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SEVERAL FABULOUS THINGS YOU CAN MAKE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY



Love Poetry Magnet Kit

Nothing says LOVE like, um . . . romantic poetry on your refrigerator? Well, sure! And that's what *Mothering* staff photographer Melyssa Holik and I are offering today: a do-it-yourself Valentine-themed magnet poetry kit.

What you'll need

- magnet paper (these are magnetic sheets of paper with a printable white surface)
- your inkjet printer (*note: do NOT use magnet paper with a laser printer!*)
- scissors

What to do

1. **Download and print out** the PDF included here. Check to make sure pages 2 and 3 fit on the page properly. (They should— but it's a good idea to run a test before printing onto the magnet paper.)
2. **Load** the magnet paper into your printer.
3. **Print out** pages 2 and 3 from the PDF.

4. **Cut out** each word.

5. **Place** magnet words in a small box or tin (we like using the little tins that mints are sold in); and

6. **Present** to your sweetie!

OR, for bonus points! Make your own personalized magnet kit for a one-of-a-kind gift—using any words you like: your name, the recipient's name, some of his or her favorite things, words that reference places that are important to you, words that evoke a special memory, song titles, pet names, etc.

Here are some suggestions for a successful poetry kit:

1. Using your computer word-processing software, select an **easily readable typeface** in a large point size. (We used 24-point Helvetica.)

2. Make the line spacing **at least 1.5 or double spaced** so you'll have room above and below to cut out.

3. Type in your words. Put **3 or 4 spaces between each word**, and hit return when you reach the end of each line to avoid hyphenations.

4. Be sure to include **a mix** of nouns, verbs, and adjectives. Then add some suffixes like *ly, ing, ed*, and *s* to give your poet more flexibility. Don't forget to add plenty of articles, conjunctions, pronouns (especially *i, you, me, we, us!*) and prepositions: words like *the, it, in, my, your, over, up, on, out, of, for, from, a, an . . .* without those little in-between words it can be hard to make sentences!

5. Print out and cut up, following the instructions above.

Now, start making beautiful poetry together!

♥ love adore sweet cutie baby love you i
darling dear believe always mine your we
together you me heart have hold best our
to friend precious us hug kiss valentine be
lots xoxo give to from my s s ed will ♥
? ! all & and special most adore need i
want for beloved happy smile face think a
feel es much moment memories life live in
with an do beautiful flower chocolate more
than say can was see saw look ed self
stars ing ing think about bright est ers s
rose found though as in out from to for
ever ful begin end infinite long time child
have every thing nothing children 1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8 9 0 with join day night captive
crazy about enchant care cherish choose at
delight fall fancy go stop affection world ♥
thrive treasure peace all earth only any is
not here there yes no maybe find after

own adorable charm devote tender ness ♥
gift favorite ask most heart tie knot know
i the the many few er pair duo un sky !
the future able apart keep who what why
where of not how until before after up be
down cheer let's new old silly funny laugh
make music comfort warm for huge infinity
you you er er ? man woman boy girl to
enjoy being with please gentle am whole i
complete dulcet please pleasant forget the
ring round joy of song sing angel little y
♥ me big bliss trust jewel elation wonder
euphoria true other ly today tomorrow if s
so yesterday mean ing ful children home i
me me you you well tell then than by es
now by not his her s jump sleep walk at
run like on off near far since between us
gave give to high proud ing ed met lift a
safe storm sea across search such and &