

# Date Idea: Create a List of New Year's Resolutions with Your Partner



A new year is here, and you know what that means: Time to make a few resolutions! This year, try something different and make a list with your partner. Setting resolutions together is not only a fun weekend date idea but a great way to strengthen your relationship. Figure out what you both need to do as a couple to keep things moving forward. Then, write down your suggestions for each other and for yourself. Take Cupid's [relationship advice](#) and make sure to commit to more quality time together.

# Cupid's got relationship advice just in time for the New Year! What resolutions will you and your sweetie work on together?

It's hard to find time when you're busy with work, but with a little creativity, you'd be surprised at how easy it can be. For instance, instead of sitting in front of the computer alone or running errands by yourself, invite your other half to work on projects or tasks with you. That's a great way to sneak in some time together.

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Don't forget to include communication on your list of resolutions. If you were to ask any relationship expert, they'd probably tell you that for a relationship and love to be successful and healthy, you *must* listen to one other. So why not make a date out of it? Express your needs to your partner and listen to theirs in return.

You can even turn to your favorite celebrity couple for inspiration. For instance, if you've always admired how easily [Jennifer Aniston](#) and Justin Theroux show their love for each other, talk to your significant other about it and let them know that you'd like to be more open about your feelings in front of your friends. Or, if you're struggling to fit romance into your busy lives, read some recent interviews with celebrity mom [Carrie Underwood](#) to see if she has any helpful love advice.

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If you run out of unique ideas for your list, you can always

fall back on the tried and true resolutions, which include eating healthy, exercising, and getting rid of bad habits like smoking. Think about your use of technology too: Try putting down the phone and texting less while you're together. You can also schedule one date night per month that *doesn't* involve staring at a screen: Instead of watching television or going to the movie theater, head to a nearby museum or just take a stroll in the snow.

**Do you have any more relationship advice for couples writing New Year's resolutions together? Let us know in the comments below!**

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## Ring In The New Year Celebrity Style





By Steven Zangrillo

With 2012 approaching fast, it's time to plan the festivities!

Whether you're hosting a party with a group of friends or having a romantic dinner for two in New York City, it's important to plan ahead on this special evening. To get you started, we've outlined ten celebrity style activities that will ensure you have a 2012 celebration for the ages:

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### **1. Hit the Club**

You can catch celebrities making New Year's Eve appearances at the most exclusive hot spots from New York to Miami and out on the West Coast too. If you want to hang at the same location as your favorite star, make sure you have your ticket in advance and you're dressed to impress.

### **2. Take a Vacation**

Maybe you can't afford to schedule a jaunt to St. Barts or Lake Como, as Diddy and George Clooney have been known to do,

respectively. However, there are many exotic and affordable locations around the world that you can explore. Websites like Expedia.com work hand-in-hand with resorts and airlines to put together affordable packages for couples and families looking for a New Year's getaway.

### **3. See a Show**

If you're like Lil Jon, you'll be hanging out backstage rubbing elbows with your favorite DJs and popping endless amounts of bubbly. What better way to celebrate the New Year than to rock out to your favorite artist? DJs, singers, rappers and other talent flock to Vegas, New York and Miami to put on their most grandiose display.

### **4. Keep It Simple at Home**

Stars like Ben Affleck maintain a low-key status by kicking back quietly at home with loved ones, especially as he and Jennifer Garner await the birth of their third child. You might also benefit from a little rest and relaxation. A home cooked meal and quietly watching the ball drop in front of the television may be the perfect way for you to start the New Year fresh (and hangover free).

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### **5. Host a Cocktail Party**

In Los Angeles, Drew Barrymore has been known to host a cocktail party with her closest friends. If you have a big enough place, why not pull off a stylish rendezvous of your own? If you're ballin' on a budget, have your friends bring their own booze. Just provide some finger food, a comfortable area to relax and a TV to watch the clock tick down with the rest of the world.

### **6. Head to Las Vegas**

Las Vegas is America's playground. Do we really need to

elaborate? You can experience the strip, the lights, the gambling (do it responsibly, please!), the shows and everything in between. Jamie Foxx is infamous for hosting various events, including his comedy tour, in Sin City. You can't lose, unless you sit at the Blackjack table a little too long.

## **7. Take To The Slopes**

Aspen is the go-to destination for celebrity skiers looking for a chic and celebratory weekend in the mountains. New Year's Eve at the St. Regis is the area's premier event which has included celebrities like Billy Crystal and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Chances are that your nearest mountain resort will also be engaging in festivities. Go check it out.

## **8. Enjoy Dinner**

Another successful formula for ringing in the New Year is by making reservations at a nice restaurant with your partner. Since it's one of the busiest times of the year, don't forget to call in advance to get your spot. You may even spot a celebrity or two eating at the table next to you.

## **9. Give Back to Your Community**

Giving to a cause is a uniquely satisfying endeavor and can be done in a multitude of ways. For example, Tiger Woods, Peyton Manning and Former Met and Yankee Daryl Strawberry have been known to host charity golf tournaments. Local organizations in your area may host a benefit or be looking for volunteers to help them on New Years' Eve. If you have a cause dear to your heart, and they need help on this special night, this may be a good way to begin 2012.

## **10. Celebrate in New York City**

There's nothing quite like New York City on New Year's Eve. Times Square can be an absolute zoo but it's definitely an

experience to try it out once. If you're looking for something a bit more sophisticated, you can join the likes of Alec Baldwin and get tickets to see the New York Philharmonic at Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center. The one thing about New York is that you don't need to plan your evening. The best moments in the city usually happen when you're being spontaneous.

**How will you ring in the New Year? Share your ideas below.**

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## Romance Resolutions for 2012



By Steven Zangrillo

With the New Year right around the corner, many of you may be

starting to stress about those ten pounds you stacked on courtesy of Grandma Anna's sugar cookies; or how you'll manage to get those last minute gifts shipped to your beloved in-laws and cousins you don't know very well. Instead, take a deep breath.

Now is a great time to step back, look around and re-evaluate your relationships. Whether you're a wife, husband, boyfriend, girlfriend or in the throes of a fleeting fling, there's never been a better time to understand your tendencies (good or bad) as a lover and a partner.

Right under our noses lie some of the most common and simple adjustments we can make that will help get you started on the path of relationship improvement. Take to heart some of these "romantic resolutions" that you may want to put into practice as 2012 approaches:

### **1. "I will not expect the world of my partner."**

To be clear, you should expect your partner to make the effort to give you the world. We all want our special someone to feel happy and satisfied at all times, and vice versa.

However, it's borderline lunacy to expect that person to actually deliver on all of your wildest dreams. Newsflash: this isn't an Old Spice commercial, and no, we're not going to bake you a triple chocolate mousse cake in your dream house kitchen while singing your favorite song. But we'll try, or at least give you a great foot massage.

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### **2. "If they want to go to the movies, then take them to the movies."**

Your significant other loves a hobby that you purely loathe.

It could be going to cheesy romance movies or ridiculous action flicks, blasting gangster rap at earth-shattering



volumes from your apartment, or eating at a restaurant that triggers your gag reflex. If they know you hate these things, they probably shouldn't make you experience them. But that's selfish, wouldn't you agree? So stick it out... sit down and watch "The Notebook" with her. You'll reap the benefits later when she buys you those Eminem tickets next month.

### **3. "I will tolerate his or her friends, even if it doesn't go smoothly at first."**

This is particularly difficult in new relationships where you may not have many mutual friends. Say you've moved to a new city with your flame and just met his friends. Because they are his or her friends, not yours, territoriality plays an integral role in this situation.

What's key to remember is that these people care for the person that you love, just like you do – albeit in different ways. Maybe they aren't your type of people, but if you treat each other with respect, the relationship with your significant other can grow. Integrating into each others' lives will be much smoother if you go into this with an open mind. And who knows, eventually you may grow to love them.

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### **4. "I will allow myself to be present when I am away from you."**

Ever have that friend who, whether it's at the club or in a study group, that is constantly and obnoxiously in contact with their significant other? You may even be guilty of it yourself. It's an all-around annoying disposition.

If you're always on your cell phone, shutting out the world around you, you are probably aggravating all of the other people that enjoy your company in the process. Don't be the guy leaning on the bar, texting his girl, while everyone else is having a great time.

Furthermore, this could be a warning sign to you that you don't trust each other. Do you really want to be in a relationship where you find yourself having to give a detailed explanation of how dinner is going with your parents? If not, it's probably time to shed that relationship.

**5. "I will put myself first, but not at the detriment of my partner. I'll support everything they are passionate about."**

This rule speaks for itself. No one worth being in a relationship with would ever make you feel bad for pursuing your interests, on both professional and personal levels. If the dynamic of your partnership is that of mutual respect and support, your significant other will be your biggest cheerleader.

It is, indeed, easier to give the previous advice than it is to follow it. However, if you adapt an attitude that incorporates a little bit of everything discussed above, there's a good chance that you and your lover will have a relationship that will stand the test of time in the New Year!

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## **Rumor: Are Ashton Kutcher and Lea Michele Dating?**





Co-stars Lea Michele and Ashton Kutcher were very friendly and hands on at a red carpet premiere of their new holiday film, *New Year's Eve*. According to [Hollyscoop](#), the two had nothing, but admiration for each other. Although, Michele may have been a little more star-struck than newly divorced Kutcher, as the *Glee* actress said her co-star was out of her league. Will Michele and Kutcher will be kissing at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve?

**What are some ways to attract the attention of someone “out of your league”?**

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

Sometimes we may feel that someone is out of our league because of money, status, age or education. The truth is, you can make anyone fall in love with the real you. If these steps don't work, then you may be dating someone who doesn't appreciate the genuine you:

**1. Smarts:** There is nothing sexier and equalizing than a person's brains. Show off your smarts, but don't be cocky.

**2. Conversate:** A person who has a lot to say can win over anyone. Just be sure that you know what you're talking about! Communication is key to any relationship.

**3. Be yourself:** Since we don't have gene altering machines like Steve Urkel, be yourself. Lies will just lead to a break-up even before your relationship starts.

**Have you ever changed to get the attention of someone you liked? Share your thoughts below.**

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## Celebrities + Love + New York City = New Year's Eve



Remember the celebrity-filled movie *Valentine's Day* and the classic film *Pretty Woman*? Well, just in time for the holiday season, stars are lending their talent again for another film full of love on a very special holiday. This movie tells the various stories of multiple couples and singles on New Year's Eve in New York City. Jessica Biel plays a woman with a baby on the way, Lea Michele and Ashton Kutcher get stuck in an elevator together, Josh Duhamel is on a journey to find a woman he met a year ago, and Michelle Pfeiffer needs to fulfill all her New Year's Day resolutions. The star studded cast will have you yearning for that magical New Year's kiss that happens at the stroke of midnight. Happy New Year!

**What are some ways to spend New Year's Eve with your partner?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

You don't have to travel to the city that never sleeps to have a romantic New Year's Eve. Here are some fun ways to spend the holiday:

**1. Inside:** Watching the ball drop in your warm living room with egg nog and confetti is a great way to ring in the new year and the perfect place to share a steamy New Year's Eve kiss.

**2. Outside:** If you live in New York City or want to travel, how about being in Times Square when the ball drops? Yes, you might freeze your toes off, but that gives you even more reasons to snuggle up with that special someone.

**3. A New Place:** A fun way to spend New Year's Eve is in a place you have never been before. Start the new year off fresh by trying a new restaurant, movie theater, lounge, park or city.

**Where do you and your partner plan on spending New Year's Eve? Share your comments below.**

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# Tis' The Season to Unleash Your Inner Vixen with Naked Wine!



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By Kelly Kirsh

The holidays are approaching; it's time to let loose in a flirty, flavorsome, and fun way. It's a time for celebrating, party planning, and present shopping. Deciding on the perfect gift can be very challenging. However, there's nothing better than a bottle of wine for your own pleasure, whether you give

it to one of your single friends, your work colleagues, or your significant other.

I recently tried and thoroughly enjoyed Naked Winery's Vixen Syrah. It has attitude and aromas that ignite the senses with silky tannins that bite and hold on. I had to read more about it on their website and found that manufacturers describe it as coy at first then comes on strong with tasteful elements of red raspberry and black cherry on the nose. I couldn't agree more. A reserve white cheddar or parmigiano reggiano with slices of Italian salami would pair nicely with this as well.

There's no denying that this is a great gift choice for everybody, whether it's for Christmas, Chanukkah, New Years, or any other upcoming occasion. It's a fun and sexy choice for you and your mate to tease, please, and get in the mood. If you're meeting new people and looking to mingle, get to know each other over a bottle. Or if you just want a humorous crowd pleaser to share with buddies and coworkers, don't pass up on Naked Winery's Vixen Syrah.

Sound like an appealing choice for you this holiday season?

**Special Discount:** The folks at Naked Winery are offering a whopping 30% discount on all purchases of the Vixen Syrah product to our readers, fans and followers. This is an extraordinary deal and a great opportunity to try it out. Just go to [Nakedwinery.com](http://Nakedwinery.com) and type in "single" for your discount code when purchasing. Let your inner fox come out this year!

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# Miranda Cosgrove Wanted Shia LaBeouf As Her New Year's Kiss



When *People* asked *iCarly* star, Miranda Cosgrove, about her dream New Year's smooch, she replied, "If I could pick anyone, it would be Shia LaBeouf." Not only have the pair met, but Cosgrove also admits, "He's really cute." Despite her wish, the young actress was kiss-less at midnight. When it comes to turning that dream into a reality, she admits that not having a driver's license is limiting the possibilities. "I got my permit," Cosgrove says, "but I'm still not officially driving and I don't have a car." If a car is all that it takes, perhaps 2012 will prove lucky for the starlet.

**What are some ways to snag a kiss from someone you like?**



## Cupid's Advice:

New Year's might be over, but that's no reason to shy away from kissing someone you like! Cupid's got three ways to hook a kiss from that special someone:

- 1. Drop a few hints:** While we would all like to think that that special guy or gal can read our minds, it never works out that way. Rather than hope that they understand how you feel, lay down some inviting body language. A light touch against their arm can send the right message.
- 2. Dress the part:** Of course kisses can happen in sweatpants, but it never hurts to glam it up! Pop in a mint, spray some perfume and dress up with a nice blouse when you're ready to lay one on him.
- 3. Lean in:** If you're not afraid to be a little forward, why not initiate the kiss? Nothing is sexier than confidence!

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# Nivea Enlists Help of Rancid Couple to Host New Year's Eve





TV personalities Bill and Giuliana Rancic will be ringing in the new year on top of the Nivea Kiss platform in Times Square. The celebrity couple also helped Beiersdorf's Nivea beauty brand launch the "Kiss the One You Love Contest" on Facebook, which invites couples to share their love stories for a chance to win a trip to New York City to join the Rancics for Nivea's third annual celebration. This year, no lip will be left unattended, as Nivea will touch the lips of many people with "A Kiss of Smoothness."

**Should celebrities tie their images to a product?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Celebrities have been known to endorse many a product and all sorts of national and international causes. The question is, should they? Cupid has some thoughts:

**1. They support a cause:** If you're going to be famous, you might as well utilize your notoriety for a worthy cause. For instance, David Good is giving part of the proceeds from his recently released book to cancer research. Consider buying products which have been endorsed by celebrities for more than

personal gain.

**2. They believe in products:** There are so many different products on the market today that it's sometimes impossible for us to know which brands to trust. Those in the public eye have the chance to support products in which they really put faith. If you respect a celebrity, the products they endorse might be just what you need.

**3. They want money:** Of course there are those in the limelight who are simply in it for the green stuff. Be careful about which celebrities you blindly follow.