

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

Charles M. Schulz

Every year on February 14, in the name of St. Valentine, chocolates, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones. An estimated billion cards are sent year, making it the second largest card selling holiday of the year. But who is this mysterious saint, and where did these traditions come from? Many stories prevail, but the one that sounds most plausible (or interesting) portrays Valentine as a priest who was imprisoned for helping Roman soldiers escape harsh punishment. The first Valentine greeting was sent by Valentine himself, signed 'from your Valentine', an expression still in use today.

Over the centuries, Valentine's Day, typically attributed to lovers and their better halves, has taken on a broader dimension. There's love for a family member or a friend – 'Storge'. There is romantic love – 'Eros'. And there is the sort of love that is selfless, unconditional and self-fulfilling. Valentine's day is relevant to any of these contexts. With the significance of the day, the gifts exchanged have also evolved.

While chocolates and roses remain the most popular, why not veer from tradition and give something functionally relevant, yet classic with a hint of quirkiness. Below, we present we present a few gifts that contain the quintessential chocolate, but also something else interesting. Whether your loved one is a romantic interest, a husband or wife, your admirable dad or mom or your darling sister or brother, these ideas could win the heart of your loved one.

For Her

The Luxurious Cashmere Combo - If you are looking to really pamper your lady love, surprise her with this combination of Ferrero and a luxurious Cashmere shawl, packaged beautifully in a round woven grass box. You can choose between two different boxes to present the beautiful Cashmere.

<http://www.cherrytin.com/the-luxurious-cashmere-combo.html>

Chocolates paired with candles and stole – If your relationship does not warrant expensive Cashmere, you could instead present her with a lovely stole which is as elegant and a lot less dearer. This hamper is beautifully packaged with a Trio of candles. Go on, hide the different elements in a candle lit room,

and create a little treasure hunt experience for your loved one! Go with whatever works for you.



<http://www.cherrytin.com/chocolate-candles-for-her.html>

The Indulgent Gourmet bouquet – If your girlfriend is more of a ‘foodie’ than a ‘material girl’, indulge her with this Gourmet bouquet that she would love. This bouquet is the right balance between sweet and savoury with a box of Ferrero and Salted Roasted Cashews. To top it all it comes with delicious Mango tea. If you would like to spoil her further, add a gift voucher for a day at her favourite spa for a 2 hour relaxing massage. She will love you for this!



<http://www.cherrytin.com/indulgent-gourmet-bouquet.html>

The Happy Custom Hamper – These days you don't need socks just to keep your feet warm in winter. Brands like Paul Smith and Happy Socks have made it a fashion statement to break the monotony of an ordinary outfit. This hamper would be perfect for a fashionable working woman who loves a little sweet treat. Present her with this combination of stationery, personalised with her name on it along with a pair of stylishly wacky Happy Socks. The icing on the cake? A tin of Ferrero Rocher.



<http://www.cherrytin.com/happy-custom-hamper-for-her.htm>

For Him

The Sterling Valentine Hamper – If you are convinced that the man in your life is absolutely admirable and his love is top class, then what better way to prove this than with Sterling Silver. If your man loves his drink, present him this Sterling silver hip flask along with some chocolate and hazelnut treats packaged beautifully.



<http://www.cherrytin.com/the-sterling-valentine-hamper.html>

The Leather love hamper – If your man loves his leather and travels often, then look no further. This is the perfect gift for him. Gift him this bouquet of fine leather passport holder and a Tri-fold leather wallet bundled with some chocolates which to share! Or, you could unbundle this gift and present elements at different times of Valentine’s Day.



<http://www.cherrytin.com/leather-love-hamper-for-him.html>

The Happy Dapper Hamper – A lot can be said with a simple yet effective gift. If your guy's style is dapper and minimalistic, present this hamper of quirky Happy Socks paired with a classy chequered or ridged cufflinks. He will be assured that he has a keeper in you.



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The Cocktail Crush Hamper – A great gift that will help your man unwind with a martini or two, this hamper of a cocktail shaker and napkins is the perfect cocktail gift. You could add on his favourite bottles of Bombay Sapphire or Cointreau for further indulgence. On Valentines day, you kick off your classy evening by maxing him a drink.



<http://www.cherrytin.com/the-cocktail-crush-hamper.html>

For your little ones

The Little Happy Feet hamper for boys and girls –As mentioned earlier, Valentines Day is not just for your romantic interests. It is also a day to show your loved ones how much they mean to you. Any parent would admit that their little ones are pieces of their heart and they deserve to know this. A foolproof way to show this is the happy feet hamper - a bundle of cute happy socks for little feet and hazelnut yummys. Choose for him or her.



<http://www.cherrytin.com/little-happy-feet-for-girls.html>



<http://www.cherrytin.com/little-happy-feet-for-boys.html>

We are most alive when we're in love. - **John Updike**. Let nothing to stop you this Valentine's season to go all out and show your loved ones your affection with some chocolate and other goodies.`