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10 Ways to Hack Your Engagement Ring

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You're always on the lookout for ways to make your life easier in this busy, rapidly changing world. Aren't we all? That's why the word "lifehack" was invented.

Lifehack, "A strategy or technique adopted in order to manage one's time and daily activities in a more efficient way."

Online shopping is the ultimate lifehack when purchasing an engagement ring—what's easier than perusing rings and gaining expert diamond insight on your phone? Adopting the easy-buy attitude is an ideal way to make sure the engagement ring you're buying is perfect for whom it's intended. In addition to making your life easier, it will certainly smooth out any wrinkles in your love life. So here goes, our 10 favorite ways to make it your own.

Keep It Simple

The stunning solitaire is a no-fail "yes" in our book. And while you might appreciate its simple beauty, you might also want to give it just a bit more personality. So whether it's a modern, minimalist bezel (also super protective of your cherished diamond); a vintage-inspired hand engraving; or on-trend rose gold, these little twists on the classic style will turn no-fail into must-have.

Mix and Match

Mixed patterns and a rainbow of metals colors are all the rage these days, so why not let your love of daring style play out in your engagement ring? Make the trend last a lifetime by mixing up your shapes with a three-stone ring boasting a fancy shaped center. Match a smoothly curved cushion-cut diamond with the sharp angles of trapezoid sidestones and watch your interest factor grow. Add a little color, whether in the engagement ring or wedding ring, and you've got instant pop. Or, go all in and try mixing your metals.

Get Low

Is bigger better than more? Not always. Multi-stone wedding rings can easily get in the game as well. They offer plenty of sparkle, and are a unique way to

show off your new commitment. It's an especially great option for people who work with their hands and require a lower profile ring.

Give It A Wide Berth

If bigger is better for you, then think beyond the diamond. Wider rings can offer solace to longer fingers and make a sleek, modern statement. They'll give you a lot more "look" even when you're not going all-out for a huge diamond.

Color Outside The Lines

Everyone has a favorite color; one that sparks joy and increases happiness. So it certainly can't hurt if you add a splash of it to a ring you're going to wear for the rest of your life. Sure, there's the symbolic sapphire—thanks to the British royals, its deep blue will always be a popular choice for bridal jewelry—but there's a whole rainbow of other options out there. Whether it's a passionate, crimson ruby, a feminine pink sapphire, or a fancy colored diamond, choose a hue that shows your true colors.

Stack The Deck

This trend just won't quit. Whether it's a perfectly curved wedding ring that hugs your engagement ring just right, or a sky-high stack of eternity bands, you just can't go wrong with this one. Play with different metals, ring widths, gemstones, and diamond sizes to create your perfect combo. Want a wider look? Try a men's style for a bit more oomph (we can usually special order whatever size you're looking for), or stack a few of the same style for an interesting, graphic effect. Eternity bands stacked on either side of an engagement ring are a great way to build a collection over time.

Shape Up

March to your own drumbeat? While a round-cut solitaire diamond is still by far the most popular shape for an engagement ring, there can be quite a bit of style savvy (and savings) with fancy shaped diamonds such as cushion, radiant, or oval cut. If you want a longer look, go for an emerald cut, or a higher length-to-width ratio. For a more compact, but just as unique shape stick closer to a one-to-one ratio and look to a princess or Asscher cut stone.

Flaunt Your Curves

While a thin round band is timeless, some of us just want to go with the flow. A curving, twisting ring shank (or band) can offer more design for your money, giving your ring a bigger overall look, with a soft, feminine touch to boot.

Write It Down

The words “set in stone” take on new meaning with the time-honored tradition of engraving an engagement or wedding ring. Whether it’s your love’s name, your wedding date, or sweet words of devotion, engraving the inside of your ring with a unique sentiment is an easy, and super-affordable, way to make your own statement.

And Finally

Clean Up Your Act

Once you have that sparkler in hand, you’ll probably never want to take it off—and we can’t blame you. But fine jewelry, especially the rings you wear every day, will inevitably get dirty. We’re not asking you to stop eating those finger-licking chicken wings or moisturizing incessantly, we’re just saying that a regular at-home cleaning is the easiest hack of all to making your ring look as good as new all over again. Keep on sparkling like you do so well.