

Picture a Perfect Valentine's Day

(MPS) — There are thousands of ways to say "I love you" on Valentine's Day, and one of the most sincere and meaningful ways is to express your affection through the gift of photography and memories. This year, a gift that says you care doesn't have to cost big bucks.

Here are some inexpensive Valentine's Day photo gift ideas from Kodak that are fun to make at home with a few supplies purchased from a fabric or stationery store. What's more, these gifts are as much fun to make as they are to receive.

§ First things first — According to research, the main reason people don't take more pictures is they forget to bring their cameras. This year, don't forget the camera for that moonlight walk or romantic dinner. You'll also want to be sure to use quality film, like Kodak Royal Gold 400 speed film, specially designed to deliver sharp pictures with rich, saturated color.

§ Picture-perfect photo enlargements — Find a picture of a special occasion or memory (or get busy taking some), and have it enlarged for the one you love. To ensure getting the best possible photos, professional photographers recommend taking lots of pictures and starting early in the day (perhaps while getting ready for a date or preparing a special dinner). Also,

consider the background of the shot, making sure there are no objects that will interfere with the subject.

§ Just-right picture frames and albums — The right picture frame can enhance any photo or enlargement to make a wonderful gift. Kodak offers a full line of picture frames and albums available in a range of popular styles and colors. All of the frames feature nonglare glass, and the albums have been designed to preserve photos for years to come.

§ Can't find a negative? Don't despair — Now, sharp, colorful reprints and enlargements can be made in minutes using the new Kodak Photo Impressions products and services. For example, try duplicating a treasured family-heirloom photo for a special gift. Best of all, there's no need to search for negatives — the systems accept images directly from original prints. The Kodak copyprint station offers a selection of fun frames, allowing consumers to customize their reprints or enlargements to make them instantly suitable for framing. The Kodak digital-enhancement station 100, operated by the retailer, can further edit photos with "red-eye" reduction and scratch and dust removal.

§ Picture being with you — If you're going to be faraway from

that someone special on Valentine's Day, put together a heart-shaped basket filled with Kodak Fun Saver 35 one-time-use cameras, a frame, a small album and a note saying, "Picturing Being With You Today." Convenient, affordable and easy-to-use, one-time-use cameras make great gifts — and you can share the photos later.

§ "String him along" picture string — Now, you can string your loved one along anywhere. Choose wide ribbon with Valentine-themed designs, like cupids and hearts. Attach photos taken from special moments you've shared. Tie bows between each photo, then simply hang from the wall, ceiling or window. You can add to it as new special moments occur.

§ Sweetheart rag frames — A rag frame is a truly heart-made gift. Use bendable wire, and twist into your preferred frame shape — Kodak recommends a heart. Using printed ribbon and fabric scraps, cover the wire. Glue a special photo to a piece of cardboard, and trim accordingly to fit the frame.

For more information on Kodak products and services, consumers can contact the Kodak Information Center at 1-800-242-2424. If you're looking for information specifically on the Kodak Photo Impressions systems, call 1-800-GO-KODAK.

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