Product Review: Make a Splash This Summer with Snow Fox Skincare



By Bre Gajewski

Plant-based skincare is the newest <u>beauty trend</u>, and leading the way is Snow Fox. Snow Fox creates "a professional grade, natural and 100% plant-based formula." It was originally designed by a Rosacea patient to cater to people with hypersensitive skin; however, it has proven to be extremely effective for all skin types.

Product Review: <u>Snow Fox</u> is the summer skincare line used for <u>celebrity vacations</u> and sultry <u>date</u> <u>nights</u>.

If you are wondering what "plant-based skincare" means and if it really makes a difference, Snow Fox products make sure to notate that their formula includes no parabens, silicones, SLS, palm oil/palm oil derivatives, DEA, MEA or PEG, phthalates, formaldehyde, petrochemicals, phenoxyethanol, mineral oil, sulphates, artificial colors/dyes, artificial fragrances, synthetic preservatives, or animal origin ingredients.



Kourtney Kardashian. Photo: Rich Fury/Getty Images

Even celebrities are going "au naturel" with their skincare. <u>Kourtney Kardashian</u> uses the Snow Fox Vegan Sheet Mask and made the following testimony:

"Since I've tried incorporating natural skincare more and more into my routine, I've noticed my skin is less dry. There are so many chemicals and ingredients in beauty products that strip your skin of its natural hydration and oils...scroll to see my current favorites."

We love the following three products for glowing skin this summer.



Snow Fox All in One Detox Mask

Snow Fox All in One Detox Mask, \$30

A powerful mask that moisturizes, brightens and evens out skin tone while tightening pores. Essential oils work to extract impurities from deep within the skin. Key ingredients including Peppermint Oil Extract, Aloe Vera Leaf and 100% Organic Cotton Sheet



Snow Fox Day & Night Defense Multi Cream

Snow Fox Soothing Facial Cleansing Mousse, \$35

A powerful and gentle formula that removes dirt, oils, and impurities from your face without stripping your skin of moisture. This non-irritant refreshing formula is made from organic peppermint oil extract that provides natural, cooling antimicrobial protection. Key ingredients include Citric Acid, Peppermint Oil and Aloe Vera Leaf



Snow Fox Day & Night Defense Multi Cream

Snow Fox Day & Night Defense Multi Cream, \$55

Locks in moisture, repairs and protects the skin from environmental stressors. This multipurpose product can be used as a primer, a day cream, a night cream and even a mattifying foundation or BB cream blender. The cream is formulated with antioxidant Ginseng Extract and also works against fine lines, wrinkles and evens out hyperpigmentation. Key ingredients include Olive Fruit Oil, Ginseng Extract, Jojoba Oil and Macadamia Oil.

If you are looking for new skincare products that will give you beautiful, hydrated skin without any chemicals or animal testing, then Snow Fox is for you. Check out their <u>website</u> and follow them on social media @snowfoxskincare to learn more about their products.

Product Review: Beauty Products for the Men In Your Life





By <u>Haley Lerner</u>

Father's Day was yesterday, and it was a reminder that it can be tough to figure out what gifts to get for the important men in our lives! Skin care is obviously something many women take very seriously, but it is actually starting to become a big industry for men as well. Men need skin care and anti-aging products, too, so the ANNEMARIE BÖRLIND *For Men* skincare line can be the perfect gift for any man. These <u>celebrity beauty</u> products are the perfect thing for any man hoping to better himself.

These great beauty products are the perfect gift to make your beau appreciate and love you even more! Check out our product review:

For Men Caring Shaving Cream - \$20

Who doesn't love a smooth shave for a <u>date night</u>? ANNEMARIE BÖRLIND's Caring Shaving Cream is a natural and refreshing cream that provides a gentle wet shave for a man to get off his stubble. The product consists of natural ingredients like aloe vera and liquorice root, so there's no need to worry about this product having any harmful artificial ingredients. These natural ingredients provide a soothing and calming effect on the skin and work to moisturize and soften one's face while shaving.

Exfoliating Peel - \$50

After shaving, the perfect thing for a man's skin is to exfoliate. ANNEMARIE BÖRLIND's Exfoliating Peel is a cream peel made with natural jojoba wax beads and no microplastics! This peel removes dead skin cells and smoothens out any rough areas on the skin. This amazing product will regulate sebum production and refine the appearance of pores. Plus, certified organic shea butter in the product helps nourish the skin.

For Men Revitalizing Shower Gel -\$29

Want the perfect give for an animal-loving guy? This vegan beauty product is the perfect choice. This shower gel refreshes and cleans skin using algae extract. It's perfect for your beau to use in the morning of after a long day to make him totally relax.

Get these beauty products as the perfect gift for any man!

Love & Libations: The Negroni & Anthony Bourdain



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By Yolanda Shoshana

When I was thinking about what I wanted to do for this column, I was walking through NYC and came upon Les Halles. Unless you have been away from the news recently, you may know that Anthony Bourdain passed away. Les Halles was a French bistro where he got his start as an executive chef. Let's just say many romantic nights were had at the restaurant. Though both locations of the bistro are now closed, people have been leaving tributes to him pasted on the windows. Consider this my cheers to the icon.

The culinary world is still reeling over the death of Bourdain; in fact, it may never be the same. It will be hard to find anyone who can take his place, though someone will try to fill the void. He undoubtedly changed the way that people eat and drink. Someone said, "He was the Mr. Rogers of the food world." I would have never compared the two, but he did have an edgy Mr. Rogers charm about him. More importantly, both men had a way of making people stop, listen and think in a way that impacted lives. People around the world are coming forward with stories of how Bourdain helped them learn to love food. Since there's such a deep connection between love and food, maybe Bourdain should have added "love doctor" to his resume.

Keep reading for details from our relationship expert Yolanda Shoshana on the late Anthony Bourdain's favorite cocktail!

While most people think of food when they think of Bourdain, he was also a man who loved a good libation. He was often caught with a glass of wine in his hand, but there was a particular cocktail that he was a big fan of as well: The Negroni. Named after Italian Count Camillo Negroni in 1919, the classic aperitif is famous around the world. Bourdain called it the perfect drink, saying, "It's [made from] three liquors that I'm not particularly interested in, but put them together with a slice of orange... it works. That first sip is confusing and not particularly pleasant. But man, it grows on you." I would have to agree. The first time I took a sip of a Negroni, I was intrigued. After about three sips, that intrigue turned to love. It's been one of my favorite libations ever since.

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Bourdain shared a story with *Maxim* about how he made Negroni cocktails for his crew and ended up a bit tipsy. It's the kind of drink meant to share with those near and dear. Get your squad together for a Negroni or two. We can all use a little bit more love and light. Plus, you can also use it as an aphrodisiac cocktail if you want to just kick it with your boo on <u>date night</u>. It's the perfect libation to sip during intimate conversations.

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The best part about the Negroni is that it's so simple to make. All you need are three ingredients and a slice of orange. If you don't have the orange slice, don't fret. After a few sips, it won't even matter. Cheers to you, Bourdain and those you love.

Negroni

loz. Gin
l oz. Campari
l oz. Sweet Vermouth
Slice of orange

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Love & Libations: Royal Reds for the Royal Celebrity Wedding





By Yolanda Shoshana

All eyes have been on the royal <u>celebrity wedding</u> between Meghan Markle and Prince Harry. Between the cameras, approvals from the Queen, and invitations, Markle will probably be thrilled to relax with a glass of wine during her wedding reception. While there are many charming things about Markle, what I like about her the most is her love of good Italian red wine. Imagine chilling with Meghan over a glass of red, talking about tiaras and, hopefully, she shares the secret to her roast chicken recipe.

"The Tig" was the name of Markle's lifestyle blog that was named after Tignanello, a full-bodied red wine from Italy. Long story short, it's a wine from Tuscany that is a part of what is called the Super Tuscan revolution, which took place in the 1970's. The red blend is a combo of Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc produced in the Chianti Classico region. This would suggest that Markle has a sophisticated palate. She is prepared for all of the fancy meals at the palace, not to mention the food she will share with Prince Harry as they travel the world together.

A bottle of Tignanello can run from \$80 to \$150. However, there are Tuscan wines up to par that are more affordable. The following is a list of five wines that I like to think of as "royal reds" from Tuscany and ones that I think would receive a thumbs up from Markle herself. After all, a bold Italian red is perfect to sip during fairy-tale weddings or for a <u>date</u> <u>night</u> with your prince or princess.

Check out these red wines worthy of any royal celebrity wedding!

Luce Della Vite Toscana 2014 (\$100)

This unique wine is produced by Frescabaldi Estates in Montalcino. It's the first wine from that area made with 60% Sangiovese and 40% Merlot. Montalcino is a highly regarded wine producing commune known for fabulous red wines. The Luce is an elegant blend that has aromas of cherries, blackberries, leather, and coffee. Doesn't that sound nice? Pair with a cheese plate or an exquisite meal. When you want to feel like a <u>royal celebrity couple</u>, this is the perfect wine.

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Luce della Vite Lucente Toscana 2015 (\$27)

It's the second wine from the Luca Della Vite estate that is also produced in Montalcino. This red is a bit younger than the Luce. A full-bodied blend of 50% Merlot, 25% Sangiovese, and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, the bottle is packed with fruity aromas. A glass of this goes great with cured meat and cheese. Think of it as a bold and sexy red. It would pair wonderfully with a romantic night.

Roxanne Rosso Toscana 2016 (\$20)

This Super Tuscan wine is produced on Sting and Trudie Styler's Chianti estate called II Palagio. Who knew they had wine, right?! Roxanne is a blend of 80% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot, 10% Syrah. It's the kind of red that goes great with a steak or pasta dish. A truffle cheese would always be a good pairing. If you can't make it to II Palagio, let romance find you and your boo in this bottle of red.

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La Mannella Brunello di Montalcino 2012 (\$80)

While this wine isn't considered a Super Tuscan wine, it's produced in Tuscany. It is made with 100% Sangiovese grapes. In fact, Brunello is the local nickname for the Sangiovese grape. This bold wine is great with beef, lamb, and hearty red sauce dishes. When you want to feel fancy, this is a where it's at.

Cecchi La Mora Maremma Toscana 2015 (\$14)

A fabulous wine for every occasion, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah suits all palates. Aromas that will hit your nose are cherries, spice, chocolate, and a touch of floral. This one would be perfect for a night of snuggling in with roast chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, just like Meghan and Harry. It would also work for a girl's night in, you just may need extra bottles.

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Fashion Trend: Scrunchies And How To Rock Them







By <u>Jessica Gomez</u>

Remember scrunchies? Well, they've made a comeback in the fashion world! There are many hairstyles within which to incorporate them. The classics are coming back. A scrunchy is not only an accessory that holds your hair, but it also adds something because of its size and the colors and prints they come in — even the material (ex: velvet) makes a statement! Also, scrunchies glide off your hair easier than most hair ties, so no hair yanking!

Ready to use scrunchies again to keep up with this <u>fashion trend</u>? Here are a few hairstyles in which to rock these babies:

Experiment to see what you like. Use solid colors, prints, metallics, velvet, etc. There are so many different kinds of scrunchies. Whether it's color, design, or material – they give you different looks even when wearing the same hairstyle. So contemplate wht loo you're going for during <u>date night</u> – all of the follow hairstyles are date night looks. So play around with them when rocking different hairstyles and see how they can affect your fashion sense:

1. Bubble ponytail: This hairstyle is super cute. It can be either casual or can even be rocked for a night out. You can make it high or low. Low will look more low-maintenance, while higher will give you that sexy edge. For this hairstyle, preferably use scrunchies on the smaller side of the scale.

2. Half-up, half-down: This is a classic hairstyle that gives you that "volume" on days where you don't want flat hair. It's a fun causal hairstyle when partnered with a scrunchy. Depending on how modern or vintage you want to look will depend on the size and print. Smaller scrunchies and solid colors will give you that modern look. Flashy or metallic scrunchies and ones with print will give you that old-school look.

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3. Braid ponytail: We love braids! Now, a braid ponytail can be either high, mid, or low. You can use a scrunchy at the top to hold the base of where the braid begins or at the bottom to hold the braid itself. You can do a loose braid or a tight one as well, your choice. This is definitely a casual hairstyle and great for spring and summer. Of course, it can also be rocked in the fall and winter, but they seem to be more common when it's warm out.

4. Messy bun: Who doesn't like the messy bun hairstyle? Of course, you want it to look effortlessly messy but cute – however, there is some effort in it, but not much. Using a scrunchy, you can do a high or low messy bun. A low messy bun will give you more of a low maintenance look, while a high one will be a picker upper, literally and figuratively!

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5. High or low ponytail: Ponytails are everywhere. They are a timeless hairstyle. You can go low, mid, or high. Again, a low ponytail will give you the carefree, low maintenance vibe. While wearing a high ponytail can give you that polished and poised look.

Which hairstyle is your fav? Comment below!

Best East Coast Beaches for Summer 2018





By <u>Carly Horowitz</u>

The summer months are upon us, and that means it's beach time! Whether you live on the East Coast and are looking to try out some fabulous beaches near you or you are planning to travel to the East Coast, we have narrowed down the best beaches that you should visit.

Ponder taking a swim at one of these <u>beautiful vacation spots</u> this

summer!

1. The Hamptons, NY: Multiple towns make up the Hamptons on Long Island. To name a few, there is Westhampton Beach, East Hampton, Southhampton, Montauk, and Sag Harbor. You may have heard of the Hamptons from multiple celebrities taking vacations there. Not only is it a great vacation spot with shopping opportunities and yummy restaurants, but the beaches are amazing as well. The best beaches to visit in the Hamptons are Cupsogue Beach at the end of Dune Road, Rogers Beach in Westhampton Beach, Tiana Beach in East Quogue, Road F Beach in Southhampton, and Wilborg Beach in East Hampton. You can venture to the Hamptons for just one beach day or find a place to stay for a few days. The Hampton beaches make for the perfect destination to venture to with your honey for a *romantic getaway* or with your family.

2. Cape May, NJ: The vibe of Cape May is so nautical and historical and makes for such an enjoyable overall experience. You can visit Higbee Beach, Poverty Beach, or Sunset Beach. You would definitely enjoy visiting Cape May with your partner because you will both be able to enjoy the historical aspects of it, more so than children would. Spend the day at the beach and then have a wonderful <u>date night</u> at one of the cool restaurants nearby! Be sure to visit a winery while you are there as well.

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3. Block Island, RI: Block Island is such an amazing destination because similarly to the spots mentioned above, there is so much to do in addition to the spectacular beaches that are available. Check out Cow Cove near Settlers' rock, Baby Beach, Surf Beach, Mansion Beach, and definitely swing by the Mohegan Bluffs. Block Island presents 17 miles of beaches

so there are a lot to choose from. Block Island also has some historical aspects to it. If you don't wish to spend the entire day at the beach in the sand, half way through the day look into renting bikes and bike across the beautiful island.

4. Martha's Vineyard, MA: Martha's Vineyard offers beaches like Lucy Vincent Beach, Menemsha Hills, Lighthouse Beach, Bend in the Road Beach, and many more. The only way to get here is either by boat or air so that makes the destination even more special. There are many lighthouses, beaches, and farmlands. It is located south of Cape Cod. Be sure to indulge in some seafood while you are visiting.

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5. Kiawah Island, SC: If you are looking to venture to yet another island but more down south this time, definitely dip your toes in the water at Kiawah Island. The beach stretches for 10 miles and it is pristinely clean. Also, if you like to golf, spend two days here: one at the beach and one taking advantage of the wonderful golfing that this island has to offer.

The cool thing about these east coast beaches is that each of them present a different atmosphere. Venture to see which one is the best for you and try to travel to even more that are not mentioned. There is so much to explore!

Do you know of some other amazing east coast beaches? Comment below!

Love & Libations: Mint Juleps for a Derby Date Idea





By Yolanda Shoshana

Whether you care about the Kentucky Derby or not, you will be hearing about the races' infamous Mint Julep until the Derby is well and done. You can't have a Derby celebration without the classic cocktail! Plenty of celebrities show up at the Derby to be seen, including Kathy Couric, Debra Messing, Tracy Morgan, and Harry Connick Jr., to name a few. Some celebrities even host events. Try hosting your own Derby party for a fun date idea!

Keep reading for celebrity spins on Mint Juleps for a fun date idea!

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If you can't make it to the Derby to hang out with your favorite famous people, you can still sip like a celeb. Dust off your big hats and put on your flashy clothes (even if you are just watching at home) to rock the latest <u>celebrity style</u> for your party or date night. Here are two recipes for the Mint Julep for your date idea – one has a Cognac base, while the other is based in whiskey:

D'USSÉ Julep (recipe courtesy of D'USSÉ)

Recently, <u>Beyoncé</u> stunned the world with her hot Coachella performance. Her boo, <u>Jay-Z</u>, even joined her onstage. This celebrity couple will, no doubt, partake in the Derby. Jay-Z will probably make Bey a D'USSÉ Julep, the cognac-based version of this famous drink. Doesn't she deserve one or two? The Mint Julep was originally made with Cognac, so if you want a historically proper Mint Julep, this recipe is for you. It's perfect for entertaining, but if you and your partner are having a quiet Derby Day at home, it's still a great fit for your date.

Ingredients:

- 2 1□2 parts D'USSÉ VSOP Cognac
- 1□2 part simple syrup
- 2-4 sprigs of mint
- Crushed ice

Directions:

Place simple syrup in a julep glass with 5 or 6 mint leaves

and muddle. Fill the glass halfway with ice, add 1 1^[]2 parts of D'USSÉ VSOP Cognac, and stir. Add more ice and 1 part of D'USSÉ VSOP Cognac. Stir again until the glass is fully frosted. Top with ice.

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Jimmy Russell's Mint Julep

Matthew McConaughey is in bed with Wild Turkey to have his own signature whiskey called Long Branch. The whiskey is inspired by his Kentucky and Texas roots. The following Mint Julep recipe is one that McConaughey has shared from the master distiller of Wild Turkey, though I recommend using his Long Branch instead of Wild Turkey 101. It has Matt's humor written all over it. This one is a friends-and-family drink. It's worthy of whipping up a batch because it will go fast.

Ingredients:

- 200 mL Wild Turkey 101 or Long Branch
- 2-3 fresh mint sprigs
- Shaved ice
- 1/3 portion simple syrup
- Powdered Sugar

Directions:

Pour the whiskey and set aside. To fully enjoy the experience, make sure you have a proper stainless steel julep cup. Pick the fresh mint sprigs of their leaves and muddle the mint leaves in the bottom of the cup. Don't use crushed ice! Get a block of ice and shave some ice into the cup. This step is very important. Once the cup is cold and sweating, add simple syrup, powdered sugar, and mint sprigs. Finally, take the cup, go to your backdoor, throw the whole thing out, and drink the whiskey straight! For more Love & Libations date night ideas and celebrity couple predictions from relationship expert Yolanda Shoshana, click <u>here</u>.

Product Review: Make Relaxation a Reality While Traveling with Your Baby This Summer









By <u>Carly Horowitz</u>

As your head lightly falls upon your satin pillow, your mind begins to wander. The white noise machine in the corner of your room prompts your dreams to travel to the beach, in accordance with the wave-like sound. The warm sun shines down on your slightly tanned skin. You taste the sweet, cold margarit… "WAHHH! WAHHHH!" Your precious baby wakes you from this wonderful dream. How great would it be for this dream of a nice, relaxing vacation to become a reality this summer? But, how will this work when you have to care for your baby? Fortunately, there are great products on the market than can make the traveling process with your baby a lot easier. Two specific lifesavers are the Lulla Doll and Mobile Changing Station.

If you are looking to vacation with your baby this summer, take this parenting advice and get these products!

Lulla Doll: This Icelandic creation works as the perfect sleep companion to give babies a feeling of intense closeness. The doll's appearance incorporates both blue and pink colors in order to work as a suitable companion for all children regardless of race and gender. The coolest thing about this doll is that when the chest is pressed, it plays a real-life recording of the heartbeat and breathing of the child's mother at rest for up to 8 hours. Now, you can travel near and far with your baby in the backseat. You don't have to worry about holding them so that they can have a restful nap because with this doll, they will be able to sleep so soundly listening to your heartbeat and breathing. The doll is made from a soft natural cotton blend so that it is easily machine washable with warm water. It also has the ability to absorb the scent of their caregiver if they hold it close to their skin before giving it to their child. Now, you can either travel far while your baby is guaranteed a restful sleep with this doll by their side, or, you can leave your baby at home with another caretaker while you have an amazing vacation and they will be so content having your heartbeat, breathing, and smell as if you were right there with them. Venture on a fun <u>date night</u> with your boo while knowing that your baby is safe and sound with their favorite doll. As <u>lulladoll.com</u> says, "nothing can replace loving human contact but the Lulla doll aims to be a second best." Purchase your Lulla Doll today for \$69 and start planning your summer vacation!



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Mobile Changing Station: As appealing as a vacation alone may sound, you may not be able to fathom the thought of leaving your baby in the care of someone else just yet. That doesn't mean your vacation plans have to be halted. Take your baby with you and venture for the long drive with a Mobile Changing Station! This extremely sturdy changing station has the ability to mold to wherever you need to change your baby: in the car, in the park, on the beach, wherever! It also supplies pockets so that you can store your changing needs in there instead of lugging around a whole other bag as well. It even has a strap that you can attach to a seat in your car and just change your baby in the back seat while you venture on your travels. Don't miss out on traveling in the warm weather this summer, you can get your <u>Mobile Changing Station</u> for \$99.



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Make traveling easy with these products, you deserve a relaxing vacation!

Parenting Advice: Tech-Free Boredom Busters



By Carly Horowitz

It's time for your children to visit the pediatrician for a check-up! You gather your three anxious, jumping jelly beans into the minivan and start your journey to the doctor's office. "I don't want to get a shot!" "Mommy, are we almost there yet?" "Susie won't stop poking me, Mom!" You finally arrive and they say it is going to be about a 20 minute wait. Oh, great. The easiest thing to do right now would be to stick an Ipad in front of your children's faces and you know they

will be occupied playing games until the doctor is ready to see them. But do you really want to resort to that? It is great that we have made such vast advances in technology and we have these amazing devices that have the ability to entertain for hours, but for children, this should be a regulated reward. It is not a bad idea to teach your children to spend their time doing other things to pass the time rather than relying on electronics.

Take this <u>parenting advice</u> and occupy your children with tech-free boredom busters!

1. Make slime: If your child is really into science or they just like slime (most kids do) then this is a great idea. All you have to do is mix school glue, water, borax, and food coloring together! The mixing process may get a little messy, but once your are done, your children can take these globs of colorful slime wherever! As long as they get the okay from mom.

2. Get out the craft box: If you're at home, and your children are in an antsy mood, shift them into an artsy mood! Gather all your art supplies like paint, crayons, markers, oil pastels, and get to work! This can occupy your children for hours. If you are on the go, there are many portable art kits that you can purchase for your little Picasso.

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3. Mad Libs: Mad Libs is a word game where you are given a template of a story, and you have to fill in random missing words. One player prompts others for a list of words to substitute for the blanks in the story. Then, they read the

story out loud and it usually comes out in a funny way that barely makes sense. If your child is at an age where they are honing in on their language skills, this is perfect! Your kids will be having fun and learning about verbs, nouns, and adjectives at the same time. You can even indulge in other games similar to Mad Libs like Scrabble, My Word!, Mad Gab, or Boggle.

4. Make bracelets: There are so many cool ways to make bracelets for both boys and girls. You can get your kids a book that details how to make bracelet patterns with string and then get them a portable box with a bunch of different string colors in it. They can also make bracelets with beads, noodles, or shells! This activity will be able to get your kids focused. If they get really good at making bracelets, they can even try to have their own little business at the end of your street or at the beach. They can sell their bracelets for \$1 each and start being young entrepreneurs.

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5. Go outside!: Prompt your children to put down the iPad and video games and do some fun activities outside while there is nice weather. They can have some running races with other kids on the block or play hide-and-seek. Plan an exciting treasure hunt for them if it is really a struggle for you to get them up and out. A family bike ride is never a bad idea. Hula hoop, draw with chalk, play in the sprinklers, have a water balloon fight, organize a lemonade stand. The possibilities are endless. There are so many different activities that kids can indulge in that don't have to revolve around technology, you just have to open your mind to all of the options. If you can get your children occupied for long enough, you may even be able to squeeze in a <u>date night</u> with your hubby!

What are some other tech-free boredom busters? Comment below!

Popular Restaurants: Where to Find the Best Rolled Ice Cream





By Carly Horowitz

Have you heard of the new latest <u>food trend</u>? You have probably seen it on an Instagram post or a SnapChat story. It's rolled ice cream! It is ice cream that is cooled to a temperature where it is able to be rolled into a satisfying swirl. Now you definitely want to try this out, or more importantly, buy some so that you can post a picture of it, right? Fortunately, Cupid has narrowed down the places to find the best rolled ice cream in America.

Hop on the coolest (get it) food trend and try out these hot spots that have rolled ice cream!

1.10Below Ice Cream: This amazing spot serves Thai-inspired ice cream rolls. They make the desert for you right in front of your eyes. 10Below Ice Cream has locations all over New York in Chinatown, Flushing, Lower East Side, and East Village. They have even spanned to a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania location and the store is opening up in Los Angeles, California soon!

2. Blossom Ice Cream: Located in Brooklyn, NY, this ice cream joint makes it their business to serve you rolled ice cream with great energy. With flavors like wild berry lavender, matcha melody, cookie butter, dream of Hawaii, and more, this is definitely not a place you want to pass up. They also offer soy-based cream for individuals with vegan diets or prefer non-diary ice cream!

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3. Ice Land: Ice Land has put together a menu of rolled ice cream creations with specific toppings that go with each of the flavors in order for you to get a delicious desert experience. For example, they have a product called the 'key lime pie' which contains a vanilla rolled ice cream base, graham cracker, fresh lime, pie mixer, and whipped cream! This place is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

4. Holy Roly Ice Cream: Make your way down to LA and stop by Holy Roly Ice cream for some organic, handmade desert. The

best part is that with no preservatives or stabilizers added in, this can serve as a relatively healthy desert! They also recommend that you take videos of them making the rolled ice cream. Perfect Instagram story opportunity.

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5. I CE NY: Although it has NY in the name, this store spans widely throughout the U.S. with multiple locations in New York, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Texas! There are also locations coming soon to Massachusetts, Colorado, and Virginia. I CE NY has also put together wonderful ice cream combinations for you to choose from. Or, you can mix and match ice cream and toppings yourself. Don't miss out on the 'Strawberry Cheesecake' that contains vanilla ice cream, fresh strawberries, real cheesecake, and strawberry sauce. This popular experience is a perfect way to end off a <u>date night</u> in a sweet way.

Know of any more places that serve amazing rolled ice cream? Comment below!

Date Idea: Pick Your Own Presents





By <u>Jessica Gomez</u> and Kristin Mattern

If you forgot to go shopping for your sweetie, no worries! This is a great opportunity for a fun date idea. Grab your babe and tackle the crowds as you take on last-minute Christmas shopping together. Pick out presents the two of you will really appreciate, and share some laughs as you choose gifts for your friends and family.

Here are a few dating tips for what to do on your <u>date night</u>:

Get a little sentimental: Don't be afraid to do so as you reminisce together over classic toys in kid stores. Nostalgic feelings can be awesome! Also, don't leave out the feelings of tenderness...and seduction even. Feel the romantic tension build as you wander into the lingerie department together. This unique date is sure to please your inner shopaholic!

Be sure to set a plan of attack with your partner: The two of you can spend some time conspiring together about the best

route to take when hitting up the crowded shopping malls and outlets. Decide which stores you'd like to go to, and create a list of items you want. Come up with a silly call that you can yell out when you get separated (you could just call him on the cell phone, but what fun is that?). Play a little. You can also both wear matching Santa or Elf hats with your sweetie to make it easy to spot one another! Adorbs.

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Overcome shopping stress by making a game of it: Create a naughty and nice column on a piece of paper. Getting frustrated from shoppers snatching the last Tickle Me Elmo just as you reach for it? Remember: for every shopping tantrum one of you throws, you get a check in the naughty column! Enough checks, and you'll only be getting coal in your stocking this Christmas. Creative and soothing, right?

Chill out in the middle of your shopping extravaganza for a delicious lunch date: Splurge! Go to a really nice restaurant in the area or that high-end spot in the mall you normally avoid. If you can, make reservations ahead of time so the two of you can easily transition from your high energy shopping spree to a relaxing, romantic meal. Enjoy this calm moment by sharing tastes of one another's food and chatting about what each of you are most excited about for the upcoming holiday.

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Wrap gifts together: When your cutie and you have bought all of the gifts on your list, head home to continue the date by wrapping presents together. Put on your favorite classic Christmas music and pour some warm deliciousness into your mugs to sip while the two of you keep the holiday magic going. See who can wrap the fastest or the most elaborately as you make all the items you bought Christmas-ready. This is the perfect way to wrap up your last minute shopping date!

Have you gone last minute shopping with your honey before? We

want to hear about it! Tell us in the comments below.

Date Idea: Get in Gear for the New Year





By Jessica Gomez and Shannon Seibert

You may think New Year's resolutions are old-fashioned, but there's a great sentiment behind them. Rather than planning year-long objectives, follow these <u>date night</u> ideas and set small goals with your love. In relationships and love, people tend to take on more than they can handle alone. Buckle down with your significant other and get realistic together. Celebrate the holiday season before ringing in the New Year. Use this time to see what direction you both want to head in your partnership.

Cupid has some advice on strengthening your partnership in the New Year. Here are a few date ideas that will be productive for you and your lover:

By following these small pieces of dating and <u>relationship</u> <u>advice</u>, you are sure to strengthen your love in the long run.

Go to the gym together: Get your sweat on! Thinking of goals is the easy part of New Year's resolutions — it's sticking to them that's so hard! We've all seen the people who want to "get fit this year" and crowd the gym for the month of January, but are no where to be found by the middle of March. Set goals with your partner that are achievable.

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Give to yourselves and to others: Give to yourselves by taking a couple's trip, like taking a weekend getaway within the next two months. And give to others by spending one day each month giving back to our community. There are may ways to help out, so choose a cause you and your other half are passionate about and go for it!

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Go on dates weekly: Any date! Be spontaneous! If there are small aspects of your partnership that you'd like to work on with your partner, tonight's the night to tell them. If your significant other has a busy career that involves a lot of

travel, make a goal for more communication throughout the week. Agree to pursue a date each week, whether they are home dates or outdoor dates. Break down your schedules and pick a night that would work for both of you, and get ready for some fun!

Break each goal down into time increments to solidify the commitment you and your honey make. As you ring in the New Year together, keep in mind that your relationship is what you make it. Reaching these small goals will lead to something even bigger than the both of you could've imagined!

What are some New Year's resolutions you've made with your partner? Share them with us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Light Up Your Love





By <u>Jessica Gomez</u> and Kristin Mattern

The holiday season is one of the most beautiful times of the year – a time when people decorate their homes with twinkling lights, garlands, wreaths, menorahs, and even adorable penguins. Get into the spirit and spark some love this weekend by taking a romantic, moonlit drive with your sweetie as you cruise through your neighborhood checking out all of the Christmas and Hanukkah lights.

Rekindle the magic of the holidays with your babe and admire the beautiful displays with these dating tips for your upcoming <u>date</u> <u>night</u>:

Map your route: This is important, After all, not everyone decorates for the holidays. To get the most out of your night drive, scan the scene during the day before your date and find

out what areas have really gone all out this year. This way, when you take your honey out for a spin, it will be through areas with the most decorations and stunning of displays. You can also conduct some brief research on Google. With a bit of planning, your date will be sure to delight!

If you live in or near New York City: Looking for something a little grander than your neighbor's twinkle lights and angle statues? Go to a professional public display instead. The Big Apple is a must see during this time, especially Rockefeller Center. New Yorkers and tourists alike go to see the tree and skate at the ice rink. Enjoy the time with your sweetheart as you swirl around in the rink and skate your way into each other's hearts beneath the huge Christmas tree.

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If you live in or near Los Angeles: L.A. offers its own unique displays that are not to be missed. Take a cruise down Rodeo Drive or through Griffith Park. See some truly spectacular lights while you take in the palm trees and vignettes in the store fronts. You'll feel like an old school celebrity as you snuggle up to your significant other and drive with the windows down through decked-out Cali. Professional light shows are sure to take your cutie's breath away as the two of you view illuminating lights accompanied by heartwarming Christmas carols and holiday music.

Decorate your place/s together: If you're feeling inspired from viewing all of those pretty lights, get together with your partner and go for it. Have a blast trying to recreate some of your favorite pieces, or try to top them and come up with something even better! This will be nice bonding time. Go nuts and have fun!

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Chill at home: Of course, not literally chill, but hangout and

stay warm during this time! After enjoying the sights and sounds of the holiday spirit and décor, make some more memories by warming up inside with hot cocoa and dancing with your darling to your favorite Christmas or Hanukkah tunes. End the night by relaxing together in front of the fire and roasting some chestnuts while you enjoy a classic Christmas movie.

What will you be doing as a Christmas date night? Share below!

Beauty Trend: Best Drugstore Eyeshadow Palettes





By Carly Horowitz

There's no need to break the bank on expensive make-up products that aren't even that great. Some people are firm believers that some of the best make-up can be found right in your local drugstore! For instance, there is an array of affordable yet amazing eyeshadow palettes available. Fortunately, Cupid has narrowed down the best drugstore eyeshadow palettes for you so that you don't have to go through the trial and error process.

Rock the latest <u>beauty trends</u> with these lovely drugstore eyeshadow palettes!

1. L.A Girl Beauty Brick Eyeshadow, Nudes: This palette is perfect for that natural look you are striving to achieve. No need to spend over \$50 on an Urban Decay Naked Palette when you can achieve the same look starting at \$7. This palette offers some shades with shimmer, and some completely matte colors. Plus, the magnetic case includes a mirror and a double-sided eyeshadow applicator so you can do your makeup on the go. This eyeshadow has an amazingly smooth texture and also has the ability to keep your eyes looking amazing all day long!

2. NYX Ultimate Shadow Palette In Smokey and Highlight: Put together your next <u>date night</u> look with the help of the beautiful array of shades in the NYX Ultimate Shadow Palette. The immensely pigmented, easily bendable colors glide across your eyelids so gracefully. You will have the ability to create an uncountable amount of looks because this palette offers such a variety of colors. Make your way to the local drugstore and get this amazing eyeshadow! Related Link: Product Review: Try New, Natural Beauty Products

3. Revion ColorStay 16 Hour Eyeshadow Quad in Precocious: Who doesn't love a nice smoky grey and purple look? If you're a fan, then this is a great drugstore palette for you. These 4 colors will stay on your lids for a guaranteed 16 hours. The only downfall is that these colors aren't that pigmented. But, due to it's anti-crease qualities, this palette makes the cut.

4. Milani Everyday Eyes Eyeshadow Palette in Earthy Elements: With six very pigmented shades, you can create a beautiful <u>celebrity style</u> look. These smooth, easily bendable colors will last you all day and all night long. Nothing compares to using hues that represent this wonderful earth that we live on.

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5. Burt's Bees Eye Shadow Trio in Shimmering Nudes: The best part about this palette is that every tone incorporates ingredients such as honey, vitamin E, and bamboo so you can be nurturing your skin while you brighten up your look. You won't have to worry about creasing, smudging, or fading either when you are strutting with this great product on your skin.

Do you have some more amazing drugstore eyeshadow palette suggestions for us to try? Comment below!

Celebrity Couple News: 'Bachelor' Arie Luyendyk Jr.

& Lauren Burnham Have First Date Night Post-Engagement





By <u>Carly Horowitz</u>

In <u>latest celebrity news</u>, Arie Luyendyk Jr. and Lauren Burnham are spotted on their first public <u>date night</u> since their <u>celebrity engagement</u>! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the pair was seen at New York City's Japanese hotspot Megu on Wednesday. Arie and Lauren seemed to have a great time as they spent three hours in the private dining room. Although the duo seems very happy together, <u>The Bachelor</u> fans are still upset with Arie for proposing to Becca Kufrin, and then breaking off the engagement to propose to Lauren soon after. It makes it a little better now that Becca gets to be the star of season 14 of <u>The Bachelorette</u> and hopefully find true love herself.

This <u>celebrity couple news</u> is garnering mixed reactions from *Bachelor* Nation. What are some reasons to ignore scrutiny of your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

People will always have opinions about aspects of your life. That's okay if you learn how to deal with it and just let it go. Here are some reasons why you should ignore this criticism and not let it get to you:

1. They don't know your feelings: No one in this world is able to grasp your true feelings deep down. So how do they have the right to judge you? If you love someone and you want to be with them, thats all that matters.

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2. It may not be about you: Don't let scrutiny get under your skin because these people may be critiquing your life, yet they are doing this because they are not happy with aspects in their own life.

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3. Jealousy: People may have such strong opinions about your life simply because they are jealous of you! Why else would they be taking so much time out of their day to analyze every aspect of your life and pick out the parts they don't agree with?

Why else should you ignore criticism? Comment below!

Date Idea: Go To a Turkey Shoot



By Carly Horowitz and Kristin Mattern

If you can't wait for Thanksgiving and dreams of pumpkin pie and mashed potatoes are already filling your head, it's time to get into the holiday spirit! This weekend, take your significant other to a turkey shoot. Don't worry, no turkeys are harmed during this event! Take aim at love as you and your partner shoot at targets 30 feet away in this long-standing traditional competition. Whoever hits the center of the targets, or just gets the closest, wins a frozen turkey as a prize! It'll be the perfect addition to your Thanksgiving table.

Take part in this traditional <u>date</u> <u>idea</u> during this season of thanks!

Get in the mood for this date by wearing flannel shirts and horseback riding boots. If you're a skilled shooter, impress your babe with your marksmanship. And if you're a little gun shy (pun intended), a good tip to remember is to move with the recoil as the gun hits your shoulder to avoid bruising or discomfort. Always wear safety goggles and practice safe shooting. Don't point your rifle anywhere but the target and follow all the instructions provided by the event coordinators to ensure a fun and safe time.

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When your turkey shoot is over, it's time to head back for a romantic home-cooked meal. Cooking is a fun activity that you can enjoy together. Grow closer with your sweetheart while swapping recipes or researching some new ones. For something simple, make a dish like pasta with red sauce and turkey meatballs. During your <u>date night</u> time in the kitchen, discover each other's favorite foods and types of cuisine. If you don't feel like cooking, order in! Opt for cheesy pizza or spicy Thai food, whatever the two of you are craving after your big day. Look into some <u>famous restaurants</u> near you and see if they offer take-out as well.

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After dinner, make Thanksgiving-themed drinks like hot apple cider or cranberry and vodka and watch a Thanksgiving movie. You and your honey will laugh until it hurts watching a classic like *Trains*, *Planes and Automobiles*. Then, get a little sentimental and relive your childhood with *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*. Build a fire in the fireplace and really get cozy with the one you love as you prep for the upcoming holiday.

This date idea could be you and your sweetheart's new November tradition!

Ever been on a Turkey Shoot? Tell about your experience in the comments below!

Celebrity Couple News: Ashton Kutcher Posts Sexy Photo with Wife Mila Kunis Pre-Oscars





By <u>Jessica Gomez</u>

In <u>celebrity news</u>, on their <u>date night</u> to celebrate the 2018 Oscars reportedly at a party, <u>Ashton Kutcher</u> posted a photo via Instagram on Sunday of him and his wife <u>Mila Kunis</u>, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. The <u>celebrity couple</u> looked gorgeous, all dressed up in the up close shot. "Night out with the wife," read the caption. Kutcher doesn't really post many photos of his wifey on social media, but he did for this special night. Adorbs!

This celebrity couple is keeping the spark alive! What are some ways to keep the spark alive in your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

There are plenty of ways to keep the spark alive in your

relationship. It can sometimes require work, but no need to feel feel any shame. Cupid has some tips:

1. Don't stop flirting with one another: In the beginning, flirting can give us that fluttery feeling in our stomachs, which is what keeps that "new" feeling going. Sometimes couples stop complimenting one another, and just stop with the flirtatious and promiscuous comments altogether. This can take some of the fun out of your relationship. Every couple is different, but if you both enjoyed flirting in the beginning, you should definitely still be doing it. You can do it via text messages, in person, or both!

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2. Continue going on dates: Go to the places you love and go to different ones as well! Spending quality time together is essential, whether it's a date outside or an at-home one. Continue to do things together — share experiences and make more memories. Schedule at least one date a week, it will go a long way. Bottom line: don't stop going on dates.

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3. Laugh together: Whether you're watching a comedy, going to a stand up show, or just cracking jokes with one another, laughing together is important. The act of laughing releases endorphins that provide feelings of happiness and a great sense of well-being, which is something that can make you and your partner bond more.

Any other ideas to keeping the spark alive? Comment below!

Date Idea: Get in the Game





By Carly Horowitz and Kristin Mattern

Nothing says November and Thanksgiving tradition like a friendly game of football with your sweetie. The two of you can throw around the old pigskin alone this weekend, or grab some family and friends for a game against other couples! Celebrate with drinks at a local spot or cuddle up for a football-themed movie at home. Get out there and tackle your way into love.

Check out these entertaining <u>date</u> <u>ideas</u>!

Put on your favorite team jerseys, step outside, and enjoy the

cool fall weather as you play a game of catch. Gather your friends and family together for a game. Play flag football – there's no tackling necessary! Use cheap socks dyed two different colors that the players can tuck into their pockets to differentiate the teams. To take down an opponent, simply grab a sock from the players' pocket. Come up with a team chant or victory dance for whenever either you or your sweetheart score a goal!

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After you're done tossing the ball around, go out for drinks at a nearby sports bar. To amp up the friendly rivalry, decide beforehand that the loosing team will buy the first round of drinks. Remember to set a price cap so that no one is ordering too many cocktails! Celebrate the winning team's victory and the fun times you and your partner shared.

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Wind down the evening by watching a sports movie. Enjoy Friday Night Lights for something stirring. If you're looking for laughs, pick Waterboy or Leatherheads. Finish your <u>date night</u> by snuggling together and just relaxing after your active day.

Do you enjoy playing football with your love? Let us know in the comments below!

Date Idea: A Day in the Hay





By Carly Horowitz and Kristin Mattern

October is finally here. Are you looking for some autumnalthemed fun for a date this weekend? You're in the right place.

Check out these fun fall weekend date ideas!

You and your sweetheart could take advantage of the crisp fall air and fiery foliage by heading out for a ranch adventure. Spend the day growing closer to your honey as you learn how to care for horses by cleaning out their hooves, brushing their manes and feeding them treats like carrots and sugar cubes.

Then, take off on a romantic trail ride. It's incredibly romantic to go horseback riding with the one you love. The setting is intimate, and you get to enjoy a serene moment while learning a new skill. And hey, even if you and your dearest aren't great horsemen, you can still enjoy some playful teasing as you get the hang of riding

together. Laughter brings people closer, and you're sure to have some as you bounce on horseback down the trail.

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After you're done spending time on horseback, keep the fun flowing by taking a hay ride. Enjoy the fall scenery while snuggled up with your partner in the wagon and take a moment to enjoy the smell of the grass and the gorgeous day the two of you are sharing. Have a candlelit barn dinner to polish off your Western experience with a romantic <u>date night</u>. Keep the mood going with a cowboy-themed spread surrounded by a rustic ranch setting.

Unsure where the closest ranch is? DudeRanches.com does the footwork for you by finding ranches across America. Some ranches even have more amenities than the great outdoors like spas, pools, tennis, bars and hot tubs. Find the one that best suits you and your significant other.

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If you live near New York City, check out some of the ranches near the Hudson River Valley. For example, Rocking Horse Ranch is a fun place! After a ride through the beautiful Adirondack Mountains, you and your honey can travel a different trail – one through Hudson Vally Wine Country. Taste your way through a variety of vineyards to round out your date.

If you're close to Los Angeles, enjoy trail rides and cave exploration at Griffith Park Horse Rentals or discover you and your lover's inner cowboy at Sunset Ranch. Kick back in the California sunshine when your time on the trail is done, and learn about the rich history of the San Antonio Winery that has been in LA since 1917.

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No matter how you and your sweetheart enjoy your 'day in the hay', remember to just have fun!

Ever been horseback riding on a date before? We'd love to hear about it! Share your experience by commenting below.

Celebrity Couple Scott Disick & Sofia Richie Enjoy Date Night As She Introduces Puppy No. 2





By <u>Jessica Gomez</u>

In <u>celebrity news</u>, <u>celebrity couple</u> Scott Disick and Sofia Richie enjoyed a <u>date night</u> after Richie posted videos of the couple's puppies on social media, according to <u>Eonline.com</u>. Hours after Richie posted the adorable videos on Instagram, the couple was photographed leaving Shibuya, an Asian restaurant, in Calabasas. The couple was dressed comfortably and casually on their night out. Disick and Richie seem to be really happy together. How cute!

This celebrity couple is still going strong and enjoying dates. What are some ways to keep the spark alive in your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

There are plenty of ways to keep the spark alive in your relationship. Sometimes it happens naturally because of who you are and sometimes it requires work. Either way, Cupid has some <u>love advice</u> for you:

1. Don't stop flirting: In the beginning, flirting gave us that fluttery feeling in our stomachs (yeah, butterflies – remember those?). This keeps that "new" feeling going. Sometimes couples stop with the compliments, stop with the flirtatious and promiscuous comments, and that can take some of the fun out of your relationship. Every couple is different, but if you both enjoyed flirting before, you should definitely still be doing it. Send text messages, and do it in person!

Related Link: <u>Kristen Bell Shares The Secrets to Her Healthy</u> <u>Relationship With Dax Shepard</u> 2. Continue going on dates: Go to different places and even continue going to places where you're both regulars. Bottom line: don't stop going on dates. Spending quality time together is essential, whether it's a date outside or an indoor at-home one. Continue to do things together — share experiences and make more memories. Schedule at least one date a week.

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3. Role play: Whether you role play while flirting or in the bedroom, you can spice things up this way. Acting things out can be enough for some and others want to take it the whole way and dress up as well. Being comfortable with one another is important. Have some fun and enjoy being someone other than yourself. Many couples try filling in the roles of cops, prisoners, teachers, nurses, and/or dress up elegantly and take it from there.

What are some ways you have kept the spark alive in your relationship? Share below!

Love & Libations: Heat Up Your Relationship with a Date Night in the Kitchen





by Yolanda Shoshana

Preparing a nice home-cooked meal on a <u>date night</u> with your partner is one of the sexiest things that you can do together. It's also important to pair your food with the right spirit or wine. There are some <u>celebrity chefs</u> who have the perfect libations to add a sensual touch to your dinner table.

Ideas for Date Nights at Home

If you are a foodie, you have probably already gone to an Alain Ducasse restaurant. The celebrity chef has around 19 Michelin stars under his belt. Ducasse partnered with Grey Goose to create the first gastronomy vodka called Grey Goose Interpreted by Ducasse. Basically, the vodka was made to pair with food. Since it has notes of coffee, chocolate, and vanilla, it would be great to pair with something from the slow cooker on a night that you and your partner plan to stay in. It would be particularly wonderful with a mole sauce.

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If anyone should be in the libation business, it's Martha Stewart: She shows us how to cook and entertain better than anyone. She finally got into the wine game by creating a wine club with some of her favorite picks. Joining the club could be a great way for you and your boo to plan your meal based on wines from around the world. Stewart has plenty of aphrodisiac recipes available to whip up that can go with your wine choice. Don't forget to try new dishes! It adds to the excitement.

If you are into Italian wines, then chef Lidia Bastianich has the right wine for you. Besides hosting a television show, Bastianich is a restaurateur mainly on the East Coast, but she has a spot in Kansas City too. She founded the Bastianich Winery in 1997 in the Friuli-Venezia Giulia area of Italy. Since she has various cookbooks, you and your partner could select one of her recipes and pair it with one of her wines. If white wine is your choice, the Bastianich Vespa Bianco would be great with fish. On the flipside, the Bastianich Vespa Rosso is the perfect selection for a red sauce dish – and just because red wine is sexy.

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Wolfgang Puck is known for his extravagant dinners and his work with celebrities. Did you know that Puck also has his own wine? Luckily, they're very affordable: There are both red and white selections in the 12 to 15 dollar range. The wine was created to celebrate family, friendships, and hope. If you wonder what to pair his wines with, go with pizza. Everyone knows that Puck loves pizza, and he has a pizza dough recipe that makes people salivate. Plus, pizza and wine are the perfect pairing for a night of romance.

For more Love & Libations date night ideas and <u>celebrity</u> <u>couple</u> predictions from Yolanda Shoshana, click <u>here</u>.

Date Idea: Fall in Love with Falling Leaves



By Jessica Gomez Kristin Mattern

We bet you remember the sheer thrill of leaping into a pile of earthy leaves as a child, the joy of tossing the motley colors up into the sky over your head and watching them fall around you. Relive that magic this weekend with your sweetheart and rake your way to the perfect fall date.

Here are some <u>date ideas</u> that involve colorful, crispy leaves:

Offer to help your honey rake his or her yard…and then jump in: See who can make the biggest pile or who can rake the fastest – making things into a competition get some couples going. Rate each other's leaf jumps: Who made the biggest mess? Who fell in the funniest or more gracious way? Use your phone to record the jumps so you can compare. Maybe even post some awesome action shots to Instagram or Facebook.

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Make a scrapbook with the leaves: Leaves are for more than just jumping in. Document the different leaves you and your significant other find along the way. Compare colors, shapes, and sizes. Take a moment to marvel at the wonders of nature. Create a scrapbook together where you add all the really beautiful leaves you find or add photographs of the beautiful views. If the leaves are supple enough, you can even make leaf rubbings together. Take a piece of paper, place it over the leaf, rub a naked crayon the long way against the paper over the leaf, and voila! You have a commemorative etching of your fall romp.

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Cuddle up and enjoy the gorgeous fall foliage: After all the leaves are raked, the pile jumping has ended and your apple pie has been consumed, you and your honey can cuddle up under a blanket or recline against a tree in the yard and take it all in. Check out your state's peak foliage <u>here</u>.

Now it's time to get out there and make some magic fall moments with your honey! If you want to spread some extra

love, help your parents or elderly neighbors clean up their yards too. Build up some good Karma together — and hey, you never know, the person you helped out might just give you an apple pie or some hot cider when you're finished.

Have you shared some fun fall moments with your love? Share below!

Fashion Trends: 5 Best Ways to Wear Your Favorite Spring-Time Dress





By <u>Carly Horowitz</u>

Finally you get to take out your spring-time clothes from the bins they have been sitting in all winter. You almost forgot about your absolute favorite spring dress! There it is, lying there in the most beautifully slightly-wrinkled fashion. How can you possibly choose only a select few days to sport this wonderful piece of clothing this season? Fortunately, there are so many different ways you can wear your favorite springtime dress.

Check out these cool <u>fashion trends</u> that will help spruce up the spring dress that you want to wear everyday!

1. Accessorize: Go out of the box a little bit and throw on an accessory that you don't usually wear. You can't go wrong pairing a floppy sun hat with your dress! Maybe even throw on a sheer scarf with it. Wearing a belt on the smallest part of your waist can help to both accentuate your figure and give your dress an alternative style. You can mix and match with accessories to give your dress a completely different look every time you wear it!

2. Layer: Don your go-to denim jacket with your favorite spring-time dress. Look through your light-weight cardigans and pair one of those with your dress as well. You could even put on some fish-net stockings to complete the look if it works well together. Try leggings underneath if it is a chilly spring day! For another interesting look, pair a collared shirt underneath your dress for a cool vintage-style look.

Related Link: <u>Fashion: Celebrity Style Shoes for Affordable</u> <u>Prices</u> 3. Switch up the shoe-wear: The type of shoes you choose to wear can really help dictate the style you are trying to portray. In order to achieve different looks with the same dress, pick some fresh footwear! Rock your favorite wedges with your spring-time dress to make it fancy for your <u>date</u> <u>night</u>. If you are going for a more casual look, wear some high-top converse. Flat sandals are always a great choice to pair with your favorite spring dress as well.

4. Hair style: You don't always have to put on an array of different pieces of clothing and accessories in order to wear your dress in alternate fashions. The way you style yourself can help transform your look as well. Maybe style your hair with tight curls. Or, go for the traditional double braid look! You can also have fun tweaking your makeup style in order to help get a different look with the dress as well. Check out our <u>beauty tips</u> for some awesome ideas!

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5. Wear as separates: Pick out a compatible flowy shirt to put on over your dress so that it looks as if you are wearing a shirt and a skirt. If your dress has more details on the top part, choose a skirt that goes well with it and see if you could rock it! There are so many different options.

Do you have more ideas on how you can wear your same favorite dress in different ways? Comment below!

Celebrity News: Prince Harry

& Meghan Markle Enjoy 'Hamilton' Date Night





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In <u>celebrity news</u>, royal <u>celebrity couple</u> Prince Harry and Meghan Markle were spotted Friday on <u>date night</u> watching *Hamilton* at the Victoria Palace Theater in London. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Leslie Garcia Bowman, who plays the role of a general in the hit production, tweeted that it "was an honor to have Prince Harry and Meghan" in the audience. The couple seems very happy and as we can see, do take out time from planning their royal <u>celebrity wedding</u>, possibly because it's already pretty planned out.

In celebrity news, even the royals step out for special date nights! What are some out of the box date ideas?

Cupid's Advice:

Date ideas are endless! Cupid has some out of the box date ideas for you and your partner to take part in. Here they are:

1. Go to an escape room: This is fun and a cool way to bond. You have to put your minds together and work on a plan to complete a mission. There are plenty of escape rooms, so just google some near you. It will feel like you're in a movie or a very thrilling situation – how cool.

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2. Glow in the dark painting: Go out to a place that provides UV body paint. Go nuts and paint on each other. Get creative and "handsy." This is a fun date to do to express your artistic side and it definitely gives you something to remember. Take photos after to remember how you both used each other's bodies as canvases. Show off that body aka art work.

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3. Scavenger hunt: Create a scavenger hunt for each other. Use things you know about each other and things based on your history as clues. This will be fun and get your mind going, so put your thinking cap on and get creative. This takes some effort, but it costs little to nothing, and it is endearing because of the the thought that goes into it.

What are some cool, unique dates you've been on? Comment below!