

Bake It in a Cake - Check List

1. But an item of jewelry, preferably a ring, necklace or bracelet.
(Or any item you wish) Make sure it can withstand both the liquid batter and the heat of the oven.
2. Get the cake. Decide on her favorite flavors and colors. Order early.
 - a. Hire a baker and have the correct spelling of the person's name (every letter) and your message prepared. Most bakeries will need several days to custom make a cake with your flavor of cake and frosting. If her favorite is something common, you may be able to find just what you need ready and waiting in a grocery store bakery or on the baker's shelves, however, a grocery store cake does not make the same impression as one from a bakery.

Or

- b. Find a recipe she will like (not your favorite flavor, but her's) and then visit the grocery store and purchase the necessary ingredients to bake your own cake. You can find recipes and helpful instructions at www.pastrywiz.com.

AND

- c. Make sure to mark the where the item is in the cake using a toothpick.
3. Buy birthday candles. You can use individual candles or candles that spell out her number of years. Don't buy "gag" candles unless your SPOUSE ENJOYS gags.
4. Purchase a card OR the materials to make a card.
5. Schedule a time to pick the cake up when you can take it home (or someplace) where it can be refrigerated. A cake will not last in a hot car for more than a few seconds, so don't stop off for a beer or to buy the gift card, get all that done before you pick up the cake or you will be serving her cake soup. (not to mention having to clean sticky cake soup from your car seat)
6. Sign the card and hand write a tiny message if you are giving a store bought card. Remember: Nothing says "I am lazy" more than just signing your name. Anything will do, but something personal is best. Don't sign the card in front of her and remember to lick the envelope.
7. If you are going to use candles on the cake, do not use the candles that will not blow out unless your spouse ENJOYS gags.
8. Have a glass of warm, soapy water and a soft bristled toothbrush in order to clean the item off as soon as it is "discovered" in the cake. This way, she can enjoy it in

all its splendor right away. A soft bristled toothbrush and some warm, soapy water is the quickest and safest way to clean most any item of jewelry.

9. Schedule a time with your spouse so you can present her with her gift and she can be relaxed and enjoy the moment you have created especially for her. Don't schedule this event at bedtime as she will be tired and by then thinking you forgot about her special day.
10. Present her with your gift and watch her glow from the inside.