100 Date Night Jar Ideas

Cut along the dashed lines, fold each slip once and drop it into your jar. The color bar tells you the budget and the place before you draw, so you can pick a color that fits your week.

- **Yellow** Free · At home
- **Orange** Small spend · At home
- **Green** Free · Out
- **Blue** Small spend · Out
- **Red** Splurge
- **Purple** Seasonal

1. Set a draw day, such as Sunday evening. The date happens within seven days.
2. One of you picks the color, the other draws blind. Swap roles every week.
3. Each of you gets one veto per month. A vetoed slip goes back in.
4. Rain rule: if an outdoor slip meets bad weather, keep it and draw a yellow slip for now.
5. Write the date on the back of each finished slip and keep it in a second jar.
6. Use the blank slips for your own ideas. Start with five each, written without showing the other.

More ideas and the full guide: www.date-ideas.com/blog/date-night-jar-ideas/

FREE · AT HOME · 1

Lay out a carpet picnic on the living room floor and leave your phones in another room.

FREE · AT HOME · 2

Cook dinner only from what's already in the pantry. No shopping allowed.

FREE · AT HOME · 3

Play a couple questions game and take turns answering first.

FREE · AT HOME · 4

Build a playlist with one song from each year you've known each other.

FREE · AT HOME · 5

Make breakfast in bed. Whoever drew the slip cooks.

FREE · AT HOME · 6

Dance in the kitchen to the songs you played most in your first year together.

FREE · AT HOME · 7

Go carpet camping: blankets, flashlights and a movie on the laptop.

FREE · AT HOME · 8

Write your shared bucket list for the next five years.

FREE · AT HOME · 9

Draw each other's portrait in ten minutes, then swap and compare.

FREE · AT HOME · 10

Trade 20-minute shoulder massages with a timer.

FREE · AT HOME · 11

Follow a free yoga video together in the living room.

FREE · AT HOME · 12

Pick one photo from every year you've been together and tell the story behind each.

FREE · AT HOME · 13

Plan your dream trip in detail, including the budget and the first day.

FREE · AT HOME · 14

Mute a movie scene and improvise the dialogue.

FREE · AT HOME · 15

Play a board game tournament, best of three. The loser makes coffee the next morning.

FREE · AT HOME · 16

Write each other a letter to open on this date next year.

FREE · AT HOME · 17

Shoot a short film on your phone in one hour.

FREE · AT HOME · 18

Read a short story aloud to each other and talk about the ending.

FREE · AT HOME · 19

Teach each other one skill in 30 minutes, such as a card trick, a recipe or a phrase in another language.

FREE · AT HOME · 20

Hold a spa night with warm towels, face masks and a slow playlist.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 21

Make a cheese fondue with bread, apples and pickles for dipping.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 22

Melt chocolate for a fondue and dip strawberries, pretzels and marshmallows.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 23

Cook together a cuisine neither of you has made before.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 24

Recreate the meal from your first date at home.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 25

Order takeout, then serve it on real plates by candlelight with the TV off.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 26

Make pizza from scratch. Each of you adds one secret topping to half.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 27

Start a 1,000-piece puzzle and finish as much as you can in one evening.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 28

Do a small DIY project, such as a shelf, a painted pot or a framed print.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 29

Hold a blind tasting of five chocolates, cheeses or hot sauces and score them.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 30

Invent one signature drink each. Mocktails work as well as cocktails.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 31
Dress up as the year you met and eat dinner in costume.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 32
Grill a barbecue dinner for two on the patio or balcony.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 33
Bake bread or cookies from a family recipe one of you grew up with.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 34
Watch a movie trilogy back to back, with snacks from the place it's set.

SMALL SPEND · AT HOME · 35
Make ice cream in a bag or try another kitchen experiment.

FREE · OUT · 36
Watch the sunrise with coffee from a thermos.

FREE · OUT · 37
Watch the sunset from a spot you've never tried.

FREE · OUT · 38
Drive away from the streetlights and watch the stars.

FREE · OUT · 39
Hike a trail neither of you has walked.

FREE · OUT · 40
Bike to a viewpoint and back.

FREE · OUT · 41
Go geocaching and find three caches before dinner.

FREE · OUT · 42
Find a secret spot that becomes only yours.

FREE · OUT · 43
Visit a museum on a free admission day.

FREE · OUT · 44
Walk through a public garden or a park you've never visited.

FREE · OUT · 45
Tour a neighborhood you'd love to live in and pick your favorite house.

FREE · OUT · 46
Play badminton in the park.

FREE · OUT · 47
Throw a frisbee, then walk until you find somewhere to sit.

FREE · OUT · 48
Guide your blindfolded partner on a short walk, then switch.

FREE · OUT · 49
Visit an empty playground in the evening and race each other down the slide.

FREE · OUT · 50
Browse a flea market with a strict rule: look, don't buy.

FREE · OUT · 51
Volunteer at an animal shelter for an afternoon.

FREE · OUT · 52
Go to a free outdoor concert or community event.

FREE · OUT · 53
Go to the library and choose a book for each other.

FREE · OUT · 54
Window-shop and pick a gift for each other with an imaginary $1,000.

FREE · OUT · 55
Wait for a warm rain and dance in it.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 56
Go bowling and bet on the next date.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 57
Shoot pool and play a round of darts.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 58
Play mini golf. The loser buys ice cream.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 59
Spend $10 each at an arcade.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 60
Hit a few rounds at the batting cages.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 61
Watch a movie at a drive-in.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 62
See a matinee, then take a long walk to talk it over.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 63
Do a coffee shop crawl: three cafés, one shared drink at each.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 64
Have breakfast at a farmers market and buy dinner ingredients.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 65
Restaurant hop: appetizer in one place, main in another, dessert in a third.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 66
See a comedy show or an open mic night.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 67
Rent a paddleboat or kayak for an hour.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 68
Go ice skating at an indoor rink.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 69
Spend a morning at an aquarium or a zoo.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 70
Take a train ride to a nearby town for lunch.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 71
Take a beginner dance class or go dancing.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 72
Sing at a karaoke night and pick each other's songs.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 73
Eat at a place that serves a cuisine neither of you has tried.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 74
Give each other $10 at a thrift store to choose an outfit, then wear it to dinner.

SMALL SPEND · OUT · 75
Play a round of laser tag.

SPLURGE · 76
Book a couples massage.

SPLURGE · 77
Take a hot air balloon ride.

SPLURGE · 78
Have dinner on a dinner cruise.

SPLURGE · 79
Take a hands-on class together: pottery, cooking or glassblowing.

SPLURGE · 80
Buy tickets to a concert or festival.

SPLURGE · 81
Spend one night at a hotel less than an hour away.

SPLURGE · 82
Race each other at a go-kart track.

SPLURGE · 83
Book the tasting menu at a restaurant you've been saving.

SPLURGE · 84
Take a spontaneous trip: pack in one hour and leave.

SPLURGE · 85
Try an escape room for two.

SEASONAL · WINTER · 86
Build a snowman or an igloo, then warm up with soup.

SEASONAL · WINTER · 87
Drive around to see holiday lights with hot cocoa in the cup holders.

SEASONAL · WINTER · 88
Go sledding on the biggest hill nearby.

SEASONAL · SPRING · 89
Take a picnic to a park while the trees are blooming.

SEASONAL · SPRING · 90
Plant a few pots or a small garden bed together.

SEASONAL · SPRING · 91

Hike to a waterfall or a creek while the water runs high.

SEASONAL · SPRING · 92

Fly a kite on a windy afternoon.

SEASONAL · SUMMER · 93

Stay outside after dusk and catch fireflies.

SEASONAL · SUMMER · 94

Slide down a grassy hill on blocks of ice. It's called ice blocking.

SEASONAL · SUMMER · 95

Swim at night at a pool or beach with a lifeguard or a lit area.

SEASONAL · SUMMER · 96

Pack a beach picnic and stay for the sunset.

SEASONAL · FALL · 97

Carve pumpkins and roast the seeds.

SEASONAL · FALL · 98

Go apple or pumpkin picking at a local farm.

SEASONAL · FALL · 99

Light a bonfire and make s'mores.

SEASONAL · FALL · 100

Take a scenic drive while the leaves change.

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