

Mother's Day Gifts

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Mother-Celebrating Meals

- Breakfast in bed** The traditional pick for many reasons. Cook up her favorite dishes and serve to her in bed. Let her sleep in! You can place cards and flowers on the breakfast tray, just make sure you can carry it all!
- Dining out** Take her to her favorite restaurant for breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner. Make it a family affair and bring the kids, or invite the mothers within your extended family and friends for a mother's day dining experience.
- Home-cooked Meal** Prepare her favorites at home or with extended family.
- Family Picnic** Pack it up and take it to the park, campground, or other favorite spot.
- Dessert, Sweet Shop, or Cafe** If she has a sweet tooth, a specialty dessert bar or her favorite ice cream parlor is a great treat.

Gift Ideas

- Personalized Card** Choose wisely and make a standard greeting card more personal with a thoughtful message. Take it a step further and format your own on the computer, or write your own with specialty paper and colored ink.
- Flowers** Make your own bouquet from your garden, select your own at the florist or give an edible bouquet of fruit or chocolate "flowers."
- Gift basket** Pack a basket with mom's favorite little luxuries. Perhaps a box of her favorite packaged or homemade goodies like cookies and jams, or a sampling of spa treatments such as body lotions and bath salts. Make it extra personal by including family photographs or keepsake trinkets.
- Personal video** Make a tribute to mom on-screen. You can even edit and add special features on your computer.
- Scrapbook** Fill it with photos, personal messages and colorful keepsakes. (This is a great gift idea for kids who want to help out, too!)
- Perfume, Clothing, or Jewelry.**
- Gift Card** If you're not sure about her taste in any of the above, why not get her a gift card to her favorite store? Think outside the box: restaurants and spa facilities also have gift cards available.

Activities and Excursions

- Spa Treatment** Take mom to the spa for a day of relaxation and pampering.
- Bike Ride, Hike, or Walk** For active moms who love nature, this is a good way to spend time with the family and enjoy the great outdoors.
- Travel** Take a day trip to one of her favorite cities or nature spots.
- Museums** Maybe your local art or historical institution has an exhibit she'd love to see. Check listings.
- Shopping** For the shop-a-holic mom, a trip to the mall or her favorite store may be the perfect outing.

- Movie, Play, or Concert** Something playing that you know she'll love? Get tickets in advance.
- Amusement or Theme Park.** For thrill-seeking moms, this may be the kind of fun she's looking for!
- Wine Tasting.** Cultured mom's apply here!
- Hotel or Bed and Breakfast** Make it ;a weekend getaway, or bring the kids for a mini-family vacation.
- Camping Trip** If mom loves the great outdoors, a family camping ;excursion ;is a great idea.