

Be Dazzled!

You got the engagement ring...now what?
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As with most every other aspect of weddings, personal style rules. Gone are the days when there was a “right” way to do everything, and deviation of any kind was unthinkable.

The same rings true for wedding bands. Wedding bands are now not only a symbol of unending love for one another, but an expression of personal taste and style.

There are almost as many different rings out there as there are brides to wear them. A good place to start when thinking about bands is the engagement ring. Most women tend to wear the two together on the same finger, so finding a band that coordinates with the ring is a good idea. Is your engagement ring a family heirloom passed down through several generations? An antique or vintage- styled band would pair well with it. Do you have a modern, sleek-styled ring? Perhaps a simple thin band in gold or platinum would fit the bill.



And of course, there’s the question of whether to get one with diamonds, or without. If you have a truly phenomenal engagement ring, it might be better to choose an understated band and let the engagement ring have the spotlight. Alternately, a gorgeous, diamond-laden band complements most anything.

Couples tend to purchase rings that coordinate with each other, though it isn’t absolutely necessary. If you both have different styles (say, you want diamonds but he doesn’t), then try for something in the same metal to unify the look. Or, if you like platinum and he’s a yellow-gold type of guy, choose the same shape of band or cut of diamond (if you’re having them).



A trend that has been gaining in popularity is harkening back to the traditions of the Old World. Couples of Irish descent are choosing the Claddagh, which depicts a crown (loyalty) sitting atop a heart (love), held in a pair of hands (friendship), all of which they believe should be present in a marriage. Russian couples are going back to their roots with the tri-band ring. This particular ring is three separate bands, all in different colors of gold, intertwined to form a single ring and is meant

to represent the Holy Trinity. The Scottish use traditional Celtic knotwork designs on their rings, to reinforce the concept that their vows are forever; there is no beginning or end.

Most couples these days also choose to have their rings engraved, either with their initials, the date of their wedding, a sentiment of love, or a private joke that the two of them share.

No matter what type of ring you and your fiancé decide on, bear in mind the meaning behind it and that it is a symbol of your unending love.

