

# Megan Fox: “It’s So Hard To Be A Working Mom”



By

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Hot momma Megan Fox gave birth to her second son Bodhi just five months ago, and she’s already set to hit the big screen on August 8th in *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*. The actress, 28, is also the mother to 22-month old son Noah and wife to Brian Austin Green. Fox recently caught up with *Celebrity Baby Scoop* to talk all things motherhood, expressing her joy on being a parent.

**CBS:** Do you feel like a mom?

**MF:** “I’ll have these moments like the other day – three days ago actually – I was holding Bodhi, and Noah was running around. I was trying to manage both of them because my husband

wasn't feeling well. My sister was with me, and we were talking. We were having some sort of theological discussion and Bodhi peed through his diaper and onto me. I was so exhausted that I didn't even bother looking for a wipe to clean me up. I was soaking wet, but I just let it air dry. I was too tired to be bothered with cleaning up my clothes or even my hands. My priority is making sure he's fine, and if he's fine, then whatever. That's sort of one of those moments when you realize how much your life has changed – especially for me because, once upon a time, I was a germaphobe! The idea of that would have like sent me hiding under the covers. Now I just embrace it and wear it, and it is what it is.”

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**CBS: How has motherhood changed you?**

**MF:** “From the moment I gave birth and when I was in the hospital with him, even when he would sleep, I wouldn't sleep. I would wake up every 10 minutes and look at him just to make sure he was still breathing. I think that was the first time I was just like, I love something so much that I will never be the same again. I will never be relaxed again because I will always be worried about him and hoping he's OK and safe and happy.”

**CBS: How exactly do you juggle work and motherhood?**

**MF:** “I've never been an extraordinarily ambitious girl or career-oriented but – especially when I got pregnant with my first son and now my second – it's so hard to be a working mom, especially when your heart is not in your work, when your heart is with your family. I have to work sometimes! I have to make at least one movie a year because I have to have a future and I have to be able to pay their way through college and be able to provide for them whatever they need in the future. I do need to work, and I do need to leave them. What that comes

down to in terms of making movies is I'm looking for movies that shoot in Los Angeles – there are very few of them. I'm looking for movies or projects where I'm part of the ensemble so I can shoot in and out in 10 to 20 days. It's all about time and trying to spend as little time away from my kids as possible."

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### **What's it like having two kids under 2?**

**MF:** "It's total chaos, obviously! Before you have kids, you really do not understand how much work it is and how consuming it is. Then you have one and you're like, my baby is my whole world – especially if you're trying to do it yourself. Every moment of the day is dedicated to this one baby. And then all of a sudden, you have two babies. What they need is so different. When I'm alone with them, it's really hard to manage because I also don't let them watch TV. It's not like I'm going to set Noah in front of the television so I can take care of Bodhi. I have to figure out how to incorporate Noah into the process and have him help me take care of Bodhi, and make sure he doesn't get jealous, and nobody's neglected, and everybody's needs are being met! It's difficult to manage that way, but also emotionally, I think for me at least as a mom, it's hard because I don't feel like I'm ever giving either one of them 100 percent of my attention or 100 percent of myself, so I carry a lot of guilt. Do they each understand how special they are and how much I love them and are they understanding that they're unique? It's hard to make each one feel like an individual when you have to raise them together and manage them together all the time."

*For the rest of the interview, visit [www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2014/07/28/megan-hard-working](http://www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2014/07/28/megan-hard-working) !*

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# Hilary Duff Writes Song About Estranged Husband Mike Comrie



By

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Music was Hilary Duff's therapy after announcing her separation from estranged husband Mike Comrie. The 26-year-old talked about writing songs about the former NHL player and their son Luca during a Billboard.com Pop Shop podcast on Thursday, July 31, according to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com), "I'm separated from my husband right now, which has been a very difficult thing to go through, but we have a lot of love for each other and we have this beautiful baby," the actress-singer said. "There's a song about Luca and a song about my separation and

my love for this person, that maybe we're not meant to be together, or maybe we are," she added. "It's very, very personal." The couple announced their split back in January. Despite the separation, the two have remained amicable, with Comrie, 33, even stopping by with their 2-year-old son at her "*Chasing the Sun*" music video in July. Duff told listeners that her album was "a lot heavier and darker" after the split. "I think I just needed to get that out," she said. "And once I did get that out a lot of fun came." After nearly a five-year hiatus, Duff seems to be ready to take on her professional life once again. While away, she focused on two home renovations, learning to cook, getting to know her husband, and welcoming their baby boy. "The thing for me was that I really toured for five years straight...and I don't think anyone gave me the credit as an artist," she said. "I was having the best time," she concluded, "but after about five years, I was like, I have no life, I have, like, two friends, I'm never home, I'm never with my family," she explained of why she decided to take a break. "I kind of needed to shut it all down—it was time for me to be a person and learn who I wanted to be."

## **How can you incorporate music in your relationship?**

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

Want to tell your partner exactly how you feel, but cannot quite say it aloud? Look no further for an answer, Cupid has a few ways to make it all possible just by using music:

**1. Lyrics change everything:** Ever listened to a song and felt like it was speaking to you on a personal level? The words described everything you have felt or were feeling. Consider lyrics the meat and potatoes of a song. If you have something particular you would like to say to your partner, write a ballad. Your significant other will know it came directly from the heart.

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**2. Depicts your love:** Many couples have a record in which they consider "our song." It is usually the perfect description of their relationship or a reminder of a special time. Either way, it brings back tons of memories.

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**3. Says what you are afraid to:** A few words can absolutely go a long way. Maybe you are bad at putting your feelings into words on your own and need a little assistance. A good song can help you do just that. It will let your partner know exactly how you are feeling with the help of verses and a beat.

**What has music done for your relationship? Tell us below.**

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# Avril Lavigne Receives 17-Carat Ring for Wedding Anniversary







By

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Diamonds are forever and are definitely a girl's best friend, right? Avril Lavigne's husband, Chad Kroeger, is certainly incorporating both of those sayings into their one-year anniversary celebration. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the *Nickelback* singer gifted his wife with quite a rock. "I still can't believe my 1 year anniversary gift," Lavigne shared on Twitter on Thursday, July 31. "17 carat emerald cut. Wow. I love my hubby," she included, alongside her new and shiny ring and beloved hubby. In August 2012, the "Far Away" singer proposed to the pop-rock songstress with almost just as much bling . . . a 14-carat pear-shaped diamond ring. The two married in July 2013, surrounded by 50 guests in the South of France.

**What are some creative inexpensive anniversary gifts to give your partner?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

It's that special time of the year, again! You and your honey are celebrating your relationship/marriage and want to show

each other how much you do indeed adore one another, as well as appreciate the time spent together. You want something that symbolizes your love, but is not too flashy and gaudy. Cupid has some romantic gift ideas that will not put a hole in your pocket:

**1. Scrapbook:** Bind together a collection of photos capturing memories of you and your partner. From the beginning stages of the relationship to where you are now. Write cute captions underneath each picture, maybe love quotes or short poems.

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**2. Basket:** Over the year(s), you have learned exactly what your partner likes. So, why not take all of their favorites and piece together a lots of love basket? Perhaps they want tickets to a sporting game in the near future, add that in. Or possibly, they want to have a day of pampering, include some gift cards to salons in the area.

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**3. Videotape:** Just like a photograph, a video recording can last a lifetime. Record yourself doing something memorable for your significant other. Do you have a specific poem in mind that describes your love? Recite it. Is there a song that takes you down memory lane? Sing it. Want to get something off of your heart? Say it.

**What are some inexpensive, yet romantic, anniversary gifts that you'd give your partner? Share your ideas below.**

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# Alicia Keys Is Pregnant With Second Child



By

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Baby number two is on the way! According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Alicia Keys and husband Swizz Beatz are expecting their second bundle of joy. The singer announced the news to fans via Instagram on Thursday, July 31st. In the photo recognizing their fourth anniversary, the 33-year-old award winning musician and her music producer husband are smiling from ear-to-ear as he grasps her growing belly. "Happy Anniversary to the love of my life @therealswizzz!!" the "No One" singer wrote. "And to make it even sweeter we've been blessed with another angel on the way!! You make me happier than I have ever known! Here's to many many more years of the best parts of life!" A few years ago, Keys had no interest in her [now]

honey: “Honestly, I didn’t really like him that much,” she said to *Marie Claire UK* last year. “I thought he was too ostentatious.” After a few projects together, Keys grew smitten and realized she was wrong about him. “I think we’ve taught each other a lot. He’s taught me to live more fully, and I think I’ve taught him to live more deeply.”

## **How do you know when to announce your pregnancy?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

You just found out you have a bun in the oven, and you are having a hard time hiding the morning sickness, loss of appetite, and mood swings. On top all of that, you do not know when to share the big, exciting news. Should you wait? Should you announce right away? Cupid is here to give you a few tips on when exactly to tell everyone:

**1. The first trimester is over:** Many women choose to postpone sharing their pregnancy news until after the first trimester. Why? Because they can finally keep their food down long enough during conversation to spill the beans. Also, the percentage of miscarrying is significantly lower after the beginning three months. If you are one to want a steady support system throughout your pregnancy, maybe tell a few loved ones (in the case of the good and bad).

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**2. It’s a \_\_\_\_!:** Are you all for surprises? The best way to decide on when it is time to make the announcement is when the baby’s gender is revealed. Not only is it one shocker, but the gender is indeed the cherry on top. You can also share photos of the tiny human’s ultrasound.

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**3. The arrival:** Some moms actually choose to wait until after the baby’s birth to make the announcement. If you are a

private person, this idea may work best for you. Your chances of being asked nearly a million and one questions or having others prying are slim to none.

**When did you announce your pregnancy? Was it perfect timing? Share with us below!**

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# Behati Prinsloo Has 'Definite' Plans to Have Kids with Adam Levine



By

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Newlyweds Adam Levine and Behati Prinsloo may be celebrating their honeymoon in South Africa but the happy couple has even bigger plans for when they return. After a fun and extravagant wedding, what more could there be? Well, the Victoria's Secret model revealed in a recent interview with Net-a-Porter that she and the Maroon 5 singer had "definite" plans for kickstarting a family together. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Prinsloo told Net-a-Porter: "I have no expectations. Not in a bad way, but I've learned that you can't plan ahead. I live day by day and see what happens."

**What are some ways to decide when to have kids?**

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

In theory, first comes love, marriage, and then, presumably, a baby carriage. After the dust settles after getting married, couples' thoughts jump to "Now what?" Marriage and babies have always gone hand in hand, but you want to make sure that you're fully prepared to take the next step towards starting a family. Consider these three criteria when your baby fever starts showing symptoms, you want to be ready for the moment that a little heart beat on the monitor that will change everything:

**1. You're financially stable:** According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, parents will spend an average of \$235,000 to raise a child born in 2011 to the age of 17. Now imagine if you want 3 children. Although seemingly expensive, the experiences of children are ultimately priceless. You'll never find a bond stronger than the bond between parent and child. But to get there, you want to make sure you'll be able to meet all of your child's needs when necessary. Take some time to budget your finances and prioritize what is important and what is needed to start your beautiful family.

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**2. You've been able to enjoy being married, first:** The minute you bring your first little miracle into the world is the minute that it isn't just you and your man anymore. Take it a day at a time like Behati Prinsloo and Adam Levine. There will never again be a time where all you have to do is provide for you and your husband. Take this time before children and enjoy each other's company. Go on trips together, go on as many dates as you can, and focus on the endless love that your relationship has brought each other. This period of happiness will bring you many fond memories down the road, and even greater stories to tell your future children.

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**3. There is no more room for doubt:** Being a parent is the most rewarding, frightening, and strenuous unpaid job. You ultimately become responsible for the life of another human being until they can manage on their own. You may accumulate a few grey hairs throughout the process, but it's worth it. When you're young you may feel like having children is what you're supposed to do, when in reality it should be a choice of whether or not you want to. Make sure you're in a place where you are ready to accept your role as a parent and that you're definitely ready to build a family.

**How did you know when it was time to start a family? Share with us in the comments below!**

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## Snooki Prepares for Wedding



# Day with 'Great Gatsby' Themed Bridal Shower



By

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Baby number two on the way and a wedding is on its way, too for this reality star. Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi is putting her wedding plans into action. According to [People.com](http://People.com), the Jersey Shore alum celebrated the upcoming big day with a Great Gatsby themed bridal shower in her native, Poughkeepsie, New York, on Sunday. Amongst the 100 party guests were costars Jenni "JWoww" Farley, Sammi Giancola, and Deena Cortese. Polizzi's 18 bridesmaids were indeed festive in costumes to represent the roaring '20s. Set to wed in the fall, Snooki uploaded photos of the event on Instagram, including a picture of her seating card, reading "Bride to Be," followed by the caption, "That's me!" Although the room was filled with ladies, one guy



made a special appearance: Her little one, Lorenzo. In another photo shared was her and her 22-month-old son: "With my prince," she captioned. She later Tweeted to fans, "Had such an amazing day with friends and family. Blessed to have genuine & beautiful people in my life."

## **What are three unique themes for a bridal shower?**

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

The big day is approaching and you are celebrating it to the fullest. In the midst of all the planning, you are putting together a bridal shower, but running low on ideas. Should it be themed? Should it be coordinated by a specific color? These may be just a couple of questions you have been asking yourself. Cupid has some suggestions to help:

**1. Pretty & Pamper:** What better way to treat yourself and the ladies than with a nice pampering session? Manicures, pedicures, facials, massages . . . complete bliss! Throw some food, drinks, and a few wedding games in the mix and stamp it as a bridal shower.

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**2. Gold Glamour:** Looking for something with lots of glam and glitter? Set up a themed shower that is the epitome of just that. Roll out the red carpet, feathered boas, sparkly jewelry, and cameras.

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**3. Pick a Decade:** If there is a period in time that you are nearly obsessed with, try to revolve your shower around it. Example: If you choose the 1960s, go with a 'mod' look. You will be sure to represent the decade well.

**Have any unique bridal shower ideas? Share below!**

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# Daniel Radcliffe Says He Loves the 'Idea of Lots of Kids'



By

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Keeping it in the family. According to [People](#), after continuing his quest to find distant relatives, best-selling author A.J. Jacobs sat down for an interview with his newly found cousin, actor Daniel Radcliffe. In the interview, it was revealed that the 25-year-old *Harry Potter* star is also related to pop singer Katy Perry (who is noted for Radcliffe having a crush on) and scientist Albert Einstein. When asked if he would like to keep the Radcliffe name going in the

family, the actor responded, "Maybe because I'm an only child, I love the idea of lots of kids. But it will depend to a larger part on who I end up having kids with. I think men would be a lot less excited about having kids if we had to actually do it!"

## **How do you decide how many children to have?**

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

The talk between you and your partner about building a family can bring on lots of emotions. It can indeed be somewhere between a scary and an exciting conversation. It is important to discuss the maximum number of children to have and the time frame of when to have them while planning. Although there is a lot to consider, Cupid has some tips to help make the talk easier.

**1. Perfect timing:** You and your partner should ask each other if it is the right time to expand your family. Be sure to take in mind if you all are at the right and most comfortable place in your relationship or marriage. Also, think about daily schedules and if the two of you will be able to maintain a balanced household.

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**2. What's in the bank:** The bigger the family, the more expenses. If you have been noticing a dent in your pockets or a decline in your account, take this into deep consideration before you and your partner try to conceive. Save until there is an adequate amount to provide for a family.

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**3. Both say yes:** There should be a mutual understanding between you and your partner on the size of family wanted. Try

to have this conversation early on to avoid any conflict at a later date. If your partner continues to stand firm on their decision of only wanting one or two children, do not pressure him/her into doubling that number. Instead, compromise on what would be best for the relationship and household.

How did you and your partner decide on the number of children to have? Share in the comments below.

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## Kate Hudson Would Marry Fiance Matt Bellamy 'For the Kids'



By

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Kate Hudson is in no hurry to walk down the aisle any time soon. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the 35-year-old actress talked about her relationship with love of three years, Matt Bellamy, during an appearance on *The View* on Monday, July 21st. "I just don't have – I'm happy. We're married. We've got kids and a family and we've got to find our time together alone," the *Wish I Was Here* star said when asked about any possible marriage plans. "We are in it. I think if we do get married it will be for the kids, really. For us, we're just happy. She continued to say, "I know that's not really necessarily a golden ticket but there is something beautiful about the security of marriage. And we'll get there when we get there." The pair got engaged in April 2011 and welcomed a baby boy, Bingham, shortly after. Although Hudson and Bellamy, 36, had a bump in the road recently, a source revealed they are definitely "happy in love" and worked their way through it.

**What are three good reasons to tie the knot?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Making that step towards marriage is no easy thing to talk about, let alone actually do. For some time, you and your partner have been giving it some thought and could possibly be ready to make a lifetime commitment to one another. However, you think you may need some confirmation before this milestone approaches. Cupid has a few ways to find out if you are indeed ready to exchange vows:

**1. You've met your soul mate:** The one person you connect with like no other, the one person who knows nearly every single detail about you, the one person you cannot imagine life without, the one person who you are willing to spend decades with. If this remotely describes your relationship, it just may be time for the wedding nuptials (no pressure).

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**2. Sealing the deal:** Marriage gives you the opportunity to make your relationship beyond official. No more “boyfriend” or “girlfriend,” you can even toss out the word “partner” if you’d like. Plus, a marriage license may be more sentimental and significant to you, rather than long-term cohabitating.

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**3. You become a dynamic duo:** Really. You will work as a team more so than ever. Whether that is dealing with financial decisions or something as simple as deciding and cooking dinner for the night – you’re in it together.

**How do you know when it is the perfect time to tie the knot? Tell us below!**

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## Find Out About Adam Levine and Behati Prinsloo's Wedding Reception







By

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Adam Levine and Behati Prinsloo's wedding reception was one for the history books as guests raved about the party to [People.com](http://People.com). "Everyone was having so much fun," one source said. "Adam and Behati couldn't stop smiling the entire night." The reception, held at Flora Farms in Los Cabos, Mexico, included musical performances from Stevie Nicks, Maroon 5, Sublime, and bride Prinsloo herself. The food was all organic and the speeches "had guests laughing".

**How do you make your reception memorable?**

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

While the wedding itself is important, the reception is what everyone really looks forward to. It included everyone, and usually it's a lot of fun. Many receptions follow the same basic structure including a toast by the best man and maid of honor, the first dance as man and wife, and then an open dance floor. These are great traditions, but there are many ways to spice it up and make your reception something special:

**1. Have the wedding party do a special dance.** Coordinated wedding party dances are becoming very popular. They're fun, unique, and encourage others to get up and dance. If your wedding party is up to it, treat your guests to a fun and entertaining routine.

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**2. Include guest activities like a photo booth.** Party games and activities let guests enjoy themselves even if they don't like dancing. These fun events can be a number of things, and they're bound to be a hit if you put enough creativity and effort into them. These activities can even lead to great reception memories like photos or take-home crafts.

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**3. Do a bit of couple karaoke.** Use Levine and Prinsloo's wedding as an example! Have the bride, groom, or both sing a song that means a lot to them. Even if the singer doesn't have a particularly great voice, the crowd will still support them. After all, it's their wedding day!

**How did you make your reception special? Let us know in the comments!**

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# Jessica Simpson Gushes About New Husband Eric Johnson





By

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Happily in love, Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson are not the couple to shy away from bragging about the love of their life. Having recently exchanged vows on Independence Day weekend, the Johnsons According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Simpson recent posted a photo to Instagram gushing about her man, captioning the image: "I love this man, our marriage, and everything in between."

**What are some ways to keep the spark alive after marriage?**

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

Marriage is comforting because it has a form of security that no other relationship does. But in this security couples can get too comfortable with one another to the point to where they stop trying to attract one another. Consider these pointers when trying to keep the sparks flying between you and your man.

**1. Keep courting your partner:** Although technically you have won the game, you have to keep playing. In a strong marriage

both people make an effort to continue to date each other. The flirting, date nights, and romantic gestures all seem to dwindle over time, but they are just as meaningful. Even if you are just posting a photo to Instagram like Jessica Simpson about her new hubby Eric Johnson, the gesture is still endearing and it reassures your partner that you're still attracted to them in every way that you were before.

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**2. Spend time away from each other:** It sounds odd at first, but if you think about it, when you aren't all wrapped up in each other, there gives you time for you to miss the person you love. Even if it's just for a few hours a day, take time for yourself. The honeymoon phase of marriage doesn't last long, don't let Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson fool you, but you can recreate the feelings of attraction just by going back to the basics. Plus, in doing so you'll also have new answers for each other when you ask your love about their day.

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**3. Be adventurous in the bedroom:** Routine relationship can lead to routine sex. This man is here to love you forever, so you might as well get inventive in the ways he can love you. Try out some new moves, buy some new lingerie to feel sexy in, embrace your inner sex goddess. Nothing is sexier than a woman who knows what she wants so let your hubby know exactly what you want.

**How do you keep your marriage filled with butterflies? Share with us in the comments below!**

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# Adam Levine Marries Behati Prinsloo in Mexico



By

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Adam Levine and Behati Prinsloo are officially married. The couple tied the knot in a glamorous tent at Flora Farms in Los Cabos, Mexico on Saturday, July 19. About 300 guests joined them in the tropical paradise, bringing with them charitable donations instead of wedding gifts. The star-studded wedding was filled with many of Prinsloo's fellow Victoria's Secret Angels, Levine's band members, and other celebrity guests. The beautiful pair will be spending their honeymoon in the terrain of South Africa, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com).

**Where are three unique tropical wedding destinations?**



## Cupid's Advice:

Tropical paradises are wonderful havens for romantic destination weddings. The crystal clear water, the island breeze, and the unique landscapes all create the picture-perfect venue for an island wedding. Just as it did for Adam Levine and Behati Prinsloo, tropical scenery can only spice up your love. We've researched and have found these three unique tropical destination sites that could be the perfect place to host your special day:

**1. Aruba:** Is one of the smallest islands on the map and it encompasses a ton of island-based activities. Cliff jumping, cave dwelling, and concentrated waterfalls are all beautiful sites to see and things to do on the minuscule piece of paradise. Aruba also has multi-colored villages, spreading over areas lighting the scenery with brightly painted homes, shops, and other buildings, rendering it perfect wedding material.

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**2. Santorini:** Grecian paradise straight out of a movie scene, Santorini hosts a lot of tourism and large events. It is a popular destination due to its beautiful white buildings, white beaches, and white towers. In Santorini there are also tons of wineries that could be beautiful spots to host an outside ceremony, or a bachelorette wine tasting. There is a beautiful view at every corner and is said to have some of the most beautiful sunrises and sunsets across the globe.

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**3. Tahiti:** White beaches surrounded by dramatic mountain peaks sounds like a perfect wedding photo opportunity. Tahiti is remote in destination and is secluded enough for a tropical getaway without the burden of tourism. The islands of Tahiti



are a great source of relaxation, with limited technology and lavish resorts, Tahiti could even be the destination for your honeymoon.

Where did you have your tropical wedding? Share with us in the comments below!

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## George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin Attend Her Cousin's Wedding



By

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Aside from planning their own, George Clooney and fiancée Amal Alamuddin attended a wedding last Thursday, July 10th. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the bride-to-be was actually the officiant of her cousin, Tarek Miknas' nuptials, which took place in Chianti, a region known for its wine making outside of Florence, Italy. The 36-year-old attorney was dressed in a gorgeous purple gown as she officiated the nuptials at the Villa Mangiacane. The ceremony's location was designed with sweeping views, giving a beautiful sight of 600 acres of vineyards and olive groves. A guest also commented on Clooney's character, saying the actor "was affable and polite with those he met and made a big impression on those involved in the wedding." After the wedding, the soon-to-be married couple took a few photos with the bride and groom. So, when will be expecting the wedding for the future Mr. and Mrs. Clooney? A source says Clooney would "marry her today . . . but he wants to give her a dream wedding."

**What are some advantages to marrying at a place with sweeping views?**

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

When planning a wedding, the location is definitely key. Not only do you want the place to be memorable, but you also want it to be mesmerizing and close to breathtaking. If you are looking for both of these qualities in a venue, a setting with sweeping views will definitely do the trick. Cupid has some pros to choosing a place with a stunning view:

**1. Amazing outlook:** No need to fret, the attention will still be on you during the ceremony. However in the meantime, give the guests something to admire while waiting for you to grace the aisle. They will be in complete awe at the surrounding scenery – whether that may be the beautiful nature or antique buildings.

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**2. Less time on decorations:** Although you will have to add a special touch to the venue, a backdrop provides great detail to the place. With an outdoor wedding, the sweeping view is a part of the decoration. Focus on how to bring that out more so than the actual decorations surrounding the guests.

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**3. Sweet serenity:** Admit it, the thought of marrying your love in a stunning venue with a nice background has you on the verge of tears. If not, by the end of ceremony you will be. Not only will the emotion piled up from the nuptials wet your eyes, but also knowing you are marrying the love of your life in such a remarkable place will also do the trick (and make for great pictures).

**What do you think about having a sweeping view at your wedding? Share below!**

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# Adam Levine on His Upcoming Wedding: 'It All Feels Very Natural'





By

Sanetra Richards

“Here comes the bride . . .” And groom! Adam Levine is ready to get his hands dirty in the wedding planning business. The 35-year-old Maroon 5 singer told [People](#), “I definitely feel like I’m sitting in the chair I’m supposed to be sitting in right now,” said Levine. “It all feels very natural.” In case you missed it, ‘The Voice’ judge is set to marry Victoria’s Secret model Behati Prinsloo. So how exactly is he getting in on the planning this summer? “I’m probably doing more than you think and less than you think, as well,” says the Sexiest Man Alive. And his thoughts on what the wedding will be like? “It won’t be typical, I can tell you that.”

**How can the groom be more involved in wedding plans?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Believe it or not, a groom can actually take part in the wedding planning (seems quite bizarre since so many bridezillas exist). Your husband-to-be can actually bring many great, festive ideas to the table. Cupid has a few ways to include him in all of the madness:

**1. Ask for his creative insight:** Does your love have an eye for art? He could possibly offer some great suggestions when it comes to choosing colors, decorations, and arrangements. Do not be afraid to ask for his opinion. It could lead to fabulous wedding pictures and endless compliments.

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**2. Money man:** If you are not quite the person to handle finances well (or at least enjoy it), definitely include the groom in this process. He could set up the budget list and Microsoft Excel spreadsheet on what all needs to be handled. By the end of planning, you may actually be calling him the "Money Man" as well.

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**3. Music and drinks:** What a wonderful combination. Put your groom to the test to see if he can handle a wonderful music selection AND choose the beverages for the big day. These are two things that will get guests going throughout the ceremony and reception. Hopefully, he will be able to accept the challenge and execute flawlessly.

**How would you include your groom in wedding plans? Tell us about it below.**

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## **Jill Duggar Celebrates Second Week Anniversary**





By

Shannon Seibert

With one of the most unique fairytales, newlyweds Jill Duggar and Derick Dillard shared a romantic evening on the town to celebrate two official weeks of marriage. The *19 Kids and Counting* star Instagrammed a photo of her and her new hubby at the dinner table, grinning from ear to ear. The pair shared their first kiss together on the day of their wedding and have seemed elated ever since, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com)

**What are some unique milestones to celebrate as a couple?**

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

Everyone knows the first year anniversary, the 25, and 50 year markers are traditionally significant to a marriage, but each couple can celebrate relationship markers that are significant to them individually. When celebrating your time with your beloved, take into account these special dates that we've



pulled together for you and your hubby.

**1. 100 day anniversary:** The lucky 100! You and your honey have spent 100 days together as husband and wife, and hopefully there are many more to come. 100 is a traditionally lucky number so celebrate this day with all things 100. Come up with 100 things you love about each other, 100 things you want to do together as a couple, and maybe 100 places you want to go together.

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**2. The anniversary of your first kiss:** For some this is the same as the first date, but for others this can be something different entirely. The first kiss became the first of many, and it's a relevant milestone to celebrate. Kissing is highly romantic and a first kiss is usually greatly anticipated. Couples such as Duggar and Dillard who waited until their wedding day for their first kiss, this occasion can seem more monumental. Marvel in your past anticipation and be thankful that you'll have many more kisses to anticipate.

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**3. The anniversary of the day you first met:** Some couples met when they were five years-old, for others they met a little over a year ago. Every couple has a story and this occasion is perfect for reminiscing in yours. Utilize this day as a time for seeing how much you've changed as a couple from the beginning. Chances are, you aren't the same people you were. In fact, there's an even greater chance that you've made each other even better than you used to be.

**What are some creative milestones that you've celebrated with your man? Share with us in the comments below!**

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# Former 'Saturday Night Live' Writer John Mulaney Is Married



By

Shannon Seibert

John Mulaney married Annamarie Tandler this past weekend in Boiceville, NY at the Onteora Mountain House. The scenic view perfectly highlighted the couple's beginnings since the former *Saturday Night Live* writer met his love on a getaway to Martha's Vineyard. Instead of asking guests for wedding gifts, the pair suggested donations to the Innocence Project, an organization that helps wrongfully convicted individuals through DNA testing, according to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com)

## What are some perks to tying the knot in the mountains?

### Cupid's Advice:

It's not everyday that you hike a mountain to get hitched. Feel on top of the world by wedding the love of your life on a mountain top. A scenic wedding opens the door to millions of incentives for your special day. These three definitely rank high on the list for your special day with your new hubby:

**1. Your relationship is literally held high:** You and your man are elevated on one of nature's highest pedestals. In ancient cultures, gods and goddesses lived on the mountain tops, and most momentous ceremonies happened upon mountain tops. On your wedding day you are announcing to the world your love, so why not literally shout it from a mountain top? Conclude your vows by shouting your "I dos" for all to hear.

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**2. The mountain serves as a symbol:** Mountains have an incredible foundation. They symbolize strength, constancy, firmness, and eternity. Mountains unite sky and ground, lightning, thunder, nature, and wind. They encompass all of the natural elements in just one scene. This can equate to love. Just like your marriage vows describe, love encompasses a lot as well. Sickness, health, for richer and poorer, there is a lot to consider that creates the bond of love. You can apply these concepts to the theme of your wedding, and how you plan to spend the rest of your life with your love.

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**3. You'll have unique pictures:** The scenery is one of the best perks of wedding on a mountaintop. There are so many different ecosystems and elements to play around with. You can look out

and see all that surround you, catch an amazing sunset, and stand at the highest point for miles around. This mountain will become a permanent monument to your marriage that will be around for millions of years to come.

**Did you have a scenic wedding? Tell us your story in the comments below!**

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# Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson Include Their Kids in Lavish Wedding



By

Shannon Seibert

Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson married this past Saturday in a beautiful Independence Day weekend wedding. The pair took a special approach to their wedding day and had their children be a part of the ceremony. Two year-old daughter Maxwell was the flower girl and their 13-month-old son Ace served as the ceremony's ring bearer. Additionally, the couple shared their special day with more than 250 guests, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com)

## **What are some ways to include your children in your wedding?**

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

Not only is this a special day for you and your new hubby, but this is about creating a family unit. By joining together in marriage you vow to cherish not only each other but your children. Make your children a part of your wedding in order to establish a sense of what it is like to be a real family:

**1. Have your children be a part of the vows:** Family is the strongest bond. In lieu of just you and your husband-to-be exchanging vows, exchange vows with your children as well. Promise to hold each other above all else; promise to love and cherish each child; promise to respect and honor each parent, and so forth. These promises will grow to be much more than words, and will help set a foundation for a loving household and family relationships.

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**2. Have your kids stand up for you at the ceremony:** Little bridesmaids and groomsmen can be just as adorable as flower girls and ring bearers. By having your children to stand up for you in your ceremony will give them a sense of belonging in the process of you wedding the love of your life. Your daughter as your maid of honor, or your son as one of the groomsmen gives them responsibility to you and your husband. This can show how much you love your children by giving them a

position of respect.

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**3. Have your kids share a story or a toast at your reception:** The viewpoint of a child is always a wonderful thing to witness. Have your child share a story at the reception of their time with their father, or stepfather. The significant memories to a child may not seem all that significant to an adult, but hearing the story retold through the eyes of an innocent mind can touch the hearts of many in ways never thought possible.

**How did you incorporate your kids in your wedding? Share with us in the comments below!**

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## **Eric Johnson Hits the Golf Course Pre-Wedding to Jessica Simpson**







By

Sanetra Richards

Watch out, Tiger! According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Jessica Simpson's fiancé (now husband), Eric Johnson, spent a day with his groomsmen on the golf course on Thursday, July 3rd. The former NFL player shared a few games and laughs as they prepared for and celebrated the wedding. Johnson and about 20 of his best bro friends enjoyed themselves at Sandpiper Golf Course in Santa Barbara, California: "They were a really attractive group!" an eyewitness tells Us, including the group joked about being in town for a "secretive" wedding. "They played 18 holes and drank lots of Bud Lights!" The father-of-the-bride was also included in the bunch says another onlooker. "There were definitely a lot of Southern accents," says the witness. "The guys were all super hot!" The source went on to add, "When they all arrived, they were really boisterous, greeting and hugging each other. They had a really good time." The couple of four years definitely felt the fireworks as they exchanged vows over the 4th of July weekend.

**What are some unique bachelor/bachelorette party ideas?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

You are preparing for the big day . . . your wedding day! After weeks of preparation, and what seemed to be close to blood, sweat, and tears, you are ready to have a pre-celebration. You want to bring it in with all of your closest pals – but there is only one problem. You aren't quite too sure on what exactly to do. Cupid has some fun and festive ideas to add to your suggestions:

**1. Scavenger hunt:** Why not have your wedding party go on a personalized hunt? Come up with a few questions, which you think they may know the answers to in regards to you and your future Mr/Mrs. and send them out on the search. The winner gets a prize! (Maybe an extravagant wedding favor?)

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**2. Pool party:** Thinking about combining both the bachelor and bachelorette parties for a little co-ed fun? Hosting a pool party would be a great idea and a great time. Invite your closest friends and family to a little outdoor fun in celebration of your special day.

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**3. Camping:** Spend the night leading up to the ceremony outdoors: hiking, setting up the tent, roasting marshmallows for the s'mores – the joys of an adventurer.

**What are some cool bachelor/bachelorette party ideas? Share your suggestions below.**

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# Dave 'Uncle Joey' Coulier Ties the Knot



By

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It was definitely a full house in Paradise Valley, Montana this past week. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), Dave Coulier, also known as **Uncle Joey** from the hit sitcom "*Full House*" **married** his longtime girlfriend, **Melissa Bring**, on Wednesday, July 2nd. The couple of nine years welcomed family and friends to spend the week together leading up to the big day. Who was there as the actor/comedian and photographer/producer exchanged vows? Fellow cast mates John Stamos, Candace Cameron Bure, Andrea Barber, Bob Saget, and the creator of it all, Jeff Franklin. Unfortunately, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen could not make the festivities. Bure posted an Instagram picture with her co-star on Wednesday. "Parade day in Montana with

@andreabarber,” she captioned. Alongside the two friends on-and-off screen was John Stamos, who also posted a picture with the groom on Wednesday: “This boy is very happy today,” wrote Stamos. “Know why?”

**How do you compromise when it comes to potential wedding guests?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Inviting guests is just one of the many things on the list of wedding plans. Many times, partners bump heads on the number of guests to invite and of course, exactly who to invite. This may bring a little tension, but Cupid has some ways to avoid the stressful invitation planning:

**1. Choose a number:** First, you and your partner must choose the wedding size. Whether that be something small and intimate with a crowd of 50 or less, or a large and lavish wedding with more than 150 – consult with each other over your ideas. Ultimately, the goal is to reach a number where you are both satisfied.

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**2. Be understanding:** Your partner may want to invite someone you are not too fond of, but you know they love this person dearly. Be willing to do whatever it takes to make your partner happy on the big day . . . even if that means having the annoying family member or friend there.

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**3. Come to an agreement:** Without a doubt there will be some bickering and frustration while choosing the guest list. The best idea is probably to split the number of guests right down the middle. Square and even!

What are some ways to compromise when selecting potential wedding guests?

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## Duck Dynasty's Miss Kay Reveals She Birthed Her First Child Before Marriage



By

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*Duck Dynasty's* Robertson family has always talked of their



traditional morals and happy family values, but Miss Kay recently admitted that her first son Alan was born before her marriage to Phil was legalized. The stars of the A&E show have been happily married for over 50 years, and their love continues to grow stronger each day. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the mother of four also says that her loyal hubby is true to their marriage vows and still makes her breakfast in bed.

**If you're pregnant, how do you decide whether to get married before or after the birth of your child?**

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

Decisions, decisions! Pregnancy is a beautiful thing, and so is marrying the love of your life. The question is: Which comes first? This decision is a big one because every bride wants to feel like a princess on her special day, but bringing a bundle of joy into this world is a gift all in its own. We've gathered three questions to consider in making your choice as to whether or not you should wait to walk down the aisle.

**1. How far along is the pregnancy?** Watching your tummy grow with the miracle you've created is one of the most wonderful sights – unless it prevents you from fitting into your wedding dress. Some brides embrace their baby belly and float happily down the aisle, showing it off. Other brides, however, want to look slim and like “their best self” on their wedding day. If you think you'd have to make too many alterations, it may be best to put off the wedding. However, if you can coordinate a wedding before the bump forms, there isn't any reason why you shouldn't celebrate now.

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**2. Do you want to stress about a wedding while caring for a**



**baby?** Stress is never good for an expectant mother. The added anxiety of a wedding can heighten emotions for the bride and mother-to-be. In turn, do you want to be worried about the health and care of your baby while you're picking out your wedding cake? It all depends on how you as the bride want your wedding day to be.

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**3. How much planning will your wedding require?** Weddings are a big to-do. Brides have to coordinate meals, guests, invitations, cake, venues, and many more small details that can become extremely overwhelming. Depending on your wedding style, waiting to have an official ceremony may be the best thing. If you want an elaborate and traditional wedding, it'll probably require months of planning. If you just want a small get together with your closest family and friends, that may be more doable under a time crunch.

**How did you make your decision? Share with us in the comments below!**

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## Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck Celebrate 9th Wedding Anniversary





By

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America's sweethearts Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck celebrated their 9th wedding anniversary this past weekend. The stars married back in 2005 and are now the proud parents of three beautiful children. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the lovebirds enjoyed a romantic low-key dinner with red wine at Bistro 82 in Detroit, Michigan, where Affleck is currently filming *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice*.

**What are some ways to spice up a long-term marriage?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Marriage is a partnership, a love story, and, most importantly, a long-term commitment. To keep a marriage happy and healthy, it requires a lot of work on both ends. After a while, routine becomes inevitable, and couples can get too comfortable with one another. Sometimes, to get back on track, you have to make yourself uncomfortable and try new things. We've pulled together three ideas to keep your marriage feeling fresh and new.

**1. Go on adventures:** In many marriages, taking care of the

kids, paying the bills, and going to work become the top priorities. Avoid neglecting your relationship by going out on spontaneous excursions together. Spending a weekend at a nearby bed and breakfast or going out for date night in another town can help rekindle those feelings from when you started dating.

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**2. Flirt with each other:** When you're married, you have to keep dating your spouse. The stolen glances, the suggestive comments, and the subtle hints may seem trivial at this point, but they are all key factors in keeping the spark alive. Men like feeling wanted as much as women do, so send a little wink his way every now and then! By courting your spouse, it reminds them that you still want them in the same way you did when you first got together.

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**3. Make plans without the kids:** Yes, they are your pride and joy, but you and your man were together before children were even a thought. Splurge on that tropical vacay that you've been saving for. It doesn't make you any less of a parent by spending a weekend on a cruise ship without them. If anything, by keeping your marriage healthy, you're setting an excellent example for the standards of your children's future relationships.

**What are your secrets to a happy marriage? Share with us in the comments below!**

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# Beyoncé and Jay-Z Share Wedding Video On Tour



By

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Beyoncé and Jay-Z gave their fans something to talk about on the opening night of their tour *On the Run* in Miami on Wednesday, June 25, according to [UsMagazine.com](#). The notoriously private duo debuted some video from their top-secret wedding during a mash-up performance of “Forever Young” and “Halo.” Fans were surprised to find that Beyoncé donned a traditional gown and veil for her wedding in 2008, while Jay-Z wore a tuxedo.

**What are some unique ways to document your wedding experience?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Your wedding day is often a once in a lifetime experience, and you want to remember it for the rest of your life. Perhaps you want to show your kids or grandkids down the line. Cupid has some tips for documenting your wedding experience in unique ways:

**1. Scrapbook, scrapbook, scrapbook:** When you think “scrapbook,” you may envision your mom meticulously cutting out construction paper to glue to a page, but the past-time has come a long way in recent years. Check out your nearest hobby/craft store, and they’re bound to have a dedicated aisle for scrapbook supplies.

**2. Hire a videographer:** This is by no means a new concept, but a nice idea is to not only take video of the wedding ceremony, but also do guest interviews at the reception. Ask a random array of guest how they met the bride and groom and their wishes or predictions for the couple’s future.

**3. Take an aerial shot:** This may not be an option for some, but either hire an aerial photographer or convince a pilot friend to take some snapshots of your wedding or reception from the sky. Instruct your wedding party and guests to look up and put their hands up for a fun memory to last decades.

**What are some other unique ways to document your wedding? Share your thoughts below.**

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# **George Clooney is Granted Protection Laws in Lake Como**

# Pre-Wedding



By

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George Clooney is taking some extra precautions before his upcoming marriage to Amal Alamuddin. The actor has been given two protection laws making it illegal for fans and paparazzi to come to close to his residence in Lake Como, Italy. These laws state that it is illegal to stop on the road outside Clooney's house or the water in front of his villa 24-hours a day. "It's a question of traffic and security," the town's mayor tells [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). "It is very dangerous and it's also an issue of privacy." The new laws will be in place until September 30.

**What are some ways to prevent wedding crashers at your reception?**



## Cupid's Advice:

It's easy to understand why you don't want uninvited guests at your party, and even more so when the party is celebrating one of the most important events of your life. However, it does happen, and trouble usually follows. Here are some tips from Cupid to keep party crashers at bay, whether they're unruly friends, relatives with family issues, or just strangers who happen to show up:

**1. Make it clear to guests that it is a private occasion.** This might mean adding a small note to the end of the invitation or going so far as to call each guest and explain the situation, but if it's really important you will make sure all of your partygoers understand. If it's not clear, they might try to invite more people or accidentally blab to an uninvited friend or relative about the time and location.

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**2. Pick a proper venue.** If your reception is outdoors or in a popular public space like a park or pavilion it might be a bit difficult to ensure that nobody crashes. Private, indoor locations are easier to secure and less likely to catch the attention of hopeful party crashers.

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**3. Pay for the extra security.** You don't have to go to the extent that George Clooney did, but a little extra security can go a long way. One or two workers at the door checking the guest list are much more likely to catch an uninvited guest. It's not your job to monitor the party; it's your job to have fun and make memories!

**How did you keep wedding crashers away from your reception? Tell us in the comments!**

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# Jill Duggar & Derick Dillard Share First Kiss in Front of 1,000 Guests



By

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Waiting to go all the way before your wedding day is one thing, but waiting for your first kiss is practically unheard of. As Jill Duggar and Derick Dillard concluded their vows, they shared their first kiss together. Duggar's family is known for their courting rules on the reality series *19 Kids and Counting* and the star, 23, decided to stick with them and wait until her wedding day to kiss the love of her life. The star's parents explained to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) that dating and

courtship is merely getting to know a person with focusing on the end game being marriage.

**What are some ways to limit those you invite to your wedding?**

**Cupid's Advice:** On your special day you want the people who mean the most to you to be there. This can get tricky since everyone who you've ever spoken to is going to be expecting an invite. Don't panic. We've created these tips to help you narrow down your choices for who will be attending your wedding celebration.

**1. Have criteria for narrowing down your guest list:** If this person didn't know you and your significant other were even dating, chances are they aren't someone who is relevant enough for an invite. Ask your man and yourself whether or not you'd notice if a particular guest attended or not. Have you even spoken to this person in the past year? Did you attend their wedding? Or if you think a guest may start drama or a riot at the wedding, you'd best not extend an invitation. You want this day to run as smoothly as possible.

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**2. Have a closed ceremony but an open reception:** One genius way to limit the attendance to your ceremony venue is to have a private ceremony but a public reception. A laid back environment for a reception can be fun and breezy, making your job as a bride easier. Allow guests to come and go as they please, and bring whomever they want to wish you well. The intimate ceremony will allow you to have those closest to you there for your special declaration of vows, and then join the party with the rest of your friends and family at a large gathering. The best of both worlds.

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**3. Have a budget that you stick to:** Setting a certain financial plan in stone can help you make the necessary cuts for your big day. Weddings are expensive. The dress, the venues, the food, the cake, the tuxes, the limos, it all adds up. Having a strict financial budget will help you plan your wedding in a fiscally smart manner. It'll serve as the little extra nudge you need to make your decisions and stick to them.

**How have you narrowed down your celebration invites? Share with us in the comments below!**

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## **George Clooney's Aunt Says Brad Pitt Will Be Best Man at Wedding**





By

Sanetra Richards

And may the best man win! According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) (and Aunt Staria), George Clooney is in preparation for his big day with fiancé Amal Alamuddin and is considering Brad Pitt to be standing by his side. Staria, who is married to George's uncle Joe Clooney, revealed to the *Daily Mail* that she believes her nephew will choose no one other than the handsome A-list actor as his best man. "I would say he'd choose Brad Pitt for his best man," Staria said. "They are good friends, I would think that's who he'd choose." She also dished on where the wedding could possibly be . . . Italy! The former bachelor has a home in there in Lake Como. When it comes to where the wedding will be, Clooney's aunt went on to hint at Italy; the Oscar winner keeps a home there in Lake Como: "I do know that Nick and Nina [George's parents] are planning a trip over to Italy in the next week or so to, I guess, scope out some stuff," she said. Staria, who is an Ohio non-denominational minister went on to say she would be pleased to officiate the couple's nuptials and would say yes in a "heartbeat." Clooney asked for the lawyer's hand in marriage back in April. An insider told *Us*, "This is the healthiest relationship I've ever seen George in ... he seems

incredibly happy.”

## **How do you select your wedding party without hurting your friends' feelings?**

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

Planning a wedding is similar to making a life changing decision. You are constantly changing your mind, plus you want everything to be perfect – and on top of all of this, you have to deal with the opinions/suggestions of everyone else! In the midst of planning, comes the time when you must choose who is going to be in the wedding party . . . the icing on top of the cake! Cupid has some tips to ease the stress and tension when deciding:

**1. Sticking to a certain size:** Selecting a wedding party when you are basically a social butterfly, is similar to a life or death decision. Inform your friends, preferably one-on-one, that you are aiming for a specific number of bridesmaids or groomsmen. Let them know it is nothing personal against them or any favoritism, but you do not want to go over the limit you and your partner have agreed on.

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**2. Budget:** Having a large wedding party can be costly. If you are trying to achieve a money-friendly wedding, then the goal is to have as little people in the party as possible – inform them of this. Be wise when financially planning, although you may be tempted to have all ten of your BFFs standing beside you on the special day.

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**3. Include them in other things:** Just because they will not be walking down the aisle prior to your entrance does not mean



they cannot have a role in the most important moment of your life. Ask if they would like to be included in other various tasks, such as being ushers or greeters. It's worth a shot!

**What are some ways to choose your wedding party without upsetting your friends? Share your thoughts below.**