



SPARKLING STONES
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Engagement Ring Beginners Guide

Sparkling Stones all began when a friend asked for some help designing his bespoke engagement ring. I'd hate for anyone else to make such a big decision without good unbiased advice. So, here's where I would start when preparing to design your extra special engagement ring, or any ring for that matter. You are welcome to schedule an informal chat so I can help you too.

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Do your research

Aim to be able to answer some fundamental questions early on, especially if you're looking for cost estimates. What stone do you have in mind? Diamonds are the most popular, but The Duchess of Cambridge's blue sapphire engagement ring brought coloured stones back into fashion, so explore your options. Which metal would you like? Yellow gold, white gold, platinum? I always say, don't forget that silver is still a great metal. Again explore the options to suit your budget. I can help you.

Set your budget

I understand that your engagement ring is an investment in your future relationship, but it is easy to get carried away. Agree on a budget that you can manage early on. Lots can be done to get the best value for money without losing impact. Decide on your non-negotiables - do you have a minimum preference on cut or clarity, for example? What is most important to you?

Be inspired

Do lots of 'window shopping' online or browse Pinterest for the latest trends. You may be looking for something quite elaborate, detailed and theatrical or perhaps more classic and straightforward. If your ring is a surprise, take photos of their existing jewellery to help define their style. To keep a tradition going, you may want to incorporate a shape or feature seen in your relative's jewellery. Giving designers as many visual clues as possible will help express your individuality and tell your unique story, making your ring 'priceless'.

Select the right jeweller for you

Designing such an important piece of jewellery should be enjoyable, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make a lasting difference. Choose a jeweller who is relatable, generous with their advice and will flex to your needs.

Don't rush...

Take your time. Look around. Talk to a few jewellers. Understand any limitations. What if things need to change during the design and manufacturing process? Find out upfront. Make sure you receive a valuation certificate for your unique piece - some charge extra (we don't), so make sure you're aware of all costs.

When you are ready, let's talk about what you're looking for.
Email info@sparklingstones.co.uk to schedule a free call.
I am always here to help.

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