

Date Idea: Enjoy a Secret Sunset



By [Sarah Batcheller](#) and [Mara Miller](#)

When we think of iconic images of romance, we often visualize the sunset. The soft glow of the sun going down and blanketing us in darkness makes us want to cuddle up close to the one we love. If you want to plan an unforgettable summer date night and show how much you love your partner *without* having to spend a dime, just follow this [dating advice](#) and find a peaceful spot to enjoy the sunset together.

Enjoy a beautiful sunset on this

summer date night!

For this weekend date idea, finding a place to watch the sunset gives you the option of staying close to home or traveling to a more unfamiliar place. After all, who doesn't love a good road trip to the beach? Wherever you decide to go, you may enjoy the melody of crickets, the twinkle of fireflies, or the sound of the waves washing away all your worries. At the end of the day (literally), you're there to enjoy the mystifying view of your side of the world turning away from the sun. We can already envision the silhouette of that perfect kiss with your love!

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Since darkness will impede on your ability to see during your date night, bring along some things that will ignite your other senses. Pack a picnic and enjoy a delicious dinner for two with no interruptions. This also gives you the opportunity to create some homemade masterpieces together before you head to your special spot. Bring speakers to play your favorite music while you dance the night away. To make the occasion even more special, create a playlist of songs that you've dedicated to your one true love. If you're able to, light a bonfire and cuddle up in its warmth. If a little ambiance is all your looking for, bring along some tea light candles to set the mood.

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The good thing about the sunset is that it happens every day, so if spontaneity is your way of life, you can grab your babe and go catch the view any day you please. This date idea requires no planning or research – all you need is the desire to have a magical night. You could even make it into a tradition: It can be your way of commemorating the start of summer or a weekly date until it gets too chilly. Maybe

you'll even fall asleep and wake up for the sunrise! Whatever you decide, Mother Nature's wheels will always be turning.

Where is your favorite spot to enjoy the sunset? Tell us in the comments below!

Date Idea: See Sparks Fly



By [Sarah Batcheller](#) and [Mara Miller](#)

“See sparks fly” isn’t just an old idiom or part of a Taylor Swift song – we’re talking about the Fourth of July! What else turns up the heat more than celebrating our country’s independence? If you think you see fireworks every time you kiss your loved one or look into their eyes, then how about

turning that dreamlike state into reality and finding the best fireworks in town for tomorrow's special holiday? Watching fireworks bursting is invigorating, so use this weekend [date idea](#) to share it with the person who makes you feel most alive!

Indulge in this Fourth of July date idea!

The Travel Channel determined the best fireworks displays in the country, so if your city landed a spot on this list, grab a blanket and head out to see the show. Many flock to the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., to celebrate our country's big day, and if you wanted to get especially festive on this date idea, you could book a Potomac River cruise. Even if your city isn't on this list, we all love to cuddle up with our boo, so wherever you go, you're bound to feel the magic. If your heart so desires a road trip to make the day even more monumental, just be sure to plan everything in advance.

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You'll want to arrive at the fireworks location ahead of time to claim a good spot. After all, there aren't many people who stay home on this glorious day! That being said, choose a quiet area where there will be less hustle and bustle – it's not like you won't be able to see the fireworks! Just make sure a monument or skyscraper isn't blocking your view, and you'll be good to go. Because you're arriving early, remember this dating advice and pack properly as well. Bring insect repellent, water, snacks, and games to keep you entertained.

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If you're the after-party type, there's sure to be plenty to do when the fireworks are over. If you want to get really festive, dress up in your best red, white, and blue outfits

and find a bar that really speaks to your wilder side. Rooftop spots are especially popular since everyone's eyes are looking toward the sky already. This is a day for everyone to celebrate, so let loose with the one who makes every day as romantic as it can be!

What is your favorite thing to do with your partner on the Fourth of July? Share your best dating advice in the comments below!

Dating Advice: 5 Lessons Learned from a Bachelorette Junkie





By Caroline Liller

Bachelorette parties equal the ultimate girls' weekend getaway. Fortunately for me, or some might say unfortunately, I've attended my fair share of bachelorette extravaganzas. From Napa Valley, to New York City to Nashville and everywhere in between – I've planned or attended a combined 12 destination bachelorette parties in seven years. You could say I have a thing for them. I've learned a lot from these three, sometimes four-day weekend parties.

Here are a few confessions and lessons worth passing the torch on:

1. Let the Bride Pick the Destination

There's nothing worse as a Maid of Honor than planning a trip around what you 'think' the bride will enjoy or forcing her to do things she doesn't want to. It not only makes it miserable for her, but everyone attending. Remember the main goal for the weekend is for the bride and her best group of girl friends or future family members to get together. If she wants

a relaxing weekend in the mountains, don't force everyone to go out on the town and go clubbing. She'll probably leave the club early anyway and everyone will be disappointed. In my experience, forcing the bride to do things 'because she has to – it's her bachelorette party' never ends well. It's best to involve the bride in the planning process so that expectations for the weekend are already set, and everyone is on the same page.

2. Understand Not Everyone Meshes

Bachelorette parties can consist of a very interesting group of people. Essentially you are inviting siblings, future in-laws, old friends from elementary school and newer friends from your college years – to all go on vacation together. Mix in everyone's opinions on where to eat, what to do and who pays for what (and alcohol) and there's potential for a lot of drama. It's best to stay neutral and lie low if you can. Focus on having fun and the bride's wishes.

3. Know Your Limits

As a bachelorette attendee, you should know your limits and own up to them to make for a better experience for all. For example, if you can't fly hungover, you shouldn't book your return flight for 6 AM on Sunday. The same goes for a drivable destination. If you've offered to drive the group, make sure you are available to get everyone home safely. Sometimes it's easy to forget about details such as these until you're in the moment and they can have a big impact on the group. Bachelorette parties are not a time to be selfish (unless you are the bride).

4. It's OK to Not Attend

In all seriousness, if you know you can't hang – or don't want to – it's ok to politely decline an invitation to a weekend of partying. Also, if you know you can't contribute or afford what is being planned by the majority of the group, simply say you can't attend. Remember to speak up way in advance though, since your attendance likely influences costs for everyone

else. These extravaganzas really add up so know what you're getting yourself into.

5. Make the Bride Feel Special

What's a bachelorette party without fun gifts and [bachelorette accessories](#) for the bride? Delegate members in the group to bring different items to make sure all of your bases are covered. One person shouldn't have to buy everything – you should all pitch in to make sure the bride feels special. Hopefully the favor will be returned someday when she's attending your bachelorette party.

There are many things you will learn from bachelorette-ing with a group of people you rarely hang with all together. But with any luck, it will be one of the most memorable weekends (in at least one way or another!) for all of you.

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Father's Day Date Idea: Gone Fishing





By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

Instead of celebrating Father's Day with just you and your pops, consider this [dating and relationship advice](#), and make plans with your partner and his dad, too. To make this special day even more memorable, plan a fun day doing something you know your fathers will love: fishing!

Take Your Dads Fishing on This Fun Date Idea

On this weekend date idea, enjoy the beautiful summer weather while you hang out at a nearby pond, river, or lake. Be sure to make preparations ahead of time: Rent a boat or other equipment you may need; fill your tackle box with all of the necessities (or buy a pre-packed box if you don't have one in the garage), and grab those fishing rods. Be sure to pack a picnic lunch too! Load up the car, and on your drive, play some music that you know your dads will enjoy. If it's still early in the day, pick up some coffee and bagels for breakfast.

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If you've never been fishing before or don't remember the tips you were taught as a child, this date idea is the perfect time to learn from both your partner and your dad. Let them show you how to bait your hook (don't get squeamish!) and cast your line. Don't be afraid to ask questions too; they'll enjoy your interest in one of their hobbies.

Once you get the hang of it, have a competition between you and your dad and your partner and his old man. Ready, set, fish! See who can catch the most fish before lunch. If the fish are slow to bite, see who can hook the biggest fish instead. Take pictures to document your best catches. You can even pick a prize too, like losers have to pack up the gear at the end of the day and buy dinner.

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While we're fans of catch and release fishing spots, if you want to keep your fish to eat later, they're sure to make a great Father's Day meal. On the way home, stop at the grocery store to pick up some seasonings and sides. Grab your dad's favorite kind of beers too! Light up the grill and reminisce about your day as you enjoy the results of your hard work.

Don't forget to tell your dad how much you love them and thank them for being such great fathers. Talk about your favorite childhood memories and the most important lessons you learned from them. Happy Father's Day!

Have another Father's Day date idea? Comment below!

Date Idea: Finders Keepers



By [Sarah Batcheller](#) and [Mara Miller](#)

The beach is exciting and romantic no matter what, but if you've ever wanted to add an additional air of adventure to your trip, follow this [date idea](#) and try using a metal detector! You and your lover may find some hidden treasures while out and about...or, at the very least, find some less valuable trinkets to laugh about. Metal detecting is something we usually only see on movies and television shows, but in actuality, it's a beloved pastime for a lot of people, many of whom have found it to be very lucrative.

Dating Advice for Your Next Trip to

the Beach

If you are a frequent beach-goer, it's likely you have a routine down every time you visit the shore: Spread out the towel, lather on the sunscreen, hit the water, and then return to sunbathe. Why not add a bit of exploring to your next day at the beach? The level of anticipation will allow you and your honey to grow closer as the excitement grows too.

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For this weekend date idea, you'll want to make sure you know how to use your equipment before you go searching in the sand. Talk to someone at the sporting goods or department store before going wild with your metal detector – you'll need to know all its features in order to achieve optimal results. Researching metal detecting tips beforehand will not only be fun for you and your sweetie, but it'll allow you to enjoy your day even more.

It's important that you pick a proper location when considering this dating advice. Head to a beach that is known to be crowded at times, but go during off-hours. That way, there will be more opportunity for precious metals to be lost, but you won't have to weave in and out of the crowd to find them. Whichever beach you choose, consider speaking with the locals before digging in; they'll have more knowledge on where people have found impressive items in the past.

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To make this date idea even more exciting, have a competition with your loved one to see who can find the most valuable or more ridiculous items. You can even compete to see who can bring back the best gifts for each other. If you really want to make a day out of it, invite other couples to join you in your treasure hunt.

Ever use a metal detector at the beach? Tell us what you found!

Date Idea: One, Two, Walk in My Shoes



By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

Dates with your special someone don't have to be the same week after week. To change up your usual nights of dinner and your favorite television shows, follow your partner during their typical day and be an active part of it. This date idea will not only give you insight into your sweetheart's typical

routine, but you'll have new things to talk about when the day is over.

Follow Your Honey Around with This Date Idea

Even if you aren't a morning person, you still have to roll out of bed when your honey's alarm goes off. If he's an early gym-goer, put your exercise gear on. With your beau by your side, you're sure to make it through that grueling workout. You can jump on treadmills next to each other to encourage each other during a warm-up run and then help each other count reps in the weight room. By the end of the workout, you'll forget how much you wanted to hit that snooze button!

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After a shower and some breakfast, it's time to head to work. On this weekend date idea, see if you can go into the office to really see what your partner does every day at work. It'll help you better understand their daily tasks if you're actually there to see them complete them. Plus, it'll be a turn-on to see them so focused and powerful!

Instead of a normal lunch break with their co-workers, follow this love advice: Use this opportunity for an afternoon date together. Ask your partner to take you to their go-to restaurant near work. You've seen them bring home leftovers enough; you'll be excited to finally get to try to the yummy food! After you finish eating, if it's nice out, take a romantic stroll before you go back to work.

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When five o'clock rolls around, punch out. Swing by the grocery store if needed and cook a favorite recipe tonight. Since you spent the whole day together, your dinner

conversation will be a bit different than usual. Talk about what you learned about your partner today. Tomorrow, you can switch roles and show your significant other how you usually spend *your* day!

Ever spend the day shadowing your significant other? Share your stories and dating advice below!

Dating Advice: Plan a City Scavenger Hunt



By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

If you're looking for a fun and active date idea, head into

the city for a new adventure! Instead of doing the same old thing – shopping followed by dinner and a movie – change it up. A scavenger hunt is a perfect way to get to know your hometown even more. To turn this [relationship advice](#) into a competition, invite your friends and their partners to join you.

Follow This Dating Advice to Plan a Scavenger Hunt!

Look online for lists of items to search for during your scavenger hunt. Sites like Pinterest have great ideas that are catered to specific cities. If you want to get even more creative, you can combine different lists and make your own. You could even focus on a specific theme, like cultural activities or historical spots.

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On the day of the event, assign certain items from the list to each couple. For this weekend date idea, distribute the lists and make sure each couple has a camera to document their finds. To give you and your partner an advantage, make sure you have a GPS and map. To be even more prepared, bring extra batteries for your camera and portable chargers for your phones in case of emergencies. Be sure to pick a place and time to meet up in a few hours too!

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During your time in the city, don't just complete everything on your list; create memories too. Stop and take pictures together at fun areas around town. Hold hands and reminisce about your relationship and love. Once the hunt is over and you've met back up with your friends, share your findings over dinner and drinks.

Have you ever planned a scavenger hunt with your love? Tell us your best relationship advice below!

Dating Advice: Celebrate Your Mothers



By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

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

childhood memories, pick out the perfect gift, and cook a yummy meal.

A Mother's Day Date Idea

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

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

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

If you're feeling particularly excited about the holiday, write a card for your partner's mom too. Talk about how well they did raising your sweetheart and what it means to have

someone like them in your life. You can even slip in a spa gift card as a sweet surprise!

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For the big day, make reservations for brunch or lunch at a nearby restaurant for you, your beau, and both of your moms. That way, you can spend the day together celebrating the women who mean so much to you! Or, if you're gifted in the kitchen, cook something special for the four of you. Find out the favorite dish of each mom and incorporate it into a delicious spread. You can also include a favorite item from your childhoods.

Happy Mother's Day!

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

Expert Dating Advice: 5 First Date Ideas to Get Past the Winter Blues





By [Joshua Pompey](#)

Winter sure seems like it lasts forever sometimes. Especially here in New York. But that doesn't mean you have to put your dating life into hibernation. Before you let that polar vortex get the best of you, let's take a look at five dating ideas that will spark some heat back into those long winter months.

First Date Ideas for the Winter Months!

Ice Skating. Holding hands. Catching your date as she falls. Unleashing the inner child within. What more could you ask for? This is an easy way to form a quick bond as your up against the physical progression and have some fun in the process.

Warm up with a drink. For those of you looking for a low-risk date, head to a local dessert shop for a warm cup of hot chocolate. Going to bars can get extremely cliché after a

while. Coffee can feel cheap. But hot chocolate near in a desert themed cafe with a warm feeling ambiance? That's much more fun. Add some great conversation to the mix and you are good to go.

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Sledding or Snow Tubing. Skiing is a bit expensive for a first date. Not to mention, dangerous and expensive. Snow tubing might serve as the perfect balance. Have some fun as you race down the mountains and break away from the monotony of most first dates.

Indoor Rock Climbing. It may be too cold (and icy!) for outdoor rock climbing, but that doesn't mean you have to sit on your couch wasting away till spring. Have some fun indoors and get that adrenaline flowing for a memorable date.

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Go to a ball game. Baseball is still around the corner and football might be over, but there is plenty of basketball and hockey to keep the season going. Even if you aren't a huge sports fan, that ambiance of a sporting event, along with the positive energy (unless your a Knicks fan like me) and food will be enough to keep your date smiling.

For more information from Joshua Pompey, visiting <https://www.nemvip.com/online-dating-work-for-you>

Love Tips & Romantic DIY Gift Ideas for Your Sweetheart



By Rachael Pace

Sweet letters, cards, and personal trinkets often rank high on people's best gift lists for a reason – because they mean something! Sure, diamond earrings and tickets to your favorite sporting events are gifts that are guaranteed to please. But, if you think back to the best gift that you've ever received, we'll bet that it was something a lot more sentimental than jewelry.

If you're stumped for what to get your sweetheart on this day of romance, one of our biggest love tips is for you to think outside the box. Get creative and pour your heart out in your gift.

Here are five romantic Do-It-Yourself gifts that your partner is going to cherish forever:

1. Put Your Talents to Good Use

Are you an extremely talented individual? Why not let your creative side loose and give your spouse a gift that's not only heartfelt but also completely unique!

Use your musical talents to write your spouse a song. It can be as silly, ooey-goey, or stuffed with inside jokes as you like. If you're not good on the guitar or can't hold a tune, no worries. You can still write something beautiful for your partner. A poem or deep letter can have more sentimental value than any store-bought gift ever could. Another great way to put your talents to good use is to use your natural artistic abilities. Draw a stunning portrait of your partner, make an art book of things you both enjoy, or draw an adorable chibi version of yourselves doing something cute together. No matter what your talent is, you are sure to create something your spouse will love.

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2. The "52 Reasons I Love You" Deck of Cards

This is a great DIY gift that is both sweet and fun. Start by purchasing a deck of cards at your local dollar store. Make sure the cards have enough white space on the face so that you can write on them. Next, think of 52 reasons why you love your spouse. Some ideas include:

- I love you because... You have the cutest smile
- You are incredibly kind-hearted
- You always know how to make me laugh
- You are an amazing kisser

– You aren't afraid to face off with me in an air-guitar battle

Take your time writing down each idea on one of the cards. If you feel that your gift doesn't feel quite done after you've written on all the cards you can easily embellish them with cut out photos and pictures that will make this DIY gift that much more personal. Another great option for this deck of cards idea is to put these same reasons into 52 different envelopes and fill a "treasure chest" with the letters. Then your spouse can open them whenever they need a pick-me-up.

3. Cool Shadowbox Ideas

Do you and your spouse attend a lot of events? If so, our next love tip is to make an amazing shadowbox to commemorate your good times together.

You can get a shadowbox starter from most craft stores and customize them to fit your interests. For example, if you love to travel, gather up your train, plane, and cruise tickets, along with museum tickets and other memorable vouchers that you used on your trip. Concert goers will love being able to display their favorite concert tickets on the wall. You can even get fancy and have some small autographed memorabilia or add guitar picks into the mix to make a visually textured shadowbox of memories.

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4. Bake Something Sweet

Are you looking for something personal that's also under-budget? We have love tips for that! They say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, and we'd argue that girls are no different! One deliciously affordable gift idea is to bake your spouse something amazing. Some ideas include:

- Heart shaped brownies
- Cupcakes with pink frostings and

- Raspberry and white chocolate shortbread cookies with heart cut-outs
- Chocolate Cheesecake
- Strawberries drizzled in chocolate
- Chocolate chip cookies
- A "bouquet" of cake pops

And of course, your spouse's favorite dessert idea works perfectly, too! Baking something is a great idea for a gift because it's cheap to do and it is highly personal because of the effort it takes to make it. Plus, with fondant and icing pens, you can get as creative with this gift as you like!

5. Personalized Scrapbook/Memory Box

One of the sweetest love tips you can follow this day of romance is creating a personalized memory box for your sweetheart. There are two ways you can go about this. The first option is to do a linear timeline by making a scrapbook of your memories together.

Print out pictures and align them in a timeline of your relationship. Choose exciting and memorable dates and paste down pictures into the pages of the book. Next, to the photos, write down your favorite memory of that day/month/time in your relationship. Your spouse will love flipping through the pages and seeing your take on your time together.

If you love your personalized trinkets and don't want to tape or glue them down into a booklet, fear not! You can still make a special memory box for your spouse. Take all of the photos, letters, and anything else you would have put into your scrapbook and set them into a beautiful box. This can be a personalized, carved wooden box with a lock or a simple decorated box with a lid.

Either one of these DIY gift ideas is great a choice because, for the most part, it only uses things you already have on hand. Plus, it is super romantic.

Great gifts don't have to cost a fortune. It's what comes from the heart that truly shows your spouse you care. Once you begin to think about all the reasons you love your partner, the rest will come naturally. Follow these love tips for a great DIY present that is sure to put a smile on your sweetheart's face.

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Date Idea: Hunt for Love





By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

Easter is just around the corner! Who says you can't act like a kid for the day? Searching for homemade treats and sweet notes from your beau is an easy way to enjoy the holiday and strengthen your relationship.

Easter Weekend Date Idea

To get started on this [weekend date idea](#), bake some sugar cookies and decorate them with pastel frosting and Easter images, like colorful eggs, bunnies, and spring flowers. If you want to make something a bit more challenging, you can check out Allrecipes.com for recipes for chocolate-covered Easter eggs and rocky road candies. Once they've cooled, wrap them in saran wrap with pretty pink and blue bows. To follow this dating advice, hide them around the house in places your partner may not expect, like the back of his t-shirt drawer or behind his favorite book on the bookshelf. When your man's sweet tooth hits, tell him to start hunting!

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To make this date idea a bit more personal, grab a pen and a pad of paper to write a few love notes. If you have it handy, use Easter or springtime-themed stationery. For inspiration, Google “love quotes” or “famous movie quotes” and steal some lines from your favorite writers and actors. You can tie these sweet sentiments to your baked goodies.

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If you'd rather not hide your presents around the house, create a grown-up Easter basket instead. In addition to your cookies, candies, and love notes, buy your sweetheart that video game he's been wanting or surprise him with a gift card to your go-to date night restaurant.

If you really want to get in the Easter spirit, spend the day with your nieces and nephews or with your friends' children. Their infectious giggles are sure to get you in the mood for an exciting egg hunt! Even if you don't have little ones, it's a wonderful time to spend with your family. After a morning spent alone with your significant other, get together for a home-cooked brunch and remind yourself of how blessed you are.

Happy Easter!

How do you celebrate Easter with your love? Tell us your best dating advice in the comments below!

Date Idea: Get Thrifty



By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

Guys usually can't stand when they're dragged on a shopping trip. They end up complaining as they wait around, holding your purse and bags of brand new clothes. To keep your man interested, put a little twist on your next day out. To follow this [date idea](#) and [dating advice](#), look for gently-used clothing and accessories at your local thrift stores! You can buy budget-friendly items while making some new memories with your other half.

Go Thrift Store Shopping with This Date Idea!

Before you go shopping for new goodies, go through your own closets and donate items that you no longer need. Many of these shops even offer an in-store credit for donations, which

can save you money during your shopping spree. You'll appreciate your new purchases even more if you made some extra room in your closet beforehand!

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Now, it's time to decide where to go on this date idea. Sites like *TheThriftShopper.com* can help you navigate and find stores near you to visit. You simply enter your zip code or city and search for the closest spots near you. Once you get your list, you can check out an array of information about the stores, including what type of clothes they currently have and their hours. As you browse their websites, maybe you'll be inspired to look for 80's gear for an upcoming party or try to find that perfect pair of jeans you've been wanting.

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Once you decide your destination, you can check out other spots nearby by downloading the mobile app, Yelp. After you work up an appetite from shopping, look for one-of-a-kind restaurants and check out their reviews. You never know what hole-in-the-wall spots could be to-die-for according to the locals.

Have you ever gone thrift shopping with your cutie? Share your memories below!

Date Idea: Build a Fort





By Amanda Boyer and [Mara Miller](#)

If it's too rainy for outdoor camping or if you're just not the nature-loving type, you can still enjoy a day in a fort, thanks to this weekend [date idea](#)! It's time to bring back some childhood memories and create an indoor hideaway for you and your honey.

Indulge in this date idea, and built a fort!

First, make sure you have an area large enough to build your fort. Try the basement or family room and make sure there aren't huge pieces of furniture that may impede your progress. After all, you won't want to be crammed in a small space and be uncomfortable! If available, you could make your tent on a screened-in porch or patio for a little bit of fresh air.

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After you select your location for this date idea, gather the items you need to build your hideaway. Using chairs and

tables, you can create a sturdy base to structure your masterpiece around. For the cover of your fort, use sheets and blankets. Grab some chip clips from the kitchen to keep them secured to the chairs and tables. You may even need weights to hold them in place. Now, take a step back and admire your handy work!

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To continue following this dating advice, fill the inside with blankets and pillows. If there's enough room, add a blow-up mattress too. To give your secret spot a romantic feel, you can spray your favorite perfume and add some rose petals as a finishing touch. Stay away from candles, though, since your sheets could potentially fall at any time.

Finally, you need to grab the essentials to keep you entertained throughout the day: snacks, your iPad, a deck of cards, your favorite book, magazines, etc. Leave your phone in another room and just focus on your relationship. Enjoy bonding with your partner and relaxing in your new spot.

Have you ever made a secret hideaway with your love? Share your relationship advice below!

Date Idea: Bookworms





By Ann Luther and [Mara Miller](#)

This weekend, get lost in the romantic words of others and embrace the tender sentiments of the great writers with your great relationship and love. With this date idea, you and your partner can get out and explore your favorite authors, your city, and your passion for one another.

Enjoy Books About Love With This Literary Date Idea

Take a walk to your local bookstore with your beau, a stack of Post-it notes, and a pen. Write notes of love, encouragement, or dating advice until your hands cramp up. While you're writing, exchange ideas with each other – you might learn something new about your man's perspective on adoration. Then, hide these notes in your favorite books about love for a future reader to find later. You might even sneak into the teen section of the store and place them in books for the next generation of lovers.

While the pair of you are scanning the rows, try to find a romantic novel that neither of you has read yet. A few of the best so far in 2019 include: *Meet Cute* by Helena Hunting, *Verity* by Colleen Hoover, and *The Kiss Thief* by L.J. Shen. This will keep the date going long after the day is done. You might buy one copy and read it to each other, or you can buy two copies to read separately with the other person in mind. Whichever you choose, you'll have something new to talk about and share.

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Few things go better with reading than coffee. Delocator.net is a fabulously easy way to find independently owned and run businesses in your area. Once you've settled into your seats in an intimate coffee shop, pull out a book of sweet love poems. Grab your darling's hand and read those poems aloud. Your honey will love to hear all of those romantic notions straight from your lips! You can check this list of the top 10 love poem books before you go and choose a few that speak to you.

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If you'd prefer to stay in, you don't have to leave the comfort of your home for this date idea! You can make a pot of coffee or tea, and while it brews, hide love notes in every room for your partner to find. Then, the two of you can cuddle up on the couch with your mugs and poems and start the readings. It would be a perfect way to heat up a rainy day.

Sometimes, we get too afraid to let all of the emotion in the books we read to take over our own relationships and love. This weekend, let go of all apprehension and have fun with romance!

Have you ever been on a bookstore date? Share your stories below.

Date Idea: Stroll Through a Museum



By [Sarah Batcheller](#) and [Mara Miller](#)

Searching for an exciting date idea this weekend? Plan a trip to a local museum! You can spend the entire day with your significant other and get an educational and entertaining experience at the same time.

Head to a Museum for a Culturally-

Influenced Date Idea

When choosing which museum to visit, think about your interests. If you want to learn more about a specific event in history, such as the Holocaust, find a museum that has a section for that. Do you live in Washington, D.C.? The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is one of the best Holocaust museums in America. If your man is a space or aviation fanatic, follow this [love advice](#) and take him to the National Air and Space Museum, also in D.C., on your next weekend date idea.

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If you're more fascinated with contemporary art, the New Museum in New York is the best place to go. It even has a Sky Room that provides a stunning view of Manhattan's skyline. If you live in Chicago, the Museum of Contemporary Art is also on the list of top ten museums in America.

Planetariums and aquariums make for great date ideas too. The American Museum of Natural History in New York exhibits a variety of shows in their planetarium, ranging from outer space to the function of the brain. The New York Aquarium is also popular. From sea lions to sharks, you'll certainly stay busy!

Museums are great because of all the opportunity for conversation, especially if you're going on a first date. Still, whether it's your first or fifty-first outing together, there's always something fun to enjoy. Strolling down various corridors and stumbling upon new exhibits will give you and your partner time to bond over your mutual fascination for the museum's focus. The quietness of a museum makes for good romance too, and it'll cause you to feel closer to your partner. While immersed in a century-old Greek oil painting, the two of you will feel like you're the only ones in the

room, like you're in an entirely different world.

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Once you're tired of hushed voices and "Do Not Touch" signs, you can head over to the cafe or bakery that many museums typically offer their guests. There, you'll be able to discuss all the wonders you've seen and continue your conversation. Don't forget to stop by the gift shop on your way out and pick up a memento of your day!

Do you have any great museums, planetariums or aquariums in mind? Share your date idea with us!

Date Idea: Romance at a Resort





By [Sarah Batcheller](#) and [Mara Miller](#)

It's time to escape your everyday burdens and have a romantic getaway with your beau. Pamper yourselves and enjoy time away from the office and with each other by venturing off to a resort. This [weekend date idea](#) will allow you to retreat to a relaxing place and rejuvenate your relationship and love for one another.

Find out how to indulge fully in a resort weekend with these date ideas!

Heat things up in this cold weather! Why not head to a fun spot like the Hamptons or Montauk and spend the days and nights on the beach with the one who makes you happy? Check out sites like LivingSocial or Groupon for deals on weekend getaways. You *can* have a vacation that won't break the bank. If you literally want to heat things up, travel somewhere with a warmer climate, like The Keys, for this date idea.

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Once you arrive at your destination, make a bonfire on the beach, melt some s'mores, and snuggle up. Soak in all there is about where you are. One morning, be sure to order breakfast in bed – there's nothing better than being comfy with your boo while sipping your morning coffee and watching the sunrise from the sheets. Talk about a great start to the day! After all, the point of this [dating advice](#) is to do what you can't do when you're tied down with work and other responsibilities. Take some time to do nothing except appreciate the company of your significant other.

Many resort locations offer a variety of romantic activities for couples, like dance lessons, horseback riding, couples massages, or private yoga. Any of these will add some edge and spark to this weekend date idea. If you'd rather follow the trail of spontaneity, just explore your destination. If you prefer a laid-back day, head to the pool to soak up some rays. There's bound to be poolside service at any spa resort, so the two of you could comfortably spend all day basking in each other's arms.

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Afterward, have a candlelight dinner for two on your balcony. Talk about your trip so far and what you've enjoyed most about your time away. No matter where you go, having a romantic resort getaway is a great way to spend some quality time with the one you love.

Tell Cupid about your favorite resort spots in the comments below!

Date Idea: Spend an Intimate Night Indoors



By [Sarah Batcheller](#) and Ché Blackwood

If you're craving a romantic [date night](#) but don't want to spend a fortune or you're tired of the same-old restaurant scene, then get creative and bring the excitement of a night out into your own home! There's no reason you and your partner can't share an intimate evening dancing and dining together without breaking the bank. With this weekend [date idea](#), your dining room can rival even the fanciest of dinners.

How to Plan a Date Idea at Home

Pick out something sexy to wear for your beau: Just because

you're at home doesn't mean you shouldn't get dolled up. In fact, staying in means you can actually dress a little nicer than usual. This is one time when you can feel free to overdress (or under dress) for the occasion. No matter what, you want to feel beautiful and comfortable!

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Share a drink to kick the night off: Stop by your local winery or liquor store and ask the manager to choose a good bottle of red for the best value. When you buy wine directly from the store rather than at a restaurant, the prices are drastically reduced, leaving you with a higher-priced bottle for a lesser cost. If you really want to go all out, purchase a few different bottles and have your own wine tasting. Just pop the cork, swirl your glass, and pretend your kitchen table is the most coveted spot in the house.

Cupid's [dating advice](#): take the night to the next level and plan a special menu to cook together. Choose a unique recipe to really test your culinary talents or remake the first meal the two of you ever shared together. Be sure that your dinner pairs well with your wine of choice. Red meat and pasta taste great with a full-bodied Merlot!

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After you've wined and dined, relax: Fortunately, you don't have to go very far! Run a bubble bath for two if you really want to get the romance flowing, or curl up on the couch with popcorn and watch a movie with your sweetie. The comforts of being home mixed with the luxuries of a passionate date will leave you feeling refreshed and swept off your feet, without any looming stress over next month's credit card bill!

How do you like to spice up a night at home? Tell us in the comments below!

Ask The Guy's Guy: How Do I Get Through The Holiday Season Being Single?



By [Robert Manni](#)

Question from Meghan G from Babylon, NY: "It's hard being single during the holidays, what are some tips to help me get through being single? Or how can I find someone during this time?"

This is a great question, Meghan. With all the hustle and bustle and last minute shopping during this time of year, it's easy to forget the true meaning of the holidays. Regardless of

your spiritual beliefs, I think we can agree that this is a time for giving, gratitude, and love. Granted, this can be tough when you're single and see couples holding hands (some people still do that) walking along the bright and colorfully lit city streets.

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Do your best to be grateful for what you have, especially if you are in good health. Then focus on your friends and loved ones. I believe that when we maintain a selfless mindset, good things come our way. Of course, there are no guarantees that you'll wake up on Christmas morning and find Mr. Right perched under your tree, but it's a good start for shifting your thoughts into a love-based mindset. I found that love comes our way when our heart is open. Use the holiday season to practice making room in your heart for others, including a new partner. Finding love can often be that simple, and it has nothing to do with the time of year.

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Cherish your family and friends and be social. Attend parties you're invited to and spread the love you have in your heart. I believe when we radiate love, we receive love in return. And remember to be kind. What can be the most wonderful time of the year for many can also be a very stressful time for others less fortunate.

Happy holidays and good luck!

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Relationship Advice: How To

Get Over A Break Up With Someone You Were Never Dating?



By [Megan Weks](#)

We are afraid to say we want something real. We ease into the relationship secretly hoping it will turn into something of substance. We keep quiet. We don't want to "scare him away" by getting serious all of a sudden. Maybe you tried that before and nothing changed. Maybe you still went along with it trying to be "cool" and telling yourself, "I can handle it." Meanwhile, you're busy quietly nursing a dull heartache behind the scenes. You weren't even dating but it's fading away. You know it's ending. You try to reignite it. You were hoping for more. He wasn't even your boyfriend. Why does this hurt so

badly? The answer may surprise you.

Getting over someone you weren't with

It hurts so much because you are breaking your own heart.

The time is now to figure out what you truly want in your heart. It's not shameful or embarrassing to want love by using dating services such as [The Love Personals Dating Website](#). We are born to love and be loved. The sooner you can look in the mirror and say, "I want love," without feeling any tightness, heat, or other emotional reaction related to a bit of judgment you have for yourself, the sooner you can look him in his eyes and softly declare that you're looking for something of substance. You are looking for an incredible human to share your life with. The sooner you can put this out into the world with the current of love behind it, the sooner the universe and men will respond with the same.

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Wishy-washy intentions get wishy-washy results.

When you're out there accepting crumbs from men, the universe is watching.

When you're holding something in and he can feel it, he is watching.

It actually lowers your value in his eyes when he can tell you're accepting less than you want and deserve.

He knows.

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It's your job to get in touch with your true desires and start communicating that upfront before you end up in another unfulfilling or imaginary relationship where you're breaking your own heart.

Exercise: Design your relationship on paper in a paragraph that is colorful with how it feels to be in the relationship you want. What do you do for fun? How do you communicate with one another? How do you feel in this relationship? What to accept in this relationship and what do you not accept. Write it all in the present tense.

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Set your intention and stand by what you want. Don't allow yourself to get tangled up in something that doesn't serve you. It's the epitome of self-love to follow your heart and speak your truth in order to line yourself up with the relationship you want.

For more information about dating expert Megan Weks, visit her website at www.meganweks.com. For more expert relationship advice articles from Megan, click [here](#).

Ask The Guy's Guy: If He Isn't Ready To Date, What Should I Do?





By [Robert Manni](#)

Question from Olivia MacBeth (Binghamton, NY): "What should I do if the guy I really like isn't ready to date yet? Should I keep waiting or should I move on?"

Keep waiting or move on?

When a guy says he "isn't ready to date yet" there are usually only two reasons for his hesitancy to go out with with a great woman like you. The first consideration is that he's coming out of a painful break up and needs time to lick his wounds before jumping back into shark-infested dating waters. If this is the case, I suggest you give him some time. Maybe let him heal for a month or so, but that's it. You both need to get on with your lives. If he needs a little time, make sure he's being truthful, then clock his behavior while his heart "heals" and watch how he handles the situation. Every guy gets dumped, but what often separates one man from another is how they handle challenging matters of the heart. Of course you want to date guy who's in touch with his feelings, but if he's still pining for his ex after a certain period of time, that a signal that it's time for you to move

on.

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On the other hand, if a guy has not recently come out of a break up but is still hesitant about dating you, that's another story which does not have a happy ending. When a guy is single and available, yet remains non-committal about dating you, that means one of two things. He's either interested in someone else or he's just not that into you. If either is the case, take a deep breath, exhale, hold your head high, and move on.

After all, do you really want to wait around for a guy who is not jumping at the chance to date you? I doubt it.

Hope this helps. Good luck.

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Expert Dating Advice: Men Who Want to Date Women Their Age





By Gillian Lee

In this week's Single In Stiletto's dating advice video, founder and love expert Suzanne Oshima talks to Robert Manni about men who want to date women their age. Watch the video above and read the article below for some dating tips in your life!

Dating Women Their Own Age

Robert Manni is the author of "The Guys' Guy's Guide to Love." Manni is based in New York City, and he wanted to write a novel that was based in his area from the male point of view.

1. Experience: There are a lot of cultural differences if there's a large age gap, so you have to keep up with each other. A lot of guys would much rather date people who are age appropriate. "Women who have been around a little bit have some experience and maturity, money, and power and connections, these things are all important," Manni states. It's important to be on the same wavelength as each other when

you're talking about jobs.

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2. Empathy: Older women may have more empathy when it comes to “real-life scenarios.” They’re going to understand the feeling of ‘having to go find another job’ and other examples. They’re going to understand more than 22-year-old women would. Don’t worry about the guys who want to date younger women using dating apps, because they won’t be able to change!

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Expert Dating Advice: How to Date a Coworker





By Marisa Gooch

Most of us typically view work as a place to acquire skills, earn an income, and build a social circle. But for some, work can also be a place to find their happily ever after.

Take [Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton](#), for example. They met while judging for [The Voice](#) in 2014. What began as a simple friendship soon sprouted into something more. Now, Stefani and Shelton have been dating for three years and are still going strong.

Dating A Coworker

Dating a coworker isn't only familiar to the celebrity world. According to a survey conducted by [Vault](#), 51 percent of respondents have had an office romance at least once in their careers. Another recent study conducted by [The Knot](#) found that 12 percent of participants met their spouses at work.

For how common it is to date within your work circle, learning how to handle a romantic relationship with a coworker can be difficult, awkward, and stressful. Should you tell the company that you two are dating? How do you address each other at work? What happens if you break up? These questions should be contemplated and answered before you dive into a serious relationship with a fellow employee. To combat the potential awkwardness, here are four guidelines that will help you handle a professional relationship that turns into a personal one.

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1. Check Your Company's Policy

Unless you work in the state of California, it is *legal* for your company to set [fraternization](#) policies, meaning that the company could prohibit employees from participating in romantic or sexual relations with each other. If your company has a strict fraternization policy and it is broken, one or both participants involved could be terminated. Yikes.

Not all companies have strict fraternization policies, though. Some companies have their employees sign a [love contract](#), and other companies don't care if two employees date as long as the work gets done. Before becoming romantically involved with a coworker, check your company's handbook and your employment contract to confirm that dating within the company is allowed. If you have the green light, it is best to notify your supervisor or boss once your relationship becomes serious so that he or she is aware.

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2. Set Boundaries

Sometimes "all work and no play" is a good thing in terms of

how you and your partner interact while in the office. Remember that when you are at work, you are *working*. That means no kissing in the halls, no batting eyelashes at each other, and no overly romantic talk.

[Lynn Taylor](#), author of [Tame Your Terrible Office Tyrant: How to Manage Childish Boss Behavior and Thrive in Your Job](#), says that even though behaving strictly professionally may feel awkward, it is “better to overcompensate than to constantly test the limits of workplace etiquette while hoping for the best.” Maintaining your professionalism will prevent your colleagues from feeling uncomfortable around you and your partner.

Now, I know what you may be thinking: *I can't show ANY form of love or appreciation for my partner in the office?* The answer is you can, but keep it simple and subtle. Going to lunch together or meeting up for breaks is totally fine. Friendly chatting in the coffee room is, too. Discuss with your partner other activities that you both feel uncomfortable participating in while you are at work and stick to your decisions.

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3. Don't Involve the Entire Company

You're dating your coworker, not the company you work for. Keep your relationship private, especially when you have disagreements and fallouts. [Art Markman](#), professor of psychology at the University of Texas, advises this exactly. He says that you should leave any personal quarrel with your significant other out of the workplace.

This means that if you and your partner are fighting, don't tell Sally in the printing room what happened. Likewise, your partner shouldn't tell John two cubicles down about the rude things you said. Sharing the details of your private life with

your colleagues can spread rumors and encourage gossiping in the office. You and your partner may forgive and forget, but Sally will see your partner as an awful person, and John will dub you as someone who doesn't have a filter. Even worse, the news could get back to your boss, causing him or her to feel that your relationship is damaging your work ethic. That itself could create a plethora of problems. To keep this from happening, keep your home life at home and your work life at work.

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4. Be Prepared for What Could Come

It is important to be realistic about the future of your relationship. Either it is going to work, or it isn't. If you and your partner decide to get married, will you both stay at your company? If you and your partner break up, how will you interact at work?

Be prepared for both outcomes early on, especially for the outcome that entails tears, heartache, and anger. According to dating expert [Chiara Atik](#), it can be very uncomfortable to work with someone after a breakup. Preparing for the unknown with your partner can help you both have a clear game plan when x, y, or z happens.

If you are making eyes at the girl down the hall or the boy in the mailroom, keep these four guidelines in mind for when that relationship takes off. If you end up belonging to the 12 percent that marries a coworker, all the best to you. If you belong to the majority that knows what it's like when a romantic relationship with a colleague turns sour, don't be afraid to apply these same steps to combat the inevitable awkwardness that may follow.

Expert Dating Advice: How to Get a Man to Crave Your Company!



By Gillian Lee

In this week's Singles In Stilettos, [dating advice video](#), founder and relationship expert [Suzanne Oshima](#) talks to Lisa Shield about how to get a man to crave your company. Watch the video above and read the article below to find out some good dating tips in your life.

Get Men To Love Your Company

Lisa Shield is a dating and relationship coach, for [Emotionally Naked Dating](#). Shield met her husband after going on 96 first dates and went through them very quickly. 16 years later, she's with the love of her life, and she is a successful dating and relationship coach.

1. Share your head before you share your bed: In today's dating world, men are putting a lot of pressure on women to have sex right away. "We have to be the ones that put the brakes on and say no, they can't read our minds and cannot tell if we are ready or not." If you want a man to that is interested in more than just sex, and a man who loves you for your thoughts and your heart, then you have to wait on having sex. Nobody can tell you when the right time to have sex is, you will know when the time is right for you. So, a word of advice, don't sleep with them within the first four dates!

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2. Really understand the man sitting across from you: When you tell a man you don't want sex, he's going to feel rejected. "If you are going to put a break on sex, you're going to have to learn how to reject a man without making him feel rejected," Shield tells us. Really own that you are an elegant woman, and don't let men call you a girl. If you're in your 20s, 30s, and 40s you're not a girl anymore, really own up to who you truly are. To truly get a man to crave your company, you have to treat him like a man. "When you start to treat a man like a man rather than a little boy, you start to bring out the man in him." Women in today's society tend to sit back and wait for the man to do everything, but we need to start being able to do stuff for ourselves.

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Expert Dating Advice: The #1 Thing Holding You Back From The Right Relationship



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What's Holding You Back In A Relationship

Boyd tells us that the number one thing holding us back from the right relationship is that we're always wanting to be right! Boyd states, "I need to be right because when I'm right I can rely on that and I can't rely on anyone else." She explains this is how most women feel, and this can ultimately hold you back.

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You have to be willing to be wrong in dating. Acknowledge you can be wrong, and that will allow you to fully open up. Us women are so used to being, "strong independent women" and we love being in control and always knowing the outcome. Oshima states, "sometimes you just have to go with the flow and that's how things happen organically." It's hard sometimes for independent women to allow the man to take the lead and receive in a relationship. But doing so, will let your relationship thrive!

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Most women haven't perfected the "transitioning" between work mode, and love mode. Women should have a transition between when they leave work to when they are back with their significant other, so it shows a man that you're giving them your undivided attention.

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