

“I LOVE YOU” BOOK

CHAPTER 8



LOVE

IS MORE THAN JUST

Flowers and Chocolates

This project took me a bit of time. I first had to go through all our pictures we have taken over the many years we have spent together. I looked for all pictures of my wife that were beautiful, funny and a couple pictures that were edgy (meaning ‘not to flattering’). I then had to think of ten pages, with eight to ten reasons why I love her. It was not hard at the beginning since the reasons just flowed out, however when I was getting onto page seven to ten, I do say it started to take some time. I needed to write approximately one hundred reasons why I love her and I finally did without duplication. This is one of the gifts that when friends come by, both old and new, she still brings out.

Note: I have added a chapter at the end of this book with all the reasons for you to use.

The idea:

This book will be completely made from scratch. You can go to a scrap book-ing store for most of your supplies. Building this book will take time patience. Where you will most likely have to be sneaky is locating the pictures you need to fill up the book. The “I love you” book is all about them, so I would only use pictures of them. My book has pictures of her at her most beautiful, her most playful, when we first met, different times throughout our marriage, and one just after she had our first son. It doesn’t matter what she looks like and when for she is always the most beautiful woman in the world. She makes my heart smile.

When she opens the book, she will see a picture of her on the left side and a list of 10 – 15 reasons that you love her. Each page will have a different list of reasons and each page will be in a different font style. I put a list of reasons at the back of this book for you to pick from.

For example:

- 1) The book opens with a picture on the left cover and in large letters on the right, "I Love You Because..."
- 2) The last page and the back inside cover has two pictures
- 3) All the pages inside has a picture of her centered on the left side and a different list of all reasons that I love her. I used different heart stamps to fill in some of the empty spots on each page.

Note:

This takes time and effort, but she is worth it.

Ingredients:

- 1) 2 x (5 inch x 7 inch) cardboard style cover with pre-punched holes on side
- 2) 1 x metal ring binding [this may already come in a kit with covers]
- 3) 23 x (5 inch x 7 inch) heavy stock colored paper
- 4) Glue stick
- 5) Computer / Printer
- 6) 25 - 30 x (4 inch x 6 inch) pictures of your loved one [some good and some not so good of her]
- 7) Heart stamps - inked
- 8) Scissors - (try and use scissors with a unique cutting style) and single-hole paper punch

Instructions:

- 1) Once you have picked up the front and back cover with binding from a scrapbooking store go through all your pictures to find 30 pictures that you would like to use of your mate.
- 2) Using Microsoft Word (or equivalent on Macintosh) on your computer have your page broke up into two sections (top and bottom). Each section will have you list of reasons you love her and will be set up as one of your pages in the book. I have added a list of reasons in my last chapter. Also, make sure that each section is in a different font style. Try and have the different reasons spread out uneven throughout each section. Remember to have one section only reading "I Love You Because..." for this will be your cover page.

- 3) Print out your many pages of I love you reasons on different colored construction paper. This paper should be thicker than normal but be able to go through a printer.
- 4) Once printer cut them out with a pair of scissors that have a serrated or decorative edge (you can get one from the scrapbooking store or your mate might even have one somewhere).
- 5) Use the cover to mark of the binding holes and carefully punch out the holes with a single-hole paper punch.
- 6) Look through your pictures and strategically place them in the book. Place one classy picture on the opposite side of the front cover (of the book), A nice one on the opposite side of the back cover (of the book) and on the back of each of the pages. Make sure that each picture is centered.
- 7) Now put the pages in the order you would like them to be and then put the book together with the binding.
- 8) Use the heart-shaped ink stamps and fill in a few of the blank's spots on each page throughout the book. If you put too many stamps on each page it will look crowded and not as classy.
- 9) Now that your book is done, pat yourself on the back, clean up your mess before she gets home, pour yourself a glass of wine and wait till she gets home to surprise her.