



# Three Low-Cost, All-love Last-Minute Gifts

## Create a Love List.

**1** A Love List is simply a list of reasons why you love someone. Set aside a half hour or an hour in a quiet place and think back on all the times you've spent with this person. Think about qualities that are unique to him, things he does for you, and special times you've shared together. Your Love List can include big things and small things, sweet things, silly things, sassy things, or sexy things.

Tell her you love that she always answers the phone with a hearty "Hey there!" Tell him you love his eyes, his intelligence, his love of puns. Tell her you love her wise advice, her wicked wit, and her at-the-ready smile.

Your list can have twenty things or two hundred things. It can be written in pen on a plain white piece of paper. Or you can do a fancy design on the computer and print it out. You can add a photo or two. You can draw a picture on it. You can frame it or make fortune cookies. Use your imagination. Most of all ... have fun!



## Go for experiential, rather than material.

A gift that can be experienced together is one of the very best gifts of

**2** all. Can you create a handmade certificate good for a free jazz concert, an upcoming art show, a unique hike, or a day trip to someplace unique? Does he have a favorite hobby that you can join in somehow? Could you plan an afternoon outing or picnic (indoor if it is winter!) and the two of you bring your cameras to feed his love of photography? How about morning bird watching followed by a cup of tea at a local cafe?

Is there a recipe of yours that you know she loves? Invite her over for an afternoon of cooking and music. You can have all the ingredients on hand and teach her how to make that yummy dish.

## Lend a Hand

**3** Another great gift for someone is something that helps 'em out. People often truly appreciate the value of your time and effort. You could set up a new program on his computer or offer to organize her garage. If you have handyman skills and you notice he needs something replaced, you could buy all the parts and do the work. You could make her a gift certificate good for "Three hours of at-your-service help around the house." Think about the gift recipient and what kind of help is needed or what kind of help would make their life more fun.



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