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## 10 Things Every Happy Marriage Has in Common

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By Christine Coppa

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Go ahead and schedule that girls' night out—and encourage your husband to plan some alone time with his friends, too. “Just because you get married doesn’t mean your world has to collapse in on the two of you,” says [April Masini](#), author of *Think & Date Like A Man*. In fact, keeping the rest of your life and relationships going is just as important as any lingerie collection or bikini wax, she says. “My wife knew she was marrying a huge New York Rangers fan, so when I cut out to go to games with my older brother, she never gets on my case,” says Joey Catalano, 32. “I show her the same respect when she hangs out with her girlfriends. Plus, it’s nice to know there’s someone to come home to.”

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