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Shape, Setting, and Other Important Factors in Your Wedding Ring Selection by [Jeffry Pullam](#)

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Congratulations on the decision to get married. You should know that the months leading to your wedding can be nerve-wracking. Hopefully, you have your friends and family to help you with the planning and preparation. But there's one side to wedding preparations that will entirely rely on you, and that is the selection of your wedding ring.

Even before considering the 4 Cs (carat, clarity, color, and cut), the first thing you should do is know what shape your future lifelong mate loves. Setting will be second. Shape indicates the actual geometry of the stone, while setting refers to the metal framework upon which your stone is mounted. When choosing a wedding ring, getting the right combo of shape and setting will be hugely important. Here are some tips which may help you in your selection.

It's quite common these days for couples to ring-shop together. But if you're more of a traditionalist and looking to surprise him/her with the ring, you may need to spy on his/her style if you haven't done that already. You can observe what type of stone s/he likes wearing and what type of metal usually adorns him/her. Do a recon on him/her for a couple of weeks and take mental notes on his/her personal style.

When it comes to the metal, you'll have plenty to choose from. Platinum is a popular choice because it's extremely durable and especially pure. Platinum is an excellent choice for couples with allergic reaction to metals because it's hypoallergenic. There's also gold, which never goes out of style. Gold can come in a variety of colors including white, yellow, and even green or rose.

If you want to go cheap, you can ask a store that offers diamond rings. Houston buyers prefer for a palladium ring. Now, if you want to go cheaper than that, perhaps you would like to go for recycled metal bands, which may include a mixture of platinum or gold. You can think of it as something new and something old rolled into one.

When you're ready to buy that wedding ring, it's important to get it in writing. Diamonds one carat or more need to have a diamond grading report issued by an independent gemological association like the American Gem Society or Gemological Institute of America. Also, anything that affects a diamond's value, like if it's an antique or period piece, was made by a famous designer, or is custom-designed, should be noted by the store offering wedding rings. Houston buyers will surely love to have.

There are many Houston engagement rings and wedding rings stores around, so feel free to visit any or all of them. Learn more about ring selection at [mag.weddingcentral.com.au/diamonds/engagementrings/index.htm](http://mag.weddingcentral.com.au/diamonds/engagementrings/index.htm).

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