

A coffee run turns into a surprise proposal (and prosecco toast!) for Cincinnati couple Steven and Marie thanks to the team at **Honey Designs**.



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THE DAZZLER

...mer came into the Brilliant Earth show-
... Los Angeles with the idea of proposing
...eyland; coincidentally I happen to love
...nd myself, so I was very excited to help with
...est. I helped him find a beautiful ring on
...tice, shipping it directly to the FedEx office
...eim so it would be available on time and
...side of the park. I made a recommendation
...perfect lunch spot in the park and brain-
...potential proposal locations and ideas with
...cluding having a caricature artist sketch their
...and the ring—right before he proposed.”

—TIM SULLIVAN, *director of showrooms,*
Brilliant Earth, San Francisco

FOR COFFEE

...inate custom proposal experiences for the cli-
...sign rings for, and we had a situation where
...e, Marie, was tipped off by a friend that our
...even, was going to propose while they were
...o to Italy. So with just two days' notice we
...e to plan a surprise proposal before, around
...birthday party happening at a local brewery.

They are coffee people, so we worked with Steven to have them grab coffee on their way to the party. We chose Deeper Roots, in Cincinnati's historic Findlay market, where there's an alleyway between the coffee shop and another store. My team set up a table for two with flowers, the couple's favorite coffee drinks in paper cups, a bottle of prosecco, and Italian pastries. And as always, we had a photographer there to capture the details, the big moment, the reactions, and some portraits.”

—CHELSEA MEAD, *owner, Honey Designs, Cincinnati*

AIRPORT RECON

“A lot of couples get engaged out of town and that causes issues like disguising the bulge of a ring box in your pocket, or packing the ring in luggage that the fiancée may have access to at home (or that can get lost). So we have a very thin ring pouch that we give to the grooms—it fits right in their wallet. But since most of our grooms want to propose by holding up an open ring box in front of the bride-to-be, we have had to meet clients at the airport to hand off the ring box. They take it from us and then quickly toss it into their carry-on while she's already through security.”

—SUSAN EISEN, *owner, Susan Eisen Fine Jewelry & Watches, El Paso and Austin, Texas*

MOUNTAINTOP LOGISTICS

“I had a client who wanted to propose on the top of Vail Mountain when skiing, so I helped him formulate his plan of attack. We decided he and his fiancée would stop to get their picture taken by one of the ski resort photographers at the summit, and that he would pop the question during the photo session so that it would be a surprise but also captured on camera. We called the photography team at Vail and helped our client coordinate with them so the photographer would know exactly what was going down—and to make sure they took their helmets and goggles off! It all went off without a hitch.”

—KAELEIGH TESTWUIDE, *owner,*
The Diamond Reserve, Denver

SPEEDY DELIVERY

“Our client, Michael, was about to return to his station in the military within a few weeks and was determined to propose before he left. He had purchased a Sylvie Collection mounting from us, and we were able to set a stone and have it ready for him immediately, just in time for a surprise skydive adventure for his fiancée, Kristen, the next morning.”

—PAUL LIROT, *owner,*
Paul Lirot Jewelers, Madison, Conn. JCK