

Creative Date Night Ideas For Married Couples



Having a date night is an ideal way to spend time with your spouse when you both seem to be running in opposite directions all day long. All the self-help and marriage tips guides suggest a 'date night' especially after a couple becomes parents. Unfortunately, setting up a date night that doesn't settle into a rut takes some advance planning. Here are some new ideas for spicing up a date night!

Movie Marathon from the Year You Met: Sometimes you can't decide on a movie to watch, so instead search the internet for movies made the year you met or the year you were born. Make a list of ten, and then pick two titles to start off with. Whether you get some stinkers or find some gems, you get something to watch that you can either laugh at or enjoy!

Homemade Drive-in: Move your TV and pedestal into your garage. Set it up with a VHS or DVD player and insert your spouse's favorite movie into the player. Pull your car into the garage (if it isn't already there) and make sure you can view the TV great from both seats. Now hook up speakers, making sure each is perfectly aligned with both car windows so that the sound will come right into the windows when playing. Test the setup. To really go out, rent an old-fashioned popcorn machine and set it up in the garage along with candy (make sure your partner's favorite is there) and some pop. For an even better angle, call your date and tell her (or him) that you are going to take her to see to see a drive in movie.

Make Up Your Own Trivia Questions: This one takes a little planning. Sit down with about a dozen note cards and write down some trivia questions about yourself, adding some multiple-choice answers. Then bust out an old Trivial Pursuit game and roll the dice, using your cards as a way to play the game with and against each other. You get a chance to know your spouse better and test your own version of events against the other.

Play Dress Up - Have a Formal Dinner at Home: Once upon a time and in some circles today it is traditional to get dressed up in formals before a meal. Take the time to have a formal dinner, setting up a couple of tapered candles and enjoy a "nice" meal together. Even if you aren't into the pomp and circumstance, try to get into the mood - you might find yourself having a good time in spite of yourself and it's definitely a way to *escape* from the every day.

Play Hooky: Every once and a while, blow off some regular plans (or work for a couple of hours and take off) to go somewhere together. Hit the bookstore, the mall, see an early movie, or just go for a drive. Not everyone may be able to do this, but if you get the chance - enjoy the thrill of walking slowly together!

Perform an act of charity: Spend a night at a soup kitchen together or volunteer at an animal shelter. You'll be humbled by the gratitude you feel for each other -- as well as sharing the satisfaction of making your neighborhood, city, town and world a better place. A date spent helping to clean a park or paint a dilapidated school is a great way to get to know someone spiritually. Find out which causes your partner wants to get involved with and join them. Check your local churches, synagogues, and mosques for information on volunteer projects.



Write your story together: Take turns each week writing down in a journal or notebook a slice of your journey together, including key moments that you both remember. Have one person write on a page, then let the other respond to it. The next week, do the same thing but switch the order. Have fun - draw pictures or write out song lyrics that spoke to you during that memory. This is a creative way to create something that will speak about your relationship forever - like your marriage.

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