

# To Mother, with love

## Show Mom her juggling act is appreciated

Being a mother in the '90s often means never having enough time for anything! With kids, career and home life all fighting for attention, moms often feel torn in several directions - consequently, wondering if they're doing anything right!

Now is the time to show your

mom that her juggling act is much appreciated, especially if you don't always show it on a daily basis.

★ Start Mom's day off with breakfast in bed. Something simple would be much appreciated. Why not try an English tea complete with scones, triple thick

cream and strawberry jam? Accompany that with a selection of imported teabags for future enjoyment. Whatever you prepare for Mom's breakfast though, the most important thing is - clean up the kitchen afterwards, so Mom won't have to do it!

★ Everyone's most favorite activity has got to be housework. Why not present Mom with a gift certificate for cleaning services for the home?

★ Dinner out is always appreciated, particularly if dinner duty usually belongs to Mom. You could take her to her favorite eatery, or surprise her and whisk her off to an elegant spot that she has never been.

★ If Mom is completely stressed out, you may need to take drastic measures and send her away for a weekend to a relaxing resort. A couple of days away from her hectic schedule will rejuvenate her, - and when she gets back, she's bound to be easier to get along with!

★ Sweeten up your mom with

some very special chocolates - ones that are hand-made of imported Belgian chocolate are

course!

★ A night out on her own with Dad would probably make Mom happy. If she's a theatre buff, present her with a pair of tickets to a show. If Miss Saigon is not in your budget, community theatres offer fine entertainment at a fraction of the cost.

Or perhaps your mom would rather see a Blue Jays game. Take her out to the ballgame!

★ Is there something your mom keeps talking about doing, but never finds the time to actually do it? Give her a hand and take the initial steps to get her started. If she has always wanted to take a course in folk art - or marine biology, perhaps - sign her up!

★ Mom may be so busy keeping the kids stocked up on socks, running shoes, T-shirts, she may be neglecting her own wardrobe. Give her wardrobe a boost with something colorful to welcome in spring - a bright T-shirt with leggings, a straw hat festooned with flowers or a cotton sweater, perhaps.

★ Tackle a job that Mom never seems to get to - like cleaning out her car. What a nice surprise to open the door and find the pop cans and food wrappers gone, the dash all shiny and the carpets clean!

★ Present Mom with a good book - and give her the quiet time she needs to read it.

★ If Mom lives out of town, give her long distance gift certificates from Bell Canada.

Whatever you decide to give Mom for Mother's Day, make sure it's given with love - and a big hug!



particularly good. Chocolate shops often have specialty items molded in a variety of shapes. Why not present her with a rose-made of sweet chocolate, of

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