

Top 5 Marriage Proposal Ideas for Men

Though many guys view the proposal as a “must do” prerequisite to marriage, it’s actually a big deal. No matter how much she may say it’s not, it is. For most women, the proposal lays the groundwork for the entire marriage, and is the catalyst by which wedding plans begin.

She’s likely spent years planning for this very moment, and will recount your proposal to anyone who’ll listen (friends, family, the tax collector). She’ll let it be known to the world via her blog, Facebook status, sky writing, and so on.

Given all this, you can see why you don’t want to screw it up (no pressure!). Luckily, we’ve compiled a few suggestions to ensure you won’t be left out in the cold.

5) That’s Not My Ring!

Women appreciate thoughtful surprises. A carefully-crafted plan shows you’re not acting out of a sense of obligation.

This proposal works best if you live together, or frequently sleep over. However — with a little finesse — it can also be pulled off even if you sleep separately, and/or don’t live together.

First, find out where she keeps her jewelry at the end of the day (jewelry box, night stand). When she’s gone to bed, replace her ‘everyday’ ring with an engagement ring. In the morning, when she goes to put on her normal jewelry, she’ll be shocked to find an engagement ring!

You’ll want to be sure to keep her ‘everyday’ ring in a safe place. Also, take care not to make noise when you’re planting the engagement ring. She may mistake you for a burglar and call the cops... or worse!

4) Fun with Photos

If she enjoys visual memories, here’s a way to craft a creative marriage proposal.

Ask a friend (or hire a photographer) to take photos of you both around town, at a favorite location, or at various areas that you choose. Give the impression that the photos are ‘just for fun.’ At the end of the photo shoot, get down on one knee and propose!

Place all the photos in an album, making sure you have a shot of the actual proposal! You’ll have an instant, lasting memory of the day... and the beginning of your life together.

3) Memory Lane

Take her to a location that’s impacted your relationship. This could be the place where you first met, your first date, a sports stadium, favorite restaurant, etc.

Enjoy yourselves, and when the time is right, offer your proposal. She’ll be touched that you remembered a special place in your relationship. As an added bonus, the area will become all the more special, thus making it a perfect location for future anniversaries!

2) Feel the Burn

If she enjoys outdoor activities, schedule a mountain hike or nature walk. When you reach the mountain top (or scenic natural overlook), take out the engagement ring and propose. Tell her that you love her. She’ll know that you

feel like you're 'on top of the world' when you're with her. This method works best when you can be alone for at least the duration of the proposal.

1) The Best is Yet to Be

If you've been together for time enough to have collected photos at various locations, holidays, and so on, it's time to put your creative hat on.

First, assemble a photo album in chronological order (from the beginning of your relationship up to the present). Next, rent a tuxedo (or dust off your best suit), buy a dozen roses, and have a friend take a photo of you dressed up, holding a sign that reads "Will you marry me?"

Schedule a quiet night at home when you can look through the album together. As she flips to the last page, take out the roses (buy new, fresh ones if you need to) and the engagement ring. As she looks at the photo (and reads the sign), get down on one knee. When she realizes what's happening, ask her to marry you (verbally this time). She'll be touched and impressed that you put so much thought and creative effort into the proposal. ■