



## Learn How to Choose the Right Metal for Your Engagement Ring

### Description

Finding the proper metal for an engagement ring is as crucial as finding the right diamond or gemstone to contain. Use our metals guide to help you find the best engagement ring for your future bride.



It's time to shop for an engagement ring, considering numerous variables. Choosing the metal on its own is more complicated than it used to be. Whereas it used to be a simple decision between yellow and white, there are now a plethora of options to explore, including:

- What is the distinction between white gold and platinum?
- What is rose gold, exactly?
- How do newer, alternative metals, such as titanium and tungsten carbide, complement gold and platinum in engagement rings? Take it one step at a time, beginning with the metal, and you'll finish up with a ring that fits her style and one she'll enjoy for a lifetime. Use this as a guide to the many metals available for ring settings.

## What is her style?

Determine your fiancée's style first, and then pick the correct metal and color to compliment that style. One of the first things to consider when selecting a metal for a setting is the style of jewelry your future bride usually wears:

- Platinum or white gold is the way to go if she prefers more excellent colors and silver-toned jewelry.
- If she prefers warmer tones, yellow gold or rose gold are good possibilities.
- Combining white gold and yellow gold is a wise choice because it will allow her to complement any piece in her existing jewelry collection.
- Even if you choose a warmer metal, such as yellow gold, placing the diamond in a white metal head (which keeps the diamond in place), such as platinum or white gold, can highlight the diamond's brilliance to brilliant effect.

## Platinum

Platinum is a naturally white metal with an incredible shine that nicely accentuates the brilliance and glitter of diamonds. It is the most valuable of all jewelry metals and is a favorite choice for engagement rings and wedding bands.

When used in jewelry, platinum is five times rarer and purer than gold. Platinum is long-lasting, making it an excellent choice if your fiancée is active – its density gives a safe setting for diamonds or gemstones. Platinum is naturally hypoallergenic, making it an excellent choice for those with sensitive skin. Its exquisite sheen will not fade or change color over time, eliminating the need to re-plate your platinum ring. It is a preferred choice for diamond settings due to its strength.

## Gold

Gold is the most popular metal for jewelry and is incredibly versatile. A karat is a unit of measurement for gold that is divided into 24 parts. Pure gold is 24 karats, which means that 24 of the 24 parts are gold. Because pure gold is too soft to be used in jewelry, it is alloyed with other metals to strengthen its strength. There is 22K gold, although most gold is 18K (75% gold), 14K (58% gold), and 10K (approximately 42% gold).

The remaining metals, such as silver, copper, nickel, and zinc, add strength and durability. The hue and color of gold are determined by the type and percentage of metal alloys employed. For example, 22K gold has a rich, saturated gold color, but 14K gold has a slightly milder yellow tone. Gold jewelry is typically available in the following hues:

### Yellow Gold

Yellow gold's warm patina is created by combining the red of copper and the green of silver. Yellow

gold fell out of favor with white gold for a time but has recently regained popularity.

## White Gold

White gold, which is more modern than yellow gold, derives its silvery white color from mixing yellow gold with copper, zinc, and nickel (or palladium). It's coated with rhodium (a platinum group metal), which is four times the price of platinum, resists scratches and tarnishing, and provides white gold a reflective aspect. It may, however, wear away with time, necessitating a fast return to your jeweler for re-plating.

## Rose Gold

Rose gold is a unique and beautiful metal with a warm, pink tint formed by blending yellow gold with a copper alloy. Rose gold has the exact general percentages of metal alloys as yellow or white gold; it's just a different combination of alloys.

## Green Gold

Green gold, while uncommon, is distinctive and nature-inspired; it has a delicate, mild green tint generated by combining yellow gold with silver, copper, and zinc. Use green gold in conjunction with rose and white gold for a unique tri-color effect.

## The Ideal Setting

Now that you've learned the distinctions between metals, it's time to fit the puzzle together. Choose your metal, style, and finish with a spectacular diamond or exquisite gemstone. You'll learn things about your future wife that you didn't know about her before, and that's part of the joy. Finally, you'll have an engagement ring that is as distinctive and exquisite as the woman who will wear it.

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