

What to Do When Your Man "Pops" The Question!

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I have heard time and time again that an engagement ring should cost approximately 2 months salary. Okay, who's salary are we talking about? Anyway, I really think it is actually the diamond brokers who came up with that notion. If you know that your man is about to pop the question, go ahead and start shopping online for a ring that "YOU will be happy with". If for some reason you are the type of person who would hold it against your future husband, should he not buy you an expensive ring, a "rock" so to speak, then please, do NOT settle for anything that might make you resentful toward him. It is not a good way to start out a brand new life with someone. As young women we were brought up to be "settlers". We were told that it is not lady-like to insist on wanting more than what we are offered.

But think of it this way, if every time you looked at the engagement ring on your finger (or you were showing it off to your friends) and you felt that it really wasn't what you wanted or expected, and it made you feel that your man is cheap, then you should be proactive and let him know exactly what kind of ring you want. I don't say this to get you to demand what you want, but at the same time, you really should have a say in the matter because you will be the one wearing that ring for a very long time, unless of course you choose to wear a wedding band once you are married. If it isn't important to you whether or not you have a "rock" sitting on your finger, still, be sure that you are being honest with yourself and not settling for something less than what you really want or expect. You can search online and find the ring of your dreams - but even though you KNOW that it is way too expensive, you can bookmark that page and start looking elsewhere for the same ring or something very similar. Trust me, there are some less-expensive, yet just as beautiful rings out there. And, hey! If money is no object (which I find highly unlikely), go for it! Have your man get the ring you want!

There are some men out there who have a tendency to run out and purchase a ring without any input from their future bride. What happens then? A lot of the time the bride gladly accepts the ring, but at the same time is not satisfied with his purchase. Many times she says absolutely nothing - at least for the time being - but it may be held against him later on in life. How to prevent that from happening? If your relationship has escalated to a point where you are discussing children and talking about growing old together, then it is also time to let that man of yours know what kind of ring you would want, should you become engaged. Face it ladies ... some men are absolutely clueless when it comes to things like this. They don't always realize or understand that you have been planning for this event for your entire life!

The Engagement Party - Want to Share With Friends and Family the Happy News?

YOU'RE ENGAGED!! Now it is time to share the happy news with friends and family. There are several ways that you can tell the whole world the good news. You can run an ad in the local newspaper, then purchase a bunch of those newspapers and send copies to everyone you know who isn't local - or just send them to everybody!

If you want to tell everyone in person, you can have a BBQ if it is summertime or a dinner party if it isn't, and invite everyone who you want to share the good news with. Another idea is to have a close friend or relative (who already knows about the engagement of course) videotape you and your fiancÃ© in some of your favorite places and let everyone see for themselves just how in love you are. If you and your fiancÃ© are in a social group, my suggestion is to have a full-blown engagement party and tell everyone that way.

Which ever way you choose, do it in a fashion that has your own special touch. Don't do something that is not like you. If you are an earthy person, but you feel you need to put on an elegant catered party just for the sake of tradition or because maybe your best friend announced her engagement that way, the answer is don't. Do what makes you comfortable - because it is YOUR happy news and you should share it in your own remarkable way.

Good luck to those of you ladies who will be embarking on a rewarding, yet life-altering journey in the near future!

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