

Sidekick

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love at the last minute

Yes, it's the love of your life, but these are busy times and maybe you forgot to buy a Valentine's Day gift. Luckily, you have some time to pick up these gifts that'll set hearts aflutter. BY JUNE WULF

1 Instead of card shopping where you buy tissues and toothpaste, allow **Paper Source** products to convey your love with cards (\$3-\$12), rubber stamps (\$5-\$15), and wrapping paper (\$3-\$6 per sheet, pictured) that range in style from cute to elegant. **Paper Source**, 1810 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-497-1077. Check www.paper-source.com for other store locations.

2 You can create your own or select a pre-made **Formaggio Kitchen Valentine's gift basket** filled with chocolate, cocoa, jam, cheese, wine, cured meat, beer, and crackers. Prices start at \$50. **Formaggio Kitchen**, 268 Shawmut Ave., 617-350-6996; 244 Huron Ave., Cambridge, 617-354-4750. www.formaggiokitchen.com

3 There's plenty of room to say what's in your heart on **Maggie's Giant Chocolate Chip Cookie**. You can customize the cookie text, go with the traditional "I Love You," or say nothing at all. The 2½-pound, 12-inch confection is \$26.95. **Kilvert & Forbes**, 200 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-723-6050. www.kilvertandforbesbakeshop.com

4 Here's a gift idea that is sure to ruffle more than feathers. **Ruffle Butt Panties** at **Boutique Fabulous** come in more colors than you can shake your booty at, and these one-size-fits-all undies are \$26.50. The vintage lingerie from the 1940s and '50s is \$8-\$28. **Boutique Fabulous**, 1309 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 617-864-0656. www.boutiquefabulous.com

5 June Rubin, owner of **A Wild Flower** in Charlestown, creates **Valentine's Day bouquets** with berries, heather, anemones, tulips, and Jade Green and Black Beauty roses. The shop also carries roses in traditional colors. Bouquets start at \$50; a dozen roses cost \$85. **A Wild Flower**, 73 Main St., Charlestown, 617-242-4214.

