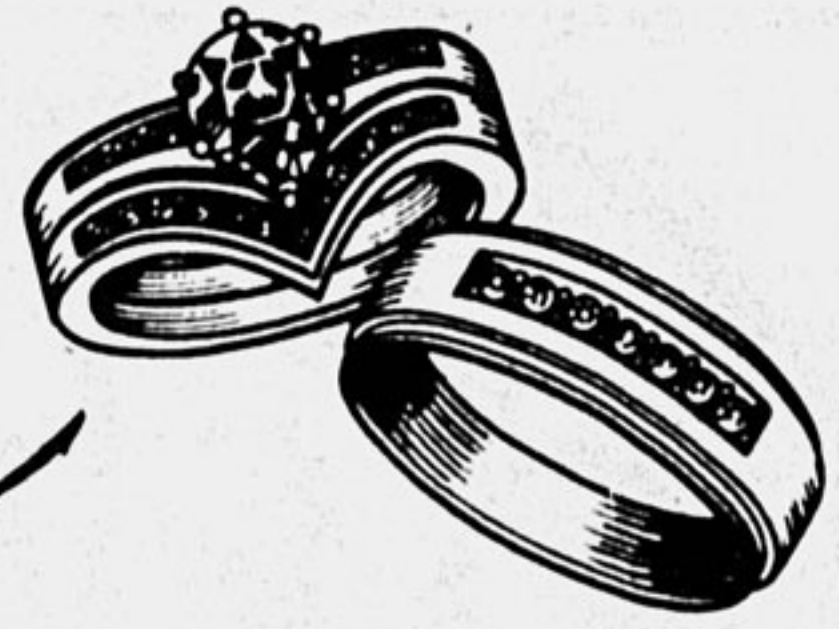


# Celebrate Your Love



## His and Hers

**IN THE PAST**, selecting just the right wedding rings was a difficult task. Couples wanted matching rings, but styles, at the time, were either too masculine or (usually) too feminine to be the perfect selection of both. Today the problem has been solved by the introduction of the Complementary Style Diamond Wedding Ring Collection - which satisfied both the bride and groom, allowing each partner to select a ring distinctly styled to suit the femininity and masculinity desired. Highlighting the diamond wedding ring sets is Utopia from Keepsake. The brides version features three rows of brilliant diamonds and polished gold. For the groom, a single dazzling row of diamonds is bordered in a finely textured and polished gold.

## Bride's countdown to the special day

### Two months prior to:

- Address wedding invitations.
- Choose gifts for your attendants.
- Buy a wedding ring and order engraving.
- Make a date with your fiancé to

- get the marriage license. (Check state's laws to see how many days a license is valid.)
- Plan recording and display of gifts.

Buy wedding gift for groom.

### Two weeks prior to:

- Keep track of gifts received by mail and write thank you notes.
- Send announcement to local paper.
- Assign seating for tables at reception.
- Process paperwork for name change (if doing so).
- Attend to details of moving if you'll be living in a new home.

### One month prior to:

Try different hairstyles and choose the way you will wear it for the wedding.

- Take care of final fittings for the bridesmaids' dresses and your own.
- Make arrangements for the time and place of the rehearsal dinner.
- Help out-of-town guests make reservations.
- Make sure that parking accommodations are adequate.
- Mail invitations.
- Plan a special luncheon or party for bridesmaids.

### One week prior to:

- Check in with caterer, florist and photographer to confirm plans.
- Confer with bridesmaids about assistance on the wedding day.
- Go over your personal trousseau for anything that may be missing.

## Choosing luggage and packing it

First, consider your needs. For short honeymoons, a garment bag and carryon may be enough, but if you'll be gone for a week or two, an additional suitcase will be needed.

The type of luggage you choose will either be hard or soft. Hard luggage is very durable yet heavier. Soft luggage will be made of nylon or vinyl and is probably less expensive and lighter. Quality varies so buy from a well-known manufacturer.

Be sure to try out the piece before making a decision. See if it fits you and think about whether or not you want padded handles, wheels or shoulder straps for comfort and convenience.

Once you get the new purchase home, don't put off packing until the day before the wedding. You'll have enough to think about as it is.

Put shoes and heavier items at the bottom of the suitcase near the hinge. Wrap shoes in plastic to keep clothes clean and stuff with socks or underwear to save space.

Bring travel-size toiletries and put them in your carryon bag along with valuables, medications and jewelry for easy access. Pack belts and ties around the edges of the suitcase.

Last but not least, a name and address tag is crucial in case of accidental separation.



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