

RING, RING

They are the most important accessories you'll ever purchase, and your wedding day would hardly be the same without it! Here's our guide to picking the perfect wedding ring for you, with a little help from Ireland's top jewel experts.

Wether it's a vintage offering, a bespoke piece or a classic ring you want for your big day, Ireland's experts are here to help. With tips on diamond clarity, the right shape ring for your hand and being ultimately happy with your choice, these experts know how important this decision is for a bride to be, and offer a wealth of information and help to make ring shopping an enjoyable experience for all.



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Voltaire's Seamus Fahy has some tips for choosing your wedding ring and making sure it doesn't detract from the engagement ring, but works with it instead: "The wedding ring should compliment the engagement ring, rather than draw attention away from it. This doesn't mean the wedding ring needs to be uninteresting, rather, a ring that looks like it was always meant to be with your engagement ring.

"Purchase a wedding band that is made of the same material as your engagement one. Different metals wear at different rates. If you are wearing your wedding band on the same finger as your engagement ring, the two rings will inevitably be rubbing up against each other. If one ring metal is harder, stronger or more dense in nature, than the other, the predominant metal will win, and wear away at the other." Seamus points out that palladium, part of the platinum group of metals, is becoming a popular choice, thanks to its favourable price tag and durability.

"Your wedding ring should ideally have the same band shape as your engagement ring. It is not essential, though the rings will sit and look better together if they have the same shape. For example, a high domed band may look a little odd next to a flat style band.

"As a general guide, a wedding ring should be either the same width or very slightly wider than the engagement ring band." voltairediamonds.ie

