

Fill Your Cup FULL of Romance!

50 Ways to Keep the Home Fires HOT!

Uh-ummm...For LADIES ONLY!

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How are you doing in your marriage? I remember when we began homeschooling. For the first time in my life, I had finally found the fulfillment that God had planned for me from the foundations of the earth. The only problem was that I found myself either entirely too child-centered, talking about the children and homeschooling with every breath OR simply too exhausted from the pull on my time and energy as I balanced homeschooling, homemaking, and motherhood! I found myself in awe of this good-looking man I had forgotten along the way.

How are your home-fires? Are you finding that good-looking love-bug to be a stranger and you don't know where to begin romancing him? Want some fun ideas???

Here are 50 ideas that are SURE to make your (AND HIS) heart patter with that same passion from your honeymoon days! Have fun!

- ♥ **Plan a daily Pow-wow time!** Whether it is coffee in the morning...coke over a mid-morning break...afternoon tea (coffee!)...or bedtime cuddles, set aside a time for the two of you to keep up with one another! Share your plans, dreams, vision, struggles, concerns, ideas. Get to REALLY know one another! Be sure that your children learn to respect this time. They will LOVE to watch their Mommy and Daddy as they deepen the romantic love for one another!
- ♥ **Turn OFF the phone!** Have a quiet day together!
- ♥ **Go for a walk in a stream!** Play in a waterfall...mud puddle...so on!
- ♥ **Go for a ride together!** Any of you Harley babes out there? Yes! We have a Harley! It was bought JUST for our love-life! It is the one thing that we do that means that we take time JUST for one another! What about you?? Is your RIDE a Harley? Sail-boat? Car? Convertible? Get out there for that TIME together!
- ♥ **Let the children prepare "tea" goodies for Daddy!** Let them serve the two of you as you cuddle together!
- ♥ **Plan a campfire!** Roast weiners...marshmallows...LAUGH!
- ♥ **Back Rub???** How about a surprise of a bag full of massage crème and goodies from Bath and Body Works? Give him a LONG back rub while he soaks up your attention!
- ♥ **Watch a movie...** Put the little ones to bed a little early and stay up to watch a movie (and SNUGGLE!) that he wants to see. Don't forget to light some candles...turn out the lights...and make a tray of HIS favorite goodies!
- ♥ **Watch the sunset together.** Don't talk!
- ♥ **Go for a picnic...** Yes! Pack a basket full of great food...grab a nice, thick quilt...and go to your favorite spot for a picnic. One of our favorite spots is on the Natchez Trace right by a gorgeous, bubbling spring. Where do you like to go? A waterfall? Park? Lakeside?
- ♥ **Write him a love letter!** Praise him for his manhood...acknowledge his protection...make a list of things you LOVE about him! Tuck it into his lunch...suitcase...or pillow!
- ♥ **Cuddle-Up** and give him a "Good-Ole-Head-Scratchin'!"
- ♥ **Sit close** as you ride down the road!
- ♥ **Pray for him!** Pray God's Word for him. Don't forget to ask him for areas he NEEDS prayer!
- ♥ **Share verses God gives you for him!** NOT in an argument! Instead, write him a note or a pretty

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- card with the verse that God gives you for him. ENCOURAGE your man!
- ♥ **Clean out your room** and make it a special place for the two of you! Candles...Kenny G CD playing in the background...new quilts...fluffy warm covers...ice-water...fruit!
 - ♥ **Plan a weekend** (or a day!) away with your husband! Do something HE loves to do!
 - ♥ **Have breakfast on the deck!** OR just a cup of coffee! JUST listen to him!
 - ♥ **Make a scrapbook JUST for him!** Try...a scrapbook about his job (“I love ME book”), a scrapbook about his life (include stories and letters from his loved ones!).
 - ♥ **Make a special meal JUST for him.** Feed the children early. Let them watch a video while you two have a candle-light dinner!
 - ♥ **Call your husband at work JUST to say, “I Love You!”**
 - ♥ **Plan a date** just for the two of you!
 - ♥ **Give him a good, hot bath!!** He does not have to be DEAD or OLD to be bathed!!!! Don’t forget to dry him off AND dress him! (IF you can!)
 - ♥ **Go for a walk** (or jog) together!
 - ♥ **Make a book of certificates** “Good For _____” Think of things that your husband would LOVE! Have fun!
 - ♥ **Stop what you are doing** (cancel a week of your plans) to spend time with your husband. Just do what HE likes...sailing, ride the motorcycle, camp, get a hotel!
 - ♥ **Change the sheets** and put on the bed WARM right before bed!
 - ♥ **Go play goofy golf!**
 - ♥ **Feed him grapes!** Invent creative, new ways to eat them!
 - ♥ **Take a nap** so you can stay up late with your sweetheart. Go for a midnight walk!
 - ♥ **Go parking!!** (In your own yard to be SURE you have privacy!!)
 - ♥ **Make ice-cream!** His favorite flavor!
 - ♥ **Get dressed** (EACH DAY!) nicely before he comes in from work! Let him KNOW you love our calling as a wife! Add a touch of his favorite perfume...his favorite hairstyle...and don’t forget his favorite SMILE!
 - ♥ **Give him a great big hug!** Pat him on the bottom as he walks off!
 - ♥ **Go to a local park and SWING!**
 - ♥ **Have a coke together.** See who can tell the silliest joke!
 - ♥ **Send a sexy ”page” to him.** If he does not have a pager, leave a sexy message on his answering machine on his cell-phone! OR send him a sexy email!
 - ♥ **Schedule lunch together.** Talk about LIFE goals... problems... struggles... vision... delights!
 - ♥ **Walk through the mall holding hands!**
 - ♥ **Make hot chocolate and cuddle up together!** Don’t forget the classical music and cuddles. Maybe a cute nighty!
 - ♥ **Take a family bike ride!**
 - ♥ **Take a shower together!**
 - ♥ **Enjoy the Fall together.** Ride the motorcycle and have a picnic along the way!
 - ♥ **Send your husband a package to work.** Include a love note...edible undies... OHHHH! Be sure to note on the box CONFIDENTIAL: OPEN PRIVATELY! Imagine that smile on his face!
 - ♥ **Stay in bed and TALK** instead of getting up and busy as usual!
 - ♥ **Serve him breakfast in bed.** Complete with flowers, a special note, and of course, a smile on your face!
 - ♥ **Go sailing OR riding at sunset.**
 - ♥ **Play a game of tennis together!**
 - ♥ **Take your ugliest nighty** (you KNOW...the one he hates the WORST!) or sweatshirt to the altar! Cut it off right below the arms...crawl into bed JUST under the covers with the top showing...watch his expression as he comes to bed and pulls back the covers for HIS surprise!!!! ☺!!!!!!!!!!!!
 - ♥ **REALLY enjoy your husband!** He is your best friend! He needs friendship as much as you do! Treasure each fleeting moment with him! AND have fun! ☺
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