

Women like you



Want to know our secret to a HAPPY MARRIAGE...?

Date nights, never arguing... we've heard it all before. We asked four couples to share their secrets for marital bliss – with some surprising results... →



'TEAMING UP AT WORK FELT NATURAL'

Nadine Rowlands, 45, works as an Avon representative. She lives in Ashton-under-Lyne with her husband Wayne, 55.

Like many of us, I like to spend my evenings dissecting the day over a glass of wine with my husband. Only I never have to say 'you had to be there' – because he always is. Since we started working together, talking about work has never felt better. Living in each other's pockets might spell the end for some, but it's only brought us closer.

Both divorced when we met, Wayne and I knew what we wanted from life. Two years later, in 2002, we married. As well as our formal vows, we made some promises of our own – to be a team, to put each other first and to always spend quality time together. Of course, working full-time with long hours – him as an engineer and me as a legal secretary – it wasn't always easy to keep them.

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to take on some extra work. In the following year, we worked hard, spending evenings and weekends selling door to door. We earned more than £8,000 on top of our regular salaries.

While being on the go every evening was hard, with my husband by my side, it didn't feel like work. When Wayne was given new shifts – meaning he'd have to work some nights – we both knew our relationship would suffer. So Wayne quit his job to work for Avon full-time, and two years later, I did too. Already a team in life, working side by side all day felt natural, and we came to every decision together.

Now, four years since quitting my job, business is better than ever. Together we earn £140,000 a year and our lives have changed entirely. But it's not the money we've made or the success we've had that I'm most grateful for – it's the man who's been by my side through it all.

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AMANDA: DRESS, £60; PRECIS PETITE AT DEBENHAM'S; RING, £5; DAISY & EVE AT EVANS; SIMON: POLO SHIRT, £25; JEANS, £30; BOTH BURTON

'MARRIED 12YRS'... 'WE SLEEP APART'... 'WE ALWAYS MAKE UP BEFORE BED'... 'WORK TOGETHER'... 'WE'RE IT'



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Arati Kilroy, 45, lives in Oxford with husband Thomas, 44, and their daughter Jade-Maria, 13.

Like most couples, my husband and I argue. Whether it's over whose turn it is to do the chores or the latest gadget that Thomas has bought, we're not afraid to say what's on our minds. But the big secret about our bickering is that it makes our marriage even stronger.

Ours was a whirlwind romance. After meeting at

