

VALENTINE'S DAY



Jewelry is a common gift for Valentine's Day. Customers should know before they buy to get the best value.

Jewelry buyers' guide

You can't buy love, but on Valentine's Day those in love certainly like to treat the special people in their lives to some lavish tokens of affection. According to the National Retail Federation's Valentine's Day Consumer Spending Survey, Americans spend an estimated \$19 billion on gifts, flowers, dinners, and more come Valentine's Day.

In addition to chocolates and flowers, jewelry is a popular Valentine's Day gift. Since jewelry is often a personal taste, much like a fragrance, it can be challenging to find the perfect item. With so many different styles, colors and pieces, it's no surprise that so many jewelry shoppers feel overwhelmed. Some expert advice can make the process go more smoothly and ensure you're getting the best value for your money.

The Federal Trade Commission suggests thinking before you shop. Since jewelry is a major purchase, shoppers should first establish a budget. Consider the gift recipient's style and look at other jewelry he or she wears. The more informed you are before visiting the jewelry stores, the easier it will be to find a piece he or she will like and one that you can afford.

Take the time to become educated about diamonds and other gemstones. Diamonds' value is based on four criteria: color, cut, clarity, and carat (often referred to as 'The 4 Cs'). Color ranges from the diamond being nearly white to graded down to yellow. The cut is the way the stone is fashioned. Clarity informs consumers if the stone is flawless or has specs or scratches inside of it. Carat refers to the weight of the diamond.

Diamonds and gemstones can form naturally or be manufactured in laboratories. Lab-created gemstones may look like natural gemstones but be of lesser value.

Shop around and get referrals for reputable jewelry stores. You can consult the Better Business Bureau to see if any complaints have been lodged about a

particular store. Many consumers are most comfortable purchasing jewelry made in-store so they can verify the merchandise and retailer.

Check for the appropriate markings on gold, silver and platinum jewelry that indicate their authenticity. Make sure the jeweler will include certification or a grading report with the jewelry and your receipt.

No matter how much research you do, realize that there's a chance the jewelry you purchase will not prove the perfect fit. So make sure you understand the store's return policy and if there is a charge to have rings or other items resized.

Jewelry is a classic Valentine's Day gift. With the right approach, shoppers can make the process of buying jewelry a lot less intimidating.

1001 ways to say 'I love you'

On this special day of love, both for sweethearts and for friends and family, saying "I love you" is a must. Repeating those same three little words on a daily basis can make them lose their shine, so it's up to us to restore the luster they deserve.

Show it!

What could be better for expressing our feelings than to put them down on paper, such as by writing a poem, for example? Now that's a demonstration of love that is bound to touch your loved one. Why not offer a bouquet of favorite flowers, a box of luxurious chocolates, or anything else that will make your loved one say "You shouldn't have—but I love it!"

Share it!

Another way of expressing your feelings is to spend some quality time with your loved one. A few sugges-



tions: sharing a romantic dinner for two at your favorite restaurant; concocting a meal together, accompanied by some gentle much-loved music; sharing the pleasure of a massage together; stretching out side-by-side in a whirlpool bath; going to the movies or cuddling up on the couch while watching one at home; going away for a lovers' weekend; or flying to a romantic destination.

Say it in a different language!

Impress your soul mate by whispering words of love in a different language. Here are a few ways to say "I love you" other than in English: Je t'aime (French); Ich liebe dich (German); Te quiero (Spanish); Ti amo (Italian); Ik hou van jou (Dutch); Minä rakastan sinua (Finnish); Jag älskar dig (Swedish).

Have a happy Valentine's Day!

Valentine's numbers certainly add up

Valentine's Day is eagerly anticipated, and each year couples race to make their dinner reservations or surprise their sweethearts with heartfelt gifts.

According to Forbes, Americans take Valentine's Day quite seriously, spending an average of \$142.30 on gifts. Men tend to spend twice as much as women.

In 2015, consumers in the United States spent \$19 billion on Valentine's Day gifts and other surprises. The Retail Council of Canada says Canadians tend to spend much less than their neighbors to the south. The average Canadian

household spends roughly \$37 on gifts for the special someone in their lives.

Here's a look at some additional interesting Valentine's figures, courtesy of Forbes, CNN and History.com.

- Sixty-two percent of adults say they celebrate Valentine's Day.

- Roses are popular gifts, with 51 percent of people buying red roses for the holiday.

- Individuals will spend \$1.6 billion on candy, with roughly \$448 million spent the week before.

- Valentine's Day cards are in abundance, with 150

million being exchanged each February 14th.

- Thirty-eight percent of Valentine's Day consumers plan to buy flowers for the holiday.

- Valentine's Day isn't just for couples. While 91 percent of gifts purchased are for a significant other, family members, friends, classmates, and even pets get their share of gifts, too.

- Surprisingly, mixed flower arrangements edge out red roses as the top flower shop pick.

- While many are buying cards, about 30 percent will opt for a romantic text message.

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## Looking for the perfect flower choice

Valentine's Day is a great day for florists. According to the National Retail Federation, Valentine's Day is the No. 1 holiday for florists, as 40 percent of the holidays dollar volume goes toward the purchase of fresh flowers.

Red roses make for popular Valentine's gifts. Red is a symbol of love and passion, and red roses have become synonymous with Valentine's Day. Come February 14, more than half of men and women will shop for red roses, followed by roses of other colors, such as pink, white and mixed colored bouquets. Roses are a fail-safe choice, and many men tend to feel comfortable purchasing roses. That isn't to say other flowers do not make great gifts. A bouquet or vase full of any

of the following types of flowers can be unexpected and unique.

**Orchids:** Orchids have traditionally been associated with love and beauty. Since orchids look exotic and come in various colors with bold scents, they make a romantic Valentine's Day gift. Delicate and alluring, orchids are pretty robust plants that grow all over the world. Cut orchids may even last longer than roses.

**French Tulips:** French tulips are much larger than typical tulips, so they can look impressive in a floral



arrangement. What's more, French tulip stems continue to grow in the water even after being cut, according to floral industry experts. The stems may twist together in vases, providing something new to see each day.

**Hydrangeas:** These big, dense balls of flowers are the pom-poms of the floral world. Thanks to the wide array of colors and impressive number of blooms on each plant, they can result in more budget-friendly bouquets than roses and still provide some eye-catching colors.

**Gerbera Daisies:** One can't help but smile at these large and vividly colored blooms. They quickly fill up a vase and can look so pristine a person may actually think they're silk. A bouquet of deep pinks can be a thoughtful Valentine's Day offering.

**Mixed bouquets:** Mixed bouquets enable shoppers to put together several different flowers and get the most bang for their buck. For a cohesive look, ask the florist to stick to one specific color. Purple flowers look regal and may be even more impactful than red roses.

Flowers will always be popular on Valentine's Day, but celebrants need not feel tethered to roses when giving their significant others flowers.



## TEST YOUR LOVE KNOWLEDGE

Test your knowledge of all things related to the day of love.

1. How many martyred saints are believed to be named St. Valentine?

- a. 12
- b. 14
- c. 7
- d. 16

2. Ancient Egyptians used to mummify people with this organ intact because they believed it was the only part of the body necessary for the trip through eternity.

- a. heart
- b. liver
- c. lung
- d. eye

3. This February holiday was originally observed on February 14th.

- a. Lincoln's birthday
- b. Washington's birthday
- c. Mardi Gras
- d. Groundhog Day

4. Which confectionary company produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800s?

- a. Hershey
- b. Nestle
- c. Cadbury
- d. Mars

5. Approximately 110 million of these will be sold and delivered within the three days surrounding Valentine's Day.

- a. chocolates
- b. roses
- c. cards
- d. emails

6. Who receives the most Valentine's Day cards?

- a. teachers
- b. wives
- c. mothers
- d. children

7. This Italian city was where Romeo and Juliet lived in Shakespeare's tale.

- a. Rome
- b. Naples
- c. Tuscany

8. In what year did Hallmark launch its first Valentine's Day product?

- a. 1913
- b. 1915
- c. 1917
- d. 1919

9. Which Roman goddess was known as the goddess of love?

- a. Vesta
- b. Juno
- c. Venus
- d. Diana

10. Which monument was given as the ultimate gift of love?

- a. Egyptian pyramids
- b. Taj Mahal
- c. Eiffel Tower
- d. Palace of Versailles

11. Which of the following birds DO NOT mate for life?

- a. Dove
- b. Bald Eagle
- c. Cardinal
- d. California Condor

12. What letter has become the symbol for a "kiss"?

- a. X
- b. O
- c. K
- d. Y

13. This confection is made from sugar or honey and almond meal.

- a. fondant
- b. chocolate
- c. caramel
- d. marzipan

14. Some people believe Valentine's Day was created to supercede this Roman pagan holiday.

- a. Sementivae
- b. Floralia
- c. Lupercalia
- d. Vestalia TF142928

**Answers: 1. b 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b 11. c 12. a 13. d 14. c**

## Frugal ways to celebrate Valentine's Day

A day set aside to shower a loved one with gifts and touching words of affection, Valentine's Day brightens the often gloomy month of February. Established centuries ago with origins shrouded in mystery, Valentine's Day has evolved into one of the most popular N and expensive N days of the year. Many couples celebrate Valentine's Day with cards, gifts and nights out on the town, and such celebrations can stretch budgets.

Coming on the heels of post-holiday bills, Valentine's Day can feel like a costly prospect. Yet, even those on a budget can enjoy a special day to remember without breaking the bank. The following are several frugal ways to enjoy Valentine's Day.

- Create your own greeting card. It can be challenging to find cards that offer just the right sentiments. Sometimes cards seem distant, too risqué or overly sentimental. Instead, create your own card. Find a decorative blank card or make one from card stock. Search through your digital photos and print one of the two of you together. Glue on a paper heart border, and then jot down some affectionate sentiments.

- Cleverly wrap favorite chocolate. Chocolate is synonymous with Valentine's Day, and it's easy to spend a lot on gourmet chocolates without even knowing if your valentine will like what's inside the box. Stick to what you know he or she likes, even

if it's a simple chocolate bar from a convenience store. Buy a few and then wrap them in a fancy box with ribbon.

- Go out for a small bite to eat. If you're concerned about the cost of an expensive dinner out or anticipate being restricted to a certain menu, plan to dine at home. You can opt to go out for cocktails prior or head to a cafe for dessert and cappuccino afterward. This way you'll still get the experience of going out without being forced to overspend.

- Purchase a rosebush. Bouquets of roses are traditional gifts for Valentine's Day. However, thanks to the increased demand, the cost of roses tends to increase as Valentine's Day draws nearer. If you want to

save money but still give roses, buy a plant that blooms each year. Buy a rosebush and plan to put it in the garden come spring when all danger of frost is gone.

- Turn older jewelry new again. Diamonds and other jewelry can be costly. If a new piece simply isn't in the budget, consider repurposing an older piece of jewelry that isn't worn as often. It's amazing what a new setting on a ring can look like or how stones on a seldom-used necklace can be turned into fashionable stud earrings. If you have a good amount of mismatched gold jewelry lying around, you may be able to sell it or have it melted down and turned into a beautiful new creation.

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# Celebrating the day of love as a family

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### Fly away love birds

The couple is the cornerstone on which the family is built. Before giving up all your quality time for family cocooning, don't forget the importance of

maintaining a strong relationship and making the most of every possible occasion to put some romance into your daily lives.

Making a special effort to spend time together on or around Valentine's Day is a must. Organize a babysitter for the children and plan to take a break from your usual routine. Make the love of your life happy without forgetting about yourself. If the weather allows, go skating arm in arm.

Treat yourselves to massages, a good bottle of wine, and a merry time. Close your eyes and for just a few hours imagine there's only the two of you ...

### Celebrate with your little cherubs

Children love celebrations. At home or at school, arts and crafts are often the expression of the love and creativity of our little ones, who adore the symbols of love: bright red hearts, cupids, and arrows. Add

even more excitement to the occasion by including the children in the preparation of a surprise meal for your soul mate. They'll love to add their very own touch to salads, mix up a festive macaroni, or prepare an irresistible chocolate fondue.

In other words, experience Valentine's Day not once, but twice! What a great thought for all those hearts overflowing with love.



## Mature love is still love!

Couples who have spent more than a few Valentine's Days together needn't feel that celebrating February 14 is a redundant, meaningless routine. This day of love deserves to be thought of as an important moment in the life of every couple, a mythical date to recall and celebrate the love they feel for each other.

Yes, it is still important to spend time together and highlight the event with a small gift or some tender written words. Showing your partner that you are thinking of him or her is what is most important, and giving a gift is often the easiest way to do that.

However, a gift doesn't have to cost a lot of money. A handwritten letter, a framed photograph, a small heart-shaped decora-

tion, an "I love you" written on the bathroom mirror for your loved to see in the morning: these are just a few of the gestures that can demonstrate your love and the importance you give your partner in your life.

You might decide to treat yourselves to a shared gift rather than two separate ones. You'll have to decide together on what would please both of you, whether it's a designer item to enhance your home, a new kitchen accessory, or a romantic evening out.

You might even want to treat yourselves to a night at a hotel or a country inn, even if it's close to home. The change of scenery will add a touch of excitement to your evening and bring you closer together.



## Beating the blues: A survival guide for singles

Valentine's Day is a celebration of love but what if you haven't had anyone in your life for years? You might be very happy to be single, but as February 14 approaches you feel a little lump in your throat. You don't want to admit it, but you kind of wish you could participate in this celebration of love, just like everyone else. To avoid feel-

ing down on Valentine's Day, you will have to be clever and well prepared.

One strategy is to avoid all those places that will be crowded with couples on the fourteenth. Stock up in advance for everything you need for your meals that day. You might want to stay away from grocery stores on Valentine's Day, or you'll

likely be confronted with all kinds of lovey couples shopping for their very own romantic dinners. Don't go to a restaurant either, as that is where couples flock to celebrate their love. Instead, go to a bar or a pub or a place that is advertising a singles evening.

If possible, surround yourself with single friends

and spend an evening out together. Or stay at home with a rented action movie or TV series on a DVD that you can watch from beginning to end.

Go ahead and cook one of your favorite recipes that will keep you busy most of the evening, since there's nothing like a little soul food for comfort.

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## Finding the right pet to give your heart to

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Best of all, you'll no longer be alone to do your yoga or watch a movie on TV. And just think of the pleasure of curling up together for an afternoon nap!

Will it be love at first sight when you find your perfect companion? She or he will have eyes that shine with joy, a pounding heart and only one desire: to give you all the tenderness and loving care in the world.

Are you ready to fall in love?

## POETRY: EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Traditionalists who want to commemorate Valentine's Day in the most romantic way possible may want to harken back to the days when poetry was the primary way lovers expressed their affection for each other.

Poets have been putting pen to paper for centuries, and many great works evoke the themes of love and romance. Those will little experience writing their own poetry can always borrow heartfelt words from some of history's greatest bards.

### Bright Star

Bright star, would I were stedfast as thou art  
Not in lone splendour hung aloft the night  
And watching, with eternal lids apart,  
Like nature's patient, sleepless Eremite,  
The moving waters at their priestlike task  
Of pure ablation round earth's human shores,  
Or gazing on the new soft-fallen mask  
Of snow upon the mountains and the moors  
No'yet still stedfast, still unchangeable,

Pillow'd upon my fair love's ripening breast,  
To feel for ever its soft fall and swell,  
Awake for ever in a sweet unrest,  
Still, still to hear her tender-taken breath,  
And so live ever'or else swoon to death.

### Robert Browning

Browning was already proficient at reading and writing by the age of 5, having studied with his father, a scholar. At an early age the young Browning became interested in poetry but didn't write much through his formative years. Only after marrying fellow poet Elizabeth Barrett did Browning begin to write in earnest. 'Life in a Love' is one of his romantic musings.

### Life in a Love

Escape me?  
Never Beloved!  
While I am I, and you are you,  
So long as the world contains us both,  
Me the loving and you the loth,  
While the one eludes, must the other pursue.



My life is a fault at last, I fear:  
It seems too much like a fate, indeed!  
Though I do my best I shall scarce succeed.  
But what if I fail of my purpose here?  
It is but to keep the nerves at strain,  
To dry one's eyes and laugh at a fall,  
And baffled, get up to begin again,  
So the chase takes up one's life, that's all.  
While, look but once from your farthest bound,  
At me so deep in the dust and dark,  
No sooner the old hope drops to ground  
Than a new one, straight to the selfsame mark,  
I shape me  
Ever Removed!

**William Shakespeare**  
It should come as no sur-

prise that the man who wrote the tragic love story of Romeo and Juliet would also prove himself an accomplished poet. 'Sonnet 18' is evidence of Shakespeare's grasp of the theme of love.

### Sonnet 18

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.  
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;  
And every fair from fair sometime declines,  
By chance, or nature's changing course, untrimm'd;  
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,  
Nor shall death brag thou wand'rest in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:  
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