

# Jessica Alba and Cash Warren Sport Matching Nail Polish at NYC Fashion Week



Jessica Alba and her husband Cash Warren rocked matching manicures at the Michael Kors fashion show in NYC last week. The actress and her man looked great sporting each other as accessories, but the coordinating nail polish really made them look in sync. [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) reported that Alba wore a cherry red nail lacquer to match her red lipstick, while Warren wore an orchid pink with a gold accent on his left hand.

**What are some ways to positively influence your partner's style?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

The fashion trends rotate with the seasons, and style is constantly changing. Cupid has some tips to keep you and your

partner looking great in the public eye:

**1. Stay trendy:** While you're out shopping, pay attention to what's new on your partner's side of the store as well, and pick out something for them that will keep them up-to-date in the fashion world.

**2. Coordinate:** Take a shopping trip together so you can coordinate your outfits for whatever's trending that season. That way, neither of you will look out of style.

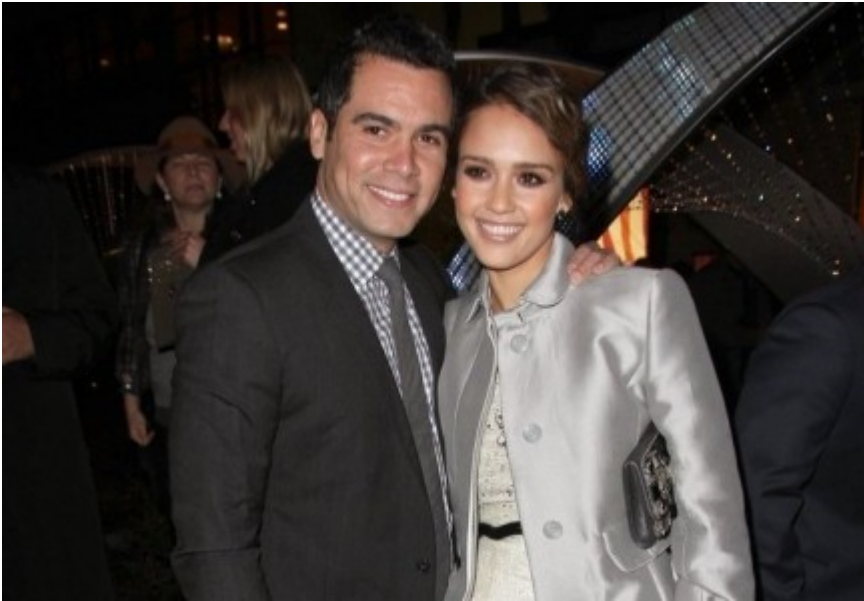
**3. Honesty:** Fashion trends come and go, and some trends can't seem to go quick enough. If your partner's wearing something completely heinous, let them know so they don't have to dread the memories later.

**How do you help keep your partner looking great? Share your comments below.**

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## **Beyonce and Jay-Z Skip Grammy's for Pizza Date**





Beyonce and Jay-Z

have something more important to focus on this year than awards. The new parents recently skipped the Grammy Awards to indulge in a quick pizza date before heading home to baby daughter Blue Ivy, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). A witness said the superstar duo “were just like a regular couple talking and whatnot” while having dinner at their favorite pizza place in Brooklyn. “They were sitting in front of the place closer to where they make the pizza.”

**What are some ways to keep romance intact after you have a child?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Having children is typically a joyful experience, but there’s no doubt that romance in your relationship takes a hit as a result. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Date night:** You may not have had a specific night in the week where you always went on a date before you had a child. Now, however, it’s necessary to schedule your alone time. That way you can coordinate a babysitter ahead of time.
- 2. Post-bedtime hangout:** Although it may not seem like it at first, your child will eventually learn to sleep through the night. When that happens, their bedtime will probably be

before you and your significant other's. Take the time after your son or daughter goes to bed to reconnect as a couple.

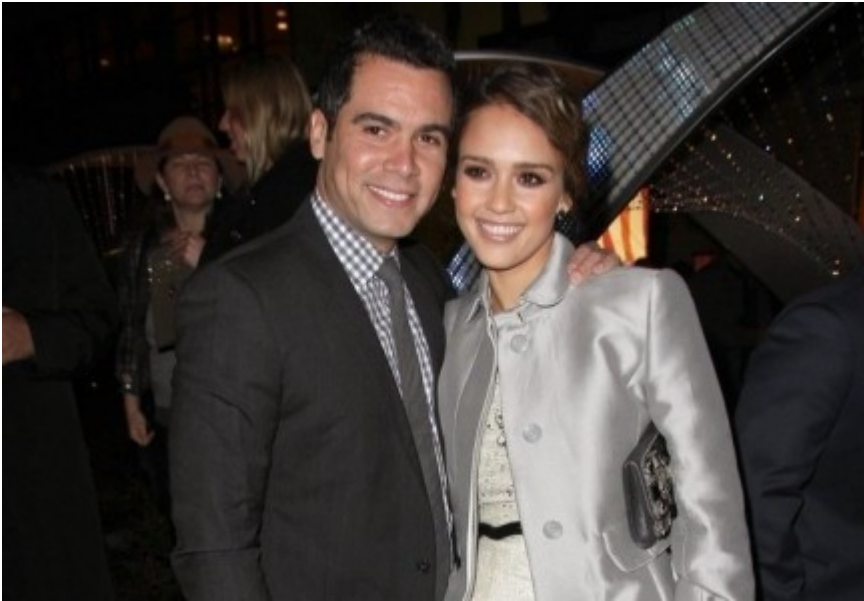
**3. Mini-vacations:** It's understandable that you'd be hesitant to leave your child behind on a trip, but sometimes you need a couple days to unwind. Leave your kid(s) with their grandparents or your siblings. Even if it's just a weekend getaway, it's important to spend some quality time alone every once in a while.

**How do you keep the romance in your relationship alive? Share your ideas below.**

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## Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd Join a Commune in 'Wanderlust'





By Matthew Dougherty

This one comes from the director of the hit comedy *Role Models*, which is already a good sign. The film stars two great comedic actors, Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston, as a married couple who find themselves victims of the economy when Rudd's character gets fired from his job. Forced to leave their pricey sanctuary in Manhattan, the couple ends up joining a commune of sorts and begin living among them. Naturally, comedy ensues. The trailer has some pretty hysterical moments. Also, it should be noted that the movie is rated R, which is usually a good sign for comedies like this.

**Should You See It?** Yes, this is going to be a nice, lighthearted romantic comedy right in the middle of the all too serious Oscar season. If you like either of the stars or the director's previous film *Role Models*, then this is a must-see.

**Who To Take:** The movie looks to pack enough comedy to please the guys. Its R-rating should stir you away from seeing it with your mother. However, this might be the most fun with your group of friends on a Friday night.

**Looking for a romantic getaway? Just don't join a cult.**

In *Wanderlust*, the main couple is just looking to find a new place to let their relationship blossom. Sometimes it's necessary in relationships to escape from your everyday lives and experience something new. Here are some suggestions for romantic getaways that you will both enjoy:

**1. Anyplace with a beach:** Who doesn't like the beach? Plus, it can be extremely romantic at anytime during your trip. You can hang out there during the day then after dinner return for a moonlit walk in the sand.

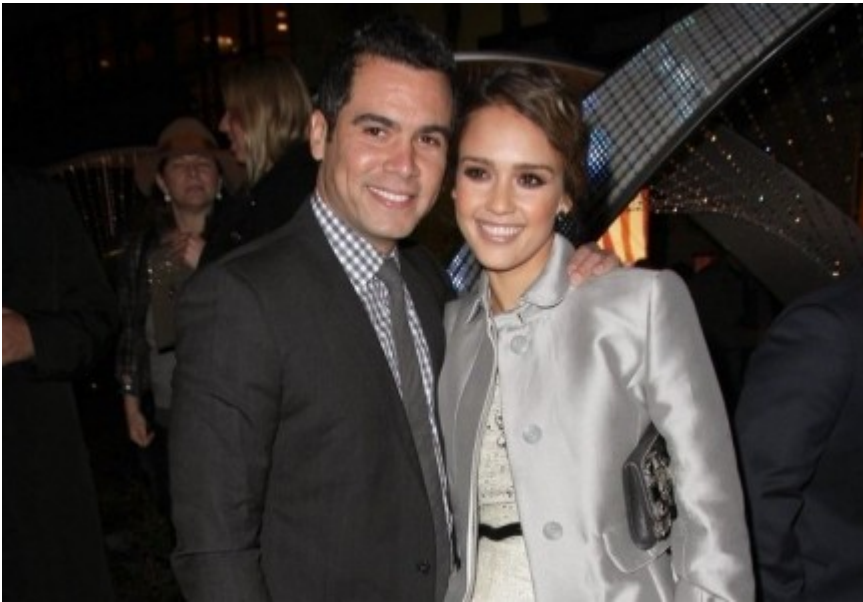
**2. An unfamiliar place with culture:** Go someplace where neither of you have any connections. Immerse yourselves in the culture and walk away with new, unique experiences that are just your own.

**3. Someplace that you both want to be:** Compromises are a part of every relationship. Yeah, Paris might sound great to you, but he wants to see the Coliseum in Rome. Don't force him to go someplace he doesn't want to and don't just do whatever he wants. It should be a place that you both can enjoy and will remember forever.

**Do you have any great trips you've gone on with a significant other? Share your experiences below.**

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## **Heidi Klum's Soon-to-Be Ex Seal Finally Removes Wedding Ring**



It looks as if Heidi Klum and Seal are officially over, as Seal was recently been photographed without his wedding ring for the first time. The sighting took place in Australia Wednesday where Seal made no attempt to hide his ringless hand. The choice to remove the ring seems to be bittersweet. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the singer told Ellen DeGeneres, "Just because we have decided to separate doesn't necessarily mean you take off your ring and you're no longer connected to that person."

### **What do you do with your wedding ring after you divorce?**

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

What to do with your engagement ring really depends on how smooth the split was and if you are still on good terms with your ex after calling it quits. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Pawn it:** In the case of an ugly divorce, you'll probably never want to see your ring again, so you might as well get some money for it at your local pawn shop or jewelry store.
- 2. Give it to your kids:** After a divorce, your wedding ring



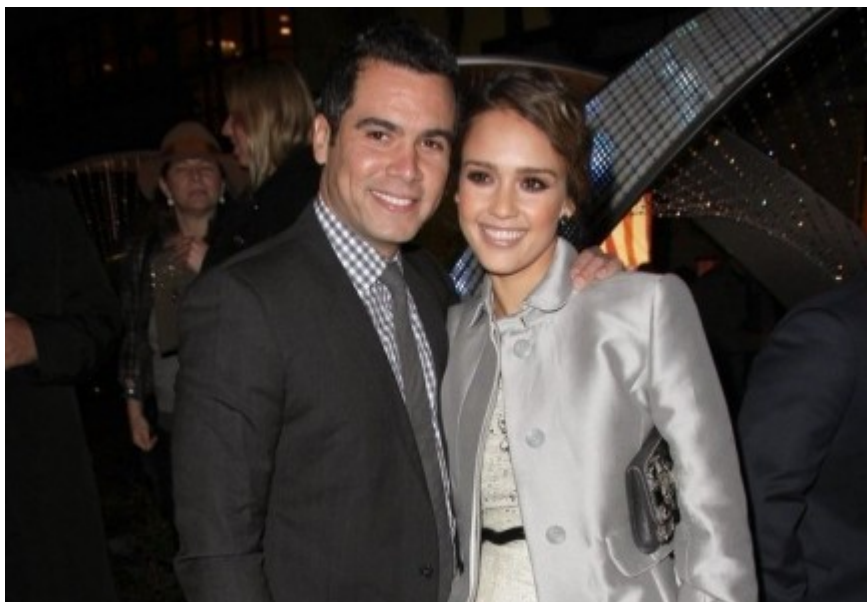
might not mean much to you, but it might mean something to your children.

**3. Bury it:** Yes, they actually do make coffins for wedding rings. A divorce is similar to a death, and burying the ring just may give you the closure you need to move on with the next chapter in your life.

**Is it ever acceptable to continue wearing your wedding ring after a divorce? Share your thoughts below.**

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## Most Beautiful Famous Couples



By Jessica Smith

Beauty comes from the inside and out, and the radiance of love can be the most profound beauty people can exude. There are plenty of beautiful celebs in Hollywood, and when two gorgeous celebrities are matched together, they turn heads



and leave us awe-struck. Here are ten of the most beautiful famous couples that Hollywood has to offer:

## Beautiful Famous Couples

**1. Prince William and [Kate Middleton](#):** The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have earned the number one spot on our list. They've been married less than a year, but ever since Princess Kate elegantly walked down the aisle, she has taken the world by storm with her class and beauty – and let's not forget her great fashion instinct.

**2. Tom Brady and Gisele Bundchen:** Fame, fortune, and beauty – this Hollywood couple has it all. They've been married for almost two years, and they're definitely turning heads. The New England Patriots quarterback and his supermodel wife have an 18-month old son and are making big plans for a new mansion.

**3. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie:** You can't mention celebrity couples without this dynamic duo making the list. Pitt and Jolie have been fighting human rights as a couple for six years, and they exude beauty inside and out with their celebrity love for one another and their love of helping people in need.

**4. David and Victoria Beckham:** There's plenty of spice in this duo's life, and we've watched these stars transform into responsible parents over the span of their twelve year romance. Victoria gave birth to their fourth child, daughter Harper, a few months ago, and their kids would certainly be included in the list for most beautiful celebrity kids.

**5. Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem:** The Spanish actress and her beau make a lovely couple as fans watch them raise their son Leo after being married for just over a year.

**6. Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo:** These newlyweds have been

married for less than a year, and they described their celebrity wedding as a dream come true. Hopefully, having their wedding televised didn't leave these two lovebirds with the reality TV show curse!

**7. Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr:** This famous couple can't get any sexier. The twosome has been married a little more than a year, and it's hard to believe they've already had their first child. If you saw Kerr modeling Victoria's Secret lingerie in this year's fashion show, then you probably saw her hubby watching her enviable post-baby body glide down the catwalk and giving her a standing ovation.

**8. Adam Levine and Anne Vyalitsyna:** They're sexy, and they know it. Their celebrity romance seems hot and steamy as they pose nude for magazine covers and Vyalitsyna appears in his music videos. You could see the infatuation in Adam's smile as he and his girlfriend locked eyes as the Victoria's Secret model strutted her stuff down the catwalk recently.

## **Celebrity Love is Stronger Than The Rumors**

**9. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett:** Apart from the recent rumors of a celebrity divorce after being married for fourteen years, this power couple is still together and we're cheering for their recovery. The pair – and their famous children – are a force to be reckoned with, and their talent seems unstoppable.

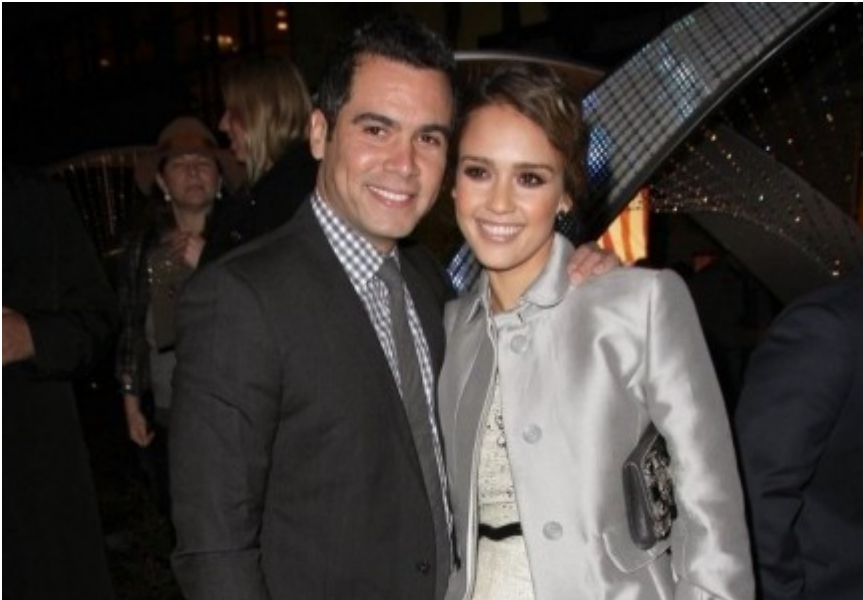
**10. [Ryan Reynolds](#) and Blake Lively:** This young duo is one of the newest Hollywood couples to step onto the scene, and they're leaving their mark. It looks like the *Gossip Girl* may have finally found her man. The two can't seem to get enough of their love for each other, and for fans, there's nothing like living vicariously through a young and hopeful couple.

**What other beautiful Hollywood couples would you add onto the**

list? Share your comments below.

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# Civil Wars' Joy Williams Announces She's Pregnant



It seems two trophies from the Grammy Awards isn't all The Civil Wars' Joy Williams has to celebrate these days. The singer-songwriter recently announced her pregnancy via Twitter. "Beyond elated to share that [husband] Nate [Yetton] and I are expecting our first child in late June!" she wrote. "My baby bump and I will see you on the red carpet." It hasn't been an easy pregnancy, though, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). Williams struggled with "24-hour morning sickness for months" she shared, also via Twitter. Williams and her bandmate John Paul White won the Best Folk Album and Best Country Duo/Group trophies at the Grammy's.

## How do you support your partner during a tough pregnancy?

### Cupid's Advice:

Not all pregnancies involve a warm glow. In fact, some involve complications and sick feelings from the very beginning. Cupid has some ways to support your struggling partner:

**1. Take over household chores:** If your pregnant wife or girlfriend is the one who usually takes care of various household tasks, step up and take those over for her. She's carrying your child, so the least you can do is vacuum under the bed.

**2. Learn prenatal massage:** If you really want to go above and beyond, learn how to give a mean massage. Take a class or read a book on how to use your hands to relieve some of your pregnant mate's stress.

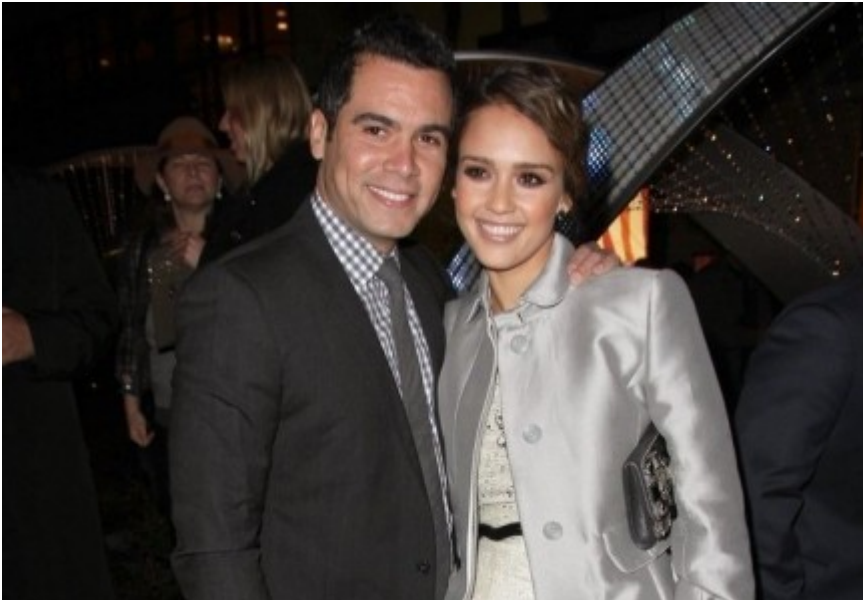
**3. Research:** There is a lot of information out there about how to deal with pregnancy struggles. Take the initiative to read up on them, and apply your new found knowledge to help your partner.

What are other ways to help your partner with a tough pregnancy? Share your thoughts below.

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# Justin Theroux Speaks Out About Relationship with

# Jennifer Aniston



Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux are keeping their relationship on the down low. Although the couple is getting steamy on screen for the new movie *Wanderlust*, according to [People](#), Theroux is “vowing to keep mum.” “I understand the curiosity, but other than saying I am happy, I am not going to indulge it. That’s building your own torture device,” said Theroux. Aniston described her feelings as “joyful and peaceful.” Since the couple met on set last May, they have moved in together. However, they are not discussing marriage or children. That said, the couple *has* welcomed a new boxer-pitbull into their home, name Sophie.

**How do you keep the intimate details of your relationship private?**

## **Cupid’s Advice:**

The intimate details of what goes on between you and your lover are only for the two of you to share. Here are some

tips to keep those moments private:

**1. Make a pact:** Agree with your significant other to keep your private lives on the down low. If you are both on the same page you should be able to keep your secrets between yourselves.

**2. Don't share with friends:** If you want don't want anyone to know your business, sharing your relationship secrets with your chatty girlfriends isn't a good idea. Don't tell your friends random lies to satisfy them either, or you'll start hearing rumors that you started yourself.

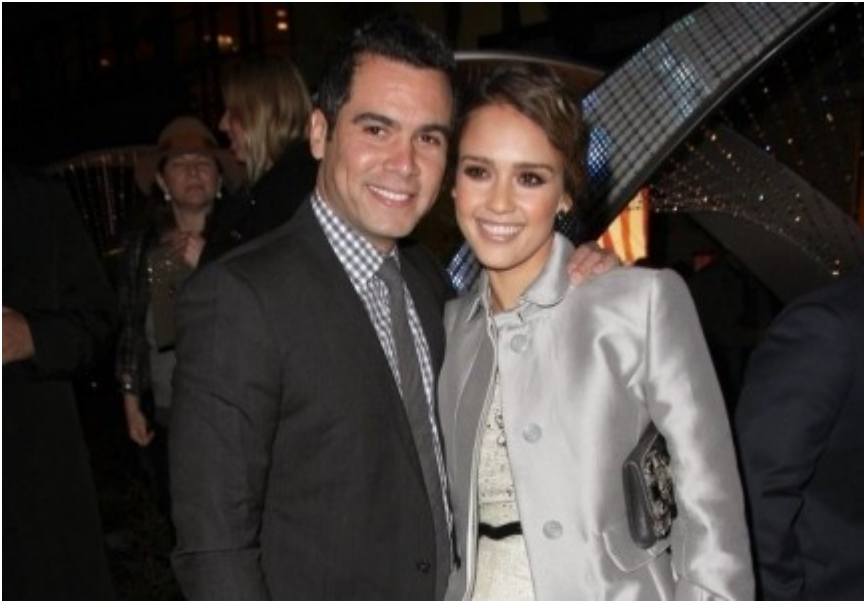
**3. Keep PDA to a minimum:** The key to keeping rumors at a minimum is to keep your relationship behind closed doors. Even if it's not rumors that are being spread, keeping PDA to a minimum will keep people from talking about your relationship and ultimately asking about the intimate details.

**How do you keep the intimate details of your relationship private? Share your stories below.**

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## **Liam Hemsworth Stands Up for Miley Cyrus After Marijuana Scandal**





When Liam Hemsworth auditioned for *The Last Song* in 2009, he had no idea what would be ahead of him. Not only did he get the part, but, what started off as an onscreen love interest between him and the ex-Disney tween, Miley Cyrus, eventually led to an off-screen relationship for the two lovebirds. “She makes me really happy,” the actor tells [Details](#). “When you start, you want to be professional, but when you’re filming those scenes with someone and pretending to love them, you’re not human if you don’t feel something.” And while it’s evident that the Hollywood twosome enjoys each other, not every facet of their relationship is perfect. When Miley Cyrus joked that she “smokes way too much f-cking weed,” while celebrating her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, the video went viral- and Hemsworth was furious. “She’s in a room full of her best friends,” he said. “And you have one person who comes in there and videos it. The poor girl can’t have one night where she can feel safe in her own world. It’s ridiculous.”

**What are appropriate ways to defend your partner?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Not everything is going to be smooth sailing in your relationship, especially when you or your mate is going through a tough situation that draws negative feedback.



However, as long as you both have each other's back, then that's all that matters. Here are a few ways to stand up for your partner when going gets tough:

**1. Say something:** When someone makes a negative comment about your partner, speak up. It can make a big difference in the face of a rumor.

**2. Back your partner up:** Your sweetheart may not always make the best decisions and may regret certain decisions, but if you love them, have their back anyway. After all, they'd do the same for you, right?

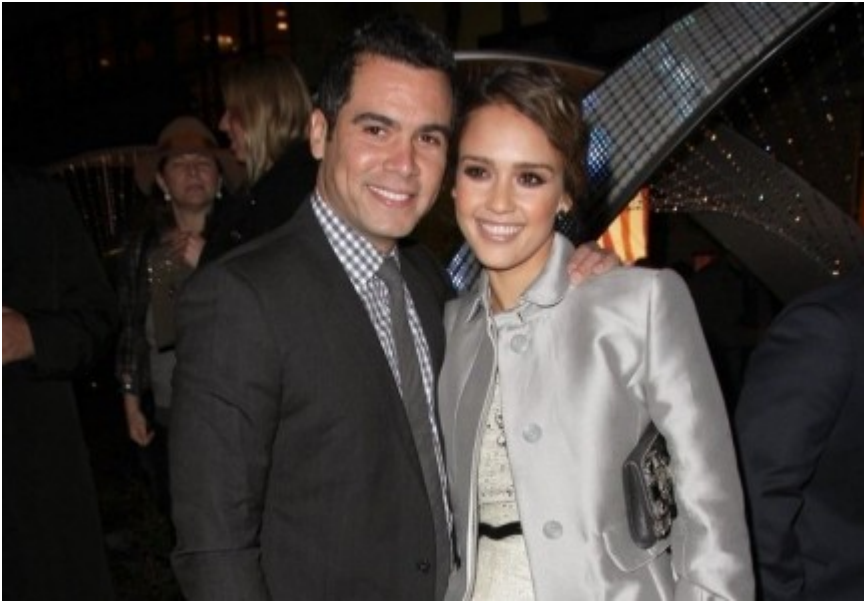
**3. Stand by me:** There are times when your mate may be the victim of public backlash, and that's when they will need you the most. So, instead of fading into the background to avoid humiliation, show your support by being right there with them.

**How have you defended your partner? Share your comments below.**

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## **Jennifer Aniston Celebrates 43rd Birthday Eve with Boyfriend Justin Theroux**





Last week, Jennifer Aniston celebrated her 43rd birthday and her much-talked-about beau Justin Theroux didn't stray far. The eve of her birthday, Aniston and Theroux showed up at the Chateau Marmont in West Hollywood with another pal and took their favorite seat on the back patio, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). The three drank wine and chatted most of the evening, and according to an onlooker, the couple were nothing if not affectionate. "They touched each other alot! He had his hands in her hair at one point," said the source.

**What are some birthday celebration ideas for your partner?**

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

When you're in a relationship and it's your partner's birthday, it's on you to make the occasion special. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Throw a themed party:** Whether it's a surprise party or one your partner is in on, plan an exciting party with a theme for your loved one. For instance, consider an indoor/outdoor beach party. If you live on the beach, you clearly have the necessities. If you don't, you're not out of the game yet. Set up a faux beach inside your home!

**2. Spa weekend:** Take the weekend to indulge in couples

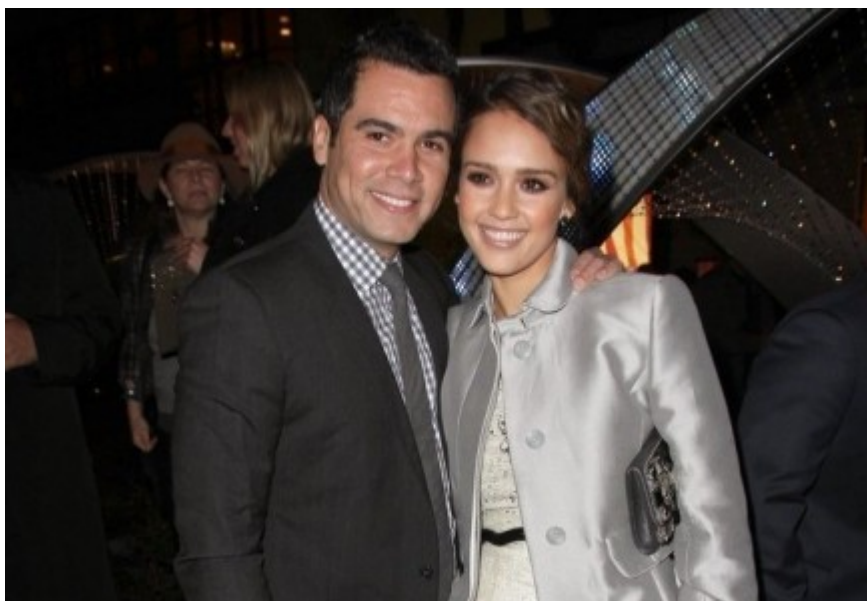
massages and hot tub time. You'll feel the stress run right out of your body and relaxation replace it.

**3. Amusement park:** You may not be able to go to Chuck E. Cheese for your birthday party as an adult, but you can plan a theme park outing for your significant other's occasion. Revert to your childhood, and have some fun.

**What are some other birthday celebrations for your partner? Share your thoughts below.**

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## **From Bad Dates to Fireworks: How Different Dates Lead You to Your Knight**



By Lindsley Lowell

Just because Valentine's Day is over doesn't mean single women can breathe a sigh of relief. Talk of spring romance is just around the corner, and many single women are still not feeling the love. For them, Valentine's Day was more like *Valencrime's* Day. It's hard for women, especially those over 35, to believe that there's true love out there for them.

When friends and family tell you that you're too picky, thereby implying that you should settle, remember to close your ears. Instead, listen to what your heart is telling you. The fact is, your close ones don't have to live with the guy ... you do.

Love is an easy concept in theory, but when you have been on many a horrific date and feel like the only men you are meeting are dingalings, the thought of a knight in shining armor in your future remains looking like a fairy tale. Most of the guys out there are far from Princely and are not nearly so charming.

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But if you give up on love, that's a sad, sad day. I, personally, feel like it took me 753 years to find my knight, but in the end, it was worth it. I suffered through some heartbreak and plenty of gruesome dates, but I also had some good experiences as well. Had I stayed with one of my ex-boyfriends, I would surely be divorced or unhappy right now.

You have to put yourself out there! You have to meet true love halfway.

Even though dating can be frustrating, you can learn a lot from your dates ... even the bad ones. Here's what I learned:

### **Crappy Dates**

I have too many bad dates to mention. One prime example is the guy who looked cute in his online photos, but then showed up wearing a beret and Mr. Magoo glasses. He spent the hour

having a conversation with my high heels. He hadn't mentioned his foot fetish in his profile! Or, there's the time I was set up with a French dude who seemed great when I met him at a party, until he called to make a date and informed me that he could not take me to dinner because he had no job and no money, so if I liked, we could "go for a walk." Needless to say, I told him to take a walk right out of my life. Better yet, there's the guy I met on Match.com who kindly paid for our first date (a drink and some sushi), and then the following week demanded that I pay him \$21.43 for half the date because I declined a second date. He stalked me until I had to report him. Needless to say, crappy dates are hard. But, they also tell you what kind of guy you don't want.

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### **Nice Dates**

These are pleasant ... and that's it. You can compare it to a brown paper bag and white toast; they're useful, but boring as hell. The guy is nice. He has a nice job. He looks nice. Unfortunately, there's no spark, so he may as well be a gay guy or your cousin. The bottom line is, if your knees aren't weak, your heart's not fluttering and you're not all hot and bothered, this will *not* be your knight. True love requires passion and chemistry.

### **Woohoo! Dates**

These types of dates are fireworks, the brass ring or the Holy Grail. Unfortunately, they do not come around that often. When they do, it's euphoric, and he could indeed be your knight if this happens. People often say "You just know" when you meet "the one," and I agree. It was fireworks on my first date with my now husband. As long as the guy feels the same way, you're all set. Congratulations. If the guy turns out to be emotionally unavailable, or just not feeling the fireworks, you need to let it go. And even if the woohoo date

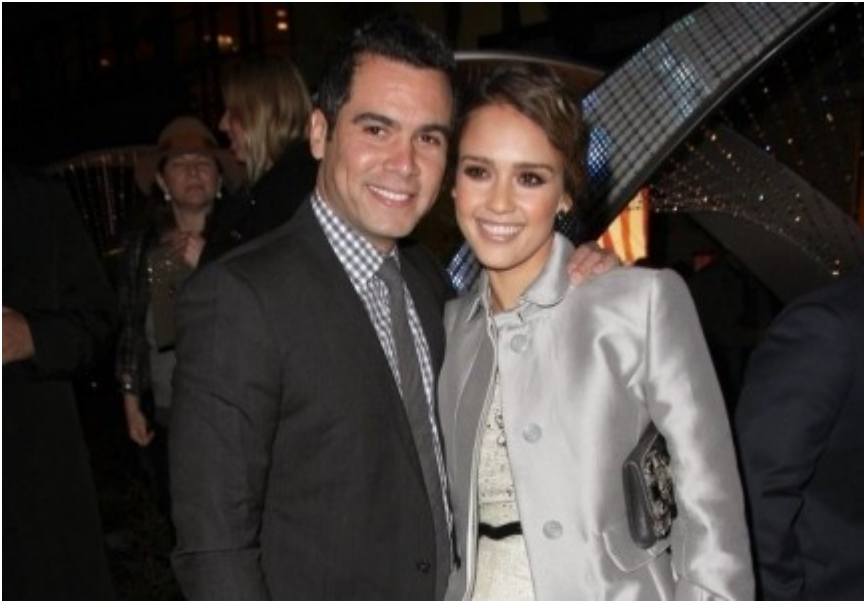
doesn't end up being your knight, these dates remind you that it is possible to have someone treat you well, like you should be treated. DON'T forget this feeling. This is what will bring you to your knight!

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## **Kristin Cavallari Is 'Radiant' at Lunch with Jay Cutler**





Expectant parents, Kristen Cavallari and Jay Cutler, shared a romantic lunch together at Marble Lane Restaurant in New York. According to [People](#), after both ordering tomato soup, the two ordered salads. A source said they seemed “super happy, chatting the entire time. She was very smiley and looked radiant.” A few days prior to visiting New York for Fashion Week, Cavallari attending a bridal shower for a friend’s upcoming wedding. The shower took place at a West Hollywood gay bar, The Abbey.

**What are some ways to keep the romance in your relationship during pregnancy?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Being pregnant can be stressful for both members of the relationship. Don’t forget to show each other some love throughout the entire pregnancy.

**1. Don’t give up on date nights:** Once the baby comes, spending a Friday night alone together is going to be nearly impossible. While you still have the time be sure to show your sweetheart some love. Do something unique every weekend, even if it’s baby related, like painting the soon-to-be baby’s room.

**2. Stay intimate:** Don’t give up on being intimate just because you’re pregnant. If you are feeling uncomfortable, about it



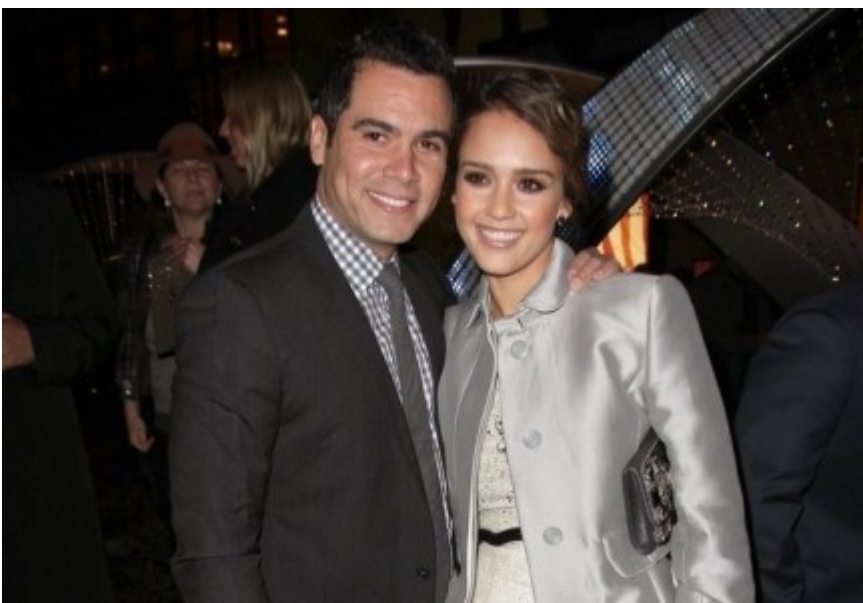
talk to your man and tell him. It's a guarantee he will be accommodating to your needs so that the two of you can continue sharing private and intimate moments.

**3. Communicate:** Talk to your partner about any fears or uncertainties you may be having. Keep yourselves on the same page. Communicating will allow you to sort through any problems and allow you to have time keep the romance level up.

**How did you keep the romance going in your relationship during pregnancy? Share your stories below.**

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## White Collar Star Matt Bomer Comes Out



*White Collar* actor, Matt Bomer, finally came out as gay at the Steve Chase Humanitarian Awards this Saturday. After accepting the New

Generation Arts and Activism Award for his work in the fight against HIV/AIDS, the actor made the announcement to the public. "I'd really especially like to thank my beautiful family. Thank you for teaching me what unconditional love is. You will always be my proudest accomplishment," he added, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). Bomer's partner is Simon Hall, who is a Slate PR publicist.

**What are the best ways to come clean about your sexuality to friends and family?**

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

The nuclear family is changing, and more people have the confidence to come out about their sexual orientation. Cupid has some tips to help you be honest with your friends and family:

**1. Friends:** Coming out to your friends first will be good practice for when you tell your family. You'll get an assortment of reactions, and you'll be able to identify your true friends. It will be easier to tell your family once you already have a support system behind you.

**2. Be ready:** If you have gay friends that have already come out, they may pressure you to hurry and do the same. Wait until you're completely ready emotionally and mentally, so that the situation is handled the best it can be.

**3. Confidence:** Your biggest fear about coming out may be your friend's and family's reactions. If things take a turn for the worst, be patient and give them time to come to terms with the situation.

**What advice would you give your friend or family member about coming out? Share your comments below.**

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# Bobby Brown Rushes to Be with Daughter After Whitney Houston's Death



Bobby Brown dropped everything to be by his daughter's side after Whitney Houston's death. Brown, Whitney Houston's ex-husband, canceled a Nashville concert and instead visited his daughter Bobbi Kristina, 18, upon her release from Cedars Sinai Medical Center, reports [People](#). When asked why Brown chose to fly to L.A., his agent said, "[Brown's] love for his daughter and his daughter being in the hospital. He wants to go be with his daughter." Bobbi Kristina was hospitalized after "having a complete breakdown" Saturday night. She has since been cleared medically and released.

**How do you help your children cope with a parent's death?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Though a loved one's death is hard on everyone, the situation is especially tough for a child. Here are a few ways to help your children cope with a parent's death:

**1. Explain death:** Understanding death is difficult at a young age. If your children are very young, you must find a way to explain it in terms they will understand. This is also a time to share some of your religious beliefs with your child.

**2. Mourn the loss:** Don't try to put up a strong front for your children. Grief is more easily overcome when you are able to openly talk about it. Start the healing process by mourning with your children.

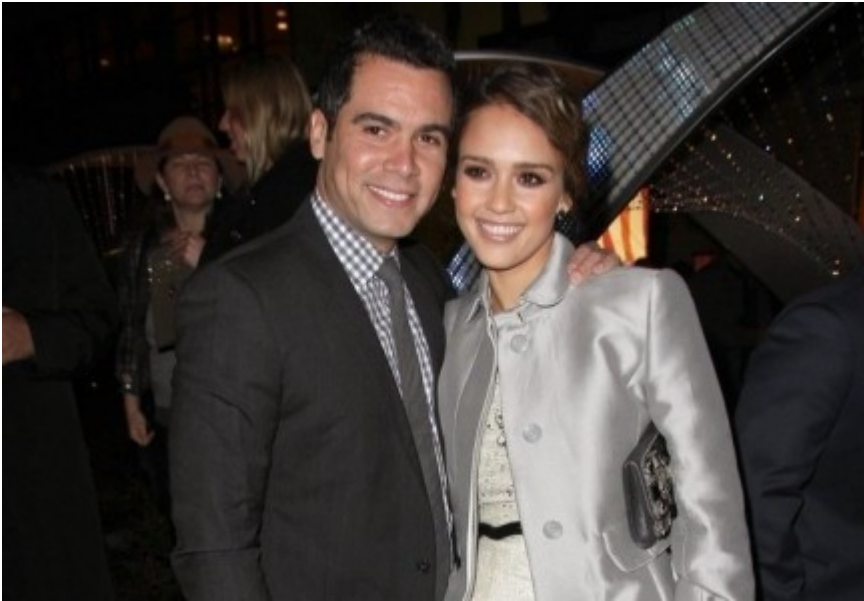
**3. Ask for help:** Don't be afraid to ask for outside help. If coping with your loss while supporting your children is too big of a burden, hire a counselor. Professional help may enable progress when you are unable.

**Have you and your children ever had to deal with the death of a loved one? Feel free to leave a comment below.**

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# **J.R. Martinez Prepares His Dog for His Baby**





Man's best friend?

Meet Daddy's little girl. Season 13 winner of *Dancing With The Stars*, J.R. Martinez, is preparing his black lab for the arrival of his baby girl in May. The actor and former U.S. Army soldier, told [People](#) that his lab, Romeo, is a loving pup and "totally human". Sounds like J.R. Martinez is going to be a great father.

**How do you prepare your pet for the arrival of a new baby?**

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

For most couples, getting a dog is a great learning experience before having a baby. Therefore, when the time comes to add a new bundle of joy to the family, couples need to prepare their child's future sibling and best friend. Here are some fun ways to get your pet ready for a new baby in the house:

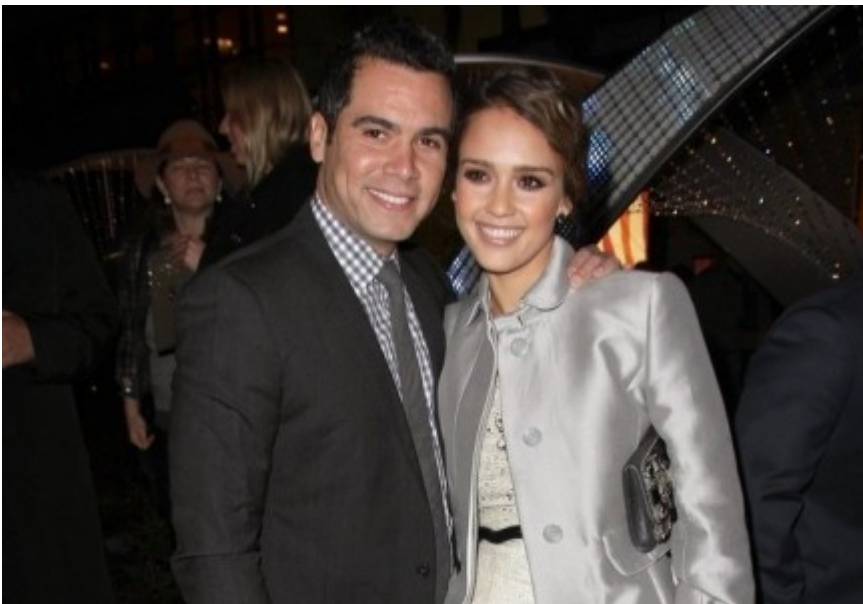
- 1. Less attention is okay:** Pets are just like children, because they need a lot of attention. Try to practice minimizing that attention before the baby comes.
- 2. Consider a training class:** Take care of your pet's urges of possessiveness and mouthing/scratching.
- 3. Dress rehearsal:** Use a doll or ask friends to bring their babies over so your dog can become comfortable around

children.

How have you prepared your dog for the arrival of your new baby? Share your comments below.

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# Five Things Men Look For In a Wife



By Steven Zangrillo

Listen, it's not easy for men. We understand that it's a two-way street, this dating thing. Tried and true, we young professionals hit the bars, clubs, gyms, restaurants and other various hot spots perceived to be breeding ground for potential girlfriends and spouses. Some of us have even taken the plunge into the e-dating world. We come up empty handed more often than you would think. Maybe that isn't surprising to you, but it's routine to us. All too often, the cute girl



on the stairmaster ends up being nothing more than just that – a cute girl. You see, we have a natural tendency to judge (harshly), and often build up our own barriers against accepting a woman into our lives past the first few dates.

That said, we do have a few important criteria. Below are five things men look for in a wife:

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### **1. Focus**

That is, stop looking at your phone when I talk to you. This thing we look for can be displayed with variance in several different ways. When we're describing anything to you, be it an event of the day, idea we have, or anything else, it's because we care about your opinion on the matter. Your focused feedback on all things is important to us. We're looking for a life partner, someone to be our go-to when we need it most. Stay focused.

### **2. Truthfulness**

We expect honesty in dialogue. Even the smallest details matter. If you don't like that dish we ordered for dinner, say so. If you aren't a fan of the way we floss and sing Blink-182 simultaneously, pipe up. Nip things that bother you by telling the truth about how you feel. The more you sweep things under the rug, the bigger mess you will find yourself cleaning up later. No conversation is worth saving over a white lie.

### **3. Steadiness**

That "Keep Calm And Carry On" catch phrase is a beauty... because it's rooted in reality. If we're surveying you as a potential wife, it means we're taking you seriously. We're all about you, we love you, and we're going to spend a lot of time, money and energy making you the happiest person to have



ever walked this earth. We are preparing to give ourselves to you. Just as we have to present ourselves as stable, able life mates, you must do the same. If you've still yet to sow some of your wild oats, then this relationship isn't for you.

Be here, now, and present. Have your job, family and money in order. Don't let this commitment go into the deep end if you're still wearing swimmies.

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#### **4. Positivity**

Pretty simple, right? No one likes a Debbie Downer, especially one that they'll be sharing their life and assets with. You will be sharing a bed, bathroom, kitchen, home, family and life together. It would seem that the best way to approach that would be with positivity. Although it's still important to tell the truth about things that bother you, it's also important to be... you know... enjoyable. Think of all of your negative friends and family. When you're planning a night out, you probably hesitate to call them. If you can't call those people, why would you marry one?

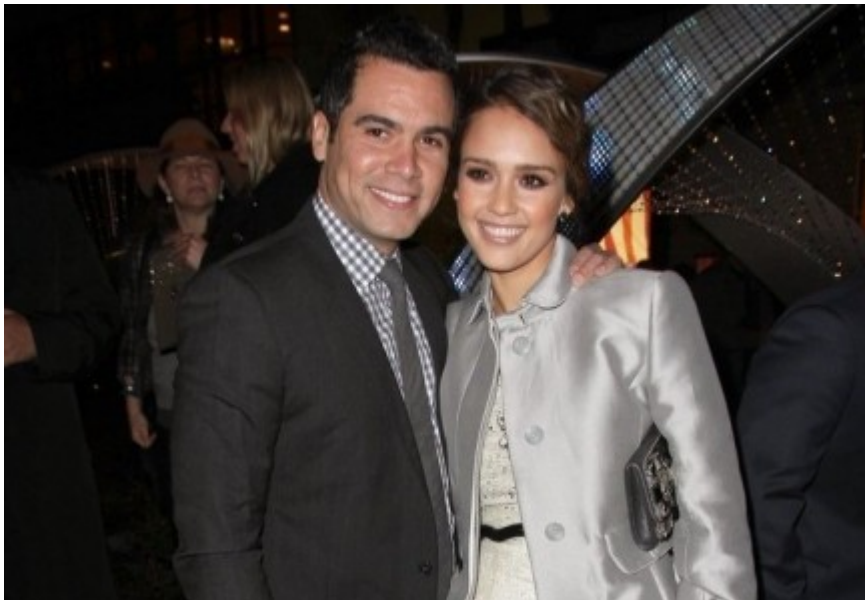
#### **5. Love (NOTHING else)**

It always comes back to love, doesn't it? We look for women to share love with us. Love is the stuff of marriage. If you're in need of financial help, the government has programs for that. It's important to be at similar stations in life so you have a reciprocal and positive marriage experience. We want to marry because we're in love, not because it's a sound financial decision.

**What are some other things men look for in a wife? Share your thoughts below.**

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# Bobby Brown is 'Deeply Saddened' by Whitney Houston's Death



Whitney

Houston's ex-husband, Bobby Brown, has finally spoken out about the late singer's tragic death. According to *People*, Brown released a statement saying, "I am deeply saddened at the passing of my ex-wife, Whitney Houston." He also asked for privacy during this difficult time, especially for daughter, Bobbi Kristina. On top of that, he thanked everyone for their heartfelt condolences. Houston's ex was said to have been devastated by her loss when the diva was found dead in a Beverly Hills hotel. After hearing of her death, a tearful Brown proclaimed, "I love you Whitney" while performing with his band, New Edition, in Mississippi.

**What are some ways to cope with a partner's passing?**

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Aside from the loss of a parent, dealing with a partner or even an ex-partner's passing is one of the hardest things to go through. Here are some ways to cope:

**1. Take time to grieve:** After the initial shock of losing a partner, it's okay to take a break for a while to deal with your loss.

**2. Surround yourself with positive influences:** True friends will also be there when you need them to be. Keep them close during this difficult time.

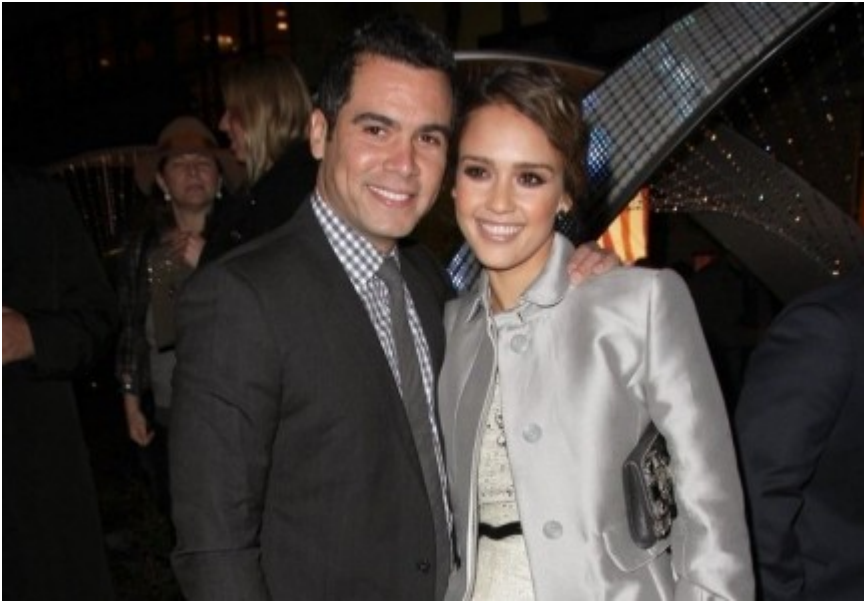
**3. Honor their memory:** Keep something to remember your late partner by, and share stories of all the great times you had together.

**What other ways can you deal with the death of a lover? Share your thoughts below.**

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## **Valentine's Day Advice: 5 Love Languages Defined**





By Top Dating Sites

Do you remember that special moment? You know, the time you put down the artificial midge-fly you were tying so that you could spend time with your husband, and you rubbed the back of his neck while telling him how special he was? Meanwhile, he was giving you the pair of mittens he knitted for you, after he heard you say your arthritis was kicking up. Well, congratulations, because you two were speaking *all five* languages of love at once.

This harmonious convergence of events speaks to all the communication tools that noted relationship expert and author, Dr. Gary Chapman, extols in his series, *The 5 Love Languages*.

Dr. Chapman, also a Baptist minister, has achieved world-renown as a Biblical scholar in the field of personal relationships. His best-selling series concentrates on ways that people can convey their true feelings to others in ways that are easily accessible to all parties. In the condensed form above were elements of what Dr. Chapman teaches. A few notes about these “languages” appear below. These techniques apply not only to spouses, but to all interpersonal relationships:

**1. Words of Affirmation** – Find something nice to say to somebody. It really isn’t difficult; it just takes a little

bit of effort. Show that you notice something positive about another, whether it's an endearment, or "seeing" a new hair-do or a hobby achievement. Some people call it giving "strokes" because it is a verbal "petting". To understand it better, turn the tables and imagine the feeling you get when somebody sincerely says something nice to you. That's what we're talking about.

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**2. Quality Time** – Quality time *doesn't* mean giving anything up. It *does* mean creating time together. What you do or don't do isn't important. What *is* important is that you are together.

**3. Gifts** – It isn't the size of a package or the gleam of a gemstone that matters in gift-giving and gift-receiving. The important thing is that it lets people express positive emotion in a tangible way. Those who prefer to communicate in the 'gift' love language, put a lot of thought into the gifts they give.

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**4. Acts of Service** – When you oiled the hinges on the screen-door that was driving your mate crazy you were "speaking" a language of love. When you finally notice that you haven't tripped over a pair of shoes on the stairway in quite some time, it's because someone else was "speaking" to you in a language of love.

**5. Physical Touch** – Unless you are both professional alligator-wrestlers, physical touch probably doesn't need to be more than an unexpected touch or small caress to speak loudly in one of the least-developed "languages" of love.

One of the aspects of Dr. Chapman's teachings that has been most helpful for couples is learning how to identify one

another's preferred love language. We often try to show love to others in ways that we appreciate, instead of in their own 'love language' and then are baffled by their lack of appreciation. When one person's primary love language is 'gifts' and the other's is 'words of affirmation', they are each speaking a foreign 'love language' to their partner. Understanding this can be very helpful in any relationship, but especially in the ongoing relationship of marriage.

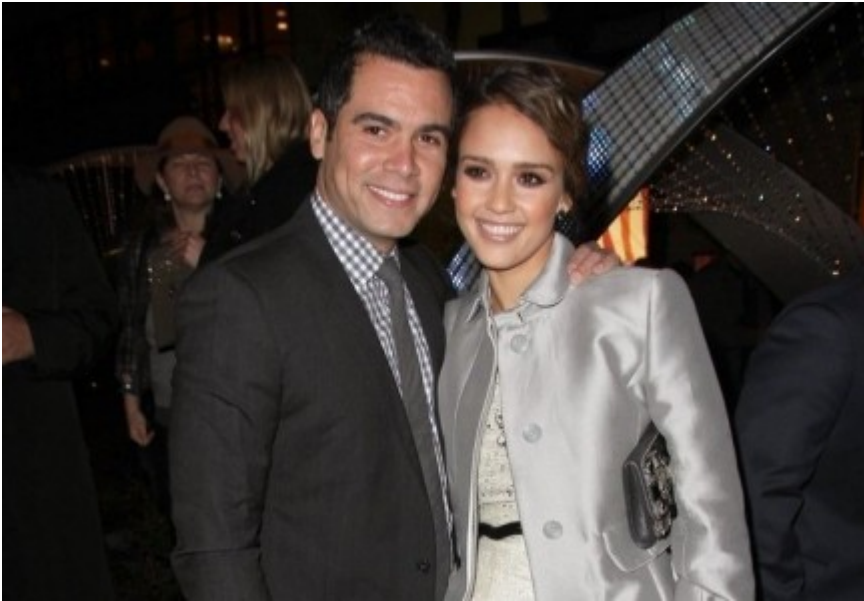
Dr. Chapman isn't exploring deep mysteries. His observations and teachings involve everyday people, living everyday lives. What people do within that context is what ultimately decides how many "languages" you are fluent in.

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## **Did Katy Perry Sing About Russell Brand at the Grammy Awards?**







Newly single Katy Perry may be using her music as an outlet for her divorce with Russell Brand. A nominee for record of the year, Perry performed at the Grammy Awards. She came out with “E.T.” and then followed it up with her new song titled “Part of Me.” According to [People](#), with lyrics like, “You can keep everything.” It sure sounds like the singer was making a reference to Brand.

## **How can music help you recover after a tough breakup?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Sometimes it can be difficult to find ways to get over your ex. Cupid shares some advice about using music as an aid to recovery:

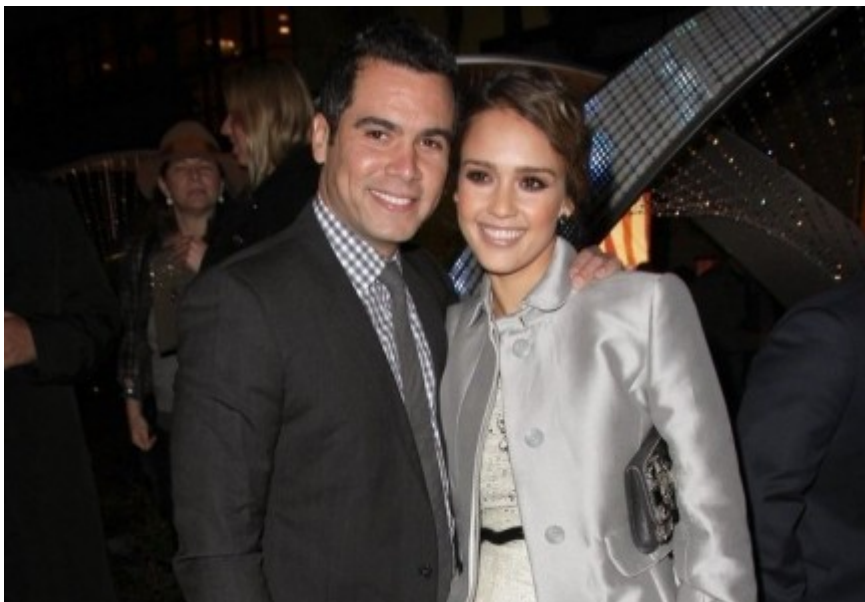
- 1. Sad love songs:** It’s cliché, but true. Listening to sad music can give you the perfect opportunity to cry and let it out, instead of holding it all in. It’s a better outlet than venting too much to those outside the relationship.
- 2. Embrace the music:** Taking up a new habit, such as learning a new instrument or joining a singing group can be a good outlet. It gives you the ability to concentrate on happier moments and forget the lack of compatibility with your ex.

**3. Write it out:** You don't have to be a superstar like Katy Perry to embrace the heartache, and write a song about your ex. It might not hit the charts, but it'll do the trick.

**What are some ways you've used music to get over a break up? Let us know in a comment below.**

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## Katy Perry and Russell Brand Reach Divorce Settlement



According to a filing that took place on Tuesday in the Los Angeles Superior Court, Katy Perry and Russell Brand have come to a “comprehensive written settlement of all issues.” A source tells [People](#) that Brand is not seeking cash from his higher-earning ex. Having not signed a prenuptial agreement, Brand would have been entitled to half of what Perry earned during

the marriage. Since the ex couple have no children, the only issue was the distribution of property, which they will settling out of court. Seeing that Perry signed the papers with her usual happy autograph that included a smiley face in her last name, she must have been happy with the settlement.

**How do you keep the courts out of your divorce agreement?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

If you conduct yourself well during a divorce and are able to respect and compromise with your ex partner, you can easily settle your divorce out of court. Here are some actions to consider when you want to keep your divorce out of court:

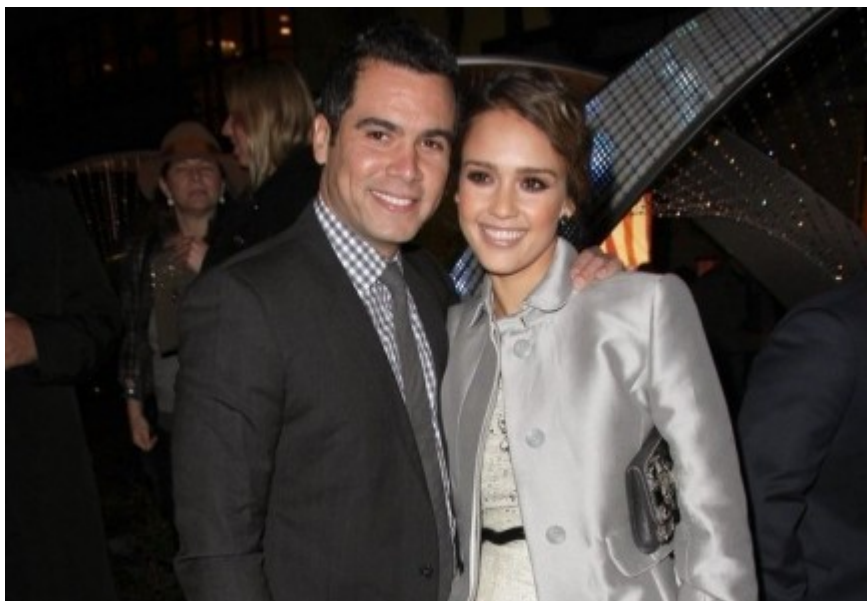
- 1. Don't try to take it all:** Remember that your are spitting your assets. Once you go around trying to have your cake and eat it too, you might need to take your divorce to court.
- 2. Don't gossip:** Emotions run high during a divorce. Engaging in gossip can only make it worse.
- 3. Stand your ground:** If there's something you really want to hold onto such as a piece of property, let your partner know from being beginning.

**Do you think you would be able to settle a divorce out of court? Share your thoughts below.**

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**Valentine's Day Advice: Five**

# Unconventional Date Night Ideas



By A Bullseye View

The old dinner and a movie routine can get old fast. This Valentine's Day, it's time to spice things up. Whether you want to go out or stay in, these non-traditional activities are sure-fire fun:

## **Stay in and cook fresh pasta**

There's something about tackling a project like fresh pasta that's really fun. It's special, delicious and only requires two ingredients (plus you, of course!). To start, you'll need all-purpose flour and eggs. If you don't have a pasta maker, you can roll dough out with a regular rolling pin and cut it with a knife. With a little time and effort, you'll have a fine-dining experience that you made from scratch, together.

## **Get glam and smile**

In the age of digital cameras, unflattering Facebook shots and constant TwitPics, it can be hard to find a decent photo with your significant other. So, why not get all gussied up and pose like a pro? Hire a professional shutterbug or just ask a willing friend.

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## **Learn something together**

Take a class – a cooking class, language class, kickboxing class, massage class – it doesn't matter! As long as it's fun and a break from your daily routine, you'll both learn something new and have fun while doing it. Participating in the experience together is what's important.

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## **Give a personalized gift**

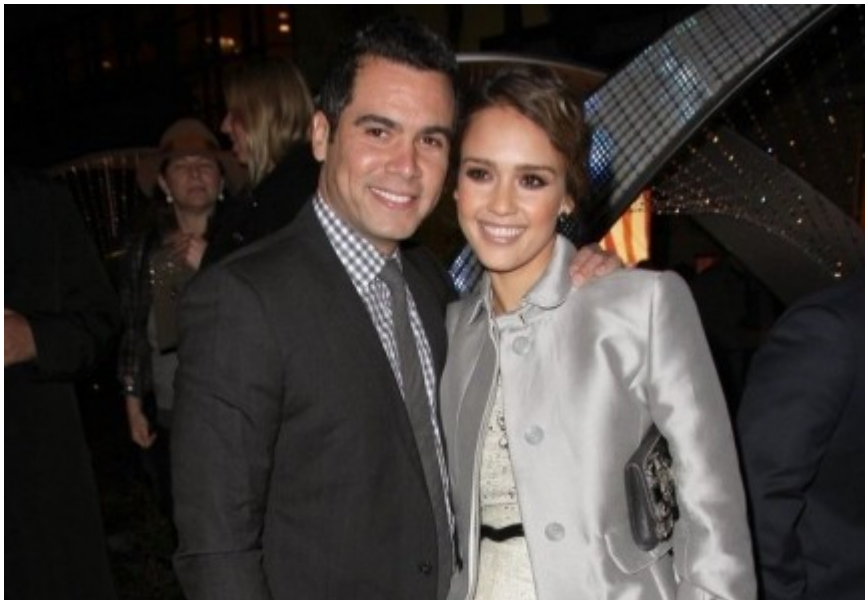
Flowers and sweets – although delicious – aren't your only gift options. Give your beau a special something that will keep you in their minds (and hands) all day long – a custom photo phone case. CaseMate and Target give you the creative reigns on shatterproof, scratch resistant cases for iPhones, iPod Touch, BlackBerry and Samsung. Upload a cute snapshot of the two of you and start designing cases together. Best part? Their phone will stand out from the crowd *and* everyone will know they're taken!

## **Volunteer**

What's the total opposite of an expensive night on the town? Spending a few hours, or even a full day, volunteering at a local charity or organization. Get those good vibes pumping by volunteering as a couple. You'll feel great about your partner *and* you can spread some of your love to others.

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# Valentine's Day Advice: Romantic Home-Dates for Busy Parents



By Rebecca Garland

Forced to stay home for Valentine's Day with the hubby? You're not alone, as many celebrity families prefer to stay close rather than head out on romantic dates while dealing with the hassles of a babysitter or, in the celebrity case, overtime pay for the nanny.

Can you imagine Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie turning up for a special with the paparazi underfoot looking for clues about the latest celebrity plastic surgery? No – celebrity parents, especially in big families like the Jolie-Pitts, are looking for a bit more privacy when it comes to celebrating

Valentine's Day. And you can enjoy romance at home, too. Here's how:

### **Cook Together**

Often parents focus on getting food on the table rather than the simple joys that baking can bring. Feed the children early, and pack them off to bed. Then, come back to the kitchen for an evening with entrees and wine just for the grown-ups. Cooking together can be intimate by preparing the meal together, setting the table for two and feeding each other bites in exactly the same way you would if you were paying \$100 per plate.

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### **Dinner and a Movie**

If the idea of cleaning the kitchen twice is overwhelming, take the easy road and send out for take-out. While one of you puts the kids to bed, the other drives to the local steakhouse or seafood restaurant for some delicious food to go. Those waiting for a table might realize you have the right idea as you hurry home with your fine dining. Set the table in the living room, and enjoy the meal by candle light. Then, with the leftovers put away, pop in your favorite romantic comedy and put your home theater to good use.

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### **Casual Romance**

Valentine's Day deserves a bit of special treatment, but if setting tables and driving out for food doesn't put you in the mind for romance, why not keep it casual? Busy parents know that the most romantic thing you can do is simply spend time together without any obligations or interferences. Order a pizza with your favorite toppings – you don't need to make concessions for the kids this time – and kick back to watch an



uninterrupted marathon of all of those shows the two of you have recorded on the DVR.

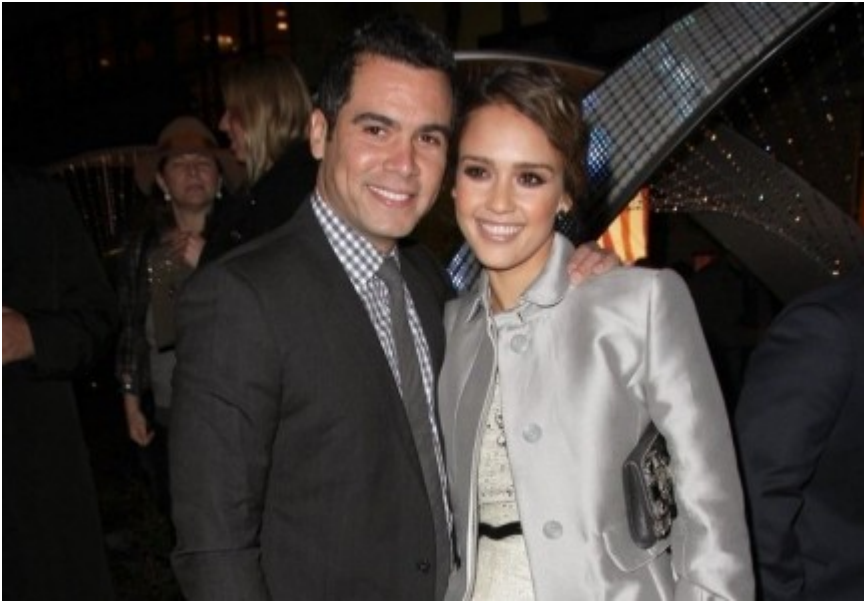
Picture the two of you on the couch, your feet in his lap while both of you hold a container of delivered Chinese food or pizza for dinner. If you think the evening needs a bit more of a kick, throw your normal sweatpants over some silky lingerie, and use those commercial breaks wisely...

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## **Scarlett Johansson and New Beau Nate Naylor Vacation in Hawaii**





Scarlett Johansson is enjoying the last few weeks of winter. The *Iron Man 2* actress, 27, visited a Hawaiian island with beau Nate Naylor, reports [People](#). The couple were seen smooching on an unidentified beach on Friday. Johansson has been dating Naylor, a New York City-based ad executive, for five months.

**How do you make the most of a romantic tropical vacation with your partner?**

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

There are endless ways to make a tropical vacation more romantic. Here are a few suggestions:

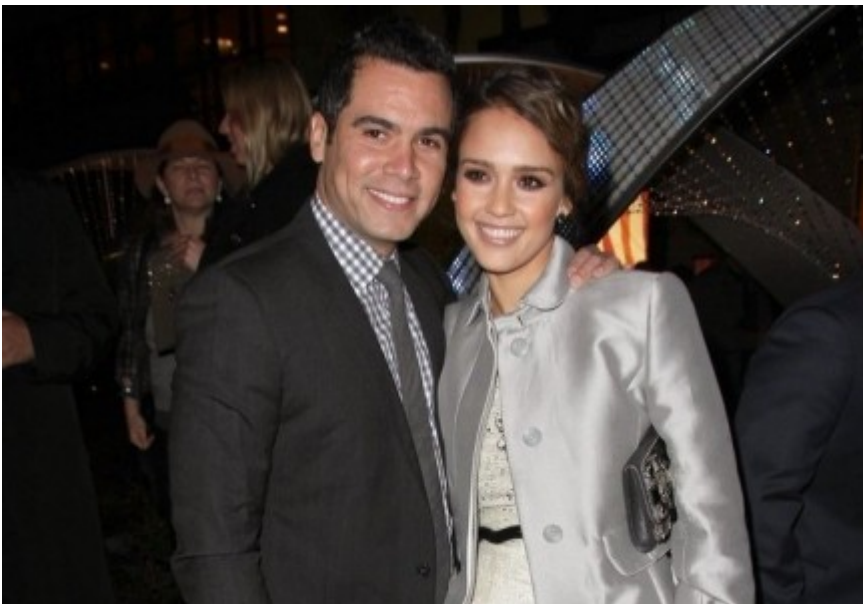
- 1. Go hiking:** Take advantage of the local landscape, and go hiking. Many hiking trails even have waterfalls along the way.
- 2. Stargaze:** Tropical islands are famous for their cloudless skies and bright stars. Lay out on the beach or on the balcony of your hotel room and look at the sky with your significant other.
- 3. Visit a private beach:** Though popular beaches are beautiful as well, sometimes private beaches are even more breathtaking. Ask a local or pick up a tourist guide to find

a less-populated beach.

Have you ever visited a tropical locale with your partner? Feel free to leave a comment below.

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## Valentine's Day Advice: Nine Gift Ideas for the Frugalista



By Vicky Oliver

According to Wikipedia, Valentine's Day didn't become associated with romantic love until the High Middle Ages when the tradition of courtly love flourished. Ever since, the day has been fraught with symbolism tinged with traces of anxiety.

We all want our gifts to communicate the appropriate amount of love, but we're sometimes unsure how to accomplish that. Questions abound. Should you buy him a sexy card or tickets

to a basketball game? Should you present her with costly French perfume, and if so, what brand? What, if anything, will he “read into” that scented soap-on-a-rope? Will she take those teardrop earrings to mean more than you intend—or quite a bit less? And then, on the other end of the love spectrum, what if you simply can’t afford to shower your loved one with the gifts that he or she deserves?

If you’re watching your money (and these days, who isn’t?), the good news is that we live in an era when the grand gesture can be more meaningful than a present costing hundreds of dollars. And with a little forethought, yours will convey just the right amount of love. Here are nine gift ideas for the frugalista with a heart of gold, but a wallet running on empty:

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**1. Invent a signature drink for your sweetheart.** Is he of Russian descent? Perhaps the drink should contain Russian vodka in his honor. Does she hail from Florida? Maybe the drink should be made with fresh-squeezed oranges instead. Are you dating a redhead? Consider adding ginger as one of the prominent drink flavors. For added fun and hijinks, print up the recipe on cardstock so that your loved one can order the libation with ease at restaurants and bars. Be sure to put some personality into that recipe card.

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**2. Get inventive with the I.O.U.s.** These ingenious notes can save you a small fortune ... or even a large one. Instead of running around trying to find the perfect present for your paramour, take half of an afternoon to design a pretty I.O.U. certificate on your computer for “one free home-cooked meal.” Then fill in his name, print out the document, wrap it with a ribbon (that came straight from another gift), and you’re done. Cupid will attest, the quickest way to a man’s heart is

(still) through his stomach.

**3. Name a star.** It's a symbolic gesture that has little to do with science, but much to do with love and affection. Plus, it can add a real bright spot to your relationship. Call a star after a girlfriend, boyfriend, or even "just a friend" for under \$15. Every time that special person in your life stares up at the heavens, he or she will be sure to think of you fondly.

**4. Shop your closet.** "Love consists of desiring to give what is our own to another and feeling his delight as our own," Emanuel Swedenborg wrote. Passing on something that was yours to someone you cherish is not merely about the value of the item itself. Hopefully, the gesture will strike an emotion, and you'll have a chance to see your own joy reflected back in the recipient's face. Please note: Never relinquish something that you can't live without should the relationship combust.

**5. The gift that shows what you *would* give if money were no object.** Five years into your relationship is your dream of spending "April in Paris" together *still* just a dream? Show her that you haven't forgotten with a destination charm. A company called latitude longitude&#x2014; charms and jewelry will print out the exact coordinates of your fantasy location on a sterling silver stamped tag. You'll get all the credit for taking her there—at a fraction of the cost.

**6. Say it with music.** When love is in the air, why not pretend that you're an on-air personality and burn a CD of the tunes that remind you of your sweetheart? If you have been dating for over a year, the songs might harken back to the night you met. Or the CD might include the melody that played when you first kissed. Sweet dreams are made of this.

**7. Something, anything, in her or his color.** Some women look dashing in pink. Some guys look fetching in emerald green. When you know your lover's favorite color and then buy

a present in the precise shade, it shows an extra degree of thought. These gifts needn't be costly. Scarves, hats, and gloves in every color of the rainbow can be purchased for under \$10 at your local street vendors. Even something as frivolous as a pink pen can bring a smile to the right face—hers.

**8. A message in a bottle.** Do you feel like Shakespeare in love, but just need a little help writing the poetry? For about \$100 less than a bottle of perfume you can give your love interest something permanent, creative, and emotionally stirring. An online company called Timeless Message will help you select a limited edition antique bottle and even craft a message for you if need be. What if you actually *are* the next Shakespeare or the second coming of Hallmark? Have no fear! It's easy to write your own sentiment (and not be dependent on the sentimentality of others).

**9. Something a tiny bit Bohemian.** I once ate chocolate spaghetti. It wasn't the finest meal I had ever sampled, but it was so over-the-top that I savored it anyway. (If you're giving chocolate pasta as a gift, be sure to find a recipe that you actually *want* to try. There are several online.)

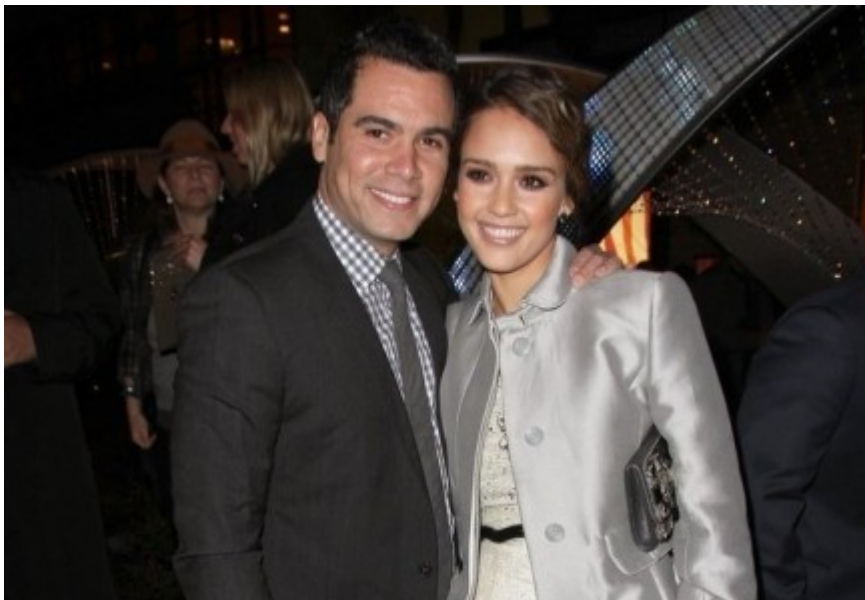
If you have just started dating, Valentine's Day is a built-in opportunity to move your relationship forward by mutually exploring a new level of intimacy. On the other hand, if you have been dating or married for a while, Valentine's Day presents the perfect chance to rekindle the romance and remember why you fell in love in the first place. No matter what you spend on your significant other this Valentine's Day, don't forget to say, "I love you."

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## Rumor: Is Adam Levine and Anne V's Relationship On the Rocks?



If the reported relationship woes are true, then Adam Levine will have to find someone else to serenade. [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) reports that the Maroon 5 frontman and Victoria's Secret model Anne V's relationship may be over after two years. A source says that the duo got into a fight, and she dumped him. The source also said that the reason behind the arguing is that V doesn't



think “he treats her well.” To add to that case, Levine did not have his date with him at the Golden Globes. Despite this, Levine’s rep struck down the rumor as “100 percent not true.”

**What do you do if your partner doesn’t treat you well?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Nobody should be with someone who treats them unfairly. Cupid has a few tips on what to do if you feel this way:

**1. Have a ‘sit down’:** You and your partner need to be able to sit down and talk your issues out. The only way to see the relationship work is if you can talk everything out without being over emotional.

**2. Stay calm:** Blowing up is the last thing you want to do. You’ll end up saying things you regret, and you can’t take those things back. Remain calm and rational if at all possible.

**3. Keep your distance:** If all else fails, then walk away. This should be the last resort, but in the end you deserve to be happy and with someone who treats you well.

**What did you do when your partner started treating you poorly? Share your experiences below.**