

At what point is it appropriate to have an engagement party? □

My fiancé and I became engaged in February, but our wedding is not until next May. □ His parents would like to host a party for us □ this fall, but we don't want it to seem premature.



Engagement parties are most often held soon after the couple becomes engaged. It's a chance for the families to announce the happy news and for relatives and friends to meet and congratulate the couple. Traditionally, the bride's parents host the party, where they tell all assembled about the upcoming nuptials; the announcement is a surprise to the guests. But these days engagements are often not kept as a surprise, and the party can occur whenever the hosts prefer. Your future in-laws have made a kind gesture and obviously want to introduce you to their friends and share the news. Thank them, and encourage them to hold the party whenever they like.