

# Basic Knowledge About Wedding Rings

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Behind wedding rings there is so much signification. They symbolize love, unity, devotion, faithfulness, and much more. Behind every couple's wedding rings are stories of wedding memories, how they got engaged, and a lot of unique ideas. Aside from being eye catching and beautiful wedding bands deliver so many messages. Not only do these messages differ between each couple, but they also are varying based on ethnic customs and cultural background.

## The Traditions Behind Wedding Bands

Most people know the basics behind wedding rings. The wedding band is worn on the ring finger. But depending on where you live, it can be worn on the left or the right hand. In Western countries people wear wedding rings on the left hand, whereas in Russia, Germany, Bulgaria, Norway, Poland, and other countries, they are worn on the right hand. The ring finger was once believed to have the vein of love and so that is how the tradition of wearing it on this finger began.

To have the spouses name and the wedding date engraved on the inside of the bands is a common European custom for wedding bands. That way the ring not only symbolizes the marriage union, and also their commitment to one another.

In Western culture, wedding rings are gifts exchanged between the couple on their wedding day and often an engagement ring is presented to the woman when the man proposes. In other cultures wedding rings will be exchanged at other times.

In some cultures it is the job of the ring bearer to bring forth the wedding bands on a pillow. Typically a young boy is chosen for this job and usually he is selected from the relatives of the couple. In other cultures the best man is in charge of taking care of the wedding rings. He will then present them to the couple at the time they exchange their vows. Many see that this is the best man's primary job; to act as protector of the wedding rings.

So if you are looking to get a wedding ring, think of the meaning and traditions behind the wedding rings. Then consider what the wedding rings for you and your future spouse will symbolize in your relationship.

About the Author: For more information on wedding bands and for some great deal on wedding rings. You would be amazed by what you can find at this website that specializes in tips and ideas for your wedding rings.