

# Celebrating Love on the Cheap

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Valentine's Day is the day you can let your heart do the talking. Let your loved one know how you feel and make them feel extra special with one, or two or even all of these special "I love you" ideas.

## Write love notes and hide them in lunchboxes.

Use your best handwriting, or print them off and tuck them between the sandwiches and the fruit.

## Prepare a special dinner.

You don't have to go to any expense, just set the table with your best dishes and linen, light a candle, use your good glasses and take your time over dinner.

## Colour everything on Valentine's Day red.

Wear a red shirt, drink pink milk, make pink pancakes for breakfast, have spag bol for dinner, serve red lemonade, have red jelly for dessert, put red colouring in the mashed potatoes (my kids just loved when I'd do this!), use red serviettes etc.

## Make your own Valentine's colouring books.

Colouring books are popular again, even for adults and they can be as romantic or as funny as you like. Give them to the kids to decorate with glitter, dried flowers, stickers, textas, fancy scissors, punches etc. Make one for your special Valentine and colour it in together.

## Make a heart shaped cake

Butter cake mix is only 75 cents at Coles if you can't or don't want to make one from scratch), ice with pink icing and top with red jelly. It's a spectacular dessert that takes about 35 minutes to prepare. Just remember to make the jelly the night before!

## Need an inexpensive gift?

Make a card and then stick a red or gold covered chocolate heart on the front. Total cost under \$2, including the chocolate.

## Valentine's themed boxer shorts and socks

for under \$5 a pair can be bought from The Reject Shop and other dollar type stores have really cute!

## Get really romantic.

Put the children to bed early and then watch a romantic movie, eat chocolate and drink a nice whatever (not all of us drink alcohol!). When the movie ends, move into the bedroom which you've prepared earlier. Dim the lights or light some scented candles, turn the bedcovers down and leave a love note on your sweetheart's pillow.

## Make a book of vouchers

that can be redeemed throughout the year. They might include:

- One neck massage
- One scented bath
- One free lawnmowing session
- One free car wash
- One foot massage
- One weekend of videos of your choice
- One picnic in the park
- A weekend rendezvous for two