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6 Loving But Inexpensive Valentine's Gifts

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Want to celebrate Valentine's Day without going into debt? Think fun!



Some of the best gifts involve sharing time, along with a little thoughtfulness. And the memories last far longer than a dozen roses or a box of chocolates.

Below are 6 ways to express your love on February 14th - or any other day for that matter:

1) Time in a bottle

Give your hardworking spouse a full day to do whatever he or she wants - or just to relax - no interruptions allowed.

2) New adventures

Do something different. Go somewhere you've never been before, or "someplace you haven't been in a while that's special," says John Gray, author of "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus." For example, the site of your first date. When you vary your routine, "that's what creates the memory," he says.

3) Surprise, surprise

For guys who don't normally cook, their best attempt at a home-cooked meal can be a huge treat for their spouse, and doesn't have to cost anything. Or hide a note under your spouse's pillow the night before or little notes around the house on the day, telling them what they mean to you.

4) Culture up

Does your significant other delight in museums, foreign films or rare books? In most metro areas, you can find high-culture, low-dollar activities if you know where to look. (Start with the local paper, check online and you can even call the local library or cultural organizations for suggestions).

5) Creature comforts

It's always a good idea to focus on the creature comforts. Let your spouse sleep late and bring him or her coffee or orange juice and a simple breakfast in bed.

6) Be a friend

Know someone who's alone? Set aside some time to share a meal, go on an outing, or swap recipes and gossip. It can cost virtually nothing, and you'll likely gain a lot more than you give.

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