

Beauty Trend: Funky, Rainbow & Pastel Nails



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This summer fashion is all about bold color, from hair and makeup to high fashion nails. Stars like [Kylie Jenner](#) are sporting funky nails this summer, reminding us of a throwback to the 90s. They are eye-catching with their bright colors and unique shapes. If you want your nails to stand out in a crowd, follow this [beauty trend](#) and take your nails from pretty to stand-out-fantastic!

Beauty Trend: How to make your hair

nails stand out in a crowd and look fantastic!

Our can attract a lot of attention or none at all. In this year's summer beauty trends, it's all about attracting attention with standout colorful nails. You can choose anything from egg shape to stilettos or any other crazy designs you can imagine. Cupid has some [beauty tips](#) to take your nails from pretty in pink to fabulous and bright:

1. Rainbow nails: Pastels were great for spring, but now that summer is here it is time to break out the bright, vibrant colors. Neon colors will make your nails stand out and brighten up your summer look. Want to get extra funky? Paint each nail a different color like a rainbow on your hands.

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2. Cow print: Want to step your nail game up with something a little more than the colors of the rainbow? All it takes is a scroll through nail trends on Instagram to find that cow print nails are the way to go. Even [Kylie Jenner](#) and [Ariana Grande](#) have recently taken up this popular beauty nail trend. This is a 90s nail trend that is back for summer 2019, and it is sure to give you that glam look you desire.

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3. Metallic: If you really want to go glam with your nails then you can brighten up any nail design with beautiful metallic colors like metallic silver nail polish. Want to add that extra edge to your metallic design, use a stand out metallic foil over a darker polish to really set off your nail bling.

Bright nails, cow prints, and metallic shine are all the rage for the summer. Take risks and let your nails set the tone for

your day? Let us know some of your favorite summer nails designs in the comments below!

Date Idea: Embrace a Rainy Day



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You had a perfect outdoor date planned for this weekend, but now it's supposed to rain. What are you going to do? Are you going to cancel date night and curl up under the covers? No way! Cupid has some great [date ideas](#) for when the rain runs you inside.

Check out these date night ideas for when your outdoor plans get rained out.

Take advantage of a rainy weekend by adapting and planning something fun with your significant other even though it may not have been your original idea. Cuddle up with your honey next to the fire and enjoy each other's company. Or, better yet, move all of your furniture and build a little fortress just like when you were a little kid and the rain kept you from going outside.

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If you don't want to stay at home, then check out a flick you've been dying to see, whether that means going to the theater or watching it at home. A perfect rainy day movie to see is Woody Allen's recent movie *Midnight In Paris*. It centers around Paris being beautiful in the rain!

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If you're not in the mood for seeing a movie and want something with a little competition, consider going bowling or to an arcade. Check out the "it" bowling destination for our favorite celebrities, Lucky Strikes. They have numerous locations throughout the U.S., and you never know which celebrities you may run into; [Justin Bieber](#) celebrated his album release party this past March at the New York City location. If you're not a bowler, then hit the arcade. Dave & Buster's has over 55 locations, so you're sure to find one near you for a game-filled night inside and out of the rain.

If you really want to get romantic, take a hint from *The Notebook*, and recreate one of the heart-warming movie's key scenes. Kiss in the rain! Now that's one great way to make a

seemingly bleak day look cheerful.

How do you and your significant other embrace a rainy day?
Share your stories below!

Date Idea: Indulge Your Senses at the Coffee Shop



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Coffee is usually used to make one feel energized, and for some people it's an addiction. The place that people go to get their "fix" can turn into a dating ritual for some couples. It isn't a necessity for every date to be fancy. Sometimes,

the simplest choice can actually be the best [date idea](#).

Check out this great date idea if you are a coffee lover!

Enjoy a night of comfort drinks, like a Mocha or Frappuccino, soothing music and an intimate table (or couch) for two with your hubby by checking out some of the best coffee houses in your city.

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Rather have that coffee in private? Then recreate the scene right in your own home by purchasing your favorite coffee beans or coffee of your choice and making a “favorites” playlist that best suits you and your partner’s mood.

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While creating your playlist, search for easy how-to recipes that would perfectly compliment your coffee. Dim the lights, wear something as snug as your oversized pajamas and set up a table for two. Spray the air with a sweet and soothing scent and indulge yourselves in the moment. Who knows what this romantic and homey setting could lead to?

Spread love in between each sip while swaying to the beat of the music, and maybe even the beat of his heart.

Have your own ideas about coffee shops and dates? Share them with Cupid! And if you want other themed date ideas, drop Cupid a comment below!

Date Idea: Carve Your Way Into His Heart



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This [date idea](#) begins at your local pumpkin patch, farmer's market, or supermarket where you and your significant other can pick out the perfect pumpkins to decorate for Halloween. Don't buy only two pumpkins; grab a bunch of different sizes so you can make your very own pumpkin patch. To strengthen your relationship and love on this date idea, all you need are some pumpkins and a little creativity!

Get Creative With This Pumpkin-

Themed Date Idea

This date idea is a little messy but really fun. You can attempt all sorts of themes with your jack-o-lanterns. Try making scary and happy faces. If you're really artistic, pull out all the stops and carve your pumpkins into someone's likeness, like a celebrity or maybe even your beau. If you don't feel like making faces, you can dress up your pumpkin in fun patterns instead. You don't have to be skilled with a knife to make them look great! Consider decorating them with a little glue and glitter or paint to make a glitzy jack-o-lantern. It doesn't matter how they turn out; the main thing is to give it your best shot and enjoy the time with your partner.

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You two may have so much fun that you'll want to keep going! Spread your happiness around by buying smaller pumpkins and carving or decorating them to give as gifts to your friends and family. Place yours around your house, inside and out, to really get your home ready for Halloween.

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Carving pumpkins is also the perfect time for you and honey to discuss your Halloween costume ideas. Consider this dating advice and think about choosing a couples costume this year. Get into the spirit of this weekend date idea by munching on Halloween snacks and treats and putting on a Halloween playlist or movie to entertain and inspire you.

After you're done with the carving and clean-up, you can even try your hand at making delicious dried pumpkin seeds from the leftovers. You and your partner will have plenty to talk about – like your favorite Halloween memory – as you express your

creative side!

Have you and your mate carved pumpkins together before? Tell us about it below!

Date Idea: Explore the Big Apple



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If you're searching for an adventurous [date idea](#), you may want to consider spending the weekend in New York City. From museums to concerts to endless other attractions, you and your partner are sure to have the time of your life.

Check out this great date night idea if you're looking for a little adventure!

If you love movies and being outdoors, look into one of the many free outdoor concerts and films at the Lincoln Center. It's a classy vibe and an exciting way to enjoy New York City without spending a dime. You can even experience a live orchestra for free.

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While you're there, don't forget to take your mate to The Nuyorican Poetry Cafe, where you can indulge your artistic side with poetry performances from brilliant spoken-word poets. Be delighted by literary events, theatre, performance, and music, all for an affordable price.

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Or better yet, a little shimmy could get you off your feet. New York City hosts its popular Summer Stage, where you and your man can enjoy free performances of talented dancers, who show off their flexible bodies. If you're interested in attending, don't forget to bring a blanket to spread on the ground, and possibly an umbrella to shield yourselves from the sun. You want to be as comfortable as possible at these kinds of events.

For a complete list of attractions, visit New York City's official guide for tourists. Once you plan out the perfect date in the city for your sweetheart, head over there. Take a bite out of the Big Apple and enjoy yourselves!

Have some of your own exciting New York events? Cupid would love to know. Spread the word! And if you want other themed

date ideas, drop Cupid a comment below!

Date Idea: Don't Let Fall Cool Your Dates Down



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Fall is here, and what better way to get ready for the cool weather than by heading indoors for dinner and a movie? Try out a new [date idea](#) by heading to a recently opened restaurant in your town or trying a dish that you and your date can share. Not only are you creating memories, but you're getting ready for the holiday, which is all about giving thanks to one another.

Check out this date night idea and try out some new foods while you make some lasting memories.

To get current information on new restaurants coming to your area and for some great deals (who doesn't want to save money before the holidays?), check out websites like Bloomspot, Groupon and Living Social.

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If you'd rather stay in, become a chef in your own kitchen and start whipping up some fall-flavored creations. Bake a pumpkin pie for your sweetheart, or embrace the season by making it together. Whether you decide to cook a three-course meal or just dessert, finish the evening with a movie by the fire, which will put you in the mood to cuddle well into winter.

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Do you and your special someone have a specific restaurant you love? Let us know by commenting below.

Parenting Tips: How to Keep Your Children During a Custody Battle



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One of the worst parts of going through a separation can be worrying about splitting custody of your children. In an ideal world, both parents are loving individuals who can come to an agreement to share custody that best suits the needs of their shared children. However, there are times when an agreement cannot be reached or a parent believes it is best for the children to only live with them. This can result in a custody battle, and there are right and wrong ways to go about winning so that the backlash doesn't come back to haunt your children.

Parenting Tips: Custody battles can be difficult. Here are some ways to keep your kids during a custody

battle.

It can be hard to share your children with their other parent; to go from being with them all the time to having to split time with another. Still, an agreement that prevents a custody battle is often the best solution for your children. Unfortunately, an equal agreement isn't always suitable to meet your children's needs and you're forced to fight for custody. Cupid has some [parenting tips](#) on keeping your children during a custody battle:

1. Preparation: Not every attorney is equal. If you want to win your custody battle and keep your children you need to be prepared, and a big part of that is doing your research to ensure you hire a quality attorney with experience and a positive win record in child custody cases. A good attorney may not be the cheapest solution, but when it comes to keeping our children finding a cheap lawyer is not a great path to take.

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2. Know your kids: It is important that you know your children well. You may need to show that you know details about their education, sports they play, their favorite pastimes, and if they have any special needs. If you want to be the primary caregiver it's important to show you're invested in their lives and helping them be successful in life.

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3. Ensure you have good living arrangements: When you want custody of your kids it is important to be mindful of your home. You need to ensure your living arrangement shows that you are able to provide a stable physical environment for your

children. While many judges may be flexible, you will need to show that the home you can provide has enough space for your kids, and it can also be helpful to find a home close to the original family home so the kids are not uprooted to far from familiar surroundings.

Being prepared, knowing your kids, and having a good living environment are important factors to consider when you want custody of your children. Let us know your thoughts in the comments below.

Celebrity Workout: Take Leg Day to the Next Level like Jessica Biel





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These days there are so many different diets and workout programs around it can be hard to choose one that will work for you. Well, [Jessica Biel](#) keeps her legs toned with the most intense [celebrity workout](#), doing a variation of skater squats. According to *Shape.com*, Biel “is known for taking leg day to the next level.”

Fitness Trend: Want to up your leg game? Turn up your leg day like Jessica Biel in her celebrity workout.

Maybe you don't have a trainer to push you to do ten sets of six intense skater squats to keep your legs toned like Jessica Biel's, but you can turn up your leg day right from home. Remember, when you are building muscle, your body can get strained, so it is important to space leg days at least forty-eight hours apart to give things time to heal. You don't want to end up burning off the muscle you just worked so hard to

gain. Here are some great leg workouts that will keep you sweating and have your legs looking like a celebrity's in no time.

1. Goblet squats: This squat is one you can easily do at home. According to *LiveStrong.com*, you want to spread your feet wider than your hips, and sit back until your thighs are even with the floor, then come back up. Better yet, add in a dumbbell or kettle-bell and hold it chest height as you squat. Don't have your own weights at home? No problem. Grab a gallon of water or the laundry detergent and put your strong leg game to work. For best results, try to complete at least three sets of ten reps and rest thirty seconds between each rep.

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2. Walking lunges: Walking lunges are challenging enough that no extra weight/resistance are required to put your legs through a great workout. However, if you feel like the lunges are too easy, or you feel like you want to push yourself a little more, grab that gallon of water again and hold it up to your chest with each lung you take. You should keep your feet hip-distance apart, and step three to four feet forward with one leg and bend the other knee. Rise up and step forward to lunge, then repeat.

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3. Step up: The step up workout can be easily done from home. Grab a small bench or chair that is no more than twenty-four inches from the ground. Lift one leg and step up, step down, and repeat with the other leg going to the top of the chair first. If you want to add some extra "gain" to your workout, grab your dumbbells or gallon jug of water one more time.

Squats, lunges, and stepping up are all great ways to tone your legs and really take your leg days to all new heights.

Let us know your favorite leg workouts in the comments below!

Fashion Trend: Bring the Groove Back With Tie-Dye



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You may never have guessed that tie-dye would be making a come back and setting a [fashion trend](#) in 2019, but it has made its way to runways and high-fashion shops. According to *Independent.co.uk*, tie-dye is “set to be one of the hottest trends for summer.” Move over free-spirited hippies from the

1960s, because tie-dye is making its way to the fashion runways and helping people bring their groove back.

Tie die went from a staple in the past, making us think of hippy style and good times, to a staple in today's fashion trends. How can you use tie-dye to bring your fashion groove back?

If you like to dress in the newest fashion trends hot off the runways, then look no further than some die and the white button-up hidden in the corner of your closet. Cupid has some [fashion advice](#) on how you can take your plain outfit to new fashion heights and get your groove back with a bright, tie-dye top:

1. Reimagine an old white shirt: If you're like me then you have one white top tucked away in your closet that you almost never wear. You bought it on a whim, deluding yourself about how you would keep it clean, and that turned out to not be true. Don't worry. Grab that old white shirt and hit up your local craft store so you can turn it into a beautiful tie-dyed fashion piece that will be sure to catch your friends' attention. Pair it with some cute cargo pants, your favorite sunglasses, and a brightly colored tote and you're ready to wow everyone this summer.

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2. Button downs: Want to really take your tie-dye fashion trend to the next level? Throw on a tie-dyed button down with a pair of dark washed skinny jeans, and pair it with some bright heels, or sandals adorned with flowers like roses. Grab

a small, brightly colored clutch, and you are ready for a night out where you'll be turning heads.

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3. Tie-dye pants: There is no rule that says tie-dye has to only come in the form of a shirt. Turn your old comfy jeans into a beautiful pair of tie-dyed pants. Pair them with an elegant, neutral-tone flowing top and matching necklace, and throw on your favorite neutral tennis shoes or flats. If you want to really add that extra dash of fashion know-how, finish the ensemble with a matching hat.

What are some ways you would wear tie-dye in today's fashion universe? Let us know your thoughts in the comments below.

Restaurant Review: Rue 57 in NYC Serving Up Superb Flavor!





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In this [restaurant review](#), Rue 57 in New York City takes a drab corner bar to new heights. Critic Rob Patronite and Robin Raisfeld rave, saying, “What used to be the dreariest corner on 57th Street is now a boisterously attractive destination with quirkily superb dishes like mission fig turnovers with Parma ham and duck crumble.”

Restaurant Review: Rue 57 in NYC is serving up superb flavor and a luxurious atmosphere for every meal of the day!



Rue 57 Lobster dish. Photo: Instagram/@rue57nyc

Rue 57 may look small and quaint from the outside, but it touts three stories once you walk inside and is decked out in lavish decorations making for a truly elegant experience. The decor will set the mood for dinner and makes a great location for [date night](#). Don't want to eat lunch outside? That okay because they have a beautiful outdoor section where you can enjoy your brunch in the sun.



Rue 57 NYC Beautiful Dining Hall. Photo: Yelp.com

Not only does Rue 57 offer a beautiful environment with succulent food, but their bottomless brunches keep the customers coming back for more. Their menu is bound to meet your taste bud's desires ranging from burgers and steaks, to seafood and incredible sushi. All of this served by their friendly and attentive staff makes it one restaurant you will not want to miss the next time you're visiting New York City.



Rue 57 NYC Brunch. Photo: Instagram/@ms.knowwheretogo

Rue 57 in New York City is great for brunch, lunch, and dinner. Essentially, if you're in NYC and looking for a great atmosphere with stellar service and amazing food, look no further than Rue 57. You can find them on their website <https://rue57.com/>, or through social media on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Movie Review: Spider-Man: Far From Home





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In the next Marvel installment, *Spider-Man: Far From Home*, Peter Parker, played by Tom Holland, is trying to get away and spend some quality time with his crush, M.J., but evil has a different idea. He must face a new evil intent on ending the world without the help of the Avengers. Parker is forced to step up and believe in himself. He needs to find his own strength, and face his fears on his own in order to defeat the newest threat to the world's survival. Check out our [movie review](#).

Check out our movie review on *Spider-Man: Far From Home*, an action-packed film for the whole family!

Should you see it: If you are a fan of the Marvel universe, and you have seen *Avengers: Endgame*, then you will not want to miss what comes next in *Spider-Man: Far From Home*. As the next

installment following in the Marvel franchise, this movie will help us Marvel fans see beyond the world *Endgame* left for our neighborhood friendly *Spider-Man*. It is a movie of perseverance and teaches us that we can all conquer evil if we just believe in ourselves.

Who to take: *Spider-Man: Far From Home* is rated PG-13 and is a great action packed movie you can watch with your family, with just enough romance for [date night](#).

Cupid's Advice:

We're inspired by the strength that Spider-Man shows in this movie. He has to learn to believe in himself and understand that he is good enough to defeat evil even when he doesn't have the backup of the Avengers at his side. We have some advice about believing in yourself to overcome any negative obstacle that stands between you and success:

1. Believe it is possible: You set the tone for your own life and legacy. If you want to overcome anything that tries to stand in your way, then it is important that you believe in yourself. If you tell yourself you can achieve your dreams and be successful, and take action, then you will find yourself turning your dreams into realities in your future.

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2. Visualize the win: If you have a goal in mind you want to achieve, practice visualizing yourself in that role every day, and follow through with tasks that can help you obtain what you want. Want a promotion at work? Begin volunteering to help with events and new initiatives. Visualize your self in the new role you desire, then put yourself out there to make steps towards your dream becoming your reality.

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3. Understand that failure is okay: If we are being honest,

then we have to understand that the path to achieving our dreams will not be lined with just successes. No, there will be times when you try something to achieve your goals and it will fail. That is okay, and it will offer a great learning experience for you. Don't take failure to heart. Examine what went wrong and learn from the mistakes so you can succeed at your next attempt.

What are some things you've done to learn to believe in yourself and achieve your goals? Share your thoughts below:

Celebrity Break-Up: Bradley Cooper Enjoys a Boys' Night in L.A. After Irina Shayk Split





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In the latest [celebrity break-up news](#), [Bradley Cooper](#) and Irina Shayk split. According to *EOnline.com*, Cooper “was spotted with pals at the Sunset Tower Hotel in West Hollywood, California on Monday evening.” After four years together, the [celebrity couple](#) called it quits a few days earlier, and it looks like Cooper was happy to spend some time with his friends to blow off the stress of the break-up.

In celebrity break-up news, Bradley Cooper shook off some split stress with a night out on the town with his guy friends. What are some ways to cope with a very recent split?

Cupid’s Advice:

Break-ups can be stressful and often come with a lot of heartaches. The best ways to cope with a recent split can be

different for everyone, from hanging out with your friends to eating ice cream from the carton. Cupid has some advice on coping with a recent break-up:

1. Lean on your friends: Sometimes the worst thing you can do after a split is to sit at home alone and dwell on the past. Take this time to spend time with your friends. Go out, dance, and let them help you take your mind off of your break-up; let them be there for you the way you'd be for them if the roles were reversed.

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2. Stick to a routine: A break-up can make you feel like the rug has been pulled from beneath your feet. It can be easy to get lost in your sadness and focus on the loss, but sticking to a schedule will help you avoid getting lost in a long crying abyss even if it is something as simple as setting your alarm, taking a shower at a specific time each night, or whatever helps you keep moving forward.

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3. Express yourself: Feeling lonely or upset and sad is normal after splitting with your partner. Take some time for yourself and find a way to express your feelings; don't keep them bottled up because you could wind up exploding when you least expect it. Draw, paint, or just keep a journal so that you can get your feelings out in a healthy way.

What are some ways you cope after a break-up? Let us know in the comments below.

Celebrity News: How Prince William and Duchess Kate Bounced Back After Rumors He Had an Affair



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In [celebrity news](#), [Prince William](#) and [Duchess Kate](#) focus on their marriage and don't let the rumors that William cheated ruin their relationship. A source revealed to *UsMagazine.com* that Kate found the rumors hurtful, but "it forced her and William to sit back and examine their relationship, which they realized they should have been doing more often." The [celebrity couple](#) decided not to let the negative rumors negatively impact their marriage, and they are still in a strong and committed marriage today.

In celebrity news, Prince William and Duchess Kate recently went through a tough time with hateful rumors. What are some ways to keep rumors from affecting your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

In the era of social media and online news, rumors get started faster than ever, and most people don't take the time to check the facts before they believe whatever they hear or read. Rumors can tear a good relationship apart if either party feeds into them. Here are some tips from Cupid to keep rumors from affecting your relationship:

1. Keep your private life private: It is easy to get sucked into social media and many people wind up oversharing. The problem with sharing every little detail about your relationships is that those details can get stretched, and people can make of them whatever they want. Venting when you're upset online can make things even worse. Your relationship is between you and your partner, and it should not be fuel for your social media feed.

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2. Trust: One of the most important things in a successful relationship is having trust between you and your partner. A relationship without trust is bound for failure. Trust is developed over time based on your actions in your relationship and the actions of your partner. If you trust your partner then it won't be so easy for something as trivial as a rumor

to come between the two of you, and you will be better prepared to work through any harmful rumors thrown your way.

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3. Don't easily condemn your partner: If you don't have peace in your relationship and are constantly arguing with your partner over small things, a rift will develop and it can make it easier for you to believe rumors. Remember that nobody is perfect and try to cut each other some slack when it comes to the small things. If you constantly fighting and worried your partner is going to do something bad then you will feed into any harmful rumor you may here. If you love your partner give them the benefit of doubt and don't always expect the worse.

What are some things you do to keep rumors from affecting your relationship? Let us know your thoughts in the comments below.

Single Celebrity Parents: Balance Your Career & Parenting Like Sandra Bullock





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One [single celebrity parent](#) who seems to have it all figured out when it comes to being a full-time actress and mom is Sandra Bullock. According to *RadarOnline.com*, Bullock was already helping raise her three stepchildren in her previous marriage when she decided to adopt her baby boy from New Orleans. Bullock handled her quickly changing family situation and becoming a single mom with grace, making a smooth transition into her role as a single celebrity mom.

This single celebrity parent balances working full-time as an actress in the public eye. What are some ways to balance being a full-time single parent and a full-time career?

Cupid's Advice:

Trying to balance work and being a single parent can be the most difficult job of them all. Spending time away from your child to work, then coming home to take care of them and provide a happy, healthy home can be a lot to juggle for anyone. Cupid's has some [parenting advice](#) to help you balance work and parenthood:

1. Find your support system: Being a single parent doesn't have to mean you are all alone. Everyone needs support, whether it be someone to listen when we need to vent or to lend a helping hand. This includes single parents. Reach out to family or friends and find people who are willing to listen and occasionally pitch in when you need some time for yourself.

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2. Take care of yourself: It is easy to focus all your energy on making sure your children eat well and take their vitamins so that they are healthy, but it's not as easy to remember to take care of yourself. If you are going to pull double-time working and being a single parent, taking care of your own health is essential so that you can care for your child and not wind up completely worn down and exhausted. Your health will help you keep up with your busy career and allow you to be the best parent you can be.

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3. Have a backup plan: The unexpected can happen to anyone. We would all love to ditch work and take care of our child anytime they are sick or don't have school, but that isn't always realistic when you're working. It is important to have a plan for what to do when something happens out of the ordinary, like losing a job or handling work when you have a sick child. Having a friend, neighbor, or family member as a

backup for childcare when you cannot take your child to daycare or school will help you balance work and parenting. Folks in the IT world know that passing the Cisco 200-125 test to get the [ExamSnap's Website](#) credential can make all of the difference. Other parents simply go back to school to find what they love to do.

What are some ways you balance being a working parent? Let us know in the comments below.

Vacation Destinations: Top 5 Beach Vacations





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Now that summer is here, it is time to choose your [vacation destination](#), and what better place to go than to hit the beach? A good beach vacation can be a ton of fun, and it is an affordable way to take the family on a getaway filled with excitement and time in the sun. Some of the beach vacation location options might surprise you.

Summer is here, and that means it's time to find the best beaches for your summer vacation destination.

Not only does the beach offer a great place to get a tan and cool off in the water, but it can be affordable as well. Cupid has the top five beach vacation destinations for you and your family:

1. Williamsburg, Virginia: Williamsburg is more than a beautiful historic community. It also houses the beautiful Virginia Beach. Better yet, should you tire of long strolls on

the beach, Williamsburg has numerous tourist attractions including the American Revolution Museum and the Busch Gardens theme park.

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2. Daytona Beach, Florida: According to *CNBC.com*, Daytona Beach has more than 23 miles of sandy beaches. Known for the Daytona International Speedway, this beach location has more to offer than sand dunes and beautiful blue waves. Visitors can enjoy the many shopping locations, water parks, and museums throughout the city.

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3. Monterey, California: Monterey has numerous beach vacations for your family to enjoy. If you're looking for something a little more remote, you can even check out the Del Monte Beach, which is more tucked away than the more popular stretches of the beach. You can also do some shopping and visit the aquarium while you are in Monterey.

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4. Wellfleet, Massachusetts: You might not automatically think "beach" when you think about Massachusetts, but there is no denying the beauty of the Bound Brook Island Beach in Wellfleet. Wellfleet is flanked by pretty beaches, and nature trails where you and your family can learn about the environment around you on your trip.

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5. Captiva Island, Florida: Unlike some of its more widely known locations, Captiva Island is a smaller island in Florida where you can really take your time and relax. Just grab the

family and your fishing rods, and enjoy the tranquil beach along Captiva's beautiful shores.

What are some of your favorite beach vacation locations? Let us know your thoughts in the comments below.

Celebrity Wedding News: Chris Pratt & Katherine Schwarzenegger Tie the Knot



By

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In [celebrity wedding news](#), Chris Pratt and Katherine Schwarzenegger got married. According to *EOnline.com*, Pratt

and Schwarzenegger were married at the lavish San Ysidro Ranch in Montecito, California in a “classic and romantic” ceremony. This [famous celebrity couple](#) kept their guest list to approximately 70 people, saying their vows in front of their closest family and friends.

In celebrity wedding news, Chris and Katherine said “I do” in front of family and friends at their “classic and romantic” wedding. What are some ways to make your wedding classic and romantic?

Cupid’s Advice:

Planning a wedding can be an elaborate event, but sometimes it is nice to go back to the basics and keep everything classic and focus on romance. If you want to focus on having a classic, romantic wedding there are numerous tactics you can choose from keeping the guest list small, to sticking with a classic black and white color scheme. Cupid has some advice for keeping your nuptials classic and romantic:

1. Style and color: Your color scheme and dress are big parts of the tone set for your wedding. Simple combinations like black and white will keep everything classic, and make sure that the focus is on you and your partner instead of an overly complicated wedding theme. A beautiful white ball gown wedding dress is just the finishing touch needed to keep this classic look moving in the right direction.

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2. Roses: Nothing says romance quite like a bouquet of roses. They come in many different colors, so you will be able to find the right combination to go with your dress and overall theme. They are available year-round and will add just the right touch of femininity and romantic charm for your classic wedding theme.

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3. Classic music: Just like your dress and color scheme, the music at your wedding plays a big part in setting the tone for your wedding. If you want to keep things classic and romantic, stick with classic wedding songs. If you have live music, choose string instruments like the violin for that classic vibe. "At Last" by Etta James makes a great wedding song for a classic, romantic wedding ceremony.

What are some ideas you have to put together a classic and romantic wedding ceremony? Let us know your thoughts in the comments below.

**Date Idea: Run Outta
Moonlight**





By

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Is there anything more romantic than staying up all night to spend some quality alone time with your partner? Cupid has some [dating advice](#) to deepen your relationship and love by connecting under the light of the moon. For this [date idea](#), you need nothing, but each other...and maybe a little caffeine!

Be Playful with This Romantic Date Idea

Staying up past your bedtime will make you both feel like kids again. And there's so much you can do together as you waste the night away! Use this time to talk and get to know each other even better. Consider playing a game like Would You Rather or Truth or Dare to get the conversation flowing. Or get out your old family photos and learn more about each other's childhoods.

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If you're in a playful mood, you may want to play a card game

or pull out those board games from the back of your closet. You don't even have to follow the rules! Since you have all night, try combining two games and coming up with your own guidelines to create something new together. This weekend date idea should be light-hearted and fun. Make coffee, hot chocolate, or tea to keep those eyelids from drooping. And don't forget a midnight snack!

To make this date idea even more romantic, light candles around the house. Since the weather is nice this time of year, you can venture outside and star gaze while you snuggle together under a blanket. See how many constellations you can name – you can check your work with an app like SkyView. Don't forget to make a wish on any shooting stars you might see!

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You'll be making memories you can cherish for years to come. Since the nighttime is often free of distractions (like work e-mails and texts to answers), your relationship and love will be stronger after taking this dating advice. Perhaps the moon will allow you to see your partner in a totally new light. This could be a story to tell your grandkids!

Have you ever stayed up all night with your honey? Share with us in the comments below!

Love Advice: Get Your Country On



By

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Put on your cowboy boots, because this [date idea](#) will have y'all traveling to a dude ranch! You'll have a barrel of laughs as you ride horses, stop by the rodeo, and even learn to square dance.

Pick Up New Skills with This Country-Themed Date Idea

For this date idea, you and your partner will head to a nearby dude ranch. They have a lot of fun weekend activities for you two to enjoy. Channel your inner cowgirl and boy as you're taught how to ride horses and use a lasso. You might even catch a rodeo. Whether you're horseback riding through mountain trails or hiking along a river, this is the perfect opportunity to connect with each other and with nature. Take this [dating advice](#) and make sure to snap lots of

pictures so your friends and family can see how much fun you had.

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Some dude ranches offer a variety of sports activities, including archery and horseshoes. Why not turn it into a fun competition? You can even rope in (pun intended!) another couple and make some new friends. Ranches that are near lakes or rivers will often have canoeing and fishing too. If it's a hot day, take advantage of these water activities and cool off!

Next, it's time to get your country music on. You'll be sure to wrangle his heart as you spin each other around the dance floor and learn to square dance. Your relationship and love will grow as you and your significant other try to keep up with the quick pace of the tunes. You two will impress your friends next time you pull out your new moves; you might even have a secret talent for it.

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Don't forget to dress the part too! Because these are mostly outdoor activities, you don't want to wear anything too nice. You'll be comfortable in jeans and boots or sneakers. If you plan on getting on a horse, make sure you're wearing long pants. Bring a cowboy hat if you have one!

You and your beau will have a blast on this country-themed weekend date idea. Doing something outside your comfort zone will help you connect on a totally new level. Not to mention, you'll have plenty of great pictures and lots of happy memories together after the day is done!

Have you and your honey ever visited a dude ranch? Tell us below!

Date Idea: Honoring 9/11



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[Date ideas](#) can't always be about romance, flowers, and fun. Some days, like September 11th, need to be spent in reflection and deference for spiritual renewal. The terrible events in American history on this day still have repercussions that reverberate in our society nearly 18 years later. September 11th is known as Patriot Day and is a national day of service. Cupid has some [dating advice](#) for a date night to mark this significant occasion.

Connect With Your Partner With This Volunteering Date Idea

The events of September 11, 2001 were undoubtedly damaging to our country in countless ways. On this day, pay homage by helping to fix some of the problems in your community. Visit your local homeless shelter or VA Hospital. Volunteer for a cause that matters to you, whether it be related to food, justice, education, the environment, or something else – as long as it's important to you. We can't change the events of past, but we can do something to better our future.

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Take pride in your country by visiting a 9/11 or veteran's memorial. Some cities have museum exhibits, and many places host non-denominational memorial services you can attend. You can also support the troops by working with one of the many organizations that collect cards and packages to send to soldiers overseas. You may consider signing up as a volunteer for a disaster preparedness group, such as FEMA or the Red Cross. You and your partner can research and make an emergency plan together if you don't already have one.

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Another way to follow this dating advice is to watch a 9/11 documentary or read a book about the tragic day with your sweetheart. Two acclaimed films you can check out are *The Second Day* and *Project Rebirth*. Consider picking up a historical book about the events leading up to and including Patriot Day. If you are looking for a shorter read, check out *A Time of Gifts* by the late Stephen Jay Gould, published just days after the Twin Towers were hit.

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Participating in these date idea activities with your significant other will deepen your relationship and love. Connecting over issues you both believe in will draw you together and make your partnership stronger. Seeing your partner interact with a young child, sick patient, or the elderly will give you a better understanding of their values. Before volunteering, make sure you and significant other are on the same page and have similar goals and expectations for the day.

How will you honor 9/11? Tell us below.

Date Idea: Kidnap Him!





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Of course, we don't mean that you should *actually* kidnap your sweetheart! But a faux kidnapping surprise is a great way to spice up your relationship and love. This [date idea](#) is about catching him off guard and showing off your spontaneous side.

Be Romantic and Exciting With This Spontaneous Date Idea

Surprise your significant other in the morning by telling him you're kidnapping him for the day. He'll love how genuine and carefree you are. Just remember to stealthily check his schedule ahead of time and make sure that he doesn't have something important planned.

For this date idea, you should have a whole day filled with surprises for him. For starters, whisk him out of bed and take him to a big pancake breakfast for the two of you. Don't tell him ahead of time where else you're going; it's for you to know and him to find out!

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With this relationship advice, you'll be visiting some of your favorite past date spots. Think back on your relationship and the places you fell in love, then head out to the places that have significance for you as a couple. You can go to where you first met, where you had your first date or kiss, and where you first told each other "I love you." It will be very romantic to recall all those special moments together.

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To make this weekend date idea even more exciting, consider adding a treasure hunt component. After you kidnap him in the morning, give him a set of clues that you and him will follow throughout the day. It's a great chance to test your riddle skills! Give the day some variety by not just visiting places but doing activities too. Stop at locations where you can do a project or play a game together.

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This date idea is great for seeing how far you've come as a couple as well as all of the possibilities you have for the future. After your spontaneous day, have a relaxed and romantic candlelight dinner waiting at home and end this date on the right note.

What kind of spontaneous date ideas have you planned? Tell us below!

Popular Restaurants: Choose a Beef Alternative Like bRestaurant



By

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Finding a good restaurant that caters to your dietary needs if you are vegan can often be a challenge. One [popular restaurant](#) found a way to meet that need. bRestaurant became popular when they decided to step up and serve a delicious burger with their vegan customers in mind. The impossible burger was created in March of 2018. The burger has been met with great responses, even from the restaurant's meat-eating burger fans. Next time you're looking for a great-tasting vegan option, bRestaurant has a great burger you might want to give a try at one of their multiple locations in the United States.

This restaurant took beef alternatives to a new level with their impossible burger. What are some other great beef alternatives that you could enjoy?

Finding alternatives to beef that taste good can seem like an unwarranted chore. With so many restaurants looking at vegan dishes like the leftover corner on their menu, we often have to look to ourselves for a good vegan meal. Cupid has some suggestions when it comes to vegan-friendly beef alternatives that you might enjoy:

1. Tofu: Tofu can be a great alternative for meats like seafood, chicken, pork, and beef. The trick to using tofu as a tasty meat substitute is making sure you pick up extra firm tofu, and be sure to press it. Because of its incredible ability to absorb seasonings, you can give it just about any flavor your tastebuds desire.

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2. Seitan: As long as you don't have any gluten allergies, seitan is a good meat alternative. It is a great source of protein, and dense and chewy enough that you can cook it any way you want including grilling or frying. You choose how to season it, and the right seasoning can give it the flavor of chicken, beef, or pork.

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3. Pea protein: Not everyone wants to eat veggie burgers all the time. If you are sick of them or hate them all together, try pea protein products. Pea protein products do a great job

of creating a solid meat-like texture. It is seasoned to mimic the flavor of beef, pork, and even hotdogs. On top of being vegan, pea protein products are soy, gluten, and GMO-free, and they contain a lot of protein.

What are some of your favorite meat alternatives? Let us know your thoughts in the comments below.

Movie Review: *Ophelia*



By [Bonnie Griffin](#)

Coming to theaters June 28th, IFC's movie *Ophelia* brings us

the story of Hamlet with more action and steamy romance than we've seen before, starring Daisy Ridley and George MacKay. Set in medieval-era Denmark, Ophelia falls for Hamlet, but their union is threatened when treachery strikes the royal court, derailing Hamlet's claim to the throne. Ophelia is caught in the middle, torn between choosing love or loyalty. Check out Cupid's [movie review](#) below!

Check out our movie review on Ophelia, a romance and drama-filled film that's great for date night!

Should you see it: If you're looking for a movie that combines romance, drama, and action, then *Ophelia* is the movie for you.

Who to take: *Ophelia* is a great emotional story of love versus loyalty that would make a great movie for [date night](#).

Cupid's Advice:

We're intrigued by the multiple dynamics in IFC's *Ophelia*. The blooming romance between Ophelia and Hamlet, the betrayal in the court by Hamlet's own family, and the battle Ophelia faces to choose between her love for Hamlet and her loyalty to the throne. This is bound to be one super-charged romance that you don't want to miss. Cupid's has some advice on when you should decide between love and loyalty:

- 1. When the one you love is making a negative decision:** We've all been in love with someone who occasionally makes a poor decision. We are all human and mistakes are inevitable. Sometimes, the person you love might make a poor choice that forces you to choose sides, such as choosing their side over your loyalty to your family. Just because you love someone does not mean you always have to agree with them, especially if they are asking something of you that is not in anyone's

best interest.

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2. When loyalty means ditching someone you love: Sometimes the people or organizations we are loyal to try to make us abandon those we love. Have you ever had a job you were loyal to tell you that you cannot call out to take care of your sick child? They want you to put your loyalty above the health of your sick kid and that is a time you might want to fight the battle and choose love over loyalty; after all, if they ask you to leave behind your sick child, it sounds like that loyalty only runs one way.

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3. Choosing your life partner: It is never a happy thing to think that members of your family might reject the person you love, the person you want to spend your life with and marry, but it happens. If your family tries to force you to choose your loyalty to them over your own happiness and the person you're in love with, it can be hard to choose a side because it's a tough situation. Ultimately, you need to decide what you need to be happy, and if that is the person you fell in love with, choose them because your happiness is just as important as your family's. In the end, they may accept your partner over time.

Have you ever been faced with having to choose between loyalty or following your heart with the person you love? Share your advice for maintaining those relationships when faced with this kind of dilemma below.

Beauty Tip: Flawless Makeup Starts with Good Skincare



By

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Our face tells the world a lot, and we want it to be a beautiful story. According to *UsMagazine.com*, [celebrity makeup](#) artist Jamie Greenberg says, "Skincare is half the battle when it comes to a makeup look." We look to different foundations to help us achieve that flawless skin we all desire far too often. Sure, the foundation you use will help in achieving a beautiful complexion, but the best [beauty tip](#) for achieving a flawless look is to follow a proper skincare routine for your skin type.

There are endless types of makeup that claim to make your skin look perfect, but the real secret to flawless skin is great skin care in these beauty tips.

Your skincare routine can help give you that flawless, fresh look if you follow through daily. When choosing products, remember to keep in mind your skin type and changes in the weather that can affect your skin. Here's [beauty advice](#) for great skincare below:

1. Wash your face: It might seem okay at the end of the day to sleep in your makeup. You've had a busy day of working, running errands, and taking care of your family. The first part of a good skincare routine is to properly cleanse your face. Otherwise, you are allowing the day's dirt and oil to seep into your pores and there is nothing flawless about that.

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2. Exfoliate: Washing your face may seem like a quick round with some soap and water because it removes dirt. However, you need to make sure you're exfoliating for a truly flawless makeup look. When you use an exfoliator while washing your face, it doesn't just remove dirt and oil, but it also helps remove dry or dead skin that builds up on your face, causing overly dry patches. Dead skin can build up over time and make your makeup look cakey when applied.

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3. Moisturize: There are endless moisturizers on the market for your face, but not everyone can use the same moisturizer and receive the same beautiful results. When choosing a

moisturizer, you need to find one that works for your specific skin type. You also want to consider the weather; we often need to make changes to our skincare product in the summer heat. Whether your skin is oily, dry, or a combination, there is a moisturizer that will work and help you achieve a flawless look.

4. Wear SPF: One of the most important parts of skin care is protecting your skin, and this includes protecting your skin from the sun. A dermatologist would tell you applying SPF to your face is the best way to keep your skin healthy because it blocks harmful UV rays which can cause damage and potentially lead to sun spots, or worse.

5. Vitamin C: Vitamin C is a great antioxidant for your skin. It can protect your skin from things in the environment which can damage your skin. You can find it in a number of skin care products including sunscreen. It is also a great brightening agent against dark spots.

What are some skincare methods or products that you have in your daily arsenal? Let us know in the comments below.

Vacation Destinations: Forget Land & Say 'Hello' to Water





By

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Looking for your next exciting [vacation destination](#)? Consider leaving land behind and taking to the water on a cruise. One of the best things about a cruise is that you often don't have to decide on just one location. Many boats travel to numerous locations and they include drinks, food, and entertainment for your pleasure all on board.

Not sure where your next vacation destination should be? Perhaps it's time to consider a cruise.

Cruises offer many options and the best part is that many of them operate year-round. After all, it's still hot in the Bahamas in December. Cupid's has some inspiration for your next cruise:

1. Fun for any sized group: Whether you're traveling with a group of friends and family or taking a solo vacation, a cruise has plenty of fun options for everyone. Many cruises

have games and entertainment, such as shows, right on board. You will find family-friendly entertainment in addition to adults-only, like casinos and comedy nights. All of this can be found on the ship before the myriad of adventures begin at each port!

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2. So many options: You might find yourself thinking you don't want to just visit an island in the Bahamas. That's not a problem. Cruises travel all around the world to places like Alaska, Switzerland, the Caribbean, and the Netherlands. Some cruises even visit more than one of these great locations all on one vacation, so your options are nearly limitless.

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3. Your vacation, your choice: Whether your vacation is for three days or two weeks, cruises have options that will fit within your timeline and budget. You have less than a full week's vacation time at work, no problem. Take a three-day cruise to the Bahamas. Planning to take off work for two weeks? Great! You can travel to Alaska or Greece. Cruises offer vacations to fit many different time constraints and budgets, so you are bound to find a trip that works for you.

What cruises interest you for your vacation this year? Let us know your thoughts in the comments below!