

city weddings



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PRE-PLANNING: BLING IT ON

If you need some handholding during this process, our experts weigh in on some things to consider. Grooms, if you want her to think you're really a gem, hear this: "It's most important that the woman love the ring," says Ken Gold, owner of Stardust Antiques. "Often guys are worrying about the specs of the diamond, and the women could care less; they just want the ring to be beautiful." David Levy, president of Regency Diamonds, advises to make sure the diamond comes with a GIA grading report, but don't get hung up on the letters and numbers. "Trust your own eye to look at it and register, 'wow, that's gorgeous.'"

Bigger doesn't mean better, especially if you're strapped for cash. Arlene Brickner, vice president of marketing for Frederick Goldman suggests shopping for the highest quality diamond your money can buy. "No matter the size, it's better to go for the best color. You want a diamond that sparkles."

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If you really want to learn your A, B and especially your C's about diamonds, make an appointment to visit this third-generation manufacturer of diamonds and fine jewelry. They have a diamond-cutting factory right on the premises. Brainstorm with president David Levy on the kind of ring you have in mind, and it's yours. Best, you'll get it at wholesale prices that can add up to 50 percent off retail cost.

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