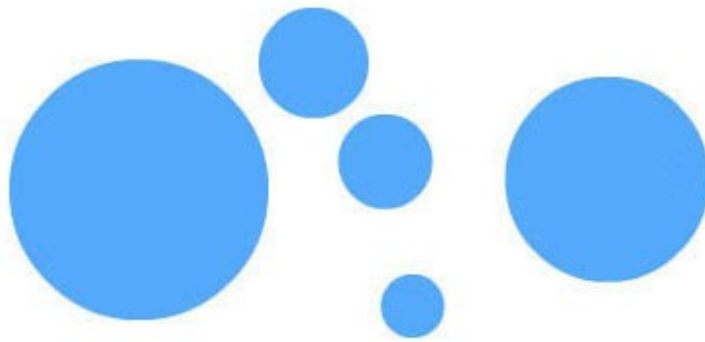


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Valentine's Day only comes once a year and so when it comes you want to make it special. You do not have any control over what your other half buys or makes for you but you do have control over what cute valentines ideas for them you choose.

## Gift Ideas

There are a lot of things you can choose to give as gifts for Valentine's Day. You could choose the time-honoured tradition of making a romantic dinner with wine and candlelight. This is the traditional way to express your feelings and show off your "talents", but it might be worth it to try something different every now and then. Here are some cute valentine's ideas for your partner:

The most important thing to keep in mind when giving any gift to anyone is to make sure it fits whoever you are giving it to. I remember once, a boyfriend I had bought me a comedy DVD. I love watching comedy but the DVD was a genre of comedy that I don't enjoy. I was very disappointed in this gift because I thought this man knew me pretty well and it turned out he didn't know me at all.

Do not make this mistake. Make sure that you put some thought into the valentine's gift you get your partner. Make sure it shows him or her that you know them well and care enough to get them something that they really like.

If you have been together for a while and jewellery is not out of the question get him or her something that can be engraved. A ring or an ID bracelet would be a great idea. Even everyday things such as money clips, pens, or letter openers are good ideas. If it is something that they would use everyday, every time they take it out or wear it, he or she will think of you.

Plan a week long trip, or even just a long weekend, to some place that both of you will enjoy. Or, make it special just for them and go along because you love them. For the man in your life, why not buy tickets to a game where his favourite team is playing. Take a lot of pictures and then when you get back, make a scrapbook of the experience and present it to him. Creating memories is one of the most important aspects of a relationship.

If your partner likes wine or beer and a good steak, why not enrol him or her on a wine / beer / steak of the month club. Or, maybe they want to try his or her own hand at making home brew or wine. Buy them a microbrewery or a wine making kit and have fun together making the beer or wine yourselves.

Do not stress about what to give your other half for Valentine's Day. There are many cute valentines ideas to pick from and if some of the ones listed here don't work, then maybe you will be able to think of some of your own. Just use your imagination, he or she will love you for it.

### Homemade gift ideas

Giving gifts that are store bought can be special but a gift made yourself shows that you have given extra thought and love into a gift. Here are some homemade gift ideas for your partner.

If you have been dating for a while you probably know him or her pretty well. Why not put together a gift basket with some of their favourite things. The things you pick do not necessarily have to be related either. Just pick some things he or she uses on a daily basis or keep a mental note of things he or she talks about from when they were children.

Your partner will appreciate that you took the time to come up with homemade gift ideas and that will make the gift so much more meaningful. If you have made a mental note of the things he or she says were their favourite things when they were growing up, then you will give your partner a gift that they will treasure.

Another good idea is a work survival kit. What is their job? Does your partner work behind a desk all day or does he or she have a job where they do physical labour? If they work behind a desk all day you could put together a basket with their favourite pens, a new tie, a personalised mug, some healthy snacks, maybe an energy shot or two, and a new mouse pad for their computer. Don't forget a nice picture of you, as well, that he or she can keep on their desk.

If you can, talk to his or her mother and see if she will part with some pictures of them growing up. If she will, you can make a collage of pictures of them. Your partner will love you for it and display it in a prominent place where they can see it all of the time.

An alternative to this is a collage of pictures of the both of you. This will make a lovely keepsake of some of the special times that you have shared together over the months and years.

If you like to sew, you could make your partner an item of clothing, or for the more artistic, paint or draw them a picture. For music lovers, a personalised mix CD of all their favourite tracks or tracks that mean a lot to you both within your relationship. You can even select track titles or artists that spell out your partners name or 'I. L.O.V.E. Y.O.U.'.

These are just a few homemade gift ideas for your partner. Use your own imagination to come up with others that you think he or she will like. Your partner will appreciate the time and effort you put into making him or her things.

Write them a poem

If you are finding it harder and harder to find gifts to give your loved one, then maybe you should try your hand at writing. Valentine poems for your partner can do many things like show and tell them exactly what they mean to you.

Whether you write one yourself, find one online or just pick a card with one that fits your partner's qualities, it doesn't matter. He or she will feel closer to you and the bond between you will stay strong. If you do not feel comfortable giving this type of sentiment in front of everyone then wait until the two of you are alone.

Writing poetry is not easy and can even be a little intimidating. It is very difficult for some of us to "bare our soul", so to speak and when you put your thoughts and feelings down on paper there is always that possibility.

On the other hand, poetry can be a very unique way to convey your feelings and to let someone know that you truly do care about them. When you take the time to write a poem for Valentine's Day, a birthday or an anniversary or whatever the occasion may be, the recipient will appreciate the time and effort you put into it.

Poems come in all shapes and sizes and they do not necessarily have to be all serious and soppy. You can make them funny and include stories or 'in jokes' that the two of you share.

You can get all kinds of inspiration from everyday life or, if that is not enough and you need more help, search online for poetry verses that you can copy or just get ideas from. Be careful of copyrighted material however.

Search your heart and soul, and the internet, to write or create the perfect Valentine's poems for your loved one.

Special places to go on Valentine's Day

What is a special place for one couple, may not be so special for another. Think about what your partner enjoys doing or has talked of wanting to do. Plan a day or evening together that you will both enjoy. It may be a meal at a restaurant or a trip to the

cinema, but it is also worth thinking more ‘outside of the box’ and planning something that you will both enjoy that you may not have done before or only do once in a while. Maybe you could take a picnic to a picturesque location, or take a picnic next to the lake in the evening. Maybe your partner has said that they have always wanted to go to see an opera or a musical and never has. You could even take your loved one to the place where you first met or to the place where you had your first date.

### Romantic things to say to your loved one

We all realise the importance of letting the people in our lives know that they are loved. Sometimes, just saying "I love you" doesn't quite seem enough. Sometimes you want some ideas of sweet things to say to your partner.

Don't be fooled, guys like the ‘mushy’ stuff too, they just won't admit it. As a matter of fact, most guys might even get into it more just because they aren't that used to getting it.

One of the most effective times for sweet things to say to your partner is when he or she least expects it. It comes pretty naturally at the end of a conversation or at the end of the night, but what about when you're just getting out of the car to go to the grocery store? Or how about when you are standing in line at the bank?

‘I love you's’ from the person you love never gets old but when it is kind of ‘sprung’ on someone it can really be a special surprise.

You know your partner and you have to decide if he or she would like for you to say those words in front of their friends. Some people would love for their friends to see how much you love them while others would be embarrassed. Figure out what your partner would like you to do.

Also, most guys won't like saying it back to you in front of their friends so if you do say it to him while others are around, say it on your way out the door or at some time where you don't expect a response from him. Remember, this is a time to let him know how you feel, not to put him on the spot or make him feel uncomfortable.

If you sincerely tell your loved one that he or she is wonderful, amazing, or awesome, that will almost be guaranteed to make their day and not only give him or her a nice little ego boost but also let them see just how special you think they are and how much he or she really does mean to you.

Also, actions can often speak louder than words. If you want to let your partner know how much he or she means to you than show them. There are many things you can do to show a man or woman that you love them.

Showing love can be as simple as seeing what needs to be done and do it. For example, if you and your partner are sitting around watching a movie and you notice that they are rubbing their head with a headache, then why not get him or her a few aspirin and a glass of water?

One word of warning now, you don't want to overdo this. First of all you should never allow yourself to be at someone else's beck and call. It's not a healthy relationship.

Another thing is that if you act like that all the time, he or she will either take it for granted and start to abuse it will get freaked out because you are acting creepy or smothering them. Moderation is the key. A little attention goes a long way.

### Valentine's Day and new relationships

It's natural, you've just started a new relationship and things are going well. You're excited and want to let him or her know how happy you are. The problem is that, depending on the person, too much too soon can turn some people off. Be careful that you don't allow your happiness to push you to go overboard. The last thing you want to do is get so carried away at the start of your relationship that you actually scare him off. Take things slow.

For new relationships on Valentine's Day, keep the gift fairly non personal and inexpensive. That way it won't be as likely to intimidate or make him or her feel pressured.

Here are some ideas of gifts for a new boyfriend or girlfriend that should land in the middle; allowing him or her to see that things are going well, without making you look like you are coming on too strong:

1. Music is always a good gift. You can either buy him or her a CD or just get them a gift card so they can download some ringtones or music for their phone or MP3 player. Any type of gift lets someone know that you are thinking about them, but something like music isn't so ultra personal or romantic that it makes you seem like you're coming on too strong.
2. A ticket to a concert or sporting event he or she wanted to attend can be another great gift. An added benefit is that it is something you can do together. It's a two for one; you get to give your boyfriend or girlfriend a great gift, and the two of you get to spend time together creating memories.
3. A baseball cap or sports shirt from their favourite team, sports figure, book or video game. Maybe you could buy them a bottle of their favourite perfume or aftershave. Again, these items are not too personal or romantic but it lets them know that you pay attention and you are learning what they like. That is very flattering and he or she will be touched by the gesture.

These three suggestions may not work well with your new boyfriend or girlfriend, but hopefully it's enough to get you started thinking. Letting someone know that you care can be done in many different ways. You can tell them in words, show them with actions or show them with gifts. In most cases, doing a combination of all three is effective, just don't do them all at once, that can be suffocating.

Now that you know where to start, have fun with your partner on Valentine's Day!