

## WEDDING TRENDS

# Rules of Engagement: What to Know Before Popping the Question

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(NU) - An engagement ring symbolizes your promise to love and cherish your partner forever, and shows the world your commitment to your fiancée. Many women dream about their engagement ring their entire lives, so choosing the right style is of utmost importance.

Here are some tips to ease the pressure of finding the ring and proposing:

### **It's Not Only About the Diamond**

A ring's setting is as important as its diamond because the setting is what displays and secures the stone. Platinum provides an ideal setting as it is stronger than other precious metals, which means that you don't have to worry about losing the center stone with everyday wear. Also, platinum is a naturally white metal, allowing the diamond to sparkle even brighter.

Did you know that a platinum engagement ring will last forever? Since platinum is so durable and loses little metal over time, the ring will undoubtedly become a family heirloom that can be passed down for generations to follow. And platinum engagement rings are surprisingly affordable. Contrary to popular belief, they are available in a wide range of price points, starting at around \$1,000 at BlueNile.com.

### **Know Her Style**

Before you go to the jewelry store, know your future fiancée's style, personality and lifestyle since there is a ring to suit her perfectly. For example, a woman with a hands-on job, like nursing, might prefer a simple band with a secure setting, while a woman who has a less active job might want something more intricate. A woman



**Choosing the right engagement ring can help make your big moment memorable.**

with classic style will want a different band design than a trend-setting fashionista.

"A classic polished platinum band from Michael Barin will suit a girl with more traditional tastes, while a birth stone of colored diamonds on an embellished band like one from Suna Bros. will look bold and unique," says jewelry and style expert Michael O'Connor. "To figure out her ring size, press one of your girlfriend's rings in a bar of soap until it leaves a mark. You can also put one of her rings on your own hand, mark where it falls on your finger and have the jeweler measure that area," suggests O'Connor.

### **How to Propose**

Some women want a public proposal in front of friends and family, while others want something private and special. In either case, your fiancée will remember the day for the rest of her life. Think about what your fiancée likes, and where and how you met.

For more tips on proposing marriage or choosing an engagement ring, visit [www.engagementguide.com](http://www.engagementguide.com) or [www.preciousplatinum.com](http://www.preciousplatinum.com).