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Naughty But Nice: Sexy Valentine's Day Gift Ideas

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Too often, women want Valentine's Day to be about flowers, candy and other, well, boring, mushy gifts. But what man wants a dozen red roses on that special day (or any day)? This year, why not surprise him with what he might want - something for the bedroom.

"This is the only holiday when sex comes out of the back seat and is featured front and center," says April Masini, best-selling author of several relationship books and the advice column at Los Angeles-based AskApril.com. "Some of the most thoughtful and 'best ever' gifts are not about the money. They're about the time, the effort, the creativity and the thoughtfulness of the gift."

So if you're looking for something a little bolder to spice up your love life, check out these sure-fire ideas for a Valentine's Day you and your partner will never forget.

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We're not talking about the classic teddy here. For a really sexy Valentine's gift, leave the pink nightgown behind and try something bold, like a black lace cutout with fishnet stockings, or a deep red backless babydoll. And don't forget the high heels! Victoria's Secret has a large selection of "femme fatale" lingerie in their stores at Lakeland Square, Lakeside Village or Eagle Ridge Mall or at victoriasecret.com. You might also try Frederick's of Hollywood.

BOUDOIR IMAGES

Give your man the naughty gift he'll never forget. Once he gets a look at this

provocative photo of you, the only thing that will make him want to put it down will be if you're practicing your poses in front of him. Get your pictures done with a professional or do it yourself at home.

SUMPTUOUS BEDDING

Nothing says "I want you honey" like luxurious Egyptian sheets. This cotton material is world-renowned for its comfort and quality, and gets softer every time you wash it. Splurge on the highest thread count you can afford, and enjoy the silky-smooth feeling of imported comfort. Purchase these sheets from any high-end linen store, such as Bed Bath & Beyond.

DO YOU FONDUE?

What's more romantic than chocolate? Whip up a batch of this warm aphrodisiac and feed each other strawberries, marshmallows and other yummy foods. To take it one step further, use the dipped treats to draw tattoos and write sexy words on each other, and then clean up the chocolate - without using your hands! Buy a fondue set from any gourmet food store, or even from a local discount store, like Wal-Mart or Target.

ROOM FOR TWO

To bring new vitality to your relationship and your love life, nothing works better than a romantic trip for two. As opposed to staying at an impersonal hotel, a weekend at a bed and breakfast shows you really care, and the included breakfast meal means you can spend even more quality time together. For a wide selection of bed and breakfast inns all over the country, check out bbonline.com. Or try a staycation, where you can get away from the kids, the phone, the e-mail, at a nearby bed and breakfast, like Lake Morton B&B in Lakeland.

NAUGHTY TREATS

For the ultimate sexy gift, use your creative juices to put together a bag of treats for your man - not candy treats, but the adult kind. Buy a heart-shaped bag or basket and fill it up with toys and tricks you know he will like. You can purchase these sexy items at any adult store, such as Fairvilla Megastore on Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, or online.

MASSAGE FOR TWO

Spend some quality sensual time by signing up for a professional couple's massage. Two masseuses will give you and your partner a lengthy backrub while the two of you unwind together. Then, try out some of the tricks you learned at home, using massage oils, of course. Hawaiian Breeze in Fort Meade is offering a special couple's deal for \$80, or find a freelance masseuse who will come to your

home - or a hotel room.

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