

Making a memorable Mother's Day

Mothers across the nation will wake up to flowers, chocolates and cards on Sunday 15th March.

Well, that's if your mum likes all of those things. After all, no two mums are the same, so Mother's Day celebrations aren't really one size fits all. We have a few alternative ideas to the usual Cadbury and carnations you might want to consider this year.

Get crafty with the kids

The best gifts in life are handmade, especially by the young ones. An illustrated poem, handprint bouquet or painted pottery are easy, colourful crafts full of love that can be tailored exactly to suit mum. Use her favourite colours, create something she can use every day or keep at work, make her giggle!

Older kids might enjoy following an embroidery kit to create wall art or personalise a brand new jumper. Making clay earrings and jewellery charms are also great ideas.

Of course, be sure to supervise young children when getting crafty and choose your materials wisely – some paints don't wash out.

Notes of nostalgia

Is your mum always talking about the "best" era of music some 30/40 years ago? Does she remember a game she always used to play but can never find in the shops? A gift that shows you listen to, and more importantly care about, what she says is always gratefully received.

Search the internet for that old board game or head to your local record shop for a vinyl/CD/cassette. Make or find an ornament that symbolises a bedtime story that was passed down the family, or even hunt down some old-school sweets. A trip down memory lane is better when shared.

Plan a day out

Make Mother's Day memorable with the simplest, most priceless gift: quality time. It can be as simple as going for a stroll at the local park or as in-depth and high-octane as you like! Picnics (if the weather is okay), visiting museums, spa days, shopping trips, or sightseeing somewhere new; all are great ways to spend the day.

Taking a few moments to really think about what makes your mum so special this Mother's Day will make all the difference. Whatever you do, whether it's a hug and a cuppa, a gift and a card, or something completely different, showing her she's loved is the most important.

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