

The Ultimate Guide: How to Propose Like a Boss

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Hey there, fellow gentlemen!

I'm Andrzej, and on the 28th of May 2023, I took the leap and proposed to my girlfriend, Lauren.

Now, here's the kicker: Lauren happens to be a talented jewelry designer, which means I've had to learn a thing or two about the jewelry industry myself.

I mean, us guys, who usually know next to nothing about jewelry, suddenly find ourselves responsible for choosing that one ring our special someone will wear for a lifetime. Talk about pressure, right?

Having experienced the overwhelming nature of it all, I decided to lend a helping hand to my fellow bros out there. This guide is here for you, bro to bro, to ease the stress and confusion that comes with selecting the perfect ring for your beloved.

Because let's face it, proposing is a significant milestone, and we want to get it just right. I've got your back with tips on finding the ideal ring design that will capture your partner's heart.

So, gentlemen, with this guide, you will gain the confidence and knowledge needed to choose an engagement ring that will make your proposal moment truly unforgettable.

Cheers to love, commitment, and finding that perfect ring!

Andrzej



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Style

Understanding the Style and Preferences

Let's talk about understanding the style and preferences of your partner when it comes to jewelry. This is a crucial step before diving headfirst into the overwhelming world of engagement ring shopping.

1.

Before diving into the world of engagement rings, take the time to observe and understand your partner's unique style.

Pay attention to the jewelry they currently wear, noting whether they lean towards classic, modern, or eclectic designs.

Do they like to wear colourful clothing? Or more neutral tones?

2.

What **colour gold** are they wearing? Yellow, White or Rose Gold?



3.

It's time to call in some backup. We all need a trusted helpline in moments like these.

Think about the people who know them best, like their mom, sister, or best friend. They've seen them rock all sorts of jewelry and can offer valuable insights into what they love.

Having a partner in crime on this mission will make the whole process a lot easier, trust me. They can help you navigate through the options, give you honest opinions, and ensure you're on the right track.

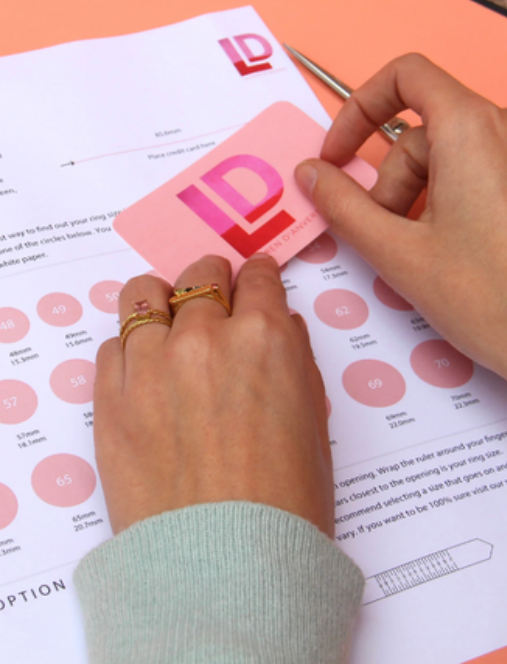




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Ring Size

Decoding Ring Sizing



Sizing is an important aspect of choosing an engagement ring, but don't worry if you're unsure of their ring size. I know some tips & tricks to find out.

If your partner already has a ring from Studio Lauren D'Anvers they can easily look up the size.

if not, here are some other options:

1.

Sneakily borrow one of their rings.

This is the easiest way to find out their size. Bring this ring to your engagement ring appointment. This way the experts can find out the size.

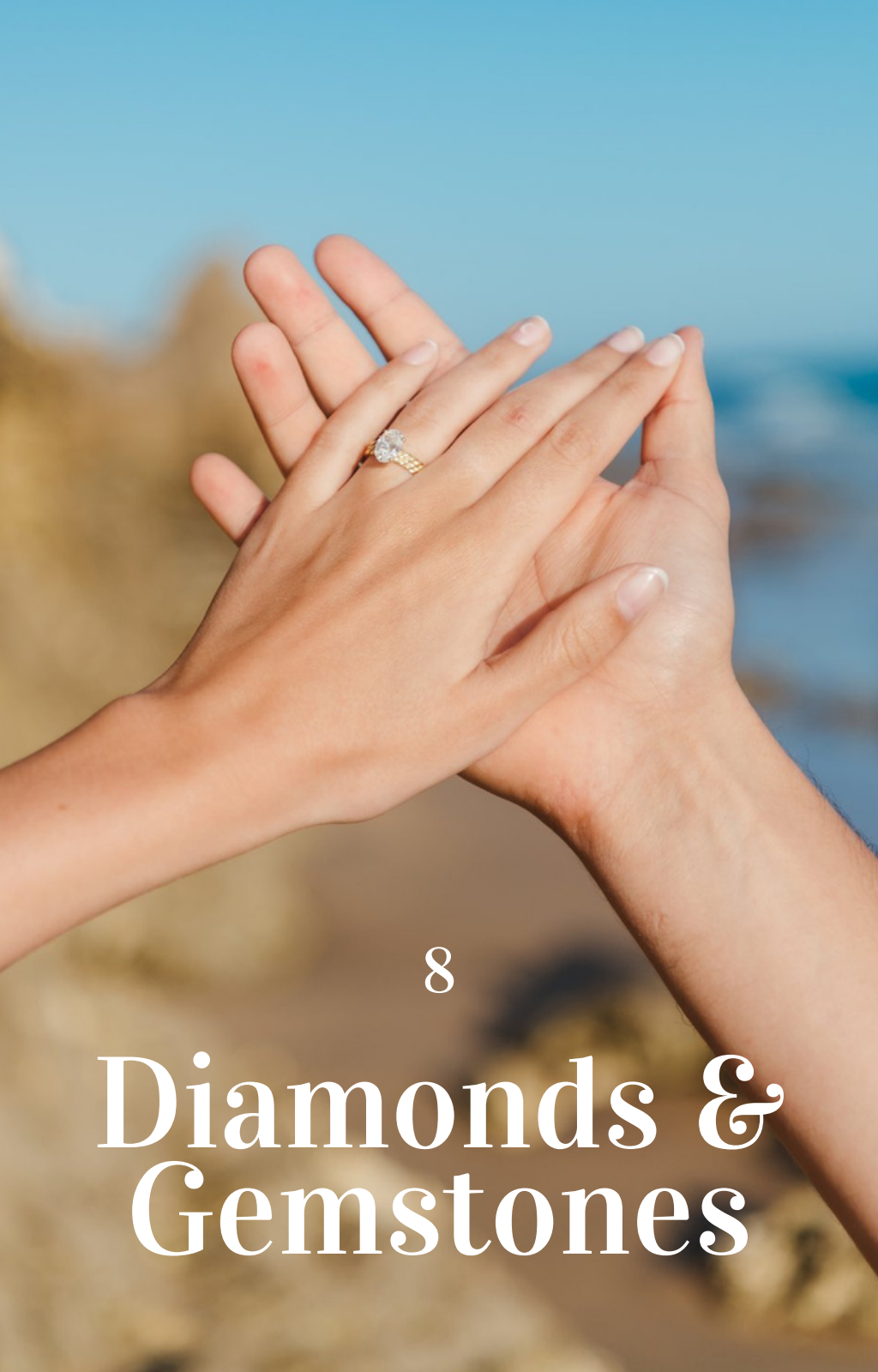
If you are not able to take this ring with you or if your appointment is online, **download this [ring sizer](#)**. Follow the easy steps.

2.

If you can't secretly steal a ring from your partner it's time to **enlist the help of a trusted friend or family member** to discreetly obtain this essential information.

For example, let them subtly try on their rings. This way you have a size reference.

If the ring size is not perfect, don't worry! Gold rings can easily get resized after the proposal.



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Diamonds & Gemstones

The difference between Diamonds & Gemstones

First up, diamonds. These bad boys are classic, timeless, and they've been stealing hearts for centuries. When you say engagement ring, you think diamonds. They're known for their incredible sparkle and durability. Diamonds are graded based on their cut, color, clarity, and carat weight. These factors determine their quality and price. But we'll get to that on the next page. So **if you go for a diamond, you're looking at a symbol of elegance and tradition.**

On the other hand, we have gemstones. Now, **gemstones bring some serious color and personality to the table.** Think rubies, sapphires, emeralds, and many more. These babies can add a vibrant and eye-catching touch to an engagement ring. Gemstones come in various shapes, sizes, and colors, allowing you to get creative and find something that truly reflects your partner's style. Plus, they often have special meanings associated with them, like birthstones or personal connections.

[Check them out in this gemstone guide.](#)



The 4C's

Let's dive into the 4C's of diamonds, so you can become a pro at understanding the qualities that make a diamond unique.

1.

Cut: The cut of a diamond refers to how well it has been shaped and faceted. It affects how the diamond reflects light and determines its sparkle and brilliance. The better the cut, the more impressive the diamond will look on your partner's finger. So, aim for an excellent or very good cut to get that blinding shine.

2.

Color: Diamonds come in a range of colors, or should I say, lack thereof. The color scale starts at D (colorless) and goes all the way down to Z (light yellow or brown). You want to aim for a diamond that's as colorless as possible, falling in the near-colorless to colorless range. The less color, the more the diamond will shine and show off its true beauty.

3.

Clarity: Now, diamonds might have some internal characteristics called inclusions and external flaws called blemishes. Clarity is all about how many of these imperfections are present. The clarity scale ranges from Flawless (no imperfections) to Included (visible flaws). Ideally, go for a diamond with a good balance of clarity and budget, hitting the SI1 to SI2 range, where any imperfections won't be easily visible to the naked eye.

4.

Carat: Carat weight is all about the size, my man. It's the measurement of a diamond's weight, not to be confused with its size or diameter. A bigger carat weight means a larger diamond. Keep in mind, though, that carat weight is just one aspect of the diamond's overall appeal. You want to find the right balance between size and the other three C's to create a stunning ring that fits your budget.

Remember, each of the 4C's plays a part in the overall beauty and value of a diamond. **It's all about finding the right combination that suits your partner's style and your budget.** So, pay attention to the cut, color, clarity, and carat weight, and you'll be on your way to picking a diamond that will leave them speechless.



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CARAT WEIGHT	GIA CUT SCALE	GIA CLARITY SCALE	GIA COLOR SCALE
0.25 ct.	EXCELLENT	FLAWLESS	D
		INTERNALLY FLAWLESS	E
0.50 ct.	VERY GOOD	VVS ₁	F
		VVS ₂	G
1.0 ct.	GOOD	VS ₁	H
		VS ₂	I
2.0 ct.	FAIR	SI ₁	J
		SI ₂	K
5.0 ct.	POOR	I ₁	L
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COLOURLESS

NEAR COLOURLESS

FAINT

VERY LIGHT

LIGHT

VERY VERY SLIGHTLY INCLUDED

VERY SLIGHTLY INCLUDED

SLIGHTLY INCLUDED

INCLUDED

Full Diamond



Diamond & Gemstone Combo



Full Gemstone

Budget

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When it comes to choosing the perfect engagement ring, it's crucial to have your budget in mind. You want to find something that fits your financial situation while still impressing your soulmate.

So, let's talk budget strategy, my man:

1. Set a Realistic Budget: Take a look at your finances and **figure out a budget that feels comfortable for you**. Remember, it's not just about the price tag—it's the love and meaning behind the ring that truly matter. Find that sweet spot where you can express your commitment without breaking the bank.
2. Prioritize the Four Cs: If you decide to go with a diamond ring, it's essential to understand the four Cs: carat weight, cut, color, and clarity. These factors determine the quality and value of a diamond. **Figure out which Cs are most important to you and your partner**. This way, you can find a balance that fits within your budget while still selecting a beautiful diamond that will make their jaw drop.
3. Explore Alternative Gemstones: Diamonds aren't the only game in town. Gemstones like Tourmalines, Ruby and topaz offer mesmerizing beauty at various price points. They give you the chance to create a unique and stunning engagement ring while staying within your budget. **Don't be afraid to think outside the diamond box** and consider these captivating alternatives.

Remember, finding the perfect ring isn't just about the price — **it's about finding something that represents your love and fits your financial reality**. Studio Lauren D'Anvers has a range of options that will help you strike that balance. So, dive into your budget with confidence, prioritize what matters to you, and explore the possibilities.





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Expert Guidance



Now that you have all this valuable information, it's time to seek some expert guidance, my friend.

My fiancée happens to be an absolute genius when it comes to creating stunning jewelry, particularly jaw-dropping engagement rings.

Here's what you need to do: Book an appointment at her atelier in Antwerp or online. Once you're there, sit down with her and spill the beans about your partners style, ring size, stone preference, and budget.

With that insider knowledge, she'll work her magic and create the most perfect ring you can imagine. It'll be tailor-made to capture your partners essence and show them just how much you adore them.

Now, this is no ordinary jewelry shop. You'll be collaborating directly with the artist herself. Every step of the way, she'll be there to guide you, ensuring that every little detail is crafted to perfection. It's a personal touch that you won't find anywhere else.

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The Proposal



First things first, take a deep breath. Proposing can be nerve-wracking, but with the right plan, you'll knock it out of the park.

Now, think about what makes your partner tick. What do they love? What are their passions — favorite activities, places, or even inside jokes you share. You know them better than anyone, so use that knowledge to create a proposal that's tailor-made for your future fiancée.

And hey, don't forget to prepare a heartfelt speech. Let them know exactly why you want to spend the rest of your life with them.

So, go ahead and take the leap. Get ready to sweep them off their feet and create a memory that will last a lifetime. Good luck, bro. I know you'll make it epic.

Need some inspo? Have a look at some [Studio Lauren D'Anvers Proposals](#).

Pro tip: Make sure to capture this beautiful moment. It will fly by in a second and you will both want to look back at this beautiful moment forever. Hire a photographer or ask a bystander to take pictures or make a video.

So, my friend, I hope I have clarified a thing or two. You can let Studio Lauren D'Anvers turn your ideas into an extraordinary engagement ring. Trust me, you won't be disappointed.