

Welcome to February. The month of love.

It's that special time of the year when the prosecco is flowing and the chocolates are endless (we hope). Couples on Valentine's Day all around the world decide that they want to spend the rest of their lives together, but how do you ask that important question?

This is already a nerve-wracking experience, so don't worry about creating a big scene in front of groups of people. Read through our **5 thoughtful and personal proposal ideas** to spark that creativity for the big question.

1. Made just for you

Flowers, presents and chocolate are always appreciated, but it's the little things that make us say 'ahhh' and really appreciate our partners. The bath that's already run for you with your favourite bubbles, a home cooked meal after a long day at work, the jokes that are too bad not to laugh at when you're feeling down.

Propose in a way that will keep your memories alive forever.

This book from notonthehighstreet.co.uk can be personalised to each couple. Start it from the day you met, your adventures, your favourite things to do together...then lead it up to the final page asking for their hand in marriage. The best part about the book is that it can just keep on going! Keep this book for your wedding day and leave out for guests to sign. They can look back at your journey as a couple!

For the future...pets? children? Get them all in the book!



2. Straight to the point

Not every couple enjoys a lot of fuss with a crowd of viewers. Some like a low key and intimate setting that is simple and sweet. If you're not into a song and dance (often quite literally) when coming to pop the question, but want to do a bit more than a standard sit down meal, make it special. **Think back to a place you have both been to. This could be a country or city you visited- to the local park (a more cost-effective option-and cute!).** If visiting somewhere in a local area- pick a day when you know the sun will be shining and bring a picnic. Take a stroll with your partner and bring up a favourite memory you both share- maybe when you first met, your first holiday, a time when you really felt they were the one. Hide the ring within the food so they pick it out without realising!

This nostalgic atmosphere will really set the scene for the proposal.

3. Get creative!

Like the photo album idea...but created by you!

Dress up your home in a scavenger hunt-esque style. Pin pieces of string around your living room/kitchen/garden, and attach with Polaroid photos of you both across time with wooden pegs/clips. If you want to get really into it, between each photo pin notes with special times you've had, funny memories or things you just love about your partner.

Have them go through each photo and note until they reach the end- where you will be waiting with the ring. If you're feeling more adventurous and don't mind the public, this could work great outdoors in a woodland setting with fairy lights!

4. If one cannot enjoy reading a book over and over again, there is no use in reading it at all."

— Oscar Wilde

If you know your partner is an avid reader, why not turn their favourite book a proposal? There might be a beloved chapter title, a line or character description they have always loved. If not, find one you know will mean a lot to them. Purchase a copy of the book and tell them you found an author signed copy online. Cut around the significant writing into a heart shape so it is visible. Leave the ring in the middle and tell them to open it where the 'author has signed'. You know the rest!

5. They called it puppy love

Give your fur-babies the most important job in the house.

For those of us that don't have human children, pets are the next best thing.

You can make this as simple or as extravagant as you want (depending on how willing your pet is to cooperate).



One simple way is to make your partner their favourite homemade meal and have the room decorated as though you are in a nice restaurant. Attach a rose or flower to your pet with a tag attached to it with the words 'will you marry my mum/dad?' and have them enter the room at the end of your meal. Present your partner with a ring when they look to you.

Attach the ring to your pet's collar. Wait until they discover!

Take the dog for a walk and play fetch. Have the ring hidden in the toy with the words 'will you?' on the front. When the dog brings the toy back have them drop it for your partner.

All these ideas can be adapted and changed to suit your needs! Whatever way you do it, make sure you put the most effort in as possible!

Happy Valentines Day! <3