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LOVE LETTER

KELLEY MOORE creates a new at-home Valentine's Day dinner tradition with an heirloom love letter tablecloth



LOVE LETTERS are an incredibly romantic gesture that have been lost in the flurry of e-mails and Twitter posts (that's a hint, fellas). For a giant gesture that's sure to impress, profess your eternal love with an inscription on a personalized Valentine's Day tablecloth you can enjoy year after year.



Pick up a piece of canvas (at a fabric store) big enough to cover your tabletop and pen your feelings, memories, inside jokes—or even pop the question—with a permanent Sharpie pen. Add sentiments to this easy-to-create tablecloth each year to create a romantic V-Day dinner setting for two that will last for decades.

To complete the table setting, layer the canvas letter with a chic tablecloth (like this dramatic black and cream design print) and add romantic votive candles amongst your finest flatware for that final romantic touch.

CREDITS: Tablecloth: Custom white canvas fabric, \$6.99/yard, and Bonetti black and cream decorator fabric, \$29.99/yard, both from Hancock Fabrics (Kirkland, 12030 NE 85th St.; 425.827.3020; hancockfabrics.com); medium silver-plated taper holder, \$34, and 15-inch hand-dipped taper candle, \$15/set of two, at Pottery Barn (University Village, 4627 26th Ave. NE; 206.522.6860; potterybarn.com); Glimma tea light candles, \$5.99/pack of 24 at Ikea (Renton, 601 SW 41st St.; 425.656.2980; ikea.com)

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Eat, Dine, Love

Seattle's dining scene offers countless opportunities to pump up the romance—after all, there's nothing sexier than shooting each other sultry looks amid clinking glasses, glimmering candlelight and a tantalizing meal. Here are some of our favorite perches for love pigeons to coo at each other. *B.D.*

✦ **CHEZ SHEA** (Downtown, 94 Pike St., Suite 34; 206.467.9990; chezshea.com): In a sweet spot overlooking the Pike Place Market, this French favorite still has beaucoup appeal for lovers young and old.

✦ **THE HARVEST VINE** (Madison Valley, 2701 E Madison St.; 206.320.9771; harvestvine.com): The intimate bar at this Spanish tapas mecca offers ample chances for a titillating game of knee meets knee.

✦ **EVA RESTAURANT AND WINE BAR** (Green Lake, 2227 N 56th St.; 206.633.3538; evarestaurant.com): The sparkling lights and richly painted walls of this Tangletown treat envelop diners in a rosy, aromatic world.

✦ **OLIVAR** (Capitol Hill, 806 E Roy St.; 206.322.0409; olivarrestaurant.com): The tiny space only adds to the allure of this delicious Spanish-French bistro—you practically have to sit in each other's laps.

✦ **BOAT STREET CAFÉ** (Belltown, 3131 Western Ave.; 206.632.4602; boatstreetcafe.com): Don't be fooled by the industrial building—the restaurant inside is cozy, charming and unforgettable.

✦ **MONSOON EAST** (Bellevue, 10245 Main St.; 425.635.1112; monsooneast.com): The second outpost of Seattle's beloved contemporary Vietnamese restaurant is much sexier than its older sibling, and the food is equally as intoxicating.

✦ **THE PINK DOOR** (Downtown, 1919 Post Alley; 206.443.3241; thepinkdoor.net): There's just something irresistible about this Italian standby—maybe it's the descent from the stairs into the darkened dining room, or maybe it's that secret pink door.

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