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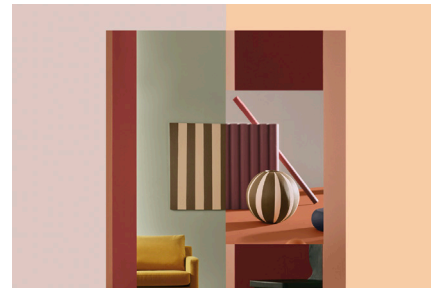


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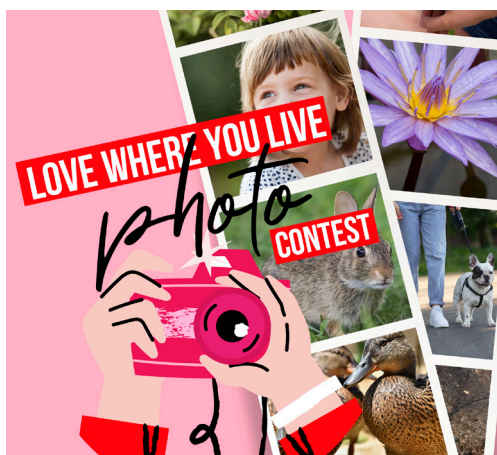


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FROM THE ESTATE MANAGER

Dear Heritage Hill Residents,

“The new year stands before us like a chapter in a book waiting to be written”
Meloday Beattie

The year 2024 was filled with many ups and downs. However, like every new beginning, it brings new opportunities to achieve our goals, check off items on our bucket lists, learn new things, meet new people, and appreciate all the lessons learned from the previous year.

After the water restrictions later in the year, we were extremely grateful for the rain we received in December—an impressive 240mm so far.

On a gardening note, we would like to remind you that the updated Landscaping Rules are now in effect. We encourage you to read these guidelines if you're planning to remodel or landscape your front garden. The HOA Management Team and the Landscaping Subcommittee are also available to assist you throughout this process.

If you are planning maintenance, renovations, or building projects for your unit, please consult the relevant rules regarding paint colours, installation guidelines, and other regulations. If you are unsure about any details, contact the HOA office for guidance. This will help make the process smoother and less frustrating.

The Heritage Hill Phase II expansion by M&T Developers is currently in progress, with nearly all sales in the first two launched extensions sold out. The M&T team is actively preparing for civil work related to the roads and

stormwater management. Regular updates on the expansion's progress will be provided.

Walking peacefully through a beautiful Estate is magical, it's extremely unpleasant when this experience is ruined by dog excrement. This particular request has been a constant on the App but is still an issue. There will always be challenges in a community especially when everyone shares the same space; please be considerate and carry a bag with you when walking your dog so that you can clean up after them. Please make sure to communicate this information to your pet sitters as well.

One of the unique aspects of Heritage Hill is the strong sense of community and the enthusiasm residents have for community projects and the social events on the Estates calendar. Be sure to check the Heritage Hill App for updates and communication regarding these events.

To all the residents who supported the various charity collections i.e. SPCA and the Feral Project, a very special thank you.

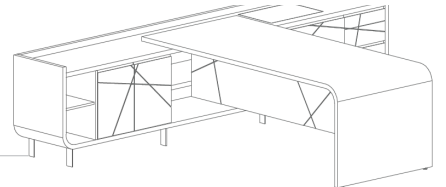
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How to Keep Your Hoya Heart Plant Thriving!

The Hoya heart plant (*Hoya kerrii*), often gifted on Valentine's Day, is cherished for its charming heart-shaped leaves. This succulent is not only a symbol of affection but also a low-maintenance addition to any indoor space.

Hoya kerrii is a species of *Hoya* native to Southeast Asia. It was named after its eponymous collector, Arthur Francis George Kerr, a British physician and botanist. As the thick leaves are heart-shaped, the plant is sometimes named "Lucky-heart." This heart-shaped succulent is one of the most adorable plants on the market. You can plant it alone or even write words on it for someone special!

How to Care for Your Hoya Heart Plant

Light

Place your Hoya heart in bright, indirect light. While it can tolerate some direct sunlight, excessive exposure may cause leaf burn. If the leaves turn light green or yellow, it might need more light or less water.

Watering

As a succulent, the Hoya heart stores water in its fleshy leaves. Water the plant thoroughly when the top inch or two of soil feels dry, typically every two weeks during warmer months. In cooler months, reduce watering to once every three to four weeks. Overwatering can lead to root rot, so ensure the soil dries out between waterings.

Soil

Use a well-draining soil mix to promote healthy roots. Regular potting mixes can be too heavy; instead, combine potting soil with orchid bark and perlite to enhance drainage.

Temperature and Humidity

Hoya heart plants thrive in temperatures between 18°C and 30°C, making them well-suited for South African climates. While they can adapt to typical indoor humidity levels, they appreciate a bit of extra humidity. Placing them near a humidifier or in naturally humid rooms, like bathrooms, can be beneficial.

Repotting

Every couple of years, repot your Hoya heart to refresh the soil and prevent compaction. You don't necessarily need a larger pot; simply providing fresh, well-draining soil will support its health and potential flowering.

Propagation

If you wish to propagate, ensure you have a cutting with a stem node, as single-leaf cuttings without a node won't develop into a vining plant. After taking a cutting, let the end dry out (a process called callusing) before



Fertilization

Due to their slow growth, Hoya hearts don't require much fertilizer. Feed them twice a year in spring and summer with a balanced houseplant fertilizer diluted to half strength.

planting it in well-draining soil. Keep the soil slightly moist and place the cutting in bright, indirect light until roots develop. By following these care guidelines, your Hoya heart plant will remain a delightful and enduring symbol of love in your home!



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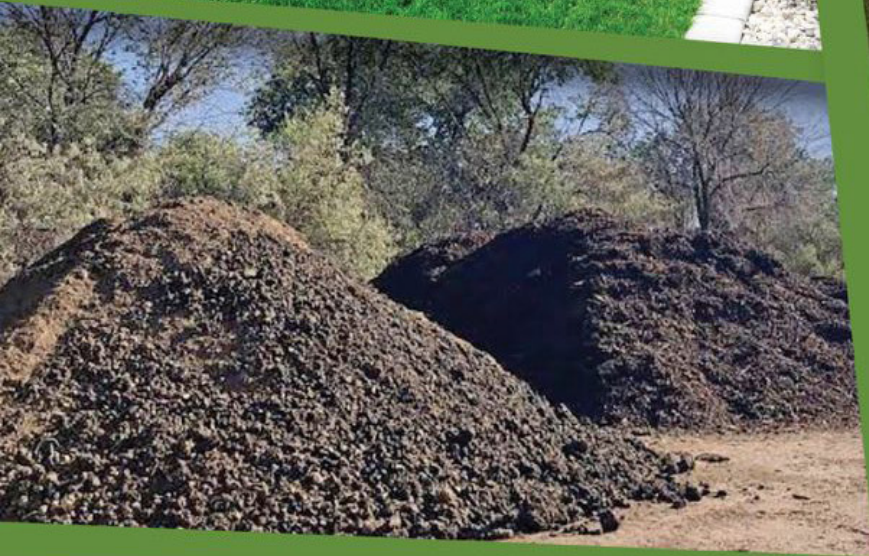
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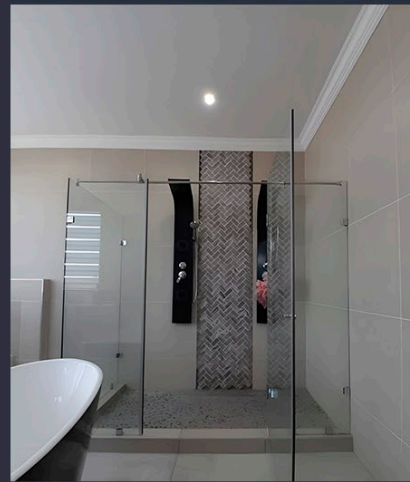
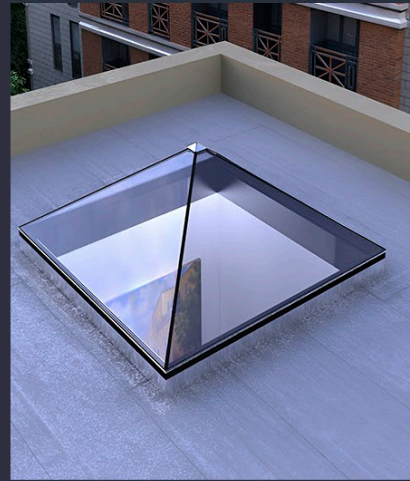
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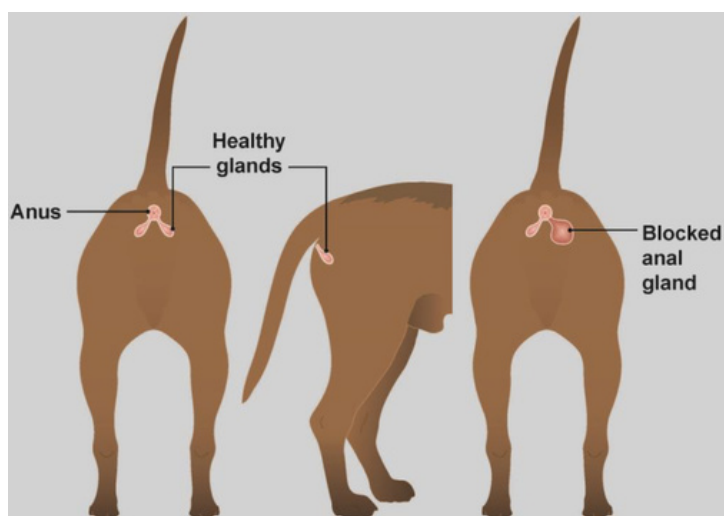
BY DR VICKY LOUW (BVSC)

Anal Glands:

Anal glands in dogs and cats (yes, cats have them too) are small sacs located near the anus, specifically at 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock positions. These glands produce a smelly secretion that is typically released when the animal defecates, helping to mark territory and communicate with other animals.

Why do Dogs and Cats have Anal Glands:

The primary function of anal glands is to provide a scent marker for animals, which is important for communication, particularly in the wild. The scent can convey information such as the animal's identity, health, and territory.



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Why Should Owners be aware of them?:

While most pets naturally express their anal glands during defecation, some may experience issues, such as:

1. **Impaction:** The glands may become full and unable to express naturally. This can cause discomfort or pain, and the glands may need to be manually expressed by a vet or groomer.
2. **Infection:** If the glands become blocked or impacted, they can become infected. Signs include swelling, redness, pain, or a foul odour. Infected glands may require antibiotics or surgical intervention in severe cases.
3. **Abscesses:** If an infected gland bursts, it can lead to an abscess, which can be very painful and require treatment such as drainage or surgery.
4. **Tumours:** Though rare, tumours (cancer) can form in the anal glands, either benign or malignant, which may cause symptoms like swelling, bleeding, or discomfort.

What are the symptoms to look out for that could indicate Anal Gland Pathology?

- When you notice a **foul odour** (often fishy or strong) hanging around your pet. This is often a sign of the anal glands being too full but unable to express, leading to the leaking of contents onto furniture, etc.

- **Scotting** does not only mean your pet has worms, but it could also be a sign of blocked anal glands. Blocked glands are uncomfortable, and this is the pet's way of trying to express their anal glands themselves.
- **Licking or biting at the rear end** starts when the pressure and discomfort increases.
- Sometimes they can have difficulty or show signs of **pain during defecation**.
- **The anus and surrounding tissue become inflamed** and red when an abscess is forming. This is accompanied by severe pain and discomfort.
- When an anal gland abscess bursts open, you will notice **blood and/or pus** draining from the area. Sometimes you will notice relief from your pet once the abscess has burst and the pressure is relieved.



Treatment Options:

- **Manual Expression:** A veterinarian or groomer (Yes, if you are brave enough, you can learn to do it yourself as well) can manually express the glands if they become impacted or overfull.
- **Medical intervention:** Antibiotic and anti-inflammatory drugs can be prescribed.
- **Surgical Intervention:** Anal gland abscesses can sometimes be treated under general anaesthesia, in which case dead tissue is debrided away and the wound closed with sutures. In severe cases, especially with recurring infections or abscesses, surgery to remove the glands may be considered but because of the possible complications, this is usually the last resort.

How can you help prevent blocked Anal Glands:

- **Maintain a Healthy Weight:** Overweight pets are more prone to anal gland problems, especially cats.
- **Balanced Diet:** A diet high in fiber can help keep your pet's glands healthy.
- **Improving Stool Consistency:** Fiber helps to bulk up and firm the stool, which can aid in the natural expression of the anal glands. When a pet has a firm stool, the glands are more likely to empty as the stool passes by, reducing the risk of impaction.
- **Promoting Regular Bowel Movements:** A diet high in fiber promotes regular and healthy bowel movements, which can prevent constipation. Constipation can lead to the anal glands not being expressed naturally, causing them to become impacted or blocked.
- **Prevent Impaction:** When a dog or cat has sufficient fiber in their diet, the stool becomes larger and more solid, which helps press against the anal glands during
- **Exercise:** Regular exercise helps stimulate bowel movements, which can also aid in the natural expression of the glands.

Conclusion

We hope this article has shed some light on a very hidden and mysterious part of your pet's anatomy. If you notice any signs of discomfort or unusual behavior in your pet related to their anal glands, it's a good idea to consult with a veterinarian for proper diagnosis and treatment.





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As the new year begins, it's a perfect time to reflect on the year that's passed and set meaningful intentions for the future. But how can we truly empower ourselves to create positive change and abundance in the year ahead without falling into the familiar traps of old habits? The key lies in self-awareness, intentional action, and creating a fresh mindset. Here's how you can embrace a stress-free and empowering start to your year.

1. Reflect on the Year That's Passed

Before moving forward, take a moment to look back. What worked for you last year, and what didn't? Identifying patterns, behaviors, or habits that drained your energy or caused unnecessary stress is the first step to transformation. Be honest with yourself, but avoid judgment. Reflection isn't about blaming yourself for what went wrong but about understanding where you can grow.

2. Set Intentions Instead of Resolutions

Resolutions often fail because they feel rigid or overwhelming. Instead, focus on setting clear, meaningful intentions. For example, instead of saying, "I want to lose weight," reframe it as, "I want to nourish my body and feel strong." Intentions are rooted in the "why," giving your goals more purpose and flexibility to evolve.

3. Let Go of Old Habits

Breaking free from old habits is no easy task, but it's essential for growth. Start by identifying the triggers that lead you to repeat unwanted behaviors. Then, create alternative actions that align with your new intentions. For instance, if you find yourself scrolling social media when stressed, replace that habit with a short walk or journaling session.



One practical method for letting go of the past is inspired by Dr. Raoul Goldberg, who suggests incorporating expressive activities like journaling, movement, or visualization to help release emotional baggage and uncover new energy for growth. These simple practices can open the door to new patterns and opportunities.

4. Create a Mindset of Abundance

Abundance isn't just about wealth—it's about recognizing and appreciating what you already have while inviting more positivity into your life. Start each day with gratitude. Write down three things you're thankful for, no matter how small. Cultivating this habit shifts your focus from scarcity to abundance, setting a positive tone for your day and year.

5. Surround Yourself with Positive Influences

The people we spend time with greatly impact our energy and outlook. Seek out those who uplift and inspire you, and distance yourself from negativity where possible. Building a supportive community can help keep you motivated and aligned with your goals.

6. Be Kind to Yourself

Self-compassion is essential when striving for change. There will be days when you slip into old habits or feel unmotivated, and that's okay. Treat yourself with kindness, acknowledge the setback, and gently guide yourself back to your intentions. Progress is rarely linear, but every small step forward matters.

7. Take Action, No Matter How Small

The smallest actions can lead to the biggest changes. Whether it's committing to five minutes of mindfulness each day, starting a gratitude journal, or saying "no" to something that drains you, these incremental changes build momentum and empower you to take control of your life.

8. Prioritize Your Well-being

Your physical and mental health are the foundation of a stress-free life. Make self-care a priority, whether that means scheduling regular exercise, getting enough sleep, or carving out time to relax and recharge. When you care for yourself, you're better equipped to face challenges and embrace opportunities.

The new year is a blank slate, offering endless possibilities for growth, abundance, and peace. By reflecting on the past, setting clear intentions, and committing to small, meaningful actions, you can empower yourself to break free from old habits and create a year filled with purpose and joy. Take this opportunity to invest in yourself and watch how your world transforms.

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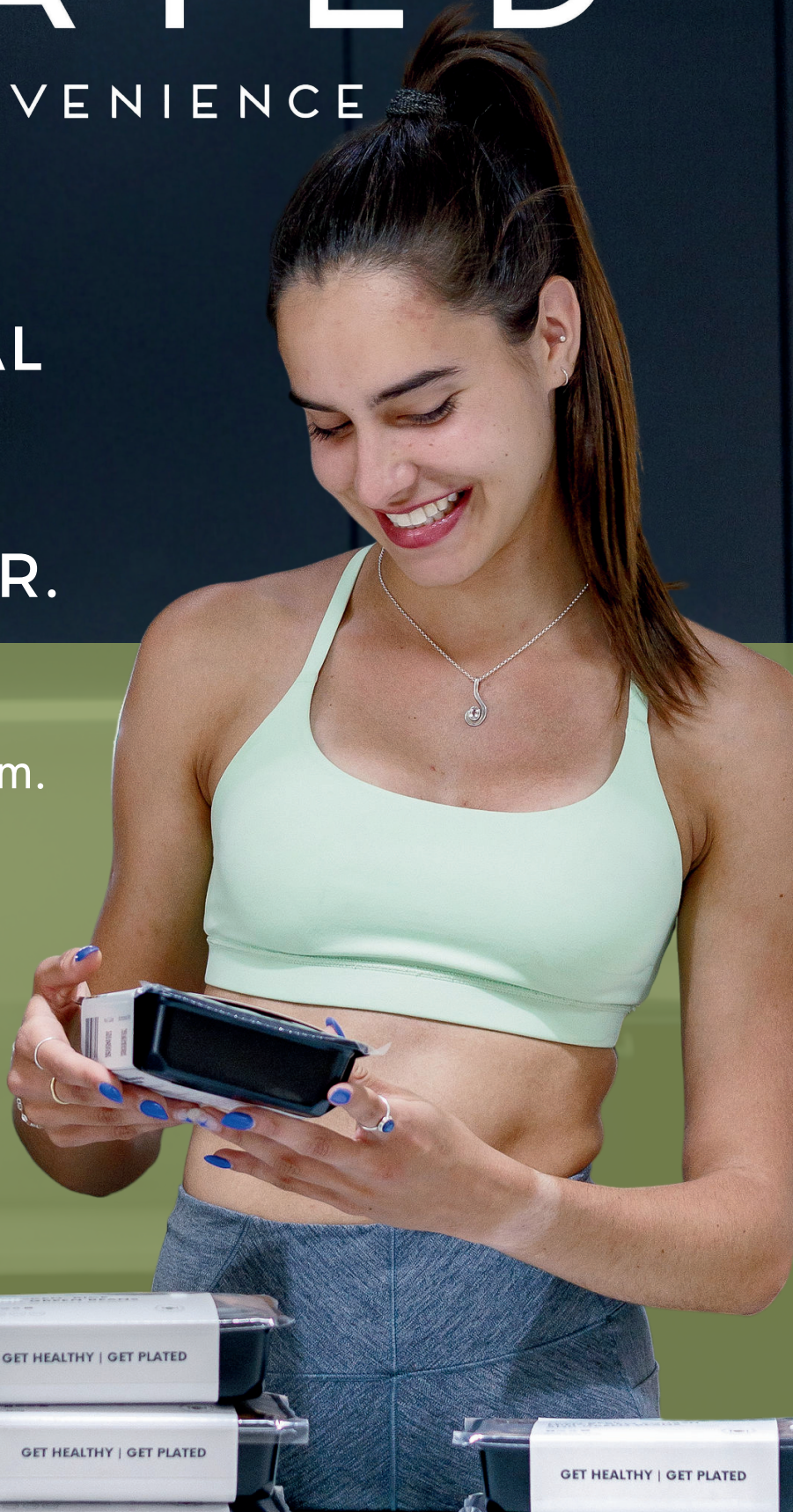
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By Yandri (Pienaar)

This beloved tradition has become a staple in our community to kick off the holiday festivities in grand style. Whether you're new to our village or a longtime resident, there's no better way to embrace the spirit of the season than having joined in the excitement of Santa's grand entrance.

The event took place on a relaxed Saturday afternoon in early December, with excited spectators eagerly awaiting the arrival of the man in red at the Rose Garden, ready to join him on his parade through the streets of Heritage Hill. Lead by his trusty horses from Capriole Stables, and his jolly elves dressed in festive red and green dresses, Santa made his entrance delighting the crowd with his contagious laugh and signature bell announcing his arrival. It wasn't long before the little ones were crowded around his cart, Christmas letters and wish lists in hand. As the parade made its way through the village, Santa's jolly elves handed out specially made Christmas cookies that Santa brought with him all the way from the North Pole.

What made this year's event even more special was the sense of community it brought. Our residents' generosity shined through as Santa's sleigh was filled with bags of non-perishable food items for the elves to distribute (to POPUP, a People Upliftment Program centre – popup.co.za) and bring some community warmth to those less fortunate over holiday season. Santa's visit also served as a reminder of the importance of family, tradition, and giving back. It was a beautiful way to see our village come together to spread kindness and joy.

As Santa waved goodbye and made his way back to the North Pole, it was clear that this event would remain part of Heritage Hill for years to come. The magic of Christmas was alive and well and Santa's visit was the perfect way to usher in the holiday season.

Mark your calendars for this year's event—it's sure to be even more magical!





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Our third colour walk/run was a big success. It took place over our unique 3.5 km village route. Covered in all the rainbow colours, the vibe was lively, happy, buzzing and pure medicine to everyone witnessing the participants’ effortless enjoyment. The Colour Run was sold out before the event, and each participant received a Heritage Hill Colour Run medal and Leapfrog goodie bag.

Every event hosted in Heritage Hill Estate aims to bring families together, build new friendships and forget about troubles or challenges for a few hours. Hakuna Matata! This event certainly achieved that.

A special thank you to the teams who managed the colour stations: AWX Maintenance, Heritage Hill HOA Board, Irene Running Club; Koeitjies & Kalfies Heritage Hill and Midstream Running Club.



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10 Ways to Say ‘I Love You’ *this Valentine's Day*

Valentine's Day is all about celebrating love—whether it's for your partner, your family, your friends, or even yourself. You don't need grand gestures or expensive gifts to say ***“I love you.”***

Here are ten heartfelt ways to show your love this Valentine's Day, along with some practical tips to make each idea extra special.

1. Write a Handwritten Love Letter

A handwritten note never goes out of style. Write down how much your loved one means to you, why you appreciate them, and the special moments you've shared together.

Tip: Use beautiful stationery or a card for a personal touch. If you're struggling to find the right words, add a favourite poem, an inside joke, or a memory that always makes you smile.

2. Cook Their Favourite Meal

Food is a love language of its own. Surprise them with their favourite dishes, or cook together for some quality bonding time. A homemade meal always feels more meaningful than dining out.

Tip: Set the table beautifully or have a picnic in the garden. Make it extra special with your favourite wine or drink. Need help with the setup? Check out www.dialapicnic.co.za for inspiration. Add fairy lights or candles for a cosy, romantic touch.

3. Surprise Them with a Thoughtful Gift

A thoughtful gift shows you've paid attention to what they love or need. It could be something sentimental like a framed photo, a handmade craft, or a book by their favourite South African author.

Tip: Support local by shopping from small businesses or artisans. Think handmade jewellery, scented candles, or unique decor that matches their style.

4. Plan a Personalised Date

Ditch the usual dinner-and-movie routine and plan something tailored to their interests. Go hiking, or explore South Africa's stunning landscapes together.

5. Give the Gift of Quality Time

In our busy world, giving someone your undivided attention is a rare and meaningful gift. Go for a long walk, binge-watch their favourite show, or simply enjoy a quiet coffee together.

Tip: Switch off your phone and other distractions. This small act speaks volumes about how much you value your time together.

6. Say It Through Acts of Service

Sometimes, actions really do speak louder than words. Show your love by doing something helpful, like tidying the house, washing their car, or bringing them breakfast in bed.

Tip: Notice what's been weighing on them and offer to help ease the load. Simple acts like making tea or running errands can go a long way.

7. Share a Playlist or Song

Music has a way of saying things we sometimes can't. Create a playlist of songs that remind you of them, or dedicate a special track that sums up how you feel.

8. Create a DIY Gift

There's something extra special about a homemade gift. Ideas include a "jar of love" filled with reasons why you love them, a scrapbook of memories, or baked treats like biscuits.

9. Celebrate Their Achievements

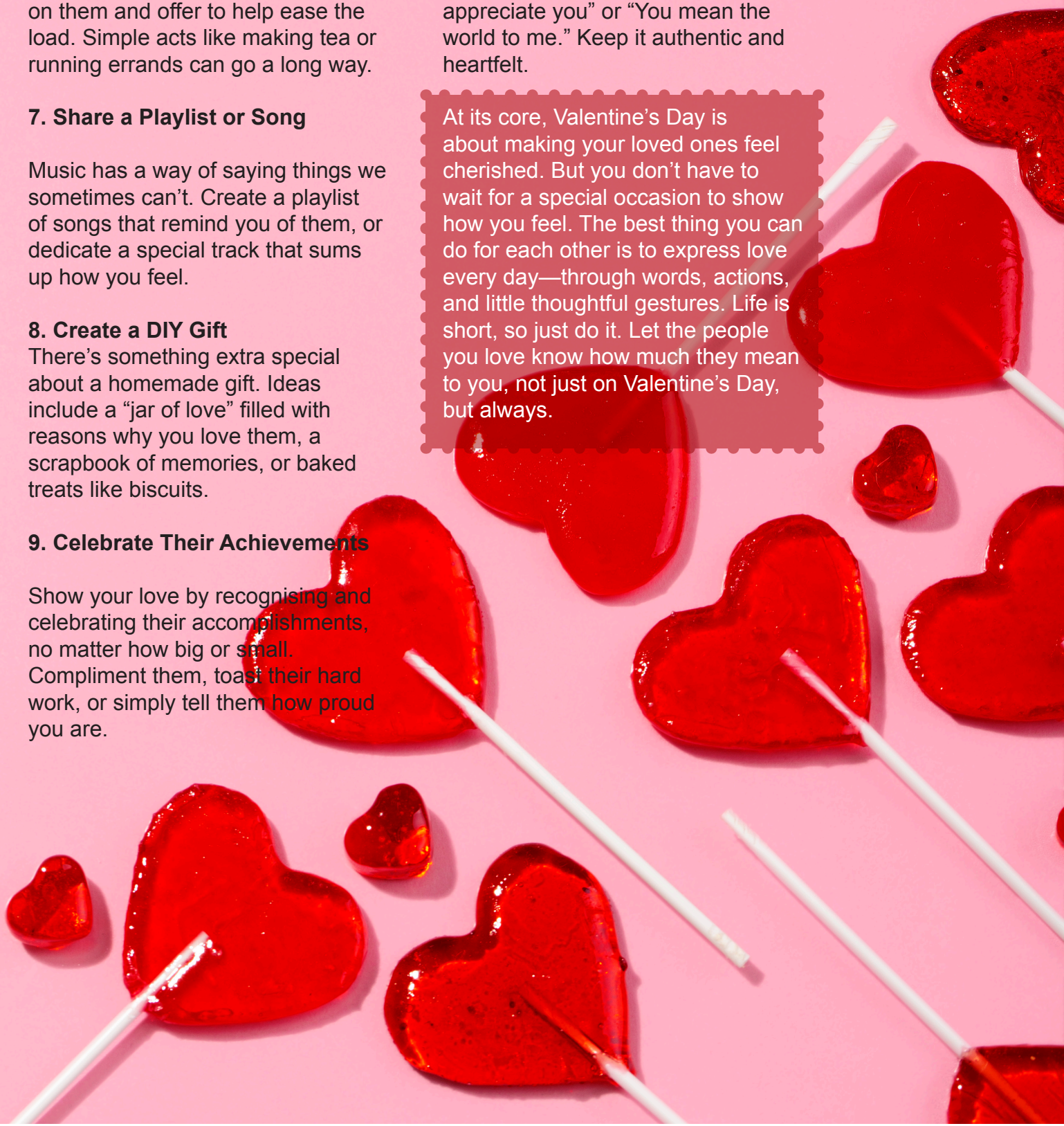
Show your love by recognising and celebrating their accomplishments, no matter how big or small. Compliment them, toast their hard work, or simply tell them how proud you are.

10. Simply Say the Words

Sometimes, the most meaningful way to say "I love you" is to just say it. Look them in the eye, hold their hand, and let them know how much they mean to you.

Tip: If "*I love you*" feels too formal, try something more casual like "I appreciate you" or "You mean the world to me." Keep it authentic and heartfelt.

At its core, Valentine's Day is about making your loved ones feel cherished. But you don't have to wait for a special occasion to show how you feel. The best thing you can do for each other is to express love every day—through words, actions, and little thoughtful gestures. Life is short, so just do it. Let the people you love know how much they mean to you, not just on Valentine's Day, but always.





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MERCEDES-BENZ E-CLASS CLEANS UP OVER AWARDS SEASON

News that Mercedes-Benz's latest E-Class has made it into the finals of the South African Car of the Year Awards shouldn't come as any great surprise; the sixth generation luxury sedan has been racking up trophies ever since it was launched. Here's why.

But first those gongs. Arguably the most important – to date – is the celebrated 2025 MotorTrend Car Of The Year award, given for excellence in refinement, design and engineering. In awarding the E-Class the Golden Callipers, MotorTrend noted it excelled in all six of its stringent criteria categories (safety, efficiency, value, advancement in design, engineering excellence, and performance). TopGear SA agreed, handing the E220d their coveted Executive Saloon of the Year award in December 2024. India followed suit, crowning the E-Class its ICOTY

awards season was rounded off by Euro NCAP announcing it as their Best Performer in 2024, making it the safest car the august body tested last year.

The accolades will likely keep coming, in no small part because the latest E-Class is a wholly complete package, excelling in every area of execution, a technical tour de force that is class-leading in terms of safety, drivability, comfort, luxury, refinement, elegance and efficiency.

Premium Car of the Year 2025. A stellar

One of the safest cars in the world

In winning the Euro NCAP award, E-Class showed excellence in active and passive safety, adult occupant protection, child occupant protection, vulnerable road user protection and safety assist technologies. These advances flow from Mercedes-Benz's new crash test centre in Sindelfingen, a world leader in vehicle safety, where cutting-edge radar, strength and electronic technology is tested for use in systems such as Pre-Safe, Electronic Stability Control and enhanced adaptive cruise control. E-Class went through over 15 000 crash tests in its development cycle, providing invaluable data for real-world accident scenarios, saving lives in the process.

One of the most technologically advanced cars of 2025

The E-Class remains a class leader in technology integration, with features such as the dashboard-wide Hyperscreen, augmented reality navigation, personalised driver profiles, sophisticated new voice recognition software and integrated AI assistance to better learn a driver's style and habits. The key is to keep the driver and occupants as safe, connected and entertained as possible, with the car an extension of their daily lives, thoroughly prepared for every eventuality and reducing stress into the bargain.

The most comfortable Mercedes-Benz ever?

A key focus of E-Class development was holistic comfort – quiet, cushioning, electronically adaptive suspension systems, silent, smooth shifting 9G-TRONIC gearbox, interior noise reduction, seat comfort, visual space and the refinement of the cabin. Comfort is a major E-Class focus, with seats offering massage functions, heated

and ventilated options, and an advanced climate control system that maintains optimal comfort, chosen independently by drivers and passengers alike.

Unparalleled efficiency and power

The new E-Class's approach to efficiency is naturally a holistic one as well – advances in engine and hybrid technology as well as attention to aerodynamics make for a class-leading luxury saloon. A drag factor of 0.23 Cd puts it in a class of its own, and when teamed up with the popular 220d ultra clean, turbocharged diesel engine, it manages astonishing consumption figures of 5l/100km, unrivalled in its class. Sophisticated engine management systems produce equally good figures for the 220d's petrol cousins, including the barnstorming Mercedes-AMG E53, due in South Africa shortly. It features a turbocharged, inline-6 cylinder engine aided by advanced plug-in hybrid technology to deliver impressive electric-only range while maintaining Mercedes-AMG's hallmark performance.

It's beautiful too

Visually, 2025's E-Class is an exercise in subtle balance: a refined, aerodynamic silhouette with a larger grille, sharper lines, but also a more aggressive stance, blending elegance with performance cues, creating a thoroughly modern look. LED lighting technology, including adaptive headlights and signature LED daytime running lights, enhance visibility and look good. The car is ideally suited to the AMG-Line package of visual enhancements, accenting an already superb silhouette.

For more information on the award-winning new Mercedes-Benz E-Class, visit

www.mercedes-benz.co.za.

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2025 COLOUR FORECAST

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Visit www.plasconcolour.co.za for more details on the Plascon 2025 Colour Forecast.



Hybridity is the hero of the much-awaited Plascon 2025 Colour Forecast

For 2025, Plascon flips the script to harness the power of polarities and mixed states in its much-awaited annual Colour Forecast. Rather than focusing on a single colour, a colour combination, or seasonal shifts, it is the theme of hybridity that takes the day - or the night, for that matter - for 2025.

Unexpected, evocative colour sets that reference the beauty of our local context will scintillate in the months to come. The theme of hybridity runs through four carefully considered colour families: Bright, Dark, Natural and Neutral. Each colour family is based on the meeting of opposites, creating a commanding

effect that is more striking than the sum of its parts. Further distinguishing the Forecast from the format of previous years, Plascon takes the theme of hybridity a step further, extending an invitation to combine colours across the family groupings to create new possibilities.

‘After consulting with leading trend researchers, International Trend Institute (ITI), we have taken a very different direction for 2025. We understand the industry is used to the convention of having a single colour of the year, or even a colour combination of the year, and we share in this ourselves, but we’re just not feeling this in the zeitgeist for 2025,’ says Plascon Brand Manager Kristel Dreyer.

‘With so much flux in the world right now, we can’t see our way to dictating a single hue that will be meaningful for everyone, everywhere, and all at the same time. With the increasing melding

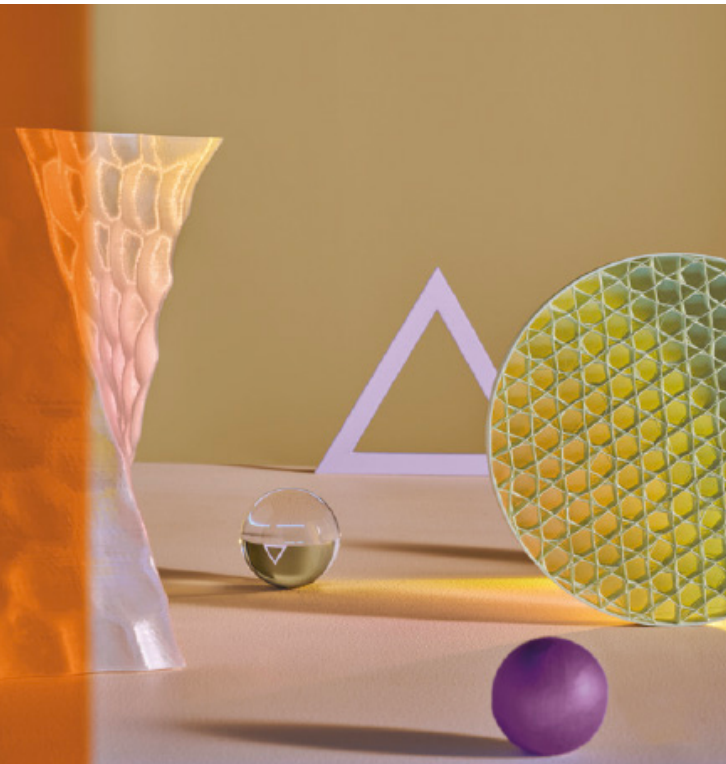
of digital and physical realms, we feel hybridity is the state everyone shares. Rather than one way of being or doing, for 2025, we’re pleased to share a multiverse of colour with you. We are trusting in our decision that an open-ended rather than finite approach to colour for next year is what people will relate to most!’ she says. ‘The spirit of the 2025 Colour Forecast is co-creation, it’s in how you interpret and bring the colour families to life yourself. It goes way further than just a single colour of the year.’

According to trend researcher Chris Reid of ITI, ‘From a conceptual level, the zeitgeist is all about multiplicity right now. No-one is any one thing any more. We change identity the way we change outfits. So the most relevant or top-of-mind colour isn’t fixed for as long as a year. Maybe we’ll be able to be more definitive about a single-minded colour of the year when our

identities and thinking coalesce more and the world is less in flux, but for now it's all about playing with possibility.'

Without any further ado, here are the four enticing colour families that invite you to make your own choices.

Bright: Digital x Physical



Leaning into the playful irreverence of online culture, the Bright colour family is as vivid as its name suggests. These hues express energy and extraversion through mood-boosting soft neons and digital fluorescents. They are perfect for those who wish to master the art of the unexpected in their interiors, or simply want to design a room that makes a statement. Included in the set are pared-back versions of four of the colours; these are more subtle, but undoubtedly imbued with the same lively spirit. They can be paired with their electric counterparts but they're also strong enough to stand alone. Even when used sparingly, this colour family is local and current. With one foot in the future and another in the past, it raises a hat to a Capetonian context in the form of the vibrant colours of the historic homes lining the streets of the Bo-Kaap.



Dark: Past x Present

Regency era opulence meets sleek contemporary design to produce the Dark colour family. Its jewel tones and rich leather colours have been selected to build tone-on-tone spaces with incredible depth or to bring a sense of grounding to a room furnished in softer palettes. The darkest colours play the role of classic black in contemporary design and this simple swop can transform the feel of a room by adding an undertone of old world-luxury. In step with South African trends which are starting to favour lavish finishings over stark, cold minimalism, the Dark colour family is poised to make a lasting impact on local audiences in 2025.

Natural: Organic x Manmade

Inspired by the unexpected synergy at the intersection of nature and the built environment, colours drawn from naturally occurring organic pigments and cultivated construction materials form the basis of the Natural colour family. The seven colours in this grouping are effortlessly evocative, creating a sense of

calm and a feeling of oneness with nature.

Beyond being gentle on the eyes, this colour family is in line with the international Japandi trend, a blend of Japanese and Scandinavian craftsmanship and balance. Building on this, the Natural palette encapsulates intentional combinations and intuitive design, with the human connection to nature tying them together.



“ By paying close attention to local and global trends, the four colour families offer a glimpse into the next phase of our country’s diversity, integration and celebration of its differences as well as its similarities. It places the power in the hands of the individual to make and remake spaces that continue to evolve. “



Neutral: Hard x Soft

Neutrals are a perennial staple bringing lasting elegance to interior and outdoor spaces. In Plascon’s 2025 Neutral colour family, they are reimagined and shaped by soft industrial design and genderless fashion trends. Mirroring the mood of the defined grey shapes of the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa’s silos and the versatile colour and form of local unisex clothing brands, this colour family is built on pigmented neutrals that are defined yet flexible. The grouping of colours plays with contrast and harmony, offering a movement away from pure minimalism towards purposeful warmth and noticeable nuances. Concrete, wood and steel tones combine to tell a tonal story, but each colour is just as capable of acting as a neutral base for other combinations.

In response to a world that offers more options than ever before, Plascon’s 2025 Colour Forecast puts a new spin on the definition of choice. It offers a permission slip to replace ‘or’ with ‘and’, rejecting the rigid rules that once dictated interior design to embrace hybridity and create constant possibilities for the future.

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