# SUREFIRE

FOR THAT SPECIAL WOMAN IN YOUR LIFE





I hope this booklet helps you to become the best gift-giver she's ever known!

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### **SUREFIRE** HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

When it comes to gift giving, you won't have to go far to find the perfect gift-just flip through this little treasure trove of ideas and you'll be sure to find one that will thrill her! Keep this booklet in your glove box, briefcase, desk, or wherever you'll easily be able to find it when you need it.

Fill out the dates below and set up reminders in your smartphone or calendar so you'll never forget an important occasion:

Her Birthday
Anniversary
Family Birthday #1
Family Birthday #2
Other

### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Valentine's Day is February 14th. Mother's Day is the second Sunday in May. Christmas is December 25th.

# A FEW IMPORTANT TIPS TO GET STARTED...CHOOSE A GIFT IDEA BASED ON:

Her personality and desires—not yours!

 Your time limitations—some gifts will require more planning than others.

 Your budget-decide what you're comfortable spending and stick to it. This book provides ideas at both ends of the budget spectrum!



A FIRE symbol indicates a STAFF PICK

 A CLOCK symbol indicates an idea that may require more time or preparation.



...to be treated with affection and kindness.

...to feel intelligent and discerning.

...to feel special.

...to know that you desire them for who they are.

...to let loose once in a while.

...to be reminded of why you love them.

- Don't wait until the last second to buy a gift. Save a lunch hour for this sole purpose at least two weeks beforehand so that if you end up needing more time, you don't have to scramble!
- Women don't want to receive just an email with a web link to their gift that's on order. If you must show a web link, then take a few extra minutes to print it out on special paper and put it in an envelope with a card, and present it with flowers. This makes a huge difference!
- It's all about the packaging! If you are terrible at gift-wrapping, ask a skilled friend or relative to help you or have it professionally done at the store. She'll appreciate the extra effort even if you didn't wrap it yourself.
- If you buy her something practical like an electronic device or new tires, take the time to pick out a small romantic gift to go with it. She'll love the idea that you put extra thought and planning into her gift—and it'll go a long way!



### DOES SHE APPRECIATE FINE JEWELRY?

Buy a piece of jewelry or a watch that she'd never buy for herself. Tie a bow on it and place it in her jewelry box so that she will see it while she is dressing for the day. Leo Hamel Fine Jewelers has the best new and vintage jewelry, as well as new and preowned watches to turn this gift idea into a reality! TIP: Before making your purchase, pay attention to the type of jewelry she wears (gold, silver, small, large, delicate, chunky, etc.). Knowing her taste in jewelry will make shopping much easier! But don't worry too much - she has 30 days to return or exchange it.

### DOES SHE HAVE A VINTAGE-INSPIRED STYLE?

Search antique shops for a hand mirror set. They tend to be beautiful and ornately made, and many women love the romantic look and feel they bring to the boudoir. Then give her a beautiful pair of earrings or necklace that she can wear while gazing into her lovely new hand mirror! TIP: Leo Hamel Fine Jewelers has the most unique vintage jewelry in San Diego County, including true antiques dating back to the 1800s!

### **SUREFIRE JEWELRY GIFT IDEAS**

### DOES SHE HAVE A LARGE JEWELRY COLLECTION?

Purchase a top-of-the-line jewelry box, trunk, or travel pouch from Leo Hamel Fine Jewelers. She can store all of her pieces inside the box without a worry since the lining of each case is specially woven to absorb the hostile gases that cause tarnishing. TiP: If your budget allows, splurge on a piece of jewelry to hide inside the box. When she opens it, she'll be surprised to see that the gift isn't over yet!

### DOES SHE HAVE PIERCED EARS?

Most women consider a pair of classic diamond stud earrings to be a jewelry collection staple. If she doesn't own a pair, she'll adore you for buying her one! Not sure where to start? Leo Hamel Fine Jewelers has dozens of new and vintage traditional diamonds studs, including some unique collections that offer a bigger bang (and sparkle!) for your buck by using diamond clusters.



### ARE YOU TWO BEST FRIENDS FOREVER?

Give her a necklace or bracelet with both of your first initials hanging as charms. You can buy a chain and letter charms separately, or have a custom one made at Leo Hamel Fine Jewelers.

### **SUREFIRE ROMANTIC GIFT IDEAS**

# **DO YOU LAUGH A LOT TOGETHER?**

Write down 25 ways that she makes you laugh. Find a website like CafePress.com and upload your 25 thoughts to be printed onto a phone case, yoga mat, or set of pajamas. Every time she sees this personalized item, it will remind her of how special (and hilarious!) you think she is.

### DOES SHE PREFER MOOD LIGHTING?

For one night, replace all the lights in your house with candles. Wherever there is a lamp or light, turn it off and place several candles in front of it. Create a different mini snack bar at each location with fruit, crackers, cheese, wine, and exotic cookies. Starting at the door, walk her to each station as if it were a brand new place to visit. If you are feeling adventurous, create a theme for each area! Examples include the South Pacific, a movie studio, or a sunset.



DOES SHE LOVE WALKING ON THE BEACH?

Get a unique bottle, some candle wax, old looking paper (any craft store), and a few very small trinkets that represent your love for her. Write her a romantic note telling her what she means to you, why she is so beautiful to you, and why you fell in love with her. Roll it up and slide it in the bottle with the trinkets. Seal it with a cork or lid, melt the wax, and dip the top of the bottle into the wax to create a seal. To make it air tight, dip the tip of the bottle several times until the opening of the bottle is completely covered. Give the bottle to a trusted friend and have him or her place it in a location where she will find it as you walk together along the beach.

### DOES SHE ENJOY A BIG, FLUFFY BED?

Freshen up your bedroom for her! Down comforters and pillows are a surefire way to transform a mundane sleeping space into a luxury suite. TIP: Be sure to get a comforter that's a full size larger than your bed so there is plenty of coverage. The best ones are stitched in squares so that the feathers don't bunch on one side.

### SUREFIRE ROMANTIC GIFT IDEAS

### DOES SHE WORK IN AN OFFICE?

Sneak over to her workplace and leave a red rose on her car windshield with a note that promises dinner. When she gets home from work, take her out to dinner or have a gourmet home cooked meal ready on the dinner table. If you really want to make the evening memorable, create a list of reasons that you love her and read them to her during dinner...that's sure to get a positive reaction!

### IS SHE A WINE LOVER?

Schedule a tour and take her to a winery for lunch. Bring along an informative book on wine to share—"The Wine Spectator's Guide to California" by James Laube is a great choice. Tell her in advance that you plan on dining and wine tasting in a romantic location so she'll know how to dress for the day!

### IS SHE PLAYFUL?

Create a romantic treasure hunt with about 10 hints, each one bringing her closer to finding you. Print and cut the hints into slips that you can roll up. Take them to a party store and order helium balloons, but ask if you can insert the rolled up hints inside the balloons before they're inflated. Compose a card instructing her to start her treasure hunt by popping the first balloon with the enclosed straight pin. The last hint should lead her to a special place where you'll be waiting for her with a small gift or flowers. TIP: If your budget allows, enclose small gifts in each balloon such as movie or concert tickets, Lotto tickets, or a coupon for a foot massage from you.



### IS SHE SENTIMENTAL?

Artfully arrange a copy of your marriage certificate, an invitation from your wedding, and any other wedding mementos you have in a shadow box (like a 3D picture frame). While she's opening this gift, pop open a ring box with a diamond anniversary band from Leo Hamel Fine Jewelers. Drop to one knee, téll her that she's more beautiful now than the day that you married, and that you'd marry her all over again!

### SUREFIRE RELAXING GIFT IDEAS

### DOES SHE ENJOY BREAKFAST IN BED?

Get up early and go to a bakery to buy some fresh pastries. Pick up some pretty flowers, brew her favorite coffee, and bring it all to her on a lap tray as soon as she wakes up.



Purchase a basket and fill it with things she can use to pamper herself, such as bubble bath, soaps, oils, candles, a bathtub pillow, and a fluffy bath towel. Choose a variety of scents or learn her favorites for extra credit. Discover which fragrances she prefers by peeking into her bathroom when she's not around! TIP: You can get any of these items at bath or body stores.

### DOES SHE LIKE TO PAMPER HERSELF?

Find the best day spa in your neighborhood, or go to one she already loves. Buy a day pass to the spa, where she'll be able to take full advantage of all the amenities. Write a note describing the relaxing day you have planned for her, tuck the note and day pass into the pocket of a luxurious robe, and present it to her. If you want to splurge, purchase a second day pass and invite her to bring a friend!

### DOES SHE HAVE A STRESSFUL JOB?

Buy her a massage at a day spa. A ninety-minute massage is like a little piece of heaven! Make sure the relaxation continues at home by greeting her at the door with her slippers, a glass of wine, and an offer to make dinner.

### DOES SHE LIKE TO READ?

Buy a gift card to her favorite bookstore. If she is a student, buy a gift card from the student bookstore at her university. Wrap it up with a couple of hot chocolate packets, a candle, and some cozy socks or a toasty throw.

### **SUREFIRE RELAXING GIFT IDEAS**



Place a box of her favorite chocolates on her pillow. Scatter rose petals between the sheets and on top of the comforter, and place a bottle of almond oil on the nightstand with a note promising a massage. TIP: Don't expect anything after the massage!

### IS SHE CONSTANTLY BUSY?

Sometimes a woman needs a day to herself, especially if she's a mom! Purchase a large tote bag and stuff it with a beach towel, sunscreen, her favorite magazines (fashion, fitness, home decorating), an insulated lunch bag full of snacks, and bottled water. Arrange for a sitter (or watch the kids yourself) and tell her she has an appointment with herself. TIP: Include some cash in the bag in case she needs a little souvenir!

# DOES SHE ENJOY RELAXING OUTSIDE?

Purchase a Roman style hammock that's wide enough for two adults to enjoy! Buy a few small, soft pillows and a throw blanket to make it even more comfortable. Hammocks are typically offered seasonally, so you may need to venture online to find one. Assemble the hammock, place candles around it, and lead her to it after dark! TIP: Make sure there's enough room in the backyard or on the porch for the hammock before you buy it.

### **SUREFIRE BUDGET / SIMPLE PLEASURE GIFT IDEAS**

### DOES SHE LOVE WATCHING BIRDS AND LOCAL WILDLIFE?

Purchase a bird feeder, some birdseed, binoculars if they're in the budget, and a bird watching book. This is an especially great gift if she has children who would enjoy sharing this activity with her.

### AVE YOU BEEN TOGETHER FOR A WHILE?

Make a photo book with pictures from your life together so far (and leave blank pages for future photos). Include notes telling her why that captured moment was special to you. It can be a homemade scrapbook style or you can get it professionally printed and bound. Either way, she'll love to look through it and add more photos in the coming years.

# O DOES SHE LOVE RECEIVING LETTERS?

Write a letter to her detailing all the reasons you love and appreciate her. Start thinking about it and jot down notes over a few days or weeks, then gather your ideas together and put them into complete sentences. Present it to her using one of the other gift ideas in this booklet.



Have an old family photo restored and beautifully framed. There are many online companies that offer this type of service.

### **SUREFIRE BUDGET / SIMPLE PLEASURE GIFT IDEAS**

### DOES SHE HAVE A GREEN THUMB?

Buy a selection of flower and herb seed packets, potting soil, work gloves, gardening tools, and a few nice pots. Put all of the items in a large pot and tie a bow on top. If she already has all of these basic items, she might appreciate some of the more expensive plants she wouldn't normally buy, or some garden accessories like ceramic decorations or a bench or trellis.

### DOES SHE TREASURE SIMPLE THINGS?

Buy her a beautiful wind chime at a nature or garden store. Wrap a ribbon around the top and hang it where she will hear it every day.

### DOES SHE ENJOY NATURE?

Hang a trellis in her garden with new vines bearing scented flowers like jasmine or honeysuckle. Give her a vase for the flowers that she will pick when they bloom.

### DOES SHE HAVE LOTS OF UNFRAMED PICTURES?

Pull out two or three that you know are her favorites and purchase frames for them at a craft, art, or department store. Frame each one individually or make a collage. To ensure you purchase frames that she will like, buy ones that are similar to those she already has in the house. TIP: For a perfect finish, clean the inside and outside of the glass before inserting the photo.

## DOES SHE LOVE THE SMELL OF FRESH FLOWERS?

Have a bouquet delivered to her work unexpectedly, leave a bunch of flowers on her doorstep, or fill the house with vases of flowers before she gets home. TIP: If you're going to leave them somewhere, make sure to get sturdy flowers so they don't wilt by the time she discovers them.

### IS SHE INTO ANTIQUES?

Take her to an antique store, give her \$50 or \$100, and let her browse as long as she wants. When she looks your way, just smile and say, "Take your time!" TIP: Bring a book or magazine to read while you wait... she could be a while!



Secretly arrange for a professional photo to be taken of her kids, and then have it framed. Or take the photo yourself!

### **SUREFIRE PRACTICAL GIFT IDEAS**



Go to a pet store and buy some pet food, toys, a litter box, or whatever is appropriate. Present them all in a gift bag and in the card write, "Let's adopt!" Then take her to a local animal rescue, the Humane Society, or Department of Animal Services to pick out her new best friend. Many Petco and Petsmart stores also have adoption centers inside. TIP: Never give an animal as a surprise gift unless you are CERTAIN that she is ready to care for a pet for life.

### DOES SHE LIKE TO COOK?

Give her a book or DVD on a cooking skill she has wanted to learn, such as cookie decorating, appetizers, breads, pastas, etc. If she's already a great chef or loves to experiment, get her something very specific like a set of Indian spices. She'll enjoy the challenge of discovering how to incorporate them into a dish! For a more ambitious gift, pay for cooking classes at Sur la Table or a local chef school.



Make up an excuse to borrow her car. Get it washed and fill it with gas. In the glove box, hide three or four movie tickets and a gift card to her favorite restaurant for dinner. On her dashboard, prop up a note that says, "Though you might enjoy a clean car for your evening out with the girls." TIP: Make sure she doesn't think you're trying to get rid of her for the night!

# IS SHE PHILANTHROPIC?

Sponsor a blood drive in her honor at your work or organization. Call your local blood donation center to set everything up. Or collect donations for her favorite charity and present them to her to send in for a heartfelt gift!

### DOES SHE LIKE TO STAY IN SHAPE?

Buy her a month's worth of classes at her gym or the local YMCA. Yoga, tai chi, spin, or anything that sounds fun is ideal!

### SUREFIRE PRACTICAL GIFT IDEAS

### IS SHE AN OUTDOORSY TYPE?

Stuff a sturdy backpack with athletic shoes or hiking boots and socks, sunscreen, a water bottle, and a digital camera. Tie a bow around the straps and invite her to join you for a hike at Torrey Pines State Reserve, Cowles Mountain, Mount Woodson, Palomar Mountain, Cuyamaca Peak, or any of the hundreds of trails in San Diego County.



### DOES SHE HAVE FAVORITE COSMETICS?

Google the brand and order something for her. You can refill the items she's running low on, restock her entire collection, or order something new you think she'd like. A chat representative can suggest dozens of new items for her to try-a product that goes with her current cosmetic line, a limited edition color, or something out of the box. Ask for the items to be shipped with a personal gift message from you. Cosmetics and skin care products can be expensive, so many women stick to buying only what they need. She'll appreciate you splurging for her! And she can return or exchange what she doesn't like.



### ODOES SHE LOVE HER SHOES...AND WEAR THEM OFTEN?

Select a few pairs of her shoes that are showing signs of wear and take them to a shoe repair shop. Have them polished, replace the soles, repair a broken heel, and do any other work so that they look brand new again. Favorite handbags can also be refurbished. TIP: If these repairs would end up costing more than the original shoes, she will equally appreciate a gift card to shop for replacements!

### DOES SHE ENJOY THE ART OF WRITING LETTERS?

Buy a book of stamps and order personalized stationery with her name or initials on each card. Tie a ribbon around the package and slip a sprig of freshly picked flowers underneath the bow. TIP: To complete the stationery set, order a personalized rubber stamp or stickers with her return address.

### DOES SHE SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN THE CAR?

Buy her an auto club membership for emergencies. Write something sweet on the card like, "For the times when I can't be there to protect you..." TIP: If you give a practical gift, be sure to let her know that you genuinely put effort into the present. This can be done by adding a thoughtful gift-like a burned CD with all of "your" songs that she can listen to while driving-or even simply with a beautifully wrapped package.



### DOES SHE GET HER NAILS DONE REGULARLY?

Find out what nail salon she usually goes to and call to pre-pay her next three appointments. TIP: Remember to include a tip! A 20% tip is standard for nail salon services.

### DOES SHE GET HER HAIR DONE REGULARLY?

Call her hair stylist and pre-pay her next appointment and/or the purchase of some hair products. Her stylist will know what to recommend, from nice shampoos, conditioners, and styling products, to brushes, blow dryers, curlers, and flat irons.

### **SUREFIRE FUN GIFT IDEAS**

### IS SHE A KID AT HEART?

Buy her a kite and spend the afternoon with her in the park. Bring a blanket along and pack a picnic lunch.



Send pizza, coffee, or cupcakes to her work as a midday surprise! Be sure to order enough for her department to share. TIP: Include the tip in the payment so she's not caught without cash when the delivery person gets there.

# **DOES SHE ENJOY SURPRISES?**

Have a banner made at a sign store or make it yourself (kids love to help with this!). Put it around her car at while she's at work, on the garage door so she'll see it when she gets home, or someplace unexpected...you can be very creative with this one! Or buy her a dozen different birthday cards, some funny, some sexy, and some romantic, and hide them around the house where she'll discover them as she goes about her day.



Get concert tickets to see a performer that she likes. Make her think you are going out to the movies, but when you get to the movie theater, say, "This is not very exciting, let's go to a concert instead!"

# **SUREFIRE FUN GIFT IDEAS**



# DOES SHE LOVE THE THEATER?

Purchase tickets to the theater, ballet, opera, or symphony. To spice up the presentation, put a pair of binoculars in a gift bag with the tickets. If you just can't bring yourself to go along, buy tickets for one or two of her friends. TIP: If you don't go along, put some extra cash in the bag for dinner, intermission snacks. and drinks

### IS SHE AN ADVENTURER?

Give her a bunch of helium-inflated balloons with a card attached that says you're taking her...for a hot air balloon ride! TIP: Make sure she is not afraid of heights-you don't want to give her a gift she'll be terrified to do!

### IS SHE LAID BACK?

Spend the day in the quaint community of Coronado. Rent scooters or a tandem bicycle and explore the island, stopping for an excursion through the Hotel del Coronado and a stroll on its pristine beach, a mid-afternoon ice cream snack at Moo Time Creamery, window shopping along Orange Ave., and happy hour at one of the dozens of mouth-watering restaurants.

### IS SHE SPONTANEOUS?

Take her to get a tattoo, but only if she has seriously mentioned getting one before. Call ahead to make an appointment. TIP: Talking about getting a tattoo is one thing, but making the leap to get one done is very a big deal! Don't make her feel bad if she doesn't want to go through with it!

### DOES SHE LIKE GAMES?

Create a personalized treasure hunt by writing notes with clues that lead her closer and closer to a treasure (her gift!). Hide them throughout the house or yard, or a special location of your choice. The notes should eventually lead her to a gift that is hidden in an unusual location such as in the refrigerator or in the trunk of her car.

### DOES SHE LOVE CLOTHES?

Take her shopping for a new outfit (and pay for it of course!). Be the perfect, patient, engaged shopping companion (no complaining or sneaking off to watch the football game) and then whisk her off to a romantic dinner or night on the town. Shower her with compliments on her new look!

### CAN SHE RIDE A HORSE?

Treat her to a day of horseback riding on a ranch, in a special facility, or even on some beaches. For extra credit, pack a blanket and picnic lunch including wine, cheese, crackers, fruit, deli sandwiches...or how about a bottle of champagne?

### SUREFIRE TRAVEL GIFT IDEAS

### DOES SHE LIKE DISCOVERING NEW PLACES?

Surprise her with a car/bus/train ride to a place she's never been but always wanted to go. Examples include visiting the mud caves in Anza-Borrego, exploring the tide pools at any of our lovely San Diego beaches, attending the sandcastle competition at Imperial Beach, going to Palomar Mountain for a hike, driving through one of the "Candy Cane Lane" neighborhoods that has crazy Christmas light displays during the holidays, taking a tour of the historic Midway battleship, driving to Julian for apple pie and window shopping, and anything else you can think of!



### DOES SHE LIKE WEEKEND GETAL

If you're up for taking a daytrip, drive or take a train to Los Angeles, where there are a myriad of activities to occupy you all day long. Visit Griffith Park and its stellar observatory, hike to the Hollywood sign, get gourmet cupcakes in Beverly Hills, ice skate in the middle of Santa Monica (in the wintertime), walk down the Santa Monica pier, visit and have a picnic at The Getty museum, tour the gorgeous campus of UCLA, try to spot a celebrity at The Grove shopping center, attend a TV show taping at one of the studios in Culver City, Studio City, and Century City, people-watch at Venice Beach...and so much more!



# DOES SHE LIKE TO STAY CLOSE TO HOME?

Plan a staycation! Spend a night or two locally, either in a swanky hotel where she's always dreamed of staying, at an historic bed and breakfast, or something in between. During the day, go sight-seeing...you'll be surprised at all the cool stuff you didn't know or don't remember that our city has!

### DOES SHE ENJOY TRAVELING BY BOAT?

Tell her to pack her bags and take her on a trip to Catalina! Zip line, snorkel, and even take a helicopter tour when you get there. This island off the Southern California coast is only 60 to 90 minutes away by boat.

### SUREFIRE "MONEY IS NO OBJECT" GIFT IDEAS

### DOES SHE LIKE TO WEAR LUXURIOUS FABRICS?

A cashmere sweater, scarf, or robe is always a good option. She will relish the feeling of it on her skin and think of you each time she wears it



A pair of diamond stud earrings is a classic gift that she'll wear for the rest of her life. And it can be a sentimental gift too-she may be generous enough to give one or both of the diamonds to a son or daughter someday!

### DOES SHE HAVE THE TRAVEL BUG?

Fly her to New York, Paris, or London for a weekend getaway and show her everything the city has to offer-all in two or three days! Food, shopping, entertainment...don't forget to take lots of photos!

### DOES SHE LOVE GETTING THE INSIDE SCOOP?

Schedule a private behind-the-scenes tour of the zoo, Sea World, Disneyland, or even Disney World! Get the scoop on what happens behind closed doors, and make sure she gets a chance to pet the exotic animals!



### DOES SHE NEED A BREAK FROM REALITY?

Rent a private island for a few nights. Let her choose to sleep in a luxurious beach cottage or on the sand under the stars, encourage her to read a book, and remind her not to think about work, school, or kids until she gets back!

### WERE THE TWO OF YOU JUST MARRIED?

Fill in some things (or everything) that she didn't already receive from the bridal registry!

### **SUREFIRE LAST MINUTE IDEAS**

CAUTION: If you give a gift card, take a few extra minutes to wrap it in a clever way. For example, if you give her a spa gift certificate, tuck it into the pocket of a fluffy white robe and tie a satin ribbon around it. Although gift cards tend to be less thoughtful than traditional gifts, women still appreciate them all the same...just be sure to present them in a way that lets her know you put effort into the idea and are excited to give it to her.

### HERE ARE A FEW GREAT GIFT CARD IDEAS:

- Leo Hamel Fine Jewelers
- Bath and linen items (Bed, Bath & Beyond, Pottery Barn)
- Imported goods (Crate & Barrel, Pier 1 Imports)
- Gourmet cooking supplies (Sur La Table, Williams-Sonoma)
- Craft/art supplies (Michaels, Aaron Brothers Art & Framing)
- Beauty supplies (Sephora, Ulta)
- Lingerie (Victoria's Secret, Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom)
- Movie gift card to the new luxury theater Cinepolis
- Her favorite nail, hair salon or day spa
- · Her favorite gourmet restaurant

### DOES SHE DESERVE A MOMENT TO HERSELF?

Have a hot bubble bath waiting for her when she gets home from work. Use bubble bath soap with a light fragrance (peach, lavender, rose, and vanilla are very popular scents), light candles around the tub and bathroom, and have some relaxing music playing. Roll up a few fresh towels and place them at the edge of the tub with a glass of her favorite wine or champagne, a romantic note, and small gift. If there are kids are home, let them know that this is "Mom's time" and not to disturb her. TIP: Clean the bathroom beforehand and prepare dinner while she's relaxing in the tub—she will appreciate these small gestures more than you know!

### DOES SHE APPRECIATE A COZY NIGHT IN?

Buy a bundle of wood, a bottle of wine, fruit, cheese, crackers, and some fresh bread from the bakery section of the grocery store. Tie a ribbon around the wood and display all the food items on pretty platters. Enjoy a romantic night by the fire while you watch a movie, play a card game, or just chat away! TIP: Don't let her become distracted by household chores that still need to be done—tidy up the living room, load the dishwasher, and do some laundry beforehand so she can be 100% focused on enjoying the evening.



