I do" during an intimate ceremony at a home in Los Angeles. According to [People](#), this will be the second marriage for both of the newlyweds. Probst will host the season finale of CBS' *Survivor: South Pacific* on Dec. 18. He also has a self-titled talk show coming out in the fall of 2012.

How do you make your wedding an intimate affair?

Cupid's Advice:

Intimate weddings are often the most memorable ones. Here are some ways to make your wedding a little more personal:

- 1. Be exclusive:** An intimate affair usually doesn't involve a lot of people. Reserve spots at your wedding for only close friends and family. You can celebrate with everyone else another time.
- 2. Select a quiet spot:** Private homes are usually the best places for an intimate affair. Hotels and party halls always seem to have strangers coming in and out, which can take away from the intimacy.
- 3. Dress simply:** Simple brides and bridesmaids dresses will make the ceremony more intimate because you will focus on the

people rather than what they're wearing.

Is your dream wedding big or small? Share your thoughts below.

Rep Denies Reports that Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber Are Engaged



Justin Bieber is not about to tie the knot. Rumors of Bieber's engagement to girlfriend Selena Gomez started circling Wednesday when the actress was photographed wearing a diamond ring, reports UsMagazine.com. Gomez's rep denied the rumor, stating, "She is not engaged." Gomez, 19, and Bieber, 17, were recently spotted in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico for a friend's wedding.

What are some ways to tell you and your partner are ready for marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people are ready for marriage, and others still have some growing up to do before they make it official. Cupid has some ways to tell your mate is set to say "I do":

1. You talk about your future: If you and your partner find yourselves talking about wanting kids and buying a home, then it may be time to take the next step.

2. Your friends ask: Many times close friends and family are able to see things that you can't. A close friend may get you thinking about tying the knot, so take their viewpoint into consideration.

3. You feel ready: If you feel as though you and your significant other will have a long and happy future, then consider marriage. If both of you desire marriage and a life together, then it's a clear choice.

How did you know when you and your spouse were ready for marriage? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Kristin Cavallari Celebrates Re-Engagement With Friends





Reality TV

star Kristin Cavallari and NFL player Jay Cutler are engaged for a second time after their split in July. [People](#) reported that the starlet was gushing over her fiancé and showing off her ring (the same bling he presented her with for their first engagement) during dinner Friday evening at Union Restaurant & Lounge in Las Vegas where they dined with friends and business colleagues.

Is it OK to get back together with an ex?

Cupid's advice:

Go ahead and give him a second chance. Love is a powerful feeling to forget, and if you think you're meant to be together, then don't give up. Cupid has some tips to make sure you're ready before you take a second shot at love:

1. Mutual decision: After breaking off an engagement, your feelings might be crushed. Make sure you and your partner are both over past negativity and ready to move on as a stronger couple.

2. Confidence: Both you and your partner are going to have to be incredibly confident in your love and trust for one another for this to work the second time around.

3. Change: There's a reason you broke up the first time, so make sure the problem has been resolved. You don't want to throw yourself back into the same problematic situation.

How did you know it was OK to get back together with your ex?
Share your comments below.

Lady Gaga Says She May Stay Single Forever



In a interview for *Vanity Fair*, Lady Gaga opened up about her love life. The singer is known less for her romantic relationships, and more so for her dedicated relationship with her fans. According to [E! Online](#), Gaga thinks that she will never know martial bliss.

With the divorce plague that many stars face, it can be hard to find love in the entertainment business. Gaga told *Vanity*

Fair that it isn't the men she dates that are the problem, but herself. Whatever the issue, we hope Gaga finds love. But if she doesn't, her little monsters will still get great music out of it.

What are the advantages of playing the field and staying single?

Cupid's Advice:

Staying single can be a lot of fun, but it can also leave you feeling lonely and confused when a new relationship comes around. However, sometimes it can be the best thing for you and your future relationships. Here's how:

1. You: Being single means more 'me time'. Not having to worry about a partner's feelings lets you learn what you like or dislike for future relationships.

2. Networking: Flying solo can allow you to meet new people in places that you would have visited while in a relationship. It can open up your social circle and teach you how to communicate better in future relationships.

3. Freedom: Not having to report to anyone or make decisions based on how it will affect you and your partner will leave you free to become an independent well-rounded person.

What have you gained from being single? Share your thoughts below.

Angelina Jolie Says She'll Never Be As Good as Her Mother



Hollywood mama,

Angelina Jolie, reminisced about her mother in an interview with *60 minutes*. Jolie said that her mom, Marcheline Bertrand, was a generous, loving person that did everything for her children. Sound familiar? It seems Jolie is trying to walk in Bertrand's footsteps since her death in 2007. Jolie adopted three children, gave birth to three more children with Brad Pitt, and is a humanitarian activist. According to [UsMagazine](#) the actress was as modest as ever and said that she could never be as good as her mother.

How do you know what traits to carry over from your own mother?

Cupid's Advice:

We all worry that one day we might turn into our mothers, but that may not be such a bad thing. Mothers wear many hats and the most important one may be that of a role model. Here are some ways to think about and carry on traits that your mother has/had:

1. Childhood: Think about the morals your mother installed in you as a child. As you mature, those morals usually lead you to make decisions in your adult life. Carry on those morals that your mother valued.

2. Role model: Do you remember watching your mother and wanting to be just like her? Try to remember why you wanted to be your mom's little me. Was she loving, funny or strong willed?

3. Memories: If your mother is deceased, remember what made her special. Why did she mean so much to you and to others? You may not become just like her, but taking on some of her traits will help you keep her memory alive.

What traits have you carried on from your mother? Share your ideas below.

Charlize Theron Tries To Rekindle an Old Flame in 'Young Adult'





In *Young Adult*, a fiction writer, Mavis Gary (Charlize Theron), has just finalized her divorce and is heading back to her hometown in Minnesota. When she reconnects with her ex, Buddy Slade (Patrick Wilson), she wonders if they can rekindle the relationship they use to have in high school. The problem? Her ex is married with children! This is going to be a good one, and we can't wait to see Theron back in action on December 9th.

How do you know when to rekindle an old flame?

Cupid's Advice:

Ending a long term relationship can cause you to start reminiscing about past loves. Bumping into an ex after breaking up with your partner can cause you to think fate is at play. Be careful! Here's when you should rethink those thoughts:

1. He's happily married: This should be an obvious one, but you would be surprised. Even though you want to give the relationship another try, it's probably not worth breaking up a happy home.

2. He shows no interest: If you're doing all the work to make old memories a reality, move on.

3. You just feel lonely: Feeling lonely doesn't mean you should try to get an ex back. Move on with someone new, and don't look back. If it's meant to be, it will be.

Have you ever tried to get an ex back that was spoken for? Share your experiences below.

Nikki Reed Says Marriage Is 'Easy Breezy' So Far



In light of the recent influx of celebrity divorces, it's great to come across a happy and healthy Hollywood marriage. Nikki Reed, who tied the knot with *American Idol*'s Paul McDonald, told [People](#), "The

first year [of marriage] is not the hardest. Gosh, if this is the hardest, then it's gonna be easy breezy." She added that even under the most stressful situations, she and her new husband still make a great team.

As a newlywed, how do you set a good precedent for your marriage?

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Cupid's Advice:

It's important set the precedent for a healthy relationship from the beginning, not just when it comes to marriage, but also when it comes to dating. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Don't sweat the small stuff:** Fighting over silly things is a waste of time and can only put an unnecessary riff between you and your partner.
- 2. Speak up:** If your partner says or does something you don't like, tell them from the beginning that their behavior is unacceptable.
- 3. Be their best friend:** A perfect partner isn't just a lover, but also a best friend.

How do you connect with your partner early on? Share your thoughts below.

Demi Lovato Catches Bouquet

at Disney Co-Star's Wedding



The wedding fairies may be trying to tell former Disney star Demi Lovato something. The actress recently attended her former *Sonny with a Chance* co-star Tiffany Thornton's wedding, and she caught the bride's bouquet at the reception, according to UsMagazine.com. Lovato wasn't shy about her accomplishment, either, as she went straight to Twitter to tell the world. "Such a beautiful day," Lovato tweeted. "Congrats to the new Mr. and Mrs Chris Carney! P.S. Guess who got the bouquet? ME!"

How do you deal with your man when he freaks out after you catch the bouquet?

Cupid's Advice:

Catching the bride's bouquet at a wedding traditionally means you'll be the next to tie the knot. This can send your man into a full-on panic. Here's how to keep him calm:

1. Don't make it a big deal: After you catch the bouquet, play it cool. Don't make a big fuss or put any pressure on your man. This will only make him more stressed.

2. Keep expectations out of it: Make it clear that the bouquet doesn't change your mindset about your relationship. Make it be known that you don't have any outstanding expectations as a result.

3. Play it off as superstition: Make it be known that you are fully aware that the bouquet tradition is purely superstition, and simply laugh it off.

How do you calm your beau's nerves post-bouquet catching? Share your ideas below.

Rumor: Britney Spears Could Be Engaged After Her Tour Ends





Apparently three times really may be the charm in this case. Britney Spears may be walking down the aisle with her boyfriend and manager, Jason Trawick. Rumor has it that when Spears wraps up her Femme Fatale tour, Trawick will finally pop the big question after years of dating. According to [RadarOnline](#), Spears is under a conservatorship, which simply means her father is in charge of her financial assets and well being. If Spears decides to get married, her father's lawyer will have to sign off on the union. Spear's family and two sons, Sean Preston and Jayden James, love Trawick and can't wait for him to join the family.

How do you know when to pop the question?

Cupid's Advice:

Proposing can be nerve racking, no matter how long you've been dating your partner. Fear of rejection and long time commitment can put an engagement on hold. Here are some ways to know you're ready:

1. Family: If your family is crazy about your partner, then he or she is likely a keeper. Do either of you have children? If you have already begun to raise kids as a team, it might be time to make it official.

2. You find yourself looking at rings: Talking about marriage and kids is one thing, but actually window shopping or surfing the net for a ring may mean that your ready to take the next step in your relationship.

3. Commitment: An engagement means a commitment to each other, and the ring lets other men and women know that your partner is happily taken. Some couples decide to stay engaged and forget marriage, while others enjoy a long engagement before sealing the deal. Whatever you and your partner choose, if you're in love and ready to make a commitment, its time to pop the question.

When did you know it was time to ask, "will you marry me?"
Share your experiences below.

Rob Pattinson Thinks Kristen Stewart Looks "Amazing" as a Bride





Aside from the Royal Wedding and Kim Kardashian's fairy tale nuptials, the *Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I* is due to premiere in just a couple of days with one of the most anticipated "I do's" of the year. To the building anticipation to see Kristen Stewart make her way down the aisle, Rob Pattinson had this to say: "It's a white dress," he joked. "But it's beautiful, it's an incredible dress. She looks amazing." Not only did Pattinson enjoy seeing his on-and-off-screen girlfriend all glammed up in her wedding dress, but he also gained a new appreciation for real-life nuptials, according to [People](#). As the on-screen groom, he realized that his role in the wedding was minuscule compared to Stewart's. "She had to deal with all the nerves, all the heavy lifting in the scene," said Pattinson. "You suddenly realize that the role of a man, the role of a groom in a wedding, is that of a prop."

What are three ways that a man can best contribute to the planning of his wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings can be stressful and exciting at the same time. Don't let your man miss out on all the hard work or the fun. Here are some ways to have him contribute:

1. Taste tester: Men love any excuse to eat, so take them along to taste all the possible flavors for your wedding cake and dinner meal. Along with the joy of sitting next to his bride-to-be, a satisfied belly can only add to the happiness. Also, if alcohol is being served at the reception, make sure his favorites are on the menu.

2. Let him manage the budget: If he has good math skills, let him handle the money side of things. This way he will feel in charge, while you still have the opportunity to pick the theme and create the wedding of your dreams ... without going broke.

3. Help make the lists: There are two important lists that contribute to a wedding's success: the invitation list and the DJ's playlist. Sit down and write the them together. It'll be a good way to get even more excited about the big day together.

How did your hubby help with the wedding plans? Share your comments below.

David and Victoria Beckham Get Cozy at Kid's Soccer Game





What's one of the reasons we love the Beckhams? They are family-oriented and are not afraid to be affectionate in public. [RadarOnline](#) reported that the two were hugging and laughing while at their son's soccer game. When soccer star dad, David Beckham, wasn't taking proud pictures and Victoria wasn't giving baby Harper her undivided attention, the couple made sure to sneak in plenty of intimate moments.

What are some ways to keep the romance alive after you have kids?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Body contact: Intimacy is the key to keeping the flame between you and your partner lite. Hugging, holding hands, and rubbing his/her arm shows that you care and are sexually attracted to your partner, in a G rated kind of way.

2. Date night: Going out on a date once a week can be difficult when you have kids, but staying in can really be romantic. Turn your dining room into a restaurant or your bedroom into a spa for you and you partner to relax and enjoy each other.

3. Be thoughtful: Give your partner a gift, but have the kids be a part of it. Want to give her roses? Let the little ones

pick it out, this way romance isn't lost and neither is time spent with the kids.

How do you romance with your partner?

Andrea Roth Explains Why She Scrapped Big Wedding Plans



Andrea Roth who is soon to join the cast of *Ringer* married producer, Todd Biernmann, in a smaller than planned wedding. Though the couple was originally looking into a big wedding in the Dominican Republic, their plans changed when the actress' mother was diagnosed with stage four brain cancer and was unable to fly. So the pair, who met on the set of *Rescue Me* in 2007, quickly changed their wedding plans and decided on a small wedding near the bride's parents' house. According to

[People](#), twelve guests attended the ceremony, including their 19-month-old daughter, Ava.

What are some reasons to have a small intimate wedding ceremony?

Cupid's Advice:

No matter if your wedding is big or small, it will probably be one of the best days of your life. Choose the size that is best for you and where you are in your life. Here are some tips:

- 1. Budgets:** Don't start out your marriage in debt. If you can't afford a big wedding, have a small one.
- 2. Intimacy:** If you want a more intimate experience with those you are closest to, then go for a less massive wedding.
- 3. Location:** If your plan is to get married on a beach far away, a small ceremony is to be expected. Most of your guests will most likely not have the time or money to pick up and go to your destination wedding. Plan a party when you get home instead.

Do you want a big or small wedding? Share your ideas below.

Bella and Edward Are Back in Twilight Saga: 'Breaking Dawn Part 1'



The Twilight Saga is slowly, but surely, coming to an end.

But don't start feeling sad too quickly, because the last book of the series, *Breaking Dawn*, is being broken into two movies. On November 18th, *Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1* will bring Jacob (Taylor Lautner) and Edward (Robert Pattinson) fans together for a drama packed finale. After watching Bella (Kristen Stewart) decline Edward's proposal in *New Moon* just to accept it again in *Eclipse*, the long awaited wedding is here. On top of that, Bella becomes pregnant with a half human half vampire baby that poses threats to both the wolf pack and Cullen vampire family. Get excited!

How do you know when it's time to say "yes" to a marriage proposal?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be tough to really *know* when you're ready to marry someone you've been dating. The step between partners and spouses is a big one. Cupid has some things to consider:

1. Are you in love?: If you're truly in love with your partner, it may be time to make it official. If you have doubts, it's probably best to wait it out a while.

2. Why not?: If you're not getting married because of a reason like financial issues, chances are you're not ready. Go with both your gut and your heart.

3. It's just a ring: Saying "yes" to a proposal doesn't mean you'll be signing a wedding certificate the next day. If the love is there, say "yes" and continue working on your relationship. If you change your mind, call the wedding off. It's not preferable, but at least the option is there.

Have you ever said "no" to a marriage proposal? Share your experiences below.

Etiquette Expert Says Kim Kardashian Should Return Wedding Gifts





According to Lizzie Post, an etiquette expert and author of *Emily Post's Etiquette 18th Edition*, Kim Kardashian's plan to give her wedding gifts to charity following her divorce from Kris Humphries is the wrong decision. Post does stress, however, that she's certainly not against charitable giving, according to [People](#). "I don't want to come across as saying that charity wouldn't be a great way to handle it," she says. "It's just that in that case, you're making a charitable donation on someone else's behalf under your name." She goes on to say that Kardashian would come across as seeming undeservingly "generous" and will get a bit tax write-off because of it. The right way to handle it, she recommends, is returning the gifts to the givers.

If your marriage dissolves quickly, what do you do with the gifts?

Cupid's Advice:

It's an unfortunate circumstance with which to deal, but when your marriage doesn't last past the first few months, it's important to know what to do with the gifts you received at the wedding. Here are some options:

1. Charity: If you think your guests would be offended at getting their gifts back, consider donating them to charity

like Kim Kardashian. Just because Lizzie Post doesn't think it's the proper thing to do, doesn't mean it's not the right decision for you.

2. Return to stores: One option is returning the gifts to the stores they came from, and then giving the money back to your former guests. This eliminates the need for them to go through the trouble to return the gifts themselves.

2. Return to guests: If you're lacking time and energy, send each of the gifts back to the respective givers. Make sure to include a note thanking them for their kind thoughts.

What should you do with wedding gifts if your marriage dissolves quickly? Share your thoughts below.

Why Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries Are Calling It Quits





It was just a few weeks ago when over four million viewers tuned into E! to watch *Kim's Fairytale Wedding*, but it only took until the end of the month for the couple to split. They may have been newlyweds, but they were already bickering like an old married couple on the set of *Kourtney and Kim Take New York*. The fighting may have been too much for Kardashian, 31, who filed for divorce from Humphries, 26. After rushing their relationship with a quick engagement and wedding ceremony, along with the added pressures of filming the show, dealing with the media, and attempting to manage their busy conflicting schedules, their 72-day marriage has come to an end. "She rushed into it too fast," a source close to Kardashian told [People](#). "She's holding it together. It's insanely troubling and heartbreaking, but it's a decision she knew had to be made."

How do you know when to call it quits in a marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Has staying true to your vows become a struggle? Here are some signs that it may be over:

1. You're beyond annoyed: If everything about your spouse irritates you and just the sight or sound of him makes you

want to leave a room, it's not a good sign. If you find that all attraction has been lost emotionally and physically, you have to consider that you're no longer in a healthy relationship.

2. You verbally assault each other: As husband and wife, it is your job to support each other, but it can be difficult when every conversation turns into a fight. If you're frequently being critical and attacking each other's self-esteem with the goal to make your spouse feel dejected, then you've clearly lost respect for one another.

3. You're miserable: If you're unhappy with your spouse, and you feel like your life has hit rock bottom, it's time to move on. Get rid of the negative energy that's dragging you down, and don't let yourself become a prisoner to your own marriage. Regaining your independence may be the key to finding happiness again.

Having thoughts of divorce? Share your comments below.

Communicate This: Signs That Kim and Kris were Doomed





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Most people were taking bets on the marriage before Kim Kardashian walked down the aisle to Kris Humphries. But even Kim's most critical pundits raised eyebrows when word got out divorce papers were filed so quickly after the extravagant wedding.

THE SIGNS

You can find meaning in every visual, verbal, nonverbal, and physical cue. So I was not shocked to hear Kim and Kris would not live happily ever after. Let's start with Kris's last name, Humphries. For those who watch Kim's reality show, you know she waffled about whether she'd take Kris's name or not.

We witnessed fights she had with her mother who urged, if not demanded, her to keep her name as Kim defended her soon-to-be marriage and man. We even saw Kris acknowledging the name was Kim's tie to her late father. In the eleventh hour, Kim kept her own—much to what looked like the surprise of Kris—as the couple signed their marriage license.

BODY LANGUAGE

Body language can say a lot about what's going on inside someone. Let's investigate their on-camera communication. Even as you look at Kim and Kris together, they are a mis-

match—in size, in age, and in geographic demographic. All of these elements come across subtly and obviously when you watch their body language. These body language fractures were abundant in the days leading up to the wedding. From a cold wedding rehearsal and Kim pretending to be a runaway bride; and Kris needing to check his phone and text during these important preparations, their body language did not communicate, “Til death do us part.”

VOCAL BEHAVIOR

When you listened to Kim in the days leading up to her wedding ceremony, you heard a lot of complaints about Kris and how he wasn't helping with even small tasks for the wedding.

If you focus on how Kim delivered these rubs against Kris with her vocal behavior, you get a foreboding picture of their future ahead. Subtextual messages are the messages we send beyond the words we speak. How Kim complained about Kris was just as significant as the actual content of the complaint. Recall the whininess in her voice. Then flash to Kris sharing his discontent when the couple reviewed their wedding reception seating chart. Exasperation is what you hear coming from Kris. The subtextual message there is: “Oh boy, will I ever be heard or respected in this relationship?”

He didn't have to say those words, but his vocal behavior, backed by his facial expressions, delivered that message.

PUBLIC EYE

Though most people feel sympathy for anyone going through a divorce, it is challenging to feel sorry for this pair. Being hounded by paparazzi or having a reality show gets blamed for their eventual plight. But remember, they chose this life. Kim has built a mini empire around the visual that gets covered, photographed, Tweeted. No man or non-Kim-focused agenda is going to get in the way. Remember the cover of People magazine with Kim in a wedding dress? Where was Kris then? Now apparently, he's out of the picture for good.

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Kelly Clarkson Wants Marriage and Four Kids



After just releasing her fifth album, *Stronger*, Kelly Clarkson was asked what she sees in her future. The singer expressed her hopes to be married with four kids someday. “I love what I do right now, but I live a very single life,” said Clarkson. According to [People](#), the singer also revealed once she has a family, her career will take a backseat. “I don’t know if I’ll retire,” she says, “but it won’t be as full-on. Obviously things will supersede music.”

What are some ways to attract a family man?

Cupid's Advice:

If you want children, most likely you'll want your partner to be a family man. Here are some ways to find one:

1. Be wholesome: You don't have to be completely conservative, but no family man is looking for a party girl. Work on being mature and handling situations in an adult way.

2. Financial stability: Being in control of your finances will attract the type of partner who is looking to start a family. Work hard at your job, and establish a professional reputation.

3. Find a new hangout: Not finding a family man where you usually hang out? Switch it up. Perhaps give up the bar scene and start attending some community events.

What is the best thing about dating a family man? Share your thoughts below.

Robin Williams Ties the Knot for the Third Time





Robin Williams has found the love of his life ... for the third time. Williams, 60, made it official by tying the knot with Susan Schneider on Sunday at the Meadowood Resort in Napa Valley, California.

Even though Williams swore he would never remarry after divorcing his second wife in 2008, the comedian has found love with Schneider, a graphic designer. According to RadarOnline, the two met right before Williams underwent heart surgery in 2009. While taking care of the actor, Schneider managed to mend *and* win over his heart.

Why are men smitten for women who take care of them when they're sick?

Cupid's Advice:

Men can become big babies when they feel under the weather.

From a small cold to a major health issue, they often cling to the women in their lives to care for them. The next time you feel overwhelmed or annoyed while looking after your sick partner, remember why he adores you as his private nurse:

1. He trusts you: Your man trusts you enough to put down his guard and act like a sick baby. Although it can be too much at times, remember how comfortable he is with you.

2. His mother: The truth is, your guy loves you to take care

of him because his mother used to do it. Obviously he cares for you in a different way, as well, but men tend to be attracted to women who remind them of their mothers.

3. You stick by him: Even though being sick gets him a free pass to be immature and demanding, your partner is really able to see that you're in the relationship for the long run, through sickness and health.

Does your guy put on a show when he's sick? Share your stories below.