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KnyghtMare and I get lost in romance sometimes. The love we have for each other manifests in affection, mushy moments where we can only say how much we love each other and that overwhelming sense of joy that comes from a strong romance. For us romance is a part of our M/s relationship. Without knowing he loves me completely I don't think I could submit to him in the same way.

Sure his idea of flirting and romantic gestures are not exactly vanilla in nature. His booby grabs and ass swats as I go by are romantic in a way. When he calls me baby and even when he calls me slut and cunt are all romantic to me. He is expressing his desire and love for me in these ways, but he's also expressing his control and ownership of me. Yes, I still get flowers and cards and gifts. I'm showered with all these things because he knows I love them, but I get so much more. I get to feel his control and authority in a loving manner and it's powerfully erotic and romantic.

For those of you who say you get lost in the mushy stuff and forget your place, I have to wonder why the romantic side of you and romantic expression isn't a part of your submissive role. It's always been a part of mine so perhaps it is just that I don't have a working knowledge of the form of relationship where romance isn't a part of the submissive role.

Now I understand that for those of you looking in from the outside of D/s you see leather, whips and chains, sneers and pain and wonder how in the world that can be romantic. Your world view is different. I think that when people find out that they love rough sex or spanking and flogging that all of a sudden that negates the natural ability to be romantic or to love just to love. Romance is a vague term that means different things to each of us. What I consider romantic may not be the same as what you consider romantic. And as you mature and age the definition too can change.

Whether I just don't have the knowledge or not, I know romance can exist in a D/s relationship and it can still be a powerful dynamic.

Open your heart, and indulge in sweet romantic moments every now and then. Use these romantic ideas and awe your lover. And just when their lips spread into a happy smile as they look into your eyes, you'd realize your effort was all so worth it!

Before we get into the list, I have a few important notes:

1. **Weekly dates.** Romance shouldn't be reserved for special "commercial" days each year. It doesn't have to be an expensive one, but at least find some way to spend a couple hours together.
2. **Communicate.** Romantic gestures don't take the place of real communication.
3. **Inspiration.** This list contains a lot of obvious ideas, but the list doesn't aim for originality. I want to inspire you. Pick and choose some good ideas, or use it to spark some of your own.

4. **Don't Wait.** Yes, Valentine's Day is reserved for romance, but don't wait for special days to be romantic. Remind your partner each and every available moment that you love them.

Romantic Ideas

1. Write a poem.
2. Give your lover a dozen roses—with a creative twist. Give eleven red roses and one white rose. Attach a note that reads: "In every bunch there's one who stands out—and you are that one."
3. Cook a romantic dinner.
4. Identify that one pivotal event that brought the two of you together. Celebrate that event every year.
5. Give a full-body massage.
6. Following a bubble bath you've prepared for them, wrap them in a towel that you've warmed up in the dryer.
7. Pack a sunset picnic.
8. Visit a karaoke bar and surprise your lover by getting up and singing "your song" to him/her.
9. Pick wildflowers, or stop by a florist on the way home.
10. Kidnap her! Blindfold her. Drive her around town until she's thoroughly lost. Then reveal your destination: Her favorite restaurant, or maybe a romantic inn.
11. Burn a CD with love songs that remind you of your partner or the love you have.
12. It's romantic—but commonplace—to eat dinner by candlelight. So here's a change of pace: Eat breakfast by candlelight.
13. Give chocolates.
14. Call a local radio station and request a special love song to be dedicated to your partner. Make sure he or she is listening!

15. Read poetry together.
16. When out together in public, wink at your partner from across the room.
17. Prepare strawberries with fondue chocolate.
18. Make a toast to one another every time you hold a wine glass. Make eye contact.
Take turns making the toast. Whisper it.
19. Snuggle together on a rainy day.
20. Call your partner from work for no other reason than to say, "I love you."
21. Leave little love notes everywhere.
22. Hold hands.
23. Send a love email every day.
24. When your significant other gets home, be waiting in the bedroom dressed in your favorite sexy lingerie (or nothing at all!)... you know what happens next.
25. Take a moonlit walk on the beach.
26. Send flowers or cookies for no reason at all.
27. Snuggle together while watching romantic movies.
28. Stop by your sweetie's office around lunchtime with his/her favorite noontime nosh.
29. Go stargazing.
30. Offer a foot rub — without asking for one in return!
31. Take a bath together (use bubbles!).
32. Sign up for a class you know he/she has wanted to take together.
33. Bring home good coffee or a decadent sweet.
34. Leave a note on the bathroom mirror so he/she will see it first thing in the morning.
35. Take a walk down memory lane — visit some of the special places from your early days of dating.
36. Plan a romantic getaway to a bed and breakfast.
37. Make warm chocolate cake for dessert.

38. Have a romantic/sexy photo session done together or have sexy pictures taken of yourself and make a private album for your partner.
39. Make a scrapbook with photos, mementos, and little notes from your lives together.
40. Kiss in the rain.
41. Ride a ferris wheel.
42. Sneak away from a party and make out.
43. Bring home great take-out, and light some candles.
44. Fix something or fix up the house just to make your partner happy.
45. Slow dance to romantic music.
46. Take a nap together.
47. Kiss slowly, touching his or her back and neck and nape.
48. Make a list of everything you love about him or her.
49. Write a love letter.
50. Clip or email things that make you think of him or her, every day.
51. Go to a movie, ignore the movie, and make out like teen-agers.
52. Groom yourself, and try to look good for your partner.
53. Take some quiet time and talk about your day.
54. Write little notes, one for each way he or she drives you crazy.
55. Feed each other small fruits, chocolates or other nibbles.
56. Recreate your partner's favorite romantic movie scene.
57. Pretend you're going on a first date — show up at the door with flowers, all dressed up, with your car washed and cleaned, looking spiffy. Recreate the first time.
58. Create a little box with a bunch of your partner's favorite things inside.
59. Give a little token to your partner to wear, and say it's to remind him or her all day that you love them.
60. Sing a favorite song to him or her. Only do this if you can sing fairly well.

61. Have dinner on the roof, with some candles. This doesn't work if your roof slopes sharply.
62. Hold hands, and walk somewhere with lots of pretty lights.
63. Say I love you. In a different way, every day.
64. Blindfold your partner. Use a feather. Slowly.
65. Declare your love, very publicly.
66. Fruit or berries and freshly made whipped cream.