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#### **Valentine's Day Magic** Fun and Unique Ideas for a Truly Memorable Valentine's Day!

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#### Introduction

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, make sure that this year is one that you will both remember. Make your loved one feel special and show your love and commitment by doing something different. Instead of giving the old favorites such as cards and chocolate, put in some real effort. It doesn't matter if this is your first Valentine's Day together or your 20th, it's the one day a year reserved for couples. It gives us a chance to slow down the pace of the daily grind and to focus our attention on the one person who means the world to us.



The origin of Valentine's Day is steeped in mystery but legend has it that Saint Valentine sent the first Valentine's card while locked away in prison after trying to help Christians escape the harsh Roman prisons. The valentine's card he sent out was to a young woman who just happened to be his jailer's daughter. She visited with him secretly during his confinement. Because they didn't have long to talk, he would hand her a small card with loving messages, and the beginning of what we now call "Valentine's Cards".

Saint Valentine sent his final card the morning of his execution with the scribbled words, "Forever in life and death, your Valentine".

Today, we celebrate Valentine's Day in a similar way, with the stores filled with your choice of heart filled delicacies, stuffed teddy bears, romantic poetry inked into the material of countless Valentine's cards that speak to the heart and represent our deepest emotions.

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This guide, "Valentine's Day Magic" was written for the romantic in all of us, and even if you don't think you have what it takes to pull off an incredible memorable Valentine's Day, you might be surprised at just how thoughtful you really can be once you're given a little direction. With these ideas, you will leave an everlasting impression in the mind and heart of your loved one.

From classic and traditional ideas that are always sure to win their hearts to unusual and creative ideas that will add a spark to your relationship, you will have everything you need to celebrate your love in a very special and unique way.

#### Breakfast (or Dinner) in Bed

One of the most traditional and classic ways of starting off a special Valentine's Day is to serve the love of your life breakfast in bed. Even if you both have busy schedules and full work days, you can treat your loved one to a special breakfast a little bit earlier than usual. You could also switch it up to dinner in bed, which can be even more romantic as you're both winding down from the day; the lights are low and soft music is playing in the background. Choose some comfortable (but sexy!) sleep wear, crawl into bed and share a romantic meal. Make sure that you set the right atmosphere with clean sheets, scented candles, light music and turn off the T.V or phones. You want a quiet and intimate dinner between the two of you.

What you eat isn't important, and you can adjust the menu based on your partner's personal preferences. Make sure it's their favorite meal, and make it last! Start off with finger food appetizers like fruits including strawberries, mangoes or raspberries. You can add biscuits, French bread or home made rolls into the mix (if you're up to the task!), accompanied with cheeses and perhaps a dip.



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> You could also twist things up and create a romantic picnic lunch by spreading a blanket on the floor. You could even rent out a hotel room for the night so that you're able to give your partner a change of scenery. Load a picnic basket up with your favorite goodies and make sure to set up a chilled bottle of wine or champagne. If you aren't sure what to purchase, consider a fruit medley wine such as strawberry wine. Consider packing in a dessert, either whipped cream and strawberries, cupcakes with sprinkles, Valentine's cookies, anything that really celebrates the mood and represents your special day.

After your dinner, offer your partner a massage with oils to complete this romantic excursion.

#### **Music of Your Heart**

Music plays a significant role in every romantic setting and what better way to show your love than by creating a compilation CD for your loved one with all of the songs that remind you of them.

With the accessibility of audio technology, you could record a special message at the



beginning or end of the CD that describes what they are about to hear or inject special messages in between songs that describe why that specific song reminds you of them and what they mean to you. Purchase printable CD covers from your local store and create a personalized cover for your CD. Add their name to it and the date and year, so that you can both remember the exact Valentine's Day in which it was given. You could even use the services of Kunaki.com for

this.

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The songs don't have to be just the regular old songs either. Create a more personalized version of your CD by including songs from movies you've watched together, or from your first date. What was the song that was playing on the radio when you had your first kiss? Your first dance? If you're married, include music from your wedding and/or from the birth of your children. Music is a part of all of our lives and it lives in the backdrop of our memories. Bring it to the forefront, show them you have been paying attention and give them a homemade gift that they will always remember. Consider slipping the CD in their car for a fun surprise and make sure to wrap it up in pretty red paper!

#### **Bubbly Intimacy**

Another great Valentines Day idea is to have a bubble bath waiting for your partner when they get home from work. Adorn the four corners of the tub with scented candles and place some massage oils in a gift basket to use after you have both bathed. Purchase bath oils that will provide a relaxing and silky bath. This is the stuff that dreams are made of, and it's not only easy but affordable to set up.

Consider leaving your partner to soak and relax while you escape to set up a delicious meal. There's nothing better after a warm and relaxing bath than a hearty meal to finish the night off. Make sure to warm up your partner's towel by throwing it in the dryer for a few minutes before he or she is ready to get out.

If it's later in the day, lead them into the bedroom where you have the traditional setting of flowers, chocolates, music and serenity, while you dance with them. All your partner wants on Valentine's Day is your attention, your acknowledgement, and of course, you. The best memories are always from the simple gestures of love and devotion, so don't over think it. Gaze deep into their eyes, giving them your full attention. Take your time with every little thing you do.



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If your partner prefers showers, you can spice it up just the same. Opt for a nice, candlelit shower with music, candles or incense. You can have a lot of fun with this and it will be a night to remember.

#### Messages in a Bottle

Messages in a bottle are a unique and novel way of sending a Valentine's Day message. You can purchase a message in a bottle on the internet if you do a Google search. If you are considering the previous romantic idea of an intimate bath together, you can always leave the message in the tub where they can playfully find it.

Planning out a romantic and memorable Valentine's Day doesn't have to be expensive or complicated. On this day above all others, it truly is the thought that counts.

#### Go Ahead, Rub It In



Another classic and romantic idea for Valentines Day is a sensual massage. To prepare, you will need to purchase massage oil or lotion, keeping in mind that your partner may prefer specific scents. The next step is to set up a massage "bed", which could be a flat tabletop or a padded exercise mat laid firmly on the ground. Place a warm blanket or thick towel on top of it to make it more comfortable.

Make sure to eliminate any noise and distractions, by turning off phones, cell phones and other mobile devices, shutting off the T.V and if you have children, call Grandma to baby-sit! This is a time meant for just the two of you and you want it to be as peaceful and

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> relaxing as possible. Also keep in mind that you want the temperature in the room to be comfortably warm. Place a few warm towels near the area as well so that you can wipe your hands, prop your partners head or body more comfortably and in case of spills.

Turn on some romantic music, based on your partner's personal preference. If they like jazz, play some! If they're a classical or country fan, load up a CD with their favorite music. Just keep it turned down. You want it to be in the background with your hands in the forefront. Work your way all over your partner's body, taking your time, as you want this to truly be a pleasurable experience for your partner, and for them to feel as though there is no hidden agenda. You are there to show them that they mean the world to you and that you want to make them feel relaxed. Consider adding fun props to the massage, including feathers, silk scarf or even a blindfold. Get creative and put your own signature mark on this special night.

#### **Get That Loving Feeling**

Today is the day to spoil your partner rotten. You want to start by following the classic traditions of showcasing your love on this very special day. Consider buying a stuffed animal and if your partner is a sports fan, try for a teddy bear wearing a jersey or t-shit with the team logo.

Buy something that your partner has wanted for a while but would likely never buy for themselves, such as a music CD, DVD, clothing, or anything else that is affordable and bound to be a hit. Don't forget the chocolates and a card and top it all off with a romantic dinner for two! If you're in the position to purchase tickets to a game, event or concert or anything else that takes them out on the town for a memorable date, do it!



You can keep the theme going by purchasing items with hearts

but ladies, please remember that you want him to be able to enjoy these items long after Valentine's Day so one pair of heart boxers or a small pack of heart shaped guitar picks is plenty!

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#### **Romantic Getaway**

For romantic getaways on Valentine's Day, make sure that you plan ahead. Depending on how far you want to travel, whether it's your local hotel or a getaway outside of town, you will want to make sure of availability and book your getaway as early on as possible. While Valentine's Day is primarily for couples, many towns have Valentine's Day events that will bring people into the city, so make sure that you make reservations early on. Your getaway can be as simple or as detailed as you make it. From a simple weekend getaway to the country with a quiet dinner, walk on the beach or tour of the surroundings, to a single night away from home where you are given the privacy and quietness that perhaps lacks at home (especially for you parents out there), you can plan out an affordable and memorable getaway adventure that is tailored towards the one you love.



Nothing beats a surprise adventure, and so you should try to plan and book it without your partner knowing. Then, moments before you are ready to whisk them away, tell them to pack a bag (or better yet, pack it for them if you can), and then head out for your private excursion.

There is much to be said about having an entire day alone together especially if heavy work schedules, kids or family life usually causes day

to day distraction. Hotels make for easy getaways as you'll be surrounded by restaurants, can order room service, rent a romantic movie for a quiet night in, or book your weekend at a hotel that provides live entertainment. You could also consider booking in at a casino, lodge or resort where you'll be able to have fun dancing and socializing while retreating back to your room for some alone time.

This private retreat will do wonders for your relationship, whether you've just starting dating or have been together for years.

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### **Special Presentation**

One of the most romantic things you can do for your partner on Valentine's Day doesn't involve expensive jewelry or anything that hurts the pocketbook. Instead, handcrafted cards or a scrapbook that showcases either a years worth of memories and events or perhaps if you've never considered creating anything like this before, you can include many years of memories from being together. Scrapbooking is a fun and heartfelt way of giving a special gift that is unique and creative. No one but your partner will ever receive the exact same scrapbook and as you add embellishments and personalize the book just for them, it will be evident that you put a lot of time and effort into creating it. Add photos of both of you as a couple and even candid photos of your partner that you've captured over the years, and if you are short on photos, this is the perfect time to start snapping some specifically for your secret creation. The scrapbook doesn't have to be that long, in fact, just 8-10 pages will do.

To fill it up, add in personalized poems, love notes, and perhaps even an extra surprise at the end of the book such as reservation tickets to your partner's favorite restaurant, or an event you can attend together. You could even go for luxury if you can afford it, and include tickets to a private weekend excursion.

Even without anything added to the scrapbook, just showing your partner that you care enough about them to take the time to collect images, to write notes and to put it all together in such a beautiful and cherished presentation will mean the world to them.



If you're short on time consider creating a handmade Valentine's Day card using scrapbook elements, trinkets and embellishments rather than an entire scrapbook album.

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#### **Advertise Your Love**

This idea isn't for everyone and if your partner is shy, you might just want to skip it! However, for those who want to go all out and truly profess their love in front of the world, there are many options available to you.

Consider calling the local radio station and planning out a public dedication to your partner. Just make sure to time it correctly so that they will definitely hear it! You may even consider taping it to offer as a keepsake.



Create a sign or banner that goes into your front yard or a magnetic strip that attaches to your car professing your words of love. This is a fun and playful way to show your partner that you want the whole world to know how much you love them!

Consider hiring a local plane to carry a banner over your home that carries your message of love. While this can be quite expensive, it's a rather classic idea that's been used for both proposals and special Valentine's Day romance.

Place a classified in your local newspaper that describes the love you feel for your partner. Make sure to keep a clipping, this one is certain to go into the photo books!

#### From the Heart to the Home

Decorate your partners house or apartment with an "I love you" theme using red and white streamers, helium balloons filled with bows and ribbons, a Valentines Day cake, cookies and other treats. Add love notes (even sticky notes will work) all over the place,

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red and white heart confetti, you name it - anything goes!

When your partner enters the room they'll see an instant splash of love, and if possible, there you'll be in the center of it all!

#### **Love Coupons**

If you're not sure what to get your partner this Valentines Day, let them decide! Create a love coupon book that entitles them to cashing in on many different favors. From back rubs to giving up the remote control for a night, you can easily customize an entire coupon book based on your partner's desires. This idea is not only affordable, but it comes straight from the heart, as every coupon will be based around spending quality time together.

You can design and print out your own love coupons for free at Romance Stuck.com.

#### **Melody in Love**

You don't have to be a great singer to deliver a love song to your partner! There are online services that offer to create a lavishly produced song for that special person in your life and one such place is <u>Giftsongs.com</u>. This company offers a unique opportunity to present your partner with a truly memorable gift, a song that is performed by your choice



of a male or female recording artist with your partners name injected throughout the song. It's truly a touching and beautiful way to show you care and it will be a gift that they will never forget.

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#### **Dancing the Night Away**

You don't have to go out dancing to be able to share an intimate moment together. Just turn the lights down low, turn on some romantic music and offer your partner your hand in a slow dance together. This is one of the most traditional ways to celebrate Valentine's Day yet it's often overlooked with so many people focusing on more elaborate plans. A good idea is to create your own compilation CD of slow songs that your partner loves and set it up in the CD player before the night begins. Set it on repeat so that you don't have to stop once you get going!

#### **Bring Back the Memories**

If you have a drive in theatre in your area, Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to turn back the hands of time and become nostalgic. Drive in theaters can be very romantic and during Valentine's Day weekend, it's likely that they will be running a romantic feature film, so call ahead and mark down the times that are available.



Pack a picnic lunch complete with a comfortable blanket, and prepare for an intimate night together. Watch the movie from the car or sit out for the picnic lunch and enjoy each other's company.

This is one of the easiest and most affordable Valentine's Day dates possible, and it will bring an old time flavor filled with memories.

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#### **Star Gazing Lovers**

If you are looking for an all-original gift idea for your partner on Valentine's Day, nothing is more romantic than claiming a star in the sky and naming it after them. Imagine being out under the stars for a romantic walk together and being able to pull out a full coordinate guide that reveals the star you have chosen to be named after your partner. It's their star! How many other people will ever give them such a unique and heartfelt gift in their lifetimes?

You can find out more at <u>Star Registry.com</u> where you will receive a full color parchment certificate personalized with the name of the star and coordinates so that you can both find it together, as well as an astronomy booklet.

#### **Treasure & Pleasure Hunt**

Treasure Hunts aren't just for kids at birthday parties; adults can certainly enjoy the thrill of the chase just as much!

Consider planning out an elaborate treasure hunt that leads your partner to each destination with love notes, offering simple clues as to what to do next. Start with giving your partner one little clue while offering "rewards" along the way. The messages could lead your partner to the "treasure" of a romantic picnic dinner followed by a sunset walk. You could also hand write messages and leave them around for your partner to find anywhere and everywhere so that



the entire day is filled with finding love notes from you.

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#### Conclusion

Valentine's Day is all about being with the one you love. The most important thing to remember is that just by honoring the love you share with heartfelt and meaningful expressions, you will make their day a very special one.



You don't have to spend a lot of money to celebrate your love together. Even a quiet evening at home filled with romantic movies, a delicious meal and your partner's favorite dessert can serve as an incredible night to remember.

It's easy to forget to take a moment to pause and show our partner that we really care, and that's what Valentine's Day is really all about. We're given a much needed reminder that we need to pay attention to the

things that truly give our lives meaning.

Here's wishing you a wonderfully unique and memorable Valentine's Day!