

Wedding rings: good as gold

If 1984, is the year you've decided to marry the person of your dreams, it's not too soon to start thinking about wedding rings. In 1984, almost all couples exchanging marriage vows will be exchanging gold wedding bands as the symbol of their love for each other. Your wedding ring purchase will probably be one of your first joint decisions, and the rings you choose will be a

lasting symbol of your declaration of love and your decision to marry.

Wedding rings are typically bought three to four months before the wedding date, sometimes earlier. The majority of wedding bands purchased in Canada today are in 14 karat gold, but the trend towards 18 karat gold is growing. The higher the karatage, the greater

the proportion of pure gold in the ring.

The double ring ceremony is no longer the rare event it once was. Most bridegrooms under thirty will wear a wedding band, and it is often part of a matched pair with the bride's ring. Today's bride wears a wider and heavier gold band, and may transfer her engagement ring to her

right hand.

The bride and groom may choose to re-affirm their vows after some years, and at this time once again exchange rings—usually of a higher karatage than at first.

If they decide to have children the proud father may want to honour the tradition of surprising the new mother with a small

simple circlet of gold to wear with the wedding band.

There is an endless selection of gold wedding bands available to the bride and groom today, including open-worked basketweaves, twists, braids, tri-colour, and sculpted florals. These variations on a traditional theme are found in bright,

polished finishes, textured or matte surfaces.

You will cherish your wedding bands forever, so choose them with

care, and ask your jeweller for instructions on how to take care of them. When you choose your rings, choose them with love and dreams of a long and happy life together.

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