

RARE FORM LIMOUSINE

The Art of Marriage Proposal

There is no wrong way to propose marriage. Every couple's relationship is so unique, the choices are endless. Rather than pretend that we have all the answers, we'll show you a sampling of ideas to make the day you pop the question even more memorable.

1. During a special evening, present your love with three roses: Tell her one represents the past, one represents the present, and the last one (with the ring tied to it) represents the future.
2. Cook and set an elaborate candlelight table (or have it catered if you are not talented in the kitchen) for a quiet romantic dinner for two at home. Serve her a glass of champagne with the ring in the bottom or ribboned to the stem.
3. Have an artist paint her portrait, adding a box with a ring in her hand before you present it. When you present the portrait, have the ring ready when she asks about it.
4. Bring home an enthusiastic new puppy with a ribbon for a collar. Have the ring in the bow for her to find as she cheerfully greets the cuddly pup.
5. Have a plane sky-write your proposal. Plan it for the day of a family picnic, boat ride, or other outing so she is sure to see it. Have your ring ready when she sees your proposal.
6. Hire a magician to entertain just the two of you. Have the magician make the box with the ring mysteriously appear as the surprise ending of the last trick.
7. Memorize a short French poem and recite the poem to her at a French restaurant as you offer the ring. Be sure to know what each word means so you can demonstrate your *savoir faire*. Have the ring ready in a presentation box.
8. Decorate a Christmas tree with lights and only one ornament—a ribbon or bow tied around a velvet ring box. Ask her over for a Christmas celebration for just the two of you.

9. For a very traditional approach, ask her father for her hand in marriage. When the approval is given, make plans for the next family gathering and make your proposal to her in private with ring in hand. When she says yes, stand up and announce your engagement to everyone.
10. Prime a friend with harmless little secrets about the two of you and have him pose as a psychic when you dial. Be sure to ask the right personal questions to make it look authentic. Have the psychic predict a ring in her very near future. Then make your proposal on the spot.
11. At a college or professional sporting event (if you both like sports), arrange to have your message displayed on the scoreboard after halftime...“Karen...Will you marry me?” Have the ring ready in a presentation box.
12. Arrange to have dinner together at your favorite Chinese restaurant. Have the waiter give her a special fortune cookie with “Will you marry me?” in it. Or you could have it say, “You will receive a ring in the very near future.” Present the ring in a box.
13. During dinner at your favorite restaurant, arrange with the waiter to have the ring in a box as one of the choices on the dessert tray. Tell her she is the sweetest thing you know and you can't resist her any longer.
14. Place the ring in a presentation box at the bottom of a box of Cracker Jacks® and give her the special box at your next baseball game. Ask her occasionally if she has found the prize yet (to keep her alert to finding it).
15. For the chocoholic: Chocolate-dip the ring box and put it in the center of a box of chocolates when you are alone for the evening. She will always wonder what's in the largest piece of candy. Pick it up for her and open it with a flair.
16. Invite her for some games at home. Use Scrabble letters and spell out “Will you marry me?” Have the ring close by.
17. Create a personal Web page with her name and your proposal with a picture of the ring in its velvet presentation box, and send her the Web address. Or sit down together to surf for good vacation sites, and visit a site or two before you type in the site address.
18. Set a date to go to the movies, then rent ad space for your proposal at your favorite theater. Make sure you have the ring with you.
19. Take her for a surprise picnic at the beach or in the woods. At the picnic spot, spell out “Marry Me” with stones, flowers or seashells. Put the ring in her hand when she says yes.
20. Rent a limousine for the evening and be inside it to pick her up at home or work. Take her to an elegant restaurant for a romantic candlelight dinner for two, then present her the ring on the way home in the limousine.

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