

MARRIAGE MAGIC

things that make your marriage work

Kissing Tree

The two of you find a special tree in your yard to have as your very own kissing tree. Carve your initials into it, duck behind it to steal kisses from each other, and, if possible, climb up it. The two of you perch on a limb and make out like a couple of love birds.

Tommi Edmore, 365 WAYS TO KISS YOUR LOVE, The Summit Group

A Super easy Love Booster

Studies show that simply looking at photos of happy moments makes you feel warm and fuzzy all over again. You can totally use this to your advantage in your relationship by taking more photos of you and your honey having fun together and printing out copies (instead of letting them virtually rot in an ipso folder). When you hand the snapshot to your honey, talk about what a great time you were having, which helps reinforce the pleasant memory.

Alan Brown, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at Southern Methodist University

Magic Dates

I am newly married, and one thing my husband does that I adore is every Friday we go on a "date." He will take me to the movies or out to eat at a restaurant that we have never been to. We do something new and different every weekend. I always look forward to coming home after work on Friday and finding out what we are doing that evening. It makes me fall in love with him more and more.

He Loves Me!

- Philip delivers flowers to me at work.
- He leaves notes on the bed, in a drawer, or anywhere else, especially when he's going out of town. I leave them propped up in the bathroom to look at while he's gone.
- Philip simply admires me "just the way I am." I believe him when he tells me this. I love to hear the attributes that Philip admires in me. It gives me confidence.
- He takes me to the lake or park – just the two of us on a workday when fewer people are around and we can enjoy each other's company more privately. We're away from the phone and TV when we go to the lake or park.
- Philip comes to my school during my lunch break and eats lunch in my classroom with me. That's fun and romantic!
- Sometimes we spend the night in a hotel in our own town and order pizza. We are able to swim, spend time together, and get away from the telephone. He arranges for us to take a bath together with candles glowing.
- Philip takes me on dates and doesn't tell me where we're going. He always takes me somewhere I like to go.

Debra White Smith & Daniel W. Smith, ROMANCING YOUR WIFE, Harvest House Publishers

Love Words

Love makes a woman stronger and a man gentler. Women grow more confident and bold while men grow more sensitive and controlled.

Dianna Booker, LOVE NOTES, Word Publishing

It's You

This from a scene in the movie *Don Juan DeMarco*.

Jack, who's been married for at least 40 years, takes his wife to a special dinner, with flowers, diamond earrings, a serenade and more...

His wife says, "Oh, Jack, what's the occasion?"

He replies, "You're the occasion."