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What these celebrity couples can teach us about romance

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Hoping to meet your match by Valentine's Day? Bravo's romance guru Patti Stanger looks to four celeb couples for inspiration and advice.

Jerry & Jessica Seinfeld



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The love story: [Jerry](#) famously chatted up the newly — and unhappily — wed Jessica at the Upper West Side’s Reebok Sports Club in the summer of 1998.

Jessica — then a 28-year-old fashion publicist — has said she initially rebuffed the comedian, but the next year, the newly minted divorcée accepted Jerry’s proposal over a bottle of bubbly at Balthazar.

The parents of three celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day.

Stanger says: “I’m not going to be popular for saying this, but you can meet your soul mate while you’re with somebody else. What are you gonna do, not take the brass ring? Why, because you’re married and you made a vow? That’s crap! That’s what divorce is for.”

Sofía Vergara & Joe Manganiello



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The love story: In July, the “Magic Mike” hunk [confessed to People magazine](#) that the caliente Colombian — then engaged to Onion Crunch founder Nick Loeb — was his ideal woman: “She’s got the curves, she’s got a beautiful face...If she was single, I would be like, poof!”

By Christmas, she'd ditched the condiment-king fiancé and [Mangiello](#) had put a hugely expensive ring on it. Now the couple some call "Jofia" are planning a fall wedding.

Stanger says: "She's his dream girl. It's better for a girl to go with a guy who thinks she's the dream girl than for her to think he's the dream."

Kim Kardashian & Kanye West



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The love story: Friends for years before their relationship turned romantic, [Kim](#) told Oprah in 2012: "[[Kanye](#) and I] always had an attraction for each other but we've always been in other relationships. And one day it just happened. It took me by surprise."

Fast forward to an epic wedding, an adorable daughter and so much media steaminess (from his "Bound 2" video to their Balmain campaign) and the Internet-destroying duo are still, tweeted Kim in January, "literally obsessed with each other!"

Stanger says: "Sexual chemistry is always in the room...But friendship is the glue. Because no matter what happens in a relationship — the sex goes out the window or someone gets sick — they'll always be friends."

Cameron Diaz & Benji Madden



The love story: Seven months after being introduced by Madden’s sister-in-law Nicole Richie, the opposites were attracted enough to get hitched in her Beverly Hills, Calif., backyard on Jan. 5.

“I take responsibility for everything!” Richie said of the setup.

Diaz, whose exes include Justin Timberlake and A-Rod, “found someone who knew how lucky he was to have her,” a [pal told Us Weekly](#). “Benji would do anything for her. She’s madly in love.”

Stanger says: “Sometimes your best friends are your matchmakers. If they love you, they’ll always be looking for mates for you. [They] don’t want to see you alone, sulking in your soup. Nicole Richie was a great matchmaker. I’ll give her a job any day of the week.”

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