

Prince William at War with the Queen Over Wedding Plans



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According to E! Online, the War of the Roses has once again taken to the British Isles. After details of the much-anticipated royal wedding between Prince William and the lovely Kate Middleton were announced, Queen Elizabeth II was less than enthused. In fact, she was livid. Apparently, her royal highness learned of her grandson's wedding plans just as the rest of us did, by watching the news. The traditional matriarch steeped in the tradition of the British crown was enraged at the couple's plans for Middleton to arrive at Westminster Abbey in a car rather than the traditional horse drawn carriage. According to witnesses of her breakdown, the Queen made it very clear that buffets have no place at

Buckingham Palace. Though the royal wedding craze rightfully glamorizes Prince William and Middleton as the world's most fascinating couple, this family feud makes the impending royal wedding almost familiar. As the bride and groom stress over the guest list, an overbearing grandmother has already pulled the plug on their breakfast buffet and dance party. Royalty or not, weddings can be a royal pain. Perhaps, the couple should do away with their trendy plans or it's off with their heads. Plus, the Tower of London isn't much of a honeymoon suite!

How do you keep your family from messing with your wedding plans?

Cupid's Advice:

Anyone who has been involved in planning a wedding knows how difficult it is to please everyone involved. People tend to forget that weddings are really about the couple getting married and less about the flower arrangements and catering plans. Cupid has some advice on how to handle the situation diplomatically:

- 1. Explain your reasoning:** Your close family and friends may lay off for a bit if you explain why the details of your wedding are important to you. Perhaps you're trying to save money or are honoring family traditions.
- 2. Remind them that it's your wedding:** Sometimes critics just need a reality check. Once you remind them that this is a celebration of you and the person you love, they should back off.
- 3. Meet in the middle:** It may be necessary to compromise with family members, especially if they are contributing the festivities financially.

Kate Middleton Attends Wedding with Future In-Laws



This weekend, Kate Middleton got to know her future royal family a little better at the wedding of a close friend of her fiancé, Prince William. *People* reports that Middleton and Prince William joined Prince Harry, Princess Beatrice and Middleton's future in-laws at the wedding of Harry Aubrey-Fletcher to the Honorable Sarah Louise Stourton on Saturday. Kate Middleton, who turned 29 on Sunday, will get married to Prince William on April 29 at Westminster Abbey.

What are some ways to impress your future family?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting along with your partner's family is really important if you plan to have a future together. Cupid has some advice on how to charm the in-laws:

- 1. Be yourself:** Don't pretend to be someone you're not, because your partner's family will most likely see right through you. Be honest and confident, and they can't help but love you.
 - 2. Show you're serious:** Make sure your partner's family knows how much you care about him. If they're confident that it's true love, they'll be grateful that their child is happy.
 - 3. Ask for advice:** By asking your in-laws for help, you're showing them that you trust them and are open to their opinions. They'll appreciate being included in your life as a couple.
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Kate Middleton Celebrates Last Christmas with Family





This may have been the last Christmas Kate Middleton spends with her own family, [Us Weekly](#) speculates. While Middleton was with her parents in Berkshire, England for the holidays, Prince William spent the holidays doing search and rescue work in a helicopter in North Wales. Once the couple weds next April, Middleton will most likely be spending Christmas 2011 at the royal Christmas Day celebration at Sandringham.

Sources say that traditionally, her parents would not receive an invitation. But also according to sources, changes may be in store for royalty in England. "William is determined for this to be the beginning of a new royal family with new ways of doing things, he wants his marriage to last."

What sacrifices should you make for a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Just like Kate Middleton's life is about to change, we all make sacrifices for our relationships in our own individual ways. Here are some guidelines:

1. Stay comfortable: As long as you feel okay about the sacrifices you make in a relationship, that's all that

matters. But once you feel like your partner is asking too much of you, rethink things before you go through with them.

2. Sacrifices are a two-way street: You should not be the only one making sacrifices in your relationship. If you celebrate Christmas with your family one year, perhaps you can spend time with his family the next. Relationships are all about give and take, and your parents will understand that.

3. Be true to yourself: Never do something that makes you uncomfortable or that you puts you in danger. As much as you may love your partner, you are ultimately number one.

Prince William and Kate Middleton Attend First Event as Engaged Couple





Becoming a princess doesn't happen overnight. After announcing a royal engagement, Prince William assured the public that "he wanted to learn from lessons done in the past to give [Kate Middleton] the best chance to settle in and to see what happens on the other side." Middleton believes, "William's a great teacher, so he'll be up to help me." It was evident Middleton was practicing her royal etiquette, accompanying Prince William to a cancer charity event in Norfolk, England, according to [People](#). A royal source confirms, "Between now and the wedding there will be occasions when Catherine does shadow Prince William, to learn the ropes and see how things go."

How do you prepare your partner to handle your career?

Cupid's Advice:

You might not be preparing your partner to join the royal family, but a hectic career can feel just as foreboding. Cupid has a few helpful hints:

1. Opportunities: If your career leaves little time for

leisure, spend parts of your day with your partner by involving them in everyday activities like working out at the gym. Engaging in quality time will strengthen your relationship for the time you're apart due to your job. It will show your partner that even though you enjoy your job, you don't intend to throw him by the wayside.

2. Company: When you're keeping busy hours, make sure your partner isn't waiting late into the night for you to come home. Introduce him to your co-workers' spouses, and hold joint gatherings to keep your group closely knit.

3. Practice: Just like Prince William gave Kate Middleton time to get used to the royal lifestyle, make sure to give your partner the heads up as to what he has coming for him when it comes to your career. While you're dating, bring him to events and get him accustomed to the routine.

Prince William and Kate Middleton Take Engagement Pictures





The paparazzi can take a break, because according to [People](#), the world's most captivating couple, Prince William and Kate Middleton, have sat for their first official photo shoot has an engaged couple. The royal photographer was none other than Mario Testino, a famed fashion photographer who took some of the most memorable pictures of the late Princess Diana, many which appeared in an iconic 1997 issue of *Vanity Fair*. Mario Testino also photographed the picture perfect couple for both the American and British *Vogue*.

Where are unique places to have your engagement photos taken?

Cupid's Advice:

Engagement photos are a must once you make the decision to tie the knot with your partner. Cupid has a few creative locations for your pre-wedding shots:

1. Home is where the heart is: It may not be Buckingham Palace, but as a newly engaged couple, making a home and a life together are what you are celebrating. What better place to take your engagement photos than your own backyard?

2. Iconic places: Your engagement is a celebration that should be heard around the world. Venturing to iconic spots like Disney World or the Eiffel Tower is an excellent way to profess your love.

3. Somewhere important to you as a couple: Your engagement photos should express who you are as couple. For example, if you and your partner both enjoy hiking, perhaps you should take your pictures on your favorite hiking trail.

Prince William and Kate Middleton Set Good Relationship Examples





By Roy Sheppard

Here in the UK, we are being drenched with Prince William and Kate Middleton stories in the media. They are *everywhere*!

Unlike the loved-up celebrities who can't wait to show off the latest in a long line of soul mates, what's different about Prince William and Middleton is their quiet togetherness.

They already exude a sense of being an 'us,' rather than part of a 'me + me' relationship. Their focus is on each other, and they're not trying to convince their friends or the world that they're together. They just are.

They royal couple each have what I describe in my book, *How to Be The One* – a well-developed Emotional Core, the emotional equivalent of a strong physical core stability known to anyone who has ever practiced Yoga or Pilates. The emotional 'muscles' they have developed in life include: a healthy self-esteem, an appealing attitude to life, a deep sense of inner happiness and kindness towards others.

Faced by the world's media at a press conference announcing

their engagement, did you notice how William so gently reassured and supported his bride-to-be, knowing how nervous she must have been? That's classy. But you don't have to be royalty to be considerate. So, for the next month, commit yourself to the following:

1. Instead of focusing on what you want from a date, put some effort into being that sort of person for them. Adopt or develop those same qualities you value so much in others. You want someone loving, trustworthy, reliable and considerate? Well, how would you score on those same qualities?

2. William and Kate are best friends. Decide to be nice to everyone you meet and everyone you date. Just be friendly with *no* agenda. And forget the so-called 'dating rules.' Let's face it, they mostly encourage you to treat people like you dislike them!

3. Those who have exhausted "just having fun" are looking for someone special with whom to share their lives. There are men and women out there who create idealized fantasy figures in their heads, and no one can live up to them. My fear is that millions of people will keep looking, but will fail to realize that their wish list may be completely unrealistic. Happy, long-lasting relationships are based on trust, love and commitment; but there seems to be a lot of confusion about the definitions of those qualities. In my book, I talk about how commitment has been diluted into "Commitment Light," a diet cola version of the quality.

Invest time developing your emotional core. You'll pass more 'auditions,' which will open up options. Plus, you'll be able to share the limelight with an A-list partner in a Blockbuster relationship, rather than a low-budget soap opera!

Date is Set for Prince William and Kate Middleton's Marriage



The date is set! According to [People](#), Prince William and his new fiancée, Kate Middleton, have decided on a spring wedding. The royal union is set to take place on April 29 of this coming year at Westminster Abbey. Both Prince William and Middleton wanted as short of an engagement as possible, and they got their wish. The wedding, which will make Middleton the first non-royal to marry into the royal family in a very long time, will mark a new public holiday for the UK!

When should you get married?

Cupid's Advice:

- 1. Autumn:** There's a reason why the fall is the most popular time for couples to get married. With a gorgeous setting for outdoor picture taking, an autumn wedding will leave you with the least headache, at least weather-wise.
- 2. Summer:** Runner-up as the most popular wedding season, summer is one of the best times to tie the knot. If you're dreaming of a wedding on the beach at sunset, mark your calendar for June, July or August.
- 3. A meaningful date:** Ditch traditional wedding seasons and get married on a date that's special between you and your partner. It may be the anniversary of the first time you met, your first date, or even the first time you kissed.

Prince William and Kate Middleton: How Will Their Wedding Compare to Charles and Diana's?





When Prince William marries his fiancée, Kate Middleton, there will be many people who will be comparing his wedding to that of his parents', says [People](#). When Prince Charles married Princess Diana on July 29, 1981, the wedding was viewed by millions around the globe. The bride arrived at St. Paul's Cathedral in a glass coach, dressed in an ivory taffeta and lace gown designed by David and Elizabeth Emanuel. After the ceremony, the royal couple rode in to Buckingham Palace, where they kissed on a balcony in front of thousands of onlookers.

How can you make your wedding stand out?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Incorporate unique decor: You may choose to stay away from traditional wedding color schemes, and go for something more unique for your wedding. For example, if you're getting married in the winter, try silver and white instead of warmer hues.

2. Be creative with your vows: When you write your vows, try to stay away from clichés. Tell a brief story, or crack a

joke. The guests, and your husband, will appreciate the effort.

3. Be considerate: While you may have been extremely busy in preparing for your wedding, chances are your maid of honor has been working just as hard. Reward her, and your other bridesmaids, with a personal and creative gift that shows how much you appreciate them.

Sources Say Prince William and Kate Middleton Are Engaged





Hearts are breaking all over the world. [Us Weekly](#) reports that “after eight years of dating and two brief splits, Prince William and love Kate Middleton will finally tie the knot next year.” Due to Prince William’s wedding jitters, Kate Middleton agreed to wait after making a secret pact to marry three years ago while the royal couple were on vacation in the Seychelles. While the palace representative refuses to comment on the matter, sources are claiming, “The engagement will be announced in 2011.”

What are the benefits to a secret engagement?

Cupid’s Advice:

You’ve said ‘yes’! Now what? There are many ways to celebrate your engagement, and keeping a secret is just one of them:

1. Avoid the Q&A: The engagement period is meant to be a special time between you and your fiancée. Keeping it a secret can help keep both of you relaxed while avoiding never-ending questions from friends and family.

2. Keep family peace: Unfortunately, your family won't love just anyone you bring home. If you're certain that your current mate is "the one," keeping your engagement a secret will keep the peace.

3. Easily elope: While it's been said that every girl dreams of the day she walks down the aisle, most people forget about the months of chaotic planning. An alternative choice is to remain mum and elope! Just be sure to send out a beautiful photo to friends and family who missed out.

Prince William & Kate Middleton – Almost Engaged?





Those hoping to see Prince William and Kate Middleton walk down the aisle sooner rather than later may have found the smoking gun. According to [People](#), photos recently emerged in the *Daily Mail* of the royal couple on a shooting holiday with Middleton's parents at the royal estate of Balmoral. Though a spokesman from the royal heir's office says that he/she would not comment on the Prince's private life, could this holiday with the Middleton family point to an upcoming diamond ring?

What are some signs of an impending engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

Whether an engagement is expected or unexpected, it's always an exciting beginning for a happy couple. Cupid has some tell tale signs that an engagement may be in the works:

- 1. Family ties:** Meeting and spending significant amounts of time with your partner's family is always a sign that your relationship is heating up. Extra points for family holidays and vacations!
- 2. Gold rush:** Finding excuses to go to the store without you

or slyly asking your friends for your ring size are obvious signs that your partner is about to pop the question.

3. Eyes that sparkle: Sometimes a future engagement can be spotted not through actions, but through a longing look into your partner's eyes. They seem to say, "I can't live without you."