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Love Story, the Happy Ending

Enough with those splashy, glitzy rose-petal-covered valentine extravaganzas. Sometimes little luxuries can be the sweetest way to someone's heart. Here is a selection of tokens of love that can be used and adored everyday.



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1. Blush-hued gloves by Agnelle are made of buttery leather and have a seductive corset lacing up the back (\$115 at Bergdorf Goodman).

2. Carrot & Stick Press cards — each hand-printed on an antique letterpress — provide the perfect canvas for love letters, on Valentine's Day or any other day (\$16 for a pack of eight at www.carrotandstickpress.com).

3. Peggy Daven's two-row diamond circle bracelet mixes the luxury of diamonds set in 18-carat gold with the understated chic of a simple rope cord (\$1,450 at Peggy Daven in Palm Beach, Fla., 561-514-0923).

4. The Yoga and Chocolate Chakra Box from Vosges has seven peace-inducing truffles and a yoga guidebook of postures: one for every chakra (\$36 at www.vosgeschocolate.com).

5. The new Les Amoureux de Paris scarf from Hermès is a stylish way to tie one on (\$320 at Hermès stores).

6. A tortoiseshell barrette in opalescent red or white by France Luxe gives ponytails some heart (\$28 at Henri Bendel in New York).

7. Chanel's sunny yellow Slouchy bag has a Frenchified heart pattern and a leather and metal braided handle (\$695 at Chanel boutiques).

8. La Mer's new body cream keeps skin silky with its rich texture and delicious fragrance (\$195 for a 10-ounce jar of Crème de La Mer at Bergdorf Goodman).

9. For the ultimate mystery date, the season's most coveted sunglasses, by Tom Ford, have gold-tipped temples and fly-window lenses (\$300 at Henri Bendel).