

# THE *Lillian M. Collection* DIAMOND GUIDE



One of the most important elements of the four "C's," carat plays a significant role in determining your ring's overall cost and look. Your budget, style, and aesthetics will help guide you to the right choice.

Here are our expert-approved tips and tricks for finding your dream stone.



## HOW TO SELECT THE PERFECT CARAT WEIGHT



### BUDGET

Engagement ring rules dictate the cost of the ring should equate to two to three months of your salary. However, experts say it should come down to what you're comfortable spending. Because carat weight directly influences price, your first step should be determining your budget and finding a price that fits your financial situation.

### UNIQUE ANATOMY

The size and shape of your or your partner's hand and the length of their fingers will help guide your decision-making. A larger diamond may look overwhelming on diminutive hands and vice versa. Make sure to try out different-sized diamonds to see what looks and feels best.

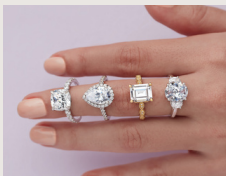


### PERSONAL STYLE

Are you a minimalist, or do you love to make a statement? Those who love a subtle and delicate look might be drawn to lower-carat weights (1 carat or lower). Those who prefer a weightier silhouette might select a 1.75-carat (or higher) ring. If you're somewhere in the middle, perhaps an average-sized diamond is a better fit for you.

### LIFESTYLE

Do you lead a more active lifestyle? Does your job require working with your hands? If so, selecting a lower-carat weight might work better for your lifestyle. A setting that sits closer to your finger can also ensure your diamond doesn't extend out and interrupt your daily activities.



### DIAMOND SHAPE

Do you prefer round or oval, or square or rectangular shapes? Each type of diamond cut will showcase your diamond's brilliance, clarity, and carat differently. Consider what shape you or your partner are attracted to, and examine how it looks with your preferred carat weight.