# Celebrity Break-Ups: Kelly Clarkson Gets Primary Custody of Kids Amid Split





By Carly

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In the <u>latest celebrity news</u>, Kelly Clarkson was awarded primary custody of her children with soon-to-be ex husband Brandon Blackstock. After announcing their <u>celebrity divorce</u> earlier this year, the two exes, who share a daughter River, 6, and son Remington, 4, will share joint custody in Los Angeles, with Clarkson having primary custody.

In celebrity break-up news, split proceedings are still ongoing with

# Kelly Clarkson and her soon-to-be ex husband Brandon Blackstock. What are some ways to keep the divorce process from affecting your kids?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Going through the divorce process can be extremely stressful, and it can be even more difficult to navigate for the kids involved. If you're looking for some ways to keep the divorce process from affecting your kids, Cupid has some advice for you:

1. Keep the legal talk to a minimum: When you're going through the legal process of a divorce, try not to let your kids hear too much about this. You will have to be honest about new living situations and rules, but they don't need to know all the details of the custody battle and legal ramifications. This will only add to their stress and sadness.

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2. Stick to their routines: Another important factor in keeping your kids from being affected by the divorce process is to minimize disruptions to their routines as much as possible. You don't want them to feel like too much has changed, so try to maintain a sense of stability for them. This will keep them from feeling like their whole life has been uprooted because of the divorce.

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3. Don't talk negatively about your ex: Even though it may be tempting, talking negatively about your ex in front of your

children may only confuse them. You don't want your relationship issues with your ex to carry into their own relationship. You children still deserve a good relationship with both of their parents, so try to refrain from blaming or bad mouthing your ex in front of them.

What are some more ways to keep the divorce process from affecting your kids? Start a conversation in the comments down below!

### Celebrity Break-Up News: Kelly Clarkson Is Sued by Father-in-Law's Company Amid Divorce





By Nicole

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In the latest <u>celebrity news</u>, Kelly Clarkson is being sued by her ex father-in-law's company amid her celebrity divorce from Brandon Blackstock. According to *UsMagazine.com*, Starstruck Management Group, which is owned by Narval Blackstock, announced that Clarkson owns \$1.4 million in unpaid commissions. This amount is in addition to the \$1.9 million that Clarkson has already paid since the end of her <u>celebrity relationship</u> with Blackstock. The couple had been married for seven years before officially announcing their <u>celebrity break-up</u> in June of this year.

This celebrity break-up is not going smoothly, as Kelly Clarkson is getting sued by her ex's father's company. What are some support systems to have in place during a dramatic divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Going through a divorce is challenging in any circumstance, but can be even more difficult when the divorce turns dramatic. Not only are you facing the end of a relationship, but you are also forced to confront other hardships in your life. If you are looking for ways to stay supported during a dramatic divorce, Cupid has some advice for you.

1. Family and friends: The first people you can find support in amid a dramatic divorce are those closest to you. Friends and family can be the perfect outlets to allow you to express your feelings and escape any drama caused by your divorce. You may also have someone in your circle that has gone through a similar experience and can offer some insight of their own.

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2. A lawyer: The last person you probably want to spend more time with amid your divorce is your lawyer, but they can be one of your best support systems. By discussing any charges or accusations brought forward by your ex partner with your lawyer, you will have a better understanding of what you are actually responsible for throughout the process. This can help alleviate some of the uncertainty or stress you may be feeling.

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3. Counselors and therapists: It can be easy to get caught up in the financial and legal strains of a difficult divorce and forget the effect it is having on your emotions. At the end of the day, you are still processing the end of a relationship as well. Discussing the events of your divorce with a therapist can help in the healing process and allow you to move on with your life in a healthier way.

What are some other support systems that you can turn to during a dramatic divorce? Start a conversation in the

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In the latest <u>celebrity news</u>, Kelly Clarkson and Usher opened up about the pains they both experienced as they were going through <u>celebrity divorces</u>. According to *UsMagazine.com*, the two discussed some of the challenges that follow a divorce in the spotlight on Clarkson's talk-show, the *Kelly Clarkson Show*. Clarkson had recently announced her <u>celebrity break-up</u> from Brandon Blackstock in July of this year after nearly

seven years of marriage, while Usher has gone through divorces with both Tameka Foster in 2009 and Grace Miguel in 2017.

Kelly Clarkson and Usher connected over their celebrity break-up struggles. What are some ways to support someone who is going through a rough split?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Watching someone we care about go through an emotional breakup can be almost as painful as going through a break-up ourselves. If you are looking for ways to support a friend or family member through a rough split, Cupid has some advice for you:

1. Listen to them: The best way to show your support for someone in any situation, especially someone going through a rough split, is to simply listen to them. While it is great to offer advice and insight into similar situations you have been through, it is also important to make sure you are simply listening as the other person expresses their feelings. The last thing you want is for someone to falsely think you are trying to make the situation about yourself.

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2. Spend time together: One of the most difficult things that follows a break-up is filling the time that you used to spend with your significant other. If you know someone who is going through a painful break-up, a great way to support them is to offer them your time. Make plans to go out to lunch or watch a movie and allow them to escape from thinking about their

break-up for a few hours.

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3. Reserve your opinions: Right after a break-up, many people turn to talking poorly about their new ex as a way of processing what they are going through. While you may have opinions about this person's ex or their relationship in general, it is better to reserve these opinions in the beginning. Whether you have been waiting for the couple to break-up or shocked that their relationship didn't work, waiting until all emotions have subsided to express your opinions can prevent any confusion or ill feelings between you and the person you are supporting.

What are some other ways to support someone you is going through a rough split? Start a conversation in the comments below!

# Celebrity Break-Up: Kelly Clarkson Says Life Has Been a 'Dumpster' Amid Divorce from Brandon Blackstock





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In the latest <u>celebrity news</u>, singer Kelly Clarkson opened up about some of the challenges she has been facing since her <u>celebrity divorce</u> from estranged husband Brandon Blackstock. According to *UsMagazine.com*, Clarkson and Blackstock filed for divorce in June of this year, putting an end to their seven year marriage. While the couple was experiencing problems before, these issues were heightened while the pair was quarantining together amid the coronavirus pandemic.

In celebrity break-up news, Kelly Clarkson is having a tough time amid her divorce from Brandon Blackstock. What are some ways to keep the drama at bay during a split?

#### Cupid's Advice:

One of the unfortunate added side effects that often follows a break-up is drama. Despite all the efforts we may make, it is

normal to be faced with rumors or awkward questions once a relationship ends. If you are looking for ways to keep the drama at bay during a split, Cupid has some advice for you:

1. Keep it neutral: Negative words seem to travel the quickest during the time of a break-up, and are likely to make their way back to your ex partner if you share mutual friends. While it is necessary to process your break-up with others, avoiding an excessive amount of negativity around the situation can help alleviate some of the drama. Try to keep statements as neutral as possible when speaking with your mutual friends to avoid anything accidentally being taken out of context.

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2. Focus on yourself: Drama is often started when we are focusing on another person. Instead of worrying about if your ex partner is going on dates or talking to someone else, focus on what you are doing post break-up. If you refuse to give this budding drama the time of day by prioritizing yourself, then it will not be able to grow!

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3. Find an outlet: Just as Clarkson did through her music, finding an outlet to help you process your feelings can help avoid some unnecessary drama. Songwriting, keeping a journal, or even recording quick voice-memos are good ways to channel how you are feeling without involving anyone else. Once you have a better handle on how you are truly feeling, then it can be easier to address any questions without feeling like you will be stirring up drama.

What are some other ways to keep drama to a minimum during a break-up? Start a conversation in the comments below!

# Celebrity Divorce: What Went Wrong for Kelly Clarkson & Brandon Blackstock?





By Diana

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In the latest <u>celebrity news</u>, Kelly Clarkson and soon-to-be ex-husband Brandon Blackstock have filed for divorce. A source close to Clarkson revealed that issues have been plaguing the <u>celebrity couple's</u> marriage for a long time. "They clashed on so many levels and being in quarantine together heightened their problems to the point of no return," the source told UsMagazine.com. Hosting her own talk show and coaching on The Voice required Clarkson to spend a lot of her time in Hollywood. However, the source reveals that the singer's <u>celebrity ex</u> "prefers their quiet life in Nashville."

In celebrity divorce news, quarantine heightened Kelly Clarkson and her husband's relationship issues. What are some ways to work on your relationship in quarantine?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Quarantine can be hard on any relationship, but it can take an especially heavy toll on those who are already having issues. If you're worried about COVID-19 ending your relationship for you, Cupid has some advice for you:

1. Make sure you're on the same page: Everyone is extra stressed out right now. Take time to discuss what is troubling you both most. Once you're both aware of what about the pandemic is worrying you most, you can work as a team to find ways to deal with it.

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2. Find an activity to do together: You and your partner are probably spending much more time together. While every waking moment doesn't need to be spent together, find something you and your partner can do together that lets the two of you have quality time together. Do a puzzle, have movie nights, anything to make quarantine still feel like dating.

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3. Focus on communication: Having healthy communication with your partner is always important, but it's even more vital

when you're with them 24/7. Especially in such a high-stress time, you're bound to have disagreements. Make sure to be empathetic and steer clear from trying to "win" the argument by belittling your partner.

How have you been working on your relationship during quarantine? Start a conversation in the comments below!

# Celebrity Divorce: Kelly Clarkson Files for Divorce from Husband After 7 Years





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In the latest <u>celebrity news</u>, Kelly Clarkson and husband Brandon Blackstock file for divorce. The <u>celebrity couple</u> were

married in 2013 and have two kids together, five-year-old River and four-year-old Remington. The singer cited irreconcilable differences when filing for divorce in Los Angeles. Despite these differences, the <u>celebrity exes</u> have been quarantining with their children at the pair's ranch in Montana.

In celebrity divorce news, Kelly Clarkson has decided to part ways with her husband after seven years of marriage. How do you know your relationship is over and not fixable?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It's hard to come to terms with things when your relationship is ending. Is it something you can work through or is it over? If you're thinking about calling it quits with your partner, Cupid has some advice for you:

1. They're no longer your go-to: You just got amazing news, but your partner isn't the first to know. You want to go to a concert, but you don't think to bring them as your plus one. While this might not seem like major problems, it shows that your partner is losing importance to you. You're feeling closed-off from your partner, which could show that your relationship isn't working as well as it was.

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2. You've stopped talking about the future: Planning for your future together is an important part of being a couple. If you

find yourself no longer looking forward to a future with your partner (or don't see them in your future at all!), it might be time to let them go. If you're no longer in it for the long haul, you're holding both you and your partner back.

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**3.You're bored:** Not only are you feeling bored with your relationship, but with your entire life. If you're feeling dissatisfied with everything, it may be because your relationship is stagnant and that's seeping into other areas of your life.

How do you know it's time to call it quits on your relationship? Start a conversation in the comments below!

### Celebrity Style: Which Celeb Body Do You Most Resemble?





By Rayne

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Do you wish you had the secret to looking your best in your clothes like your neighbor, friend or iconic movie star? Knowing what styles work for your body shape is essential to getting the best overall appearance. When you look at your favorite character from television or a movie, notice how they wear the same few silhouettes. This is because their glam celebrity style squad knows what to buy so they'll always look their best.

### Find the celebrity your body most resembles and get stylin'!

Drew Barrymore, <u>Jessica Simpson</u> and Jennifer Hudson: You're wider on top than the bottom and are considered to have an apple body type. You most likely have a full bust and slender legs. Create a balance by wearing more subdued darker patterns and colors on top—and brighter hues and textures on the bottom. This balances out your shape. V-necks are your friend too!

<u>Jennifer Lopez</u>, Beyonce and Kelly Clarkson: You have wider hips, narrow shoulders, smaller bust and are bigger on the

bottom. Your body type can be described as pear shape. Create a balance in your shape by wearing your brighter patterns and colors up top. Minimize your bottom half with darker colors and simple bottoms.

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Gwyneth Paltrow, Nicole Kidman and Keira Knightly: You have an overall thin frame with an undefined waist, little curves like a rectangle. You can indulge in most necklines and can create the appearance of a curvier figure with full circle, trumpet and flared skirts and feminine tops that cinch at your waistline creating a hourglass shape.

Marilyn Monroe, <u>Kim Kardashian</u> and Christina Hendricks: You have a defined waist and your hips and bust are noticeably wider imitating an hourglass shape. Emphasizing your waist is key! Make a friend with a tailor. Most of your wardrobe will need to be taken in at the waist. Wrap dress and styles that have a built in waist will pair well with your body type.

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Oprah and Melissa McCarthy ladies are considered extra curvy in addition to one of the shapes above. Always create a waist and go for v-neck necklines. You can create an illusion of a smaller waist with belts— or buying styles that already have a seam that makes one for you—like A wrap or body seamed sheath dresses.

The common goal for all body types is to create and enhance your waist like the sex symbols of the 1950's. You can implement these simple tips to feel fab at any size.

For more tips on how to style and shop for your personality, body-shape and lifestyle grab a copy of "Ultimate Guide to Style: From Drab to Fab!" on <u>Amazon</u>. If you would like more

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### Kelly Clarkson Gives Birth to Baby Girl River Rose





By Shannon

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The moment we've been waiting for has finally arrived. Kelly Clarkson has officially welcomed her baby girl into the world. The American Idol alum gave birth to her baby girl on June 12th. Clarkson and her husband Brandon Blackstock decided to name their bundle of joy River Rose, and have never been more excited to get their family started, according to USMagazine.com.

#### How do you compromise with your partner on baby names?

#### Cupid's Advice:

This is your baby's name we are talking about. You are officially responsible for what this human being is going to be called for the rest of his or her life. This is a decision that both you and your partner should agree on. Although it can be exciting, or seemingly frustrating keep in mind that your decision will impact the rest of their life. No pressure or anything:

1. Pick something meaningful: If you or your partner have a significant family member, or a traditional family name, try to incorporate the tradition into your new generation. Family names are cool, they allow a small piece of history to be passed along. As a compromise, negotiate a middle name as well. This way you have a chance to incorporate both sides of the family. In turn, your family members will feel honored that you've chosen to make a link between them and the newest addition to the family.

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2. Don't get too creative: One mistake people make today is trying to get too witty or too unique of baby names. Unless you want your child to explain why their name is #Hashtag for the rest of their life, don't create an unnecessary burden. Trends come and go, but the memory and life of your baby is going to stick with you forever, so don't take this decision too lightly.

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3. Don't pick a baby name that has tentative agreement: Unless you and your partner wholeheartedly support your name decision, don't pick that name. If you think the name "Ashlyn"

is too trendy or if "Robert" just doesn't feel right, don't go with it. Also, ask around for opinions. An unbiased third party is sometimes necessary when you cannot agree. When you find the perfect name for your little bundle of joy, you'll know it immediately.

How did you and your partner decide on baby names? Share with us in the comments below!

### **Kelly Clarkson is Pregnant!**





By Brittany

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Kelly Clarkson is not only a newly wed, but now a mother-to-be! The singer, and her husband Brandon Blackstock are officially expecting their first child together, according to <a href="People">People</a>. Clarkson announced her exciting news Tuesday via

Twitter: "I'm pregnant!!! Brandon and I are so excited! Best early Christmas present ever," she Tweeted. Although this will be Clarkson's first baby, spending time with Seth, 6, and Savannah, 12, Blackstock's children from his previous marriage, will have this American Idol winner ready to be a mom!

How do you announce your pregnancy to family and friends?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Finding out you're expecting is such an exciting time for not only you, but all your loved ones! Using creative ways to announce your big news will make it all the more special:

1. Tell them individually: This is a neat idea because it allows everyone to have their own moment. It will also be special because you'll get to really focus on everyone's personal reactions.

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2. Send out a photo announcement: It can be difficult finding the time to share the big news with everyone, but rather than just doing a shout-out on social networks, take a photo that reveals your exciting announcement. Pinterest has tons of cute examples of expecting-parents sharing their joy through photographs. From holding up a sign with the due date, to simply sending a picture of baby shoes — this will be an announcement just waiting to be framed!

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3. Host a dinner party: Inviting your family and friends over for dinner and then surprising them is a fun and memorable way to share that you're expecting. Telling them all at once is also an easy way to avoid debating who to call first. You can make your announcement in a toast or prayer at the beginning of the meal, or get even more creative and incorporate something baby-oriented with one of the courses.

Have you announced a pregnancy before? Share your experience below.

## Find Out About Kelly Clarkson's Farm Wedding





By April

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According to <u>People</u>, Kelly Clarkson and Brandon Blackstock tied the knot Sunday at the private Blackberry Farm in eastern Tennessee. The <u>American Idol</u> alum carried a bouquet of yellow dusty miller blooms and purple statice blossoms. She wore a Temperley Bridal "Jessamine" gown with a Maria Elena crystal-studded headpiece. "When you see Kelly and Brandon together,

they are just as in love as you would think of in a fairy tale," said Arndt, a friend.

#### What are three reasons to have a wedding on a farm?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Picking the perfect place to have your wedding is one of the most important decisions you'll make in your life. You can choose to have a simple, small wedding on a beach or maybe a quiet, family-filled ceremony on a farm if that's more your thing. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Home sweet home: If you were raised on a farm or spent most of your free time on when, then it would be a good fit to think about having your wedding ceremony there. While you're marrying the love of your life, you'll have so many good memories swirling around inside of your head. Plus, you'll be making new memories in a place you're familiar with.
- 2. Save money: There's no need to spend a lot of money when you already have beautiful surrounding around you on a farm. You won't need much in the decorations department, so you'll be saving tons of money. You can splurge more on your honeymoon or other aspects of your wedding if you choose to do so.
- **3. Endless possibilities:** If you have an outside wedding, you have tons of space to work with. Plus, the venue will be free of charge if any of your loved ones own the farm. With so much room, you can invite as many friends and family members you want without anyone feeling cramped.

What are some other reasons to have a wedding on a farm? Comment below.

## Kelly Clarkson and Brandon Blackstock Plan to Elope





By Petra

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It looks like Kelly Clarkson and Brandon Blackstock's original wedding plans are a no-go. The two lovebirds are now planning to elope. "We are so busy that we finally just came to terms the other night and were like, 'So, we change our minds and we want to elope.'" Clarkson told <u>People</u>. "We just got so overwhelmed by it — all the decisions." The couple sent friends and family their engagement photo, thanked them for understanding and told them that they were, instead, going to marry with only a minister and Brandon's two children present.

What are the advantages of eloping versus planning a wedding?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Elopement has a bit of a bad reputation. Many associate it with spontaneous decision-making and Elvis impersonator officiants in Vegas. In truth, however, eloping is very often a preferable and wiser alternative to the more tradition "big white wedding." What are the advantages of elopement? Cupid has a few for you to consider:

- 1. Lower cost: Weddings can be expensive. Very expensive. Money may not be everything in life, but cost is a serious consideration when planning your wedding. While no one likes to use the word "cheap" in regard to their nuptials, elopement is an inexpensive alternative to the debt racking weddings that are more mainstream.
- 2. Stress: It's quite heartbreaking when you consider how stressful and unpleasant wedding planning is for so many people. What ought to be a joyful process dissolves into one long panic attack. Elopement is a simpler, albeit much less elaborate, option.
- **3. Minimal guest list:** Do you invite Aunt Cecilia *and* Uncle Seymour even though they haven't spoken since 1994? Is your old college roommate worth inviting? The beauty of eloping is that you don't have to host *any* of these folks. People typically understand that only one or two witnesses are appropriate for an elopement. Problem solved.

How did your elopement go? Tell us below.

### Blake Shelton Told Kelly Clarkson's Fiancé to 'Marry This Girl'





By Nicole

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Blake Shelton is taking all of the credit for Kelly Clarkson's recent engagement to fiancé Brandon Blackstock, according to <u>People</u>. Prior to popping the question, Shelton reportedly advised Blackstock to pop the question to Clarkson, even going as far as to promise to perform for four hours straight at their wedding ceremony. "She's the best thing to happen to him," Shelton explained in regards to Clarkson and Blackstock's relationship. The couple just recently became engaged after Blackstock presented Clarkson with a large yellow canary diamond, which she is over the moon about.

How do you know if you've met "the one"?

#### Cupid's Advice:

With plenty of fish in the sea, finding your supposed "soulmate" can be difficult, especially with a lot of dating blunders. Here are some key tips on how to know you've met that one:

- 1. You feel it: As cliché as it sounds, when you are with the right person you feel it in your heart. You can see a future between the two of you and you have no question about one another's feelings towards the other.
- 2. You're a better person: When the person you are with makes you a better person, that's when you know that they are right for you. When you strive to be kinder, more generous, etc. you know that you are in the right relationship.
- **3. There's no sacrifice:** Every relationship has a little give and take. However, if you are constantly making sacrifices then you are not with the right person.

How do you know if you are dating "the one"? What signs would you look for?

## Kelly Clarkson Shows Off Her New Engagement Ring





By Nicole

#### Weintraub

Kelly Clarkson has gotten engaged to boyfriend Brandon Blackstock and has already revealed what the giant rock looks like, according to <u>People</u>. The former <u>American Idol</u> singer began dating Blackstock, a talent manager, late last year. In November of this year, though, Clarkson revealed to Ellen DeGeneres that she is expecting some bling at some point. Her ring is a yellow canary diamond surrounded by smaller diamonds that her fiancé designed with Johnathon Arndt. Blackstock did a great job matching Clarkson's taste since she loves her ring. She is already looking forward to designing his wedding band with the same designer.

What are some ways to know what style of engagement ring to get your bride-to-be?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Purchasing an engagement ring for (hopefully) your bride-to-be can be nerve wrecking. Here are some ways to know what type of style to get:

1. Ask around: Chances are that your girlfriend has gushed to her girlfriends and her mother/grandmother what type of rock she is hoping to land. Don't be afraid to ask for help as long

as you do so discreetly.

- 2. Plant some evidence: Purposely pass by a jewelry store and see what type of ring lights up your partner's eyes. Flip through some wedding magazines together to get a better idea of what she is looking for.
- **3. Do your homework:** Research the different types of cuts and styles of the rings to be able to eliminate them more easily. See what type of ring settings she has already to know what her personal taste is.

What are some ways to figure out what style of ring to get? What are some tips that you might have?

### Kelly Clarkson Compares Her Relationship to a Cheesy Love Song





By Nic Bair

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The original American Idol, Kelly Clarkson, "completely fell in love" with talent rep boyfriend, Brandon Blackstock, reports YourTango.com. After eight months of dating, her priorities have shifted from her career to her "best accomplishment", her relationship with Blackstock, Clarkson said. "I just didn't think it would happen. It's like one of those cheesy love songs that didn't exist, but it does, so that's cool." Clarkson promises to still write breakup tracks, despite being in relationship bliss.

What are some ways that not looking for a relationship can help you find one?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Whenever you lose your keys, phone or favorite sweater, you can drive yourself crazy with a frantic search. The irony is that when you stop looking, the elusive item pops up. Don't lose your head looking for love, because dialing down your quest for affection will get you better results. Cupid has some tips:

1. Comfortable: If you're fretting about relationships, and eyeing each potential suitor like a piece of meat, you're

going to create tension. Both genders don't like to feel pressure at the start of a courtship. By lowering this urge to jump on opportunities, you project confidence and the other sex will feel more relaxed in your presence.

- 2. Independent: Another way you can project confidence outside a relationship, is by focusing on yourself and all your non-romantic interests. Don't change yourself because you think it will help you lure a mate. Change yourself because it will make you the person you want to be, and reflect the person you are presently. Someone who is happy on their own is attractive. Someone who needs a relationship to latch onto so they can pull themselves out of depression is terrifying.
- 3. Personalized matches: You could follow your crush around and pretend to be interested in the same things. And if they're not too weirded out, you could look forward to a lifetime of Frisbee golf, or lectures on the philosophy of science fiction. But, if you truly want to find your soul mate, pursue your own interests. Chase your own goals, do your own activities, and you'll find the people you meet to be better matches. Synergy!

How have you got your mind of the relationship hunt? Share your experiences below!

# Kelly Clarkson Says She's 'Too Happy' With Her Boyfriend





Is it a

romance too good to believe? Former American Idol Kelly Clarkson told <u>UsMagazine.com</u> that she's incredibly pleased with her relationship with talent manager Brandon Blackstock. "I'm too happy!" she said. "He's ruining my creativity!" Clarkson may be known for her unlucky love life and sad songs like "Behind These Hazel Eyes," but she says that her feelings for Blackstock are keeping her from writing other breakup melodies. As Clarkson said, "It's an awesome problem to have."

What are some signs your relationship is too good to be true?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It's easy to be head-over-heels in a new relationship, especially if it's been a long time since you last dated someone. However, keeping your relationship grounded makes it last longer. If your relationship has any of these signs, it might be time to take a step back into reality:

1. You stop wanting to see other people: It's always great to spend a lot of time with your partner, but it's important to

maintain your own personal friendships. If you find that you don't want to see or hang out with anyone else, your relationship might just be too strong to last.

- 2. You lose interest in things you used to enjoy: Your interests and talents are important parts of who you are. If you feel like these are being stifled by your partner, it's possible that you've gotten too close for comfort. Make sure to take time out for yourself once in a while.
- 3. You can't envision yourself not being in the relationship: Of course, we all want a good relationship to last. But focusing too much on it can be difficult and straining for both of you. Try to remember who you were before you began dating in order to keep your partnership in perspective.

Have you ever been in a relationship you couldn't believe was true? Tell us below.

## 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.