

# Will You MARRY ME

ENGAGEMENT

## How To Choose A Wedding Ring



Browse through bridal magazines to get ideas.

Ask friends and family for recommended jewelers to make your bands. This method is usually less expensive and more personal.

Select a band that goes with the bride's engagement ring so they can be worn together.

Discuss styles, stones and budget with your bride-to-be if you're going to be shopping together.

Expect to pay about \$2,500 to \$3,500 per half carat for a quality diamond. This is a rough estimate that will depend on several factors, including the diamond's size - larger diamonds are rarer, and therefore more valuable.

Despite the old adage that the ring should be worth two months' salary, if you can't spend that much money, go for a simple design that can be dressed up with the wedding band.

Use the stone from a family heirloom to make a unique and less expensive ring she'll treasure.

If you buy the ring without the bride's input, don't fret if she doesn't like your choice. Get a basic setting with an understanding from the jeweler that you can come back and trade up.

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