

Engaging Advice

Advice for women on the perfect engagement ring.

Has the man in your life has finally popped the question? Or do he think he might be about to?

If the answer to either question is “Yes”, you are probably thinking about engagement rings. - Maybe even worrying..... Will you like the ring he picks?

Maybe you think he is unlikely to propose, but you think it’s about time he got round to buying you a ring?

This article is aimed at getting you your perfect engagement ring. One that you’ll love, and the one you deserve!

If you are lucky, your man will know exactly the style of engagement ring you would like, and when you open the box you’ll find the ring you would have picked for yourself, and when you slide it onto your finger it will fit perfectly, and look like it was made just for you. *Maybe.....* - That’s how it happens in the movies anyway! In reality you could end up with a ring that is not really to your taste.

If he’s like a lot of men, he means well, but when it comes to buying gifts for you, he hasn’t got much of a clue? You probably need to give him some help. You could just come out with it and tell him what you do and don’t like. With some relationships, this will work fine, but if he is the sort of guy who likes to surprise you, you might need to employ some subterfuge. If this sounds a little underhand, just remember, you’ll be looking at that ring on your finger for the rest of your life. He will of course want you to love the ring he chooses for you. By pointing him toward the type of ring you have in mind you are helping him to achieve this! - It’s “Win-Win!”

Although many couples go shopping together for engagement rings, most men still opt to propose with the ring they have chosen themselves. If you have strong views about rings (maybe you have a jewellery brand or a designer in mind) you need to make sure he knows all about it if you are going to end up with the ring you really want!

If you don't want to just tell him point blank the sort of engagement ring you prefer, you'll need to get the information across in a more round-about way.

Talk about other people's engagement rings. Tell him about the ring an acquaintance has shown you, and rave about how fabulous it is. - It can be a total fiction, but you need to describe in detail the sort of ring you have in your sights. Tell him the name of the jeweller your "friend's ring came from", and where they are located. If you are out shopping together, walk past the jewellers in question and say "Oh, this is where Jane's ring came from! - Let's see if they have a similar one in the window. I'll show you how gorgeous it is!" If you think that he might not want to propose with a ring identical to the one your (fictional) acquaintance has, take this opportunity to let him know "Jane's ring looks just like that one with the square diamond. "I love the design, but I really prefer round diamonds." Maybe point out your ideal ring and say "Wow, that one is even better than Jane's!". However you word it, let him know exactly the style of engagement ring you like, but without giving the impression that you are hoping to receive one. - Let him think the whole thing was his idea!

The sort of information to give him is the type of design, including the shape of stone, the style of setting and the metal you prefer. It would also be a great idea to find out your finger-size, and somehow let him know it. You could engineer a trip to a jewellers to have one of your rings checked. Tell him it's too tight or too loose and get your finger measured. Make sure he hears your correct size. Maybe involve him, saying "Which size do you think I should go for?" - He's more likely to remember that way. Bear in mind that fingers of the hand you use are normally bigger than the equivalent on the other hand. Try your ring on both hands and make sure he gets the right information.

Another possibility is to involve a close friend or a sister. Tell her exactly the sort of engagement ring you like, and your finger-size, so that if he should ever ask her opinion, she can give him all the information he needs.

These days a lot of couples choose the engagement ring together. If you prefer this idea, you need to let him know that this is what you would want. Many men are terrified by the thought of buying an engagement ring, and if he is in this group he will probably be delighted to involve you in the choice. Choosing the ring together can be just as exciting as a surprise proposal with a ring he has picked. You could even go to a jewellery designer where you can both have input into the design process, and you will end up with unique engagement ring that was created just for you.

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