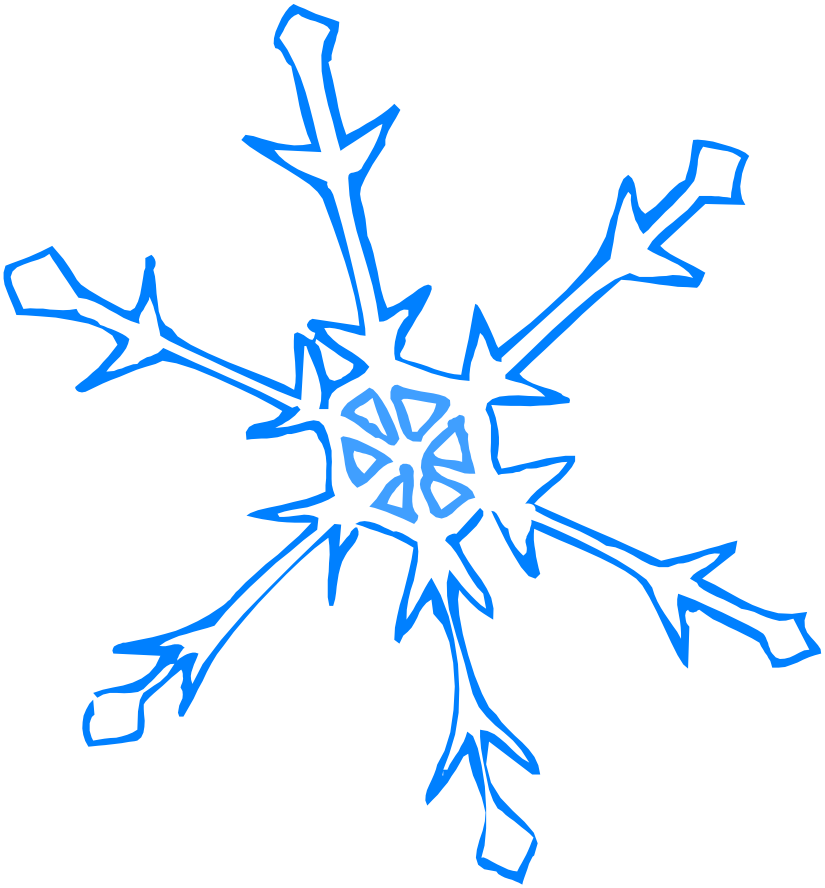
A Season of Christmas Romance



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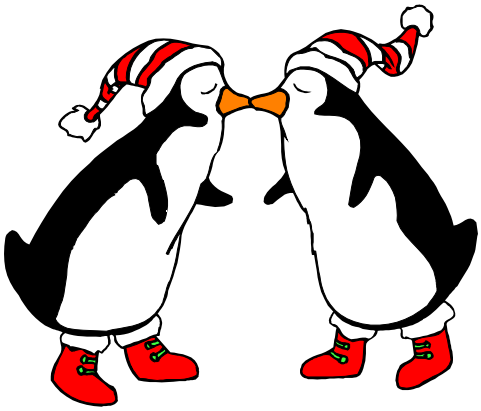
Hot Cocoa Mix

Serve a festive cup of hot cocoa to warm your bodies as well as your hearts! Tuck in a few chocolate mint candy canes or miniature marshmallows for an additional tasty surprise.



Makes 4 Cups

2 cups nonfat dry milk
½ cup mini semisweet chocolate chips
½ cup unsweetened cocoa
¾ cup sugar
½ cup powdered nondairy creamer
pinch of salt

Mix all ingredients together. Spoon 3 to 4 spoonfuls of mix into your mug, add boiling water and stir well.

Holiday Lore & Sayings

- Snow on Christmas means Easter will be green.
- Shout "Christmas Gift" to the first person knocking on your door on Christmas Day and expect to receive a gift from the visitor.
- To have good health throughout the next year, eat an apple on Christmas Eve.
- "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." *-Charles Dickens*
- "I have often thought, says Sir Roger, it happens very well that Christmas should fall in the Middle of winter." *-Joseph Addison (1672-1719)*
- "Christmas is the day that holds all time together." *-Alexander Smith*
- "At Christmas play and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year." *-Thomas Tusser "The Farmer's Daily Diet*
- "What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? Claustrophobic." *–Source Unknown*
- "There is no ideal Christmas; only the one Christmas you decide to make as a reflection of your values, desires, affections, traditions." *-Bill McKibben*

- "Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful." -*Norman Vincent Peale*

- "Somehow, not only for Christmas, But all the long year through, The joy that you give to others, Is the joy that comes back to you. And the more you spend in blessing, The poor and lonely and sad, The more of your heart's possessing, Returns to you glad." -*John Greenleaf Whittier*

- "Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." -*Hamilton Wright Mabi*

- "Christmas, children, is not a date. It is a state of mind." -*Mary Ellen Chase*

- "Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is being wreathed in smiles." -*Source Unknown*

My True Christmas Love

by Bob Slater

The snow falls deep, within my heart here today,

Not with sadness, but because it's Christmas day.

The snowflakes are indeed, like magical twinkles,

Glistening with the magic, of loves radiant sprinkles.

I can also hear sleigh bells, drawing really close by.

And visions of you riding Santa's sledge, my oh my.

He is bringing me you, what a radiant beautiful gift,

As this Christmas, in my Heart, thoughts of you sift.

There's also an angelic sweet choir, outside my door,

Hosted by our two hearts, singing love forever more.

Light Your Fire Mistletoe Kisses

Neck Kiss
Nibble the ear; kiss the earlobe. Trace the neck and jawbone. Tease with your lips. Pull away. Lightly kiss the mouth. Then press harder. Kiss more passionately. Then let your tongue touch theirs... You make your own from there. (submitted by Anon.)

Lip Savor
Gently kiss your lover's top OR bottom lip and then lick it before taking in the entire lip. (submitted by Anon.)

Gentle Kiss
Rub your finger across their lips and look up at them and tell them that you love them. Then go into little lip kisses. If you want to show them how passionate you can get, go to using your tongue. (submitted by Shannon)

Eye Kiss
Hold your partner’s head with both hands and slowly move their head in the direction you wish your kiss to go... then slowly kiss up towards your partner’s eyes and give them a tender kiss on top of their closed eyelids. (submitted by Breck Pribyl)

Cheek Kiss
Gently brush your cheek against your partner's cheek. Then slowly brush your partner's lips with your tongue a few times, teasing them. Then kiss your partner passionately. (submitted by dawn)

3 Kisses In One
First, start out with butterfly kisses (the ones where you brush your eyelashes next to each other). Then, move down to Eskimo kisses (rubbing your noses). Finally, do a real kiss. Touch your lips to their lips, gently at first, like butterfly kisses or Eskimo ones, but then get more passionate! (submitted by Anon.)

Sweet Whispers
Gently give little kisses on your love's ears. In between your kisses, whisper romantic thoughts to them. (submitted by Charlie)

Machine Gun Kiss
As quickly as possible, kiss your love as many times as you can in row. Preferably in different spots on their face. (submitted by Marie)

Open Eye Kiss
I know this may sound a bit simple, but I think many people forget to do this every so often. Next time you're kissing your significant other, open your eyes and look at each other. Just seeing the emotion and love in their eyes is enough to make anyone weak at the knees! (submitted by Tom B.)

Christmas In Your Heart

by Tomi Fratto

Does it seem that Christmas is just not the same,
That's it only about buying gifts?
How do we return peace and joy to our hearts,
The one place where the spirit exists?

Let your mind drift back to those days of wonder
That you experienced as a child,
The feeling of awe as lights transformed a tree
Into a jewel that held you beguiled.

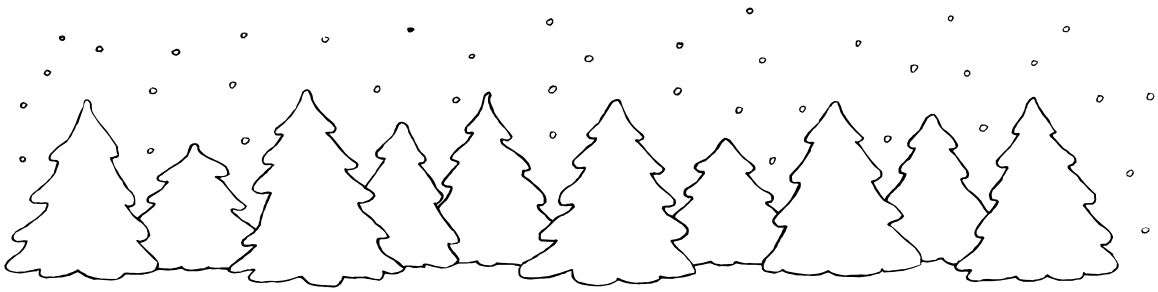
Snowflakes were a herald of fun on the way,
Down the hills your sled was soon racing.
A carrot-nosed snowman would appear beside
Angels made by arms and legs waving.

Hot chocolate and warm cookies waited inside,
Once you'd dusted the snow from your boots.
By cozy firelight, the family made garlands,
Stringing popcorn and red candied fruits.

Good night prayers were said with an eye to the sky,
As you listened for Santa's sleigh bells.
If you just stayed awake, you would see Rudolph
Bringing toys painted by busy elves.

You can find it, your own holiday essence,
Tucked away in soft, warm reveries.
Share it with others, your Spirit of Christmas,
And partake in some new memories.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a peaceful good night.



Christmas Love Coupons

Print these out and tuck them in your loved one's stocking or Christmas card!

good for a night of chocolates & love

redeemable anytime

good for one free christmas wish

redeemable anytime

good for one new sensual act of your choice

redeemable anytime

Stocking Stuffer Ideas

1. Travel size versions of products, like their favorite shampoos, different perfumes, make-up, etc. Most larger discount stores, like Wal-Mart, have an entire aisle devoted to travel size products.

2. Individually wrapped candy, cookies or other sweets.

3. From the electronics department, disposable cameras, video games, CD's or tapes, film, etc.

4. Lingerie is always fun, especially in Christmas prints. Who could resist a pair of "too hot to handle boxer's" for the man in their life?? And men, get your sweetheart something silky and red!

5. Love coupons are excellent stocking stuffers. Ideas include:
   -One free back rub
   -One free dinner from me
   -An hour of silence
   -One hour of uninterrupted computer play
   -An hour of listening time
   -One free strip dance
   -One purely sensual evening
   -One human whipped cream sundae
   -One night of champagne, music and us!
   -One stay up all night companion

6. It's hard to go wrong with jewelry. To avoid being taken too seriously, opt for earrings, bracelets, necklaces or watches.

7. Stationary is a different, yet fun gift - especially for long distance relationships.

8. For the artist, give paintbrushes, gift certificates, small doodle tablets, markers or pens, stamps, etc.

9. The computer lover should enjoy re-writeable CD's, a new mouse, blank disks, PC mic, a keyboard cleaning kit, or small quick reference guides.

10. A sentimentalist might like photos, picture frames, small memento boxes, love letters, a locket, tiny quote or poetry books or postcards.

11. The nature lover would enjoy seeds, natural soaps or beauty products, a gift certificate for a dozen roses or a small handy park trail guide.

12. If you're still not sure what to get, try giving a gift certificate. You don't have to give just one. Personally, I like to give three or four $10.00 certificates to various places like Blockbuster, a local movie theater, Starbucks, a bookstore, or a local candy shop.

Kiss Me Under The Christmas Tree

by Mark Melton

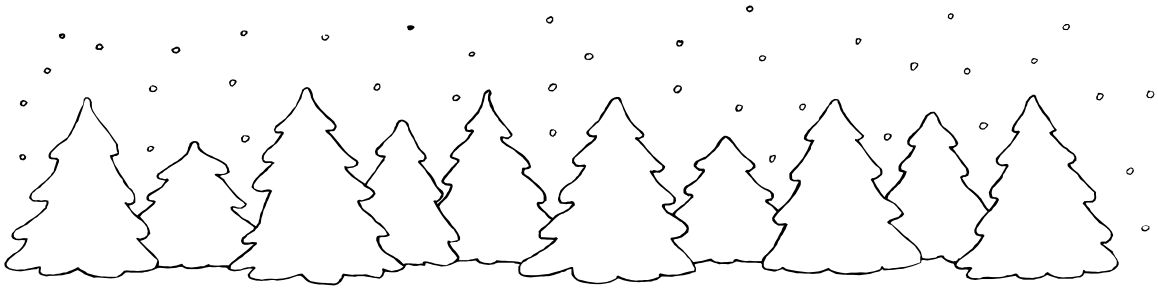
Kiss me
Under the Christmas tree
Tell me how I'm
Your one and only

Make the pretty lights
Twinkle in our eyes
Put your arms around
Me and hold me tight

Hear my heart beating
Inside my chest
See how I lose my thought
When my body you caress

Kiss me darling under the Christmas tree here
For I don't long for fancy gifts this year

All I want for Christmas
Is a love that's sure
You're everything I've wished for
And so much more!



Homemade From The Heart

101 Reasons Of Love Tree
Get a miniature or medium sized fake tree and a set of lights for it, as well as different colored paper and curling ribbon. String the lights around the tree. Draw 101 medium star shapes. Inside each star, write a reason why you love your partner. Cut out each star and place a hole on the top of it. Tie ribbon through the hole of each one and hang them on your tree.

12 Days Of Stockings
Get 12 mini-stockings. Write 12 letters, each describing a special memory about your relationship. Roll each letter and tie it with a ribbon or string. Place one letter in each stocking. You may want to include other items, such as candy or small gifts. Starting on the 12th day before Christmas, hide a stocking a day for your love to find.

Video Greeting
Using a video camera (if you don't have one, borrow a friend's or rent one), make a special Christmas greeting. You can also use this for presenting the beginning of a gift treasure hunt.

A Letter A Day
Decide how many days of letters you are going to send and decorate and address that many envelopes. For each day, find a Christmas love poem or song, or write a love letter, etc. Write or type them out on Christmas stationary. (Tip: Make your own stationary using stickers or drawings around the edges!) Stuff one item per envelope and begin sending them one a day to your love. For an extra romantic touch, include a love coupon to be redeemed the day they receive their letter!

Love Stationary
This is a great gift for long distance couples. Find pictures of the both of you together, or just you by yourself, and have stationary made out of them. This could include postcards, envelopes, letterheads, etc.

Calendar Of Love
Pick out 12 photos or draw 12 images (one for each month of the year). Then take them to Kinko's, or another similar place, and have them create a calendar for you. Once you get the calendar, buy a few packs of romance related stickers. On important dates, such as your anniversary, birthdays, holidays, etc. place stickers and write in what the occasion is. For a more personal touch, signify with small stickers, days of important sentimental value, such as your first kiss, when you met, etc. Then for fun, create a few days to be designated "your holiday." For example, Romantic Movie Marathon Day, 101 Kisses Day, International Love Day (say I love you only in different languages that day), etc. You may also want to make two calendars so you can keep one too!

Love Letter Bouquet
Buy a few silk flowers. Six should do well. On a piece of paper (preferably green), write a love letter that is double-spaced. When you are done, cut out each line so you have the letter in strips. Place a piece of tape at the edge of a strip and wrap it around the stem spiraling down. Tape the other edge down. Repeat this with all of your strips. You may have to remove leaves, or cut letter pieces shorter. When you

are done, get a gift box the size of the flowers, and tissue paper to wrap the flowers in. Place flowers in box. You might want to add a few wrapped chocolates as well.

You... For A Day!

When the top thing on your sweetheart's gift list is you, this idea is perfect! On a blank index card, make a love coupon good for "One perfect, romantic day with me! Starting... NOW!" Have the card laminated and place it inside a small gift box with tissue paper covering it. ONLY give this gift when you are able to fulfill the coupon immediately. Once they open it, immediately take them out to an activity you had planned, such as ice-skating, visiting a Christmas fair, a movie, etc. Take them out to see local Christmas light displays. Have fun and see how many displays you can see throughout your city. Then grab some hot chocolate or coffee and blankets and head to a secluded, scenic nightspot to cuddle and talk.

Sensual Night For Two Setting

The following idea is a setting for whatever you wish to use it for. You may want to create a winter picnic for two, or plan a sensual evening. First, you'll need quite a few white sheets that can be damaged. You can buy these pretty inexpensively at any discount store. Just make sure to wash them first so they are soft. You'll also need white Christmas lights, tea light candles and red rose petals from a florist. Before your evening of romance, lay out the white sheets across your bed and the entire floor so that it doesn't show. Then string lights in as many places as possible in the room, including on the floor. Sprinkle the rose petals over the bed and on the sheets on the floor. Be careful with these as they can stain. Then place the tea lights throughout the room. Right before you show your surprise, light the tea lights. You now have a winter wonderland setting to use however you wish!

A Timeless Treasure

Draw a picture that symbolizes your relationship. It doesn't matter if you think you can't draw. Whatever comes from the heart is all the matters. Just make sure it's big enough to frame. Once you're done, take the drawing to have it framed, matted and prepared to hang. When it's done, write a dedication on the back of the framed picture to your sweetheart.

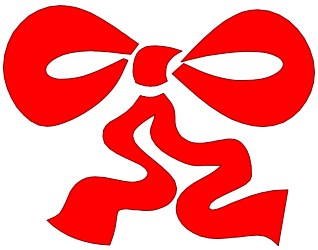
A Timeless Treasure Collage

Using the same idea above, instead of drawing a picture, you might want to create a memory collage. Glue old letters, cards, movie tickets, pressed flowers, etc. to a piece of canvas paper. Then have it framed using the above ideas.

Apple Pancakes

Give your love a Christmas morning breakfast in bed treat with these delicious "rise-and-shine" pancakes!

Ingredients
3 eggs, separated
3 tablespoons sour cream
1 apple, peeled and finely chopped
3 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon cinnamon



Preparations:
Separate eggs and add sour cream, apple, flour, baking powder and cinnamon to the yolks, stirring well. Beat egg whites until peaks form, and fold into yolk mixture. Cook on hot, lightly greased griddle until golden brown. Delicious served with a dollop of sour cream and maple syrup.

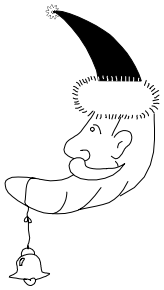
Makes 1 Batch.

Romantic Holiday Movies

- I'll Be Home For Christmas
- A Christmas Carol
- Beauty & The Beast: An Enchanted Christmas
- A Christmas Story
- It's A Wonderful Life
- Jingle All The Way
- The Santa Clause
- Scrooged
- While You Were Sleeping
- Jack Frost
- Miracle On 34th Street
- Little Women
- The Bishop's Wife
- White Christmas
- Funny Farm
- Nutcracker
- Michael
- Santa Clause
- You've Got Mail
- White Christmas
- An Affair To Remember
- It's a Wonderful Life
- Little Women
- Christmas In Connecticut
- National Lampoons Christmas Vacation

A Christmas Wish

by Jeanette Weaver



Christmas is near and we are apart,
But the love for you I hold in my heart.
A walk in the snow together again,
Your presence is here, it's on the wind.

Stars are twinkling, I remember your eyes,
The sparkle and shine as you gaze into mine.
Moonbeams extend to hold in the light,
All that's before me, including myself.

I close my eyes, I can feel your arms,
Reaching around me, holding me tight.
A breath of air blows past my ear,
Or was that a kiss from your sensuous lips.

A wish on a star, a prayer to God,
A letter to Santa, I want you here.
The only gift I cherish and crave,
Is you beside me on Christmas Eve.

I gaze out my window, it's nearly midnight,
Will my dreams come true, was I good enough?
A knock on my door, I pause, I gasp;
My heart is aflutter, could it be?

I hurry to open, what do I see?
A dream come true, cause you're here with me.

30 Days of Christmas Gifts

Why settle for just one gift, when you can delight your partner all month long for FREE! With these gift ideas it really is the thought that counts!

1. A back rub.
2. A self-composed love poem.
3. A single rose from your garden.
4. An assortment of wildflowers.
5. A web page dedication.
6. A love note.
7. A kiss.
8. A hug.
9. A whispered, "I love you!"
10. Breakfast in bed.
11. A love coupon.
12. A homemade card.
13. Sing a love song.
14. A day of pampering.
15. A romantic walk.
16. A dance.
17. A love journal.
18. Do a chore for your partner.
19. Read your partner a book or poem.
20. A virtual card.
21. A love dedication.
22. A piece of clothing scented with your cologne or perfume.
23. Something sentimental to you.
24. A drawing.
25. An hour of listening.
26. A night under the stars.
27. An intimate encounter.
28. An hour of doing whatever they want.
29. A romantic bath.
30. A movie for two by candlelight.

Homemade Felt Greeting Cards

Create a quick and elegant greeting card with a personalized touch with these ideas!

What You'll Need
-various pieces of felt in different colors
-cardstock or pre-cut blank cards
-envelopes that fit your card sizes
-glue or heavy duty craft glue stick
-scissors
-patterns or cookie cutters (if desired)
-pen or fabric pencil
-thin tipped markers

How To Make The Cards
Draw simple designs onto the felt such as a Christmas tree, candy cane, snowman, wreath or stars. Cut out shapes and glue onto cards. Layering your felt pieces creates a nice visual effect as well. Write your holiday message on the front or inside of card with markers.

Holiday Greeting Ideas
Seasons Greetings
'Tis the season!
Wishing you warm holiday blessings!
Happy Holidays
Love ~ Peace ~ Joy
Bright Blessings
May your holiday season be filled with joy and happiness!

Chocolate Covered Strawberries

Share a blissful holiday evening with the one you love by the glow of the firelight while hand-feeding your partner these delectable treats.

Ingredients
5 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
1 pint fresh strawberries with leaves

Preparations:
In a microwave safe bowl, or in the top of a double boiler over simmering water, cook chocolate until melted. Stir occasionally until chocolate is smooth. Holding berries by the stem, dip each in chocolate about three-quarters of the way to the stem. Place, stem side down, on wire rack and chill in refrigerator until hardened.

Give The Gift of Massage

Beauty and love can be shown in many ways, but none quite as personal and loving as a massage. There are many benefits to massage. In some instances, a massage can lead to better communication and understanding with your partner. Other times, it's just the knowledge that someone is devoting their time to making you feel incredible that makes it extra special. Massage has been said to be a dance of love with your fingertips. Correctly administered, it can be one of the most intensely sensual moments you can share with your partner. This is not too surprising considering the skin is the largest sensory organ in your body! For your next gift, do something unique. Why not give a gift of massage?

Massage Ingredients

You'll need some type of oil or lotion to keep your hands running smoothly across their skin. Massage oils and lotions allow for more freedom in your movement and your ability to give a deeper massage without hurting your partner. Fragrant oils are fine, but keep in mind your partner's sensitivity to smells or skin irritations. Also, check to see if they are allergic to any kind of oil or lotion. If you'd rather not use the oils or lotions, try cornstarch. It truly works wonderfully. :)
Next, you'll need to decide on a location. Obviously not everyone will have access to a massage table, so you will need to create the next best thing!

You Will Need:

*a willing recipient
*a quite place
*a warm place
*oil or lotion
*a towel
*a padded area
*gentle music
*props

A sturdy tabletop padded with foam or blankets works great. Otherwise, try a padded floor, or for the more adventurous, a large towel on the beach or secluded park. If you plan on doing the massage outside, take precautions against insects, excessive heat or coldness, and above all else...privacy! Wherever the massage is to take place, make sure there are no distractions! This means unplug the phone and arrange for no one else to be in the house, including children. Also, you'll need to ensure you have easy and comfortable access to both the right and left sides of your partner's body, and that the temperature is comfortable. If need be, cover the areas of the body you're not working on with a light, comfortable blanket or use a portable heater.

You'll also need a towel or two to wipe your hands or your partner. A towel can also come in very handy in the case of a spill. :)

For your covering cloth, make sure to select something that is OK to be oiled. A sheet works perfectly.

The most enticing part of a massage can often be the atmosphere in which it is presented. If quality time is spent on setting the mood, you both will reap the rewards! Play some soft relaxing classical, jazz or "mood" music in the background. Basically, you'll want anything that doesn't have harsh rhythms or words. Candlelight, incense and flowers are wonderful mood setters as well. Try to make the setting evoke a feeling of sensuality and comfort. Take some time and make sure you have plenty of pillows and comfortable blankets. Consider it your temple of love.

Props are a wonderful addition to any massage. Anything that is soft to the touch, but not too light as to tickle is wonderful. Feathers, a silk scarf, flowers, flannel strips are few things that work beautifully. If using a feather, make sure not to do it too lightly. :) If you decide to use props, keep them within an easy reach.

Massage Tips:

Before starting, make sure your partner is comfortable and doesn't need anything. For example, they don't have to go to the restroom, aren't hungry, etc...

To start, you might want to give a simple back rub or a head massage (an often overlooked sensual area). This will get you and your partner into communication with each other, as well as let your partner get used to your touch. Once you're both ready, have your partner lie down on their stomach. Straddle your partner's body (a leg on each side) and begin to let your fingers stroke lightly, starting from the neck down. Each stroke should begin from the spine and roll off the sides of your partner's body. Remember that continuous movement is the key. Always try to keep even pressure between each hand.

When you place or remove your hands, use a glide on, glide off style of touching. Glide on in the direction your hands will be moving on or off the body. Maintain a continuous flow while massaging. Make your movements blend together, each one enhancing the preceding one and preparing for the next. Your strokes should be fluid, never jerky. Always take your hands around or out of the body rather then stopping in mid-flow.

Keep the massage varied. Often change the tempo, rhythm and pressure. While the point is to relax your partner, you don't want them to fall asleep! :)

If you're unsure of how much pressure to give, lighter is usually better. Although, it is best to go by what your partner prefers. Also, if there are two of something, massage them both equally (i.e. both legs, both arms, etc.).

Make sure your recipient is enjoying what you are doing. You can usually tell, but if you're not sure, don't hesitate to ask them.

All I Want For Christmas

by Kristi

I've decided that all I want this year
When Christmas comes around,
Is something very simple
To keep my feet upon this ground.

It wont cost you money
Or make you search afar,
You won't have to buy a thing
Or reach beyond the stars.

I've come to realize this time
That all I need this year,
Won't cost you a pretty penny
Or anything you might hold dear.

All I really want or need
Is to have you here with me,
Not have you with someone else
Not cast me out to sea.

I need your love to be here
Along with your heart and soul,
I hope that's not too much to ask for
To have your body whole.

Oh please my love try very hard
To make my dream come true,
See, all I really need this year
Is just a fuzzy red ribbon and you.

On A Warm Winter's Night

Winter nights all but call to couple's to spend more quality time together. This season, answer this call by getting to know each other better with these enlightening questions for couples. You may be surprised at what you find out!

What is your favorite… food, TV Show, song, movie, color, hobby, book, web site, drink, store…?

What animal resembles you most and why?

If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?

Your idea of a dream date is?

If you could go back and change one thing in your past, what would it be?

If you were granted three wishes, what would you wish for?

If you won the lottery, how would you spend the money?

What Disney character do you most resemble and why?

What do you want to accomplish during your life?

If you could break one habit forever right now, what would it be?

If you could have one magical power, what would it be and why?

What do you think true love is?

Do you believe in soul mates?

Do you believe in love at first sight?

Do you believe fate plays a hand in finding love?

What is your idea of romance?

What do you consider to be romantic?

Do you think romance is an important part of a relationship? Why?

Do you think friends make better lovers?

What have you learned about love from other people?

Do you think that true love can conquer all?

A man is a better lover because...?

A woman is a better lover because...?

A man would make a better world leader because...?

A woman would make a better world leader because...?

A man's greatest fear is...?

A woman's greatest fear is...?

All men like to hear...

All women like to hear...

The best thing about being a man is...

The best thing about being a woman is...

What was the most significant thing about your first kiss with your partner?

When did you know you were in love?

What was the most flattering thing your partner has ever said to you?

Did you do anything to try and "get" your partner before you were together?

You love it when your partner does...

You love it when your partner calls you...

The most romantic thing your partner has ever done was...

The most memorable moment spent with your partner was...

What are the three best things about your partner?

What is the best thing about being with your partner?

Should couples live together before marriage?

Honesty is always the best policy, even if it hurts?

Marriage is forever?

What is the most important part of a relationship?

Heavenly Brownies

Don't leave Santa the usual cookies, treat him to this heavenly dessert instead!

Ingredients
¾ cup flour
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon kosher salt
1/3 cup unsalted butter
1 ¼ cups sugar
2 tablespoons water
12 ounces chocolate chips
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
½ cup finely chopped toasted blanched almonds

Preparations:
Combine flour, baking soda and salt in a small bowl and set aside. In a saucepan, bring butter, sugar and water just to a boil. Remove from heat and add 6 oz. of chocolate chip morsels and vanilla. Stir until smooth. Place chocolate mixture into a mixing bowl. Add eggs one at a time and beat well after each egg. Blend in flour mixture. Stir in remaining chocolate chip morsels and the chopped almonds. Spread into a 9" square baking pan, and bake for 30 minutes in a 325 degree oven. Cool and cut into squares.

Makes 16 Servings.

Homemade Stockings

Wrap your love's present in a cute stocking made just for them! It's even simpler than you can imagine when you start with a plain pre-made stocking!

What You'll Need
-pieces of felt
-buttons
-thread and yarn
-embroidery thread
-iron-on transfers
-beads
-fabric paint

How To Make The Stockings
Depending on which materials you obtained above, you'll want to start off by placing or drawing a sample of what you want your finished stocking to look like. You may want to iron-on a picture of yourself. If so, follow the directions on the packaging of your transfer material. You may want to thread your partner's name or other message with yarn or embroidery thread. You can also use fabric paint to draw designs on the stocking. For a more festive touch sew beads, buttons or bells to the stocking. Cut out pieces of felt and glue onto the stocking to make more elaborate designs.

Customized Gift Ideas

When you want to give your partner something original, give them something you can customize! Below are a few ideas for gifts with that "personal" touch!

1. **Personalized calendar**
   Select 12 images of yourself or each other to use for the months.

2. **Personalized cologne or perfume**
   You can create personalized perfume at some beauty shops. By doing a quick search online you can also find a scent based on your partner's interests, such as their astrological sign, dolphins, peaches and more.

3. **Customized Stationary**
   A perfect gift for long distance lovers, customized stationary will remind you to write and help keep your lover on your mind! To create stationary, use a word processing program with a letterhead template.

4. **Love Tape/CD**
   Let your love know exactly how you feel by creating a romantic tape/CD containing passionate songs that tell the story of your love for each other.

5. **Custom Fortune Cookies**
   Make your own fortune cookies with your own customized fortunes!

6. **Personalized Romance Novel**
   Show your partner they are the man or woman of your dreams with a personalized romance novel. In many cases you choose the major settings, events, names and descriptions of the characters.

7. **Engraved Jewelry**
   You don't have to say, "I do." to give jewelry! Get your love a ring or chain with a loving inscription engraved on it.

8. **Monogrammed Robe**
   Remind your partner of your warm hugs with a monogrammed robe.

9. **Autographed Items**
   If your partner is a big fan of a group or particular person, try and find them an autographed collectible!

10. **Personalized Pillowcases**
    Personalized pillowcases are perfect for long distance lovers or as a gentle reminder of your affection. Create a design on your computer and print it out on printable iron-on transfer paper. You can usually purchase these at an office supply store. Follow the directions on the package for transfer information.

Christmas Eve

by Brittanie

On window panes the icy frost

Leaves feathered patterns crissed and crossed

But in our house the Christmas tree

Is decorated quite festively

With tiny dots of colored light

That cozy up this winter night

Christmas songs, familiar, slow

Play softly on the radio

Pops and hisses from the fire

Whistle with the bells and choir

My love is now asleep

On his back and dreaming deep

When the fire makes him hot

He turns to warm whatever's not

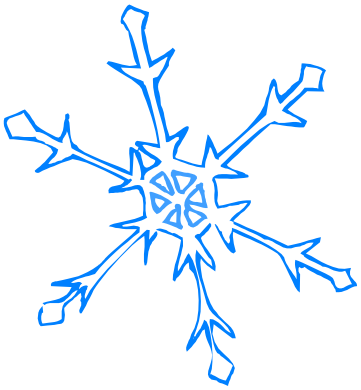
Propped against him on the rug

I give him a gentle hug

Tomorrow is what I'm waiting for

But for right now,

I can wait a little more



Holiday Printables & Stationary

Use these printables to add a festive flair to your gift giving! Or, write a love letter on our stationary and leave it under your partner's pillow for them to find!

THE ROMANTIC *ESSENTIALS*

what every romantic couple should have

Candles, matches, lingerie, massage oil, romantic "mood" music, a few romantic movies, babysitter list, champagne glasses, personal list of favorite places to visit together, list of restaurants that deliver in your area, camera, photo album and each other.

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Romantic Solutions For Busy Couples

Go to bed together a half-hour earlier than normal to allow yourselves some undisturbed and intimate time to talk and catch up on things.

During weeks when you feel you haven't had enough time with each other, send a bouquet of flowers or other gift to their work, home or school.

When you greet each other after work or school, take a few minutes to share a cup of coffee (or drink of choice) and tell each other about your day.

Schedule a time each week for you to spend at least two hours alone with each other. As ridiculous as this may seem, by doing this it becomes something you'll both look forward to.

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A great partner is...

- Someone who knows what you need before you say it.
- Someone who truly listens when you have something to say.
- Someone who is interested in reality and not a display.
- Someone you can trust like a sibling, confide in like a friend but most of all, love as the great lover they are.
- Someone who tells you the truth even if you don't want to hear it.
- Someone, who knows you're not perfect, but treats you as though you are.
- Someone who listens with their heart and is your source of inspiration.

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Christmas.com
http://www.christmas.com/

Not Just For Kids Christmas
http://www.night.net/christmas/fun12.html-ssi

Christmas Around The World
http://www.santas.net/aroundtheworld.htm

Reader's Digest Holiday Guide
http://www.rd.com/splash_holiday.jhtml

Will There Be A White Christmas?
http://www.stormfax.com/whtexmas.htm

Sidewalk Santa
http://www.sidewalksanta.org/

Virtual Stocking Stuffers
http://www.usacitylink.com/xmas/stocking.html

Claus.com
http://www.claus.com

Santa.com
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Ancient Origins Of The Holidays
http://www.candlegrove.com/

NORAD Santa Tracker
http://www.noradsanta.org/