

# Dating Advice: Celebrate Your Mothers



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With Mother's Day around the corner, show your love not only for your mom but for your partner's mom too! With this [dating advice](#), you can spend time getting ready for this special holiday with one of the people you love most. It can help you and your partner bond over your mothers as you talk about childhood memories, pick out the perfect gift, and cook a yummy meal.

## A Mother's Day Date Idea

If you and your significant other want to be sentimental, you

can make a day out of crafting for your moms. For projects to do on this weekend date idea, Pinterest has tons of boards filled with homemade cards, DIY picture frames, and more. You could put together a scrapbook of your favorite photos and write about why each memory is so important to you. Remember that your man may need a little help in the arts and crafts department. Be patient with him as he puts his artistic skills to the test!

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Once you figure out what you both want to create, take a trip to Michaels or a similar store and gather the materials that you need. Head home and get busy! For even more inspiration, consider this dating advice: Pop in a movie about mothers – something like *Because I Said So* or *Steel Magnolias*. Make sure you have some snacks on hand too! You won't realize how quickly time passes when you're having fun with your cutie.

When you're finished crafting, it's time to write a handwritten note for your mom. Tell her what it means to you to have a mother like her and how she's helped shape you into who you are. You can find quotes or poems to use on sites like *QuoteGarden.com*. One quote that is commonly used on Mother's Day cards is: "Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while but their hearts forever."

If you're feeling particularly excited about the holiday, write a card for your partner's mom too. Talk about how well they did raising your sweetheart and what it means to have someone like them in your life. You can even slip in a spa gift card as a sweet surprise!

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For the big day, make reservations for brunch or lunch at a nearby restaurant for you, your beau, and both of your moms. That way, you can spend the day together celebrating the

women who mean so much to you! Or, if you're gifted in the kitchen, cook something special for the four of you. Find out the favorite dish of each mom and incorporate it into a delicious spread. You can also include a favorite item from your childhoods.

Happy Mother's Day!

How do you plan to celebrate Mother's Day this year? Comment below!

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## Famous Couples Share How They Celebrate Mother's Day



By

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While so many [celebrity couples](#) will be celebrating Mother's Day this year, either for the first time or for the 8th time, Cupid got to take a look inside a few famous couples' Mother's Day festivities.

## Here are some ways our favorite famous couples celebrate Mother's Day:

**1. Jessica Alba and Cash Warren:** Jessica, Cash, and their daughter, Haven, keep things casual on Mother's Day. This family loves going to brunch.

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**2. Camila Alves and Matthew McConaughey:** Camila and her daughter, Vida McConaughey, leave Matthew at home. These girls spend Mother's Day in style by jewelry shopping in NYC.

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**3. Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie:** Who knows what's in store for Hilary this Mother's Day, as she is newly single celebrity. But, typically, it's a warm Mother's Day for the celebrity mom. Hilary and her son, Luca, were spotted soaking up the sun's rays in Mexico last year.

**4. Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan-Tatum:** Channing and his wife, Jenna, keep this special holiday a family affair. They spend their time with their daughter and Channing's mom.

**5. Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez:** This celebrity couple spends Mother's Day enjoying lunch with her children in sunny

Los Angeles.

How do you and your mom spend Mother's Day?

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# Surprise Your Mom With a Teleflora Bouquet for Mother's Day!



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By Louisa Gonzales

If you're still scrambling to find the perfect present for your mom on Mother's Day, look no further than Teleflora, a



company that specializes in creating colorful floral bouquets. In honor of this special holiday, they're partnering up with SpaFinder Wellness to create unique gift options for this special occasion. So listen up!

With Teleflora's three-in-one gift bundles, you can get your mother a stunning bouquet in a keepsake vase as well as a SpaFinder Wellness gift card in increments of \$25, \$50 or \$100. That way, Mom can pick from a number of spa services and beauty treatments at SpaFinder partner locations worldwide. As a bonus, online shoppers who purchase any of the featured Mother's Day bouquets between now and May 11th will be entered to win a luxurious SpaFinder vacation package as well as daily spa prizes.

To name a few of these expertly-crafted bouquets, the Teleflora Pink Bliss Bouquet is a beautifully arranged assortment of pink florals in a hand-blown glass vase, also in a pretty shade of pink. For a more vibrant and bright bouquet, there is the Butterfly Serenity Bouquet. This sweet flower bundle includes a variety of roses and daisy spray chrysanthemums that are freshly placed in a hand-painted ceramic mug. Another option is the Everything Rosy Gift Set, which includes a selection of spa products in citrus-rose scent and lush pink roses in a vintage-style jardiniere.

Here at CupidsPulse.com, our favorite Mother's Day gift is the Enchanted Garden Bouquet. This magnificent floral arrangement includes a sweet blend of pink and purple blooms. Placed in cube vase with a vintage-inspired botanical print that your mom can treasure for years to come, these flowers are sure to bring a smile to her face!

Lucky for you, CupidsPulse.com will be giving away one of these beautiful Teleflora bouquets to one lucky reader! These flowers will be the perfect gift to remind your mother of just how special she is to you.

**GIVEAWAY ALERT:** To enter this giveaway, email [cupid@cupidspulse.com](mailto:cupid@cupidspulse.com) with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5pm EST on Monday, May 5th. In the subject line, please write "Teleflora Mother's Day." The winner will be e-mailed a promo code to use online (expires on May 12th). You can enter the contest only once. Good luck!

This giveaway is now closed.

*Open to US residents only.*

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## Rosie Pope Welcomes a Baby Girl on Mother's Day





*Pregnant in Heels* star, Rosie Pope, announced welcoming her third child via Twitter on Mother's Day. Pope and husband, Daron Pope, both took part in tweeting updates during labor. The two are already parents to two boys, J.R., 3, and Wellington, 15 months. According to [Us Magazine](#), Pope was surprised to add a baby girl to the family. "I'm so shocked! Honestly, I thought we were going to have boys," said Pope.

**What are advantages to having your child on a holiday?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Any birth date is a celebration, but when your baby is born on a holiday, it's double the fun. Here are some advantages to having your child on a holiday:

- 1. Guaranteed theme:** When your child is born on a holiday, there is no need to figure out what his/her birthday party theme should be. Halloween birthday? Here's to cake and candy corn.
- 2. No need for multiple parties:** A birthday party and a holiday celebration will keep all the stress of a party



constricted to one day.

**3. Money saver:** If your child's birthday lands on a holiday that calls for [gift](#) giving, you're in luck. No need to buy double the presents, although you may want to splurge a little more than you were planning on for just one of the two occasions.

**What are some advantages to having a baby on a holiday? Share your comments below.**

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## Ben Affleck Calls Jennifer Garner a 'World Class Mom'



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Affleck took to social media to wish his wife, Jennifer Garner, a happy Mother's Day. Affleck, 39, posted a video on his Facebook page advocating for women raising children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, reports [People](#). Affleck founded a nonprofit, the Eastern Congo Initiative, in 2010, and is almost as dedicated to the charity as he is to his family. "I want to say Happy Mother's Day to the moms in my life: my mom Chris and my amazing wife Jennifer, who is an incredible, spectacular, world-class mom," said Affleck in the video. "[Being a mother is] the hardest job that there is, every single day."

**What are some ways to thank your partner for being a good parent?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Though Mother's Day has passed, there are still plenty of opportunities to show appreciation for your partner's good parenting. Here are a few ideas:

- 1. Spa day:** Parenting can often be very stressful, so try rewarding your partner with a gift certificate for a day at the spa. Your partner will come home feeling relaxed and grateful.
- 2. Take turns:** If your partner provides most of the childcare on a day-to-day basis, try switching it up. When possible, take the kids for a day, and let your partner enjoy their newly found free time.
- 3. Enlist the children's' help:** Being a parent is often a reward in itself. Enlist your children to make a heartfelt card or art project for your partner. Your partner will appreciate the gift, and your kids will have fun making it.

**How do you thank your partner for their parenting skills? Feel free to leave a comment below.**

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# Your Mom's Top 5 Relationship Mistakes: Don't Make Them



By

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With Mother's Day around the corner, you've probably got mom on your mind. Sure, you've got a million things to thank her for.

But chances are— unless your mom and dad had a storybook romance, you also inherited a few not so lucky relationship habits from being your mother's daughter. In fact, watching your parent's relationship is the biggest way you learned how to relate to men, so it's not surprising that you may have picked up some patterns that remind you of your mother.

The good news is— you don't have to make the same man mistakes as mom. You can choose to *learn* from her instead. Below are the top five relationship habits you may have learned from your mother and how to chart a new, healthy, happy course for love.

### **Mom Mistake #1: Staying Too Long in a Painful Relationship**

Many mothers stay in hurtful marriages “for the children.” If you watched your mom play this role, you may have learned that you too, should suffer, for the sake of love. Now, you may have a hard time leaving relationships that just aren't right for you because you don't want to hurt anyone.

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To bust out of this rut, you'll need to examine your definition of commitment. Commitment only works when it's healthy for both partners involved. Once harm is being created in a relationship, you owe it to you both to move on and create a loving, harmonious environment to thrive in.

### **Mom Mistake #2: Denying Your Needs**

You may have watched your mom so busy pleasing everyone else that it didn't even seem she had any needs of her own! If so, you might find it hard to allow yourself to have a need or ask for help.

To curb this pattern, practice tuning into what you need first and speak it out loud to your partner. He can't honor your needs, if he doesn't know what they are. Also, you don't have to do everything by yourself. Notice when you wish you had some help and ask for it.

### **Mom Mistake #3: Warring with the Opposite Sex**

If your mom and dad constantly fought, you may have learned to

associate love with pain. Now, you almost don't know what to do if things are smooth sailing with your partner, so you'll create tension and conflict to stay in your comfort zone.

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To break this habit, notice when you begin to nag, complain, or start an argument with your beau. Was it when things were actually beginning to feel too good? Or did you have a legitimate concern? Pause the conversation to see what you really think, feel, and need. Then restart it, with a calm "I statement" that avoids any blame of your partner.

#### **Mom Mistake #4: Giving Up Your Self**

Many moms mistakenly become role models for giving up your right to have a life! By always putting their spouse and kids ahead of their own happiness, they can teach you that you too have to give up who you and what you love to have a romantic relationship.

Ironically, you have the most to offer a relationship when you are fulfilled from within. So, even when you are in a relationship, be sure to take time out for your best friendships, your favorite hobbies, even alone time (a bath and a nap anyone?) that rejuvenates you.

#### **Mom Mistake #5: Constant Self Criticism**

Was your home filled with criticism? Maybe mom and dad berated each other, put you down, or were hard on themselves. If nothing was ever good enough for your mother, you might find you are just as hard on yourself as your mother ever was.

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To move on, you'll need to begin offering yourself the kind of mothering nurturance you wish your mom had given you. Notice how you think about yourself and agree to never say anything



to yourself that you wouldn't utter to your best friend.

By thanking your mother for all that she gave you that was good, and working on shifting anything you picked up that wasn't healthy, you can honor your relationship with your mother and ensure that her mistakes turn into wisdom well learned

**What did your mom teach you about relationships?  
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