

Diamond ring buying checklist

Take this with you when you shop.

Before you shop

- ☐ I know roughly what I want to spend.
- ☐ I know her ring size, or I plan to size up.
- ☐ I have looked at the metal she already wears.
- ☐ I know whether she prefers lab-grown or natural, or I have no preference.

The diamond

- ☐ Shape: _____
- ☐ Cut grade is Excellent (round), or the shape looks bright and even in photos and video.
- ☐ Color looks clean in my chosen metal. Grade: _____
- ☐ Clarity is eye-clean. Grade: _____
- ☐ Carat _____ and measurements _____ mm.
- ☐ Grading report from an independent lab (GIA, IGI). Report number: _____
- ☐ Report number matches the girdle inscription, if there is one.
- ☐ Report states lab-grown or natural, and any treatment.

The setting

- ☐ Style: solitaire / halo / pavé / three-stone / other
- ☐ Prong or bezel suits her daily life.
- ☐ Profile height is practical.
- ☐ Wedding band will sit flush, or I have a plan for it.
- ☐ Metal: platinum / white gold / yellow gold / rose gold. Karat: _____

Before you pay

- ☐ Return policy and window: _____
- ☐ Resizing policy and cost: _____
- ☐ Warranty and what it covers: _____
- ☐ Upgrade policy, if it matters to me: _____
- ☐ Shipping and insurance in transit.

After you buy

- ☐ Get an appraisal for insurance.
- ☐ Insure the ring.

☐ Book a prong check once in a while.

Notes:
