



LOVE 101

A Guide to Romance

The Basics: Cards, love letters, flowers and candy, and any type of massage is universal! You can't go wrong sending your honey a card, bringing flowers, or giving him a backrub!

♥ **Write a love letter.** Nothing beats an honest-to-God love letter in the mailbox to make a lasting impression. Even couples who have lived together for years will be touched by writing and reading love letters. Carefully choose the words that best express your feelings. Not sure where to begin? How about, "I'll never forget the day we met..."

♥ **Plan a day** to do what he likes to do. If he loves sports (and even if you hate them), buy tickets to see his favorite team, then go along to cheer them on to victory. The idea is to do something your partner enjoys - and enjoy it with him! He'll never forget that day.

♥ **Plan a surprise weekend getaway.** Choose a place that suits him - maybe a bed and breakfast tucked in the woods or a four-star hotel in a big city. You will have to give him pointers about what clothes to pack, but otherwise, your destination should remain a mystery until your arrival.

♥ **Dress to please— him that is!** This one is a little on the edge— If your significant other travels, greet him at the airport dressed in lingerie under your coat. The reaction is incredible and the excitement for both of you is unbelievable!

♥ **Make a special gift** - almost anything handmade as a gift - for no reason (handmade card, scrapbook, picture frame, when he least expects it).

♥ **Show respect and appreciation** for your lover's family, especially his mother. You may not get along on everything, but remember, you all love the same person!

♥ **Listen carefully** to the small things that he mentions in passing that are needed and make sure they suddenly appear. The gift is really that you are listening to him.

♥ **Create several coupons** redeemable for friendly favors when your sweetie just needs some attention. A few examples—a foot massage, a bubble bath with (or without) company, a quiet dinner, help with the chores, etc. (and leave off an expiration date).

♥ **MOST ROMANTIC TIP:** Pay a sincere and loving compliment that comes from your heart. A compliment speaks volumes and gives a wonderful message to the recipient that brings a smile to the lips and a warm glow to the soul.

**And finally—Remember each day
to say “I LOVE YOU.”**

—The easiest and most rewarding tip. There is nothing sweeter or more endearing than saying those words—then hearing them said back to you.