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[Diamond engagement rings](#) are women's best pals. These rings signify and formalize agreements for future weddings. And for women, having their men ask their hands in marriage is one of the happiest moments in their lives.

Traditionally, it is the man who goes to the jewelry store to shop around for the nicest engagement ring for his woman. Purchasing an engagement ring is very confusing as there are a lot of varieties, styles, and designs available. In addition, upon closer look of a diamond, one would notice that it has a slight tint to it. That tinge of color constitutes a part of the four C's---clarity, carat weight, cut, and color---that determine diamond quality. In this writing, we will talk about the last C, which is color.

Lots of diamonds are not truly colorless. The hue comes from impurities that are molecularly embedded in the carbon that makes up the diamond. Yet it is the pure colorless diamonds, normally called white diamonds, which all other hues are compared to.

The Gemological Institute of America (GIA) has created a list of guidelines to determine the color of a diamond. The tint of a candidate diamond is compared to the color of some control stones, which are pre-selected to a specific colour.

The diamond that is to be color graded should be a loose stone. This means it should not be affixed onto the metal since the metal can impact the natural color of the stone. Next, the candidate diamond is placed table-down, pavilion-up beside the control stone. It is then viewed and analyzed with a 10X loupe. A letter system from D to Z is then used to indicate the the diamond's color with D being given to rare, completely colorless diamonds.

* D to F - colorless or white

* G to J - almost colorless

* K to M - tinted in a faint yellow hue

* N to R - lightly tinted in a yellow hue. The tint can be seen by the human eye, even without special grading equipment

* S to Z - moderately tinted, progressing to brown. The hue is observable even when the diamond is installed on the band.

Ask an experienced jeweler to help you choose the right engagement ring and [diamond earrings](#) with the correct diamond color.

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