

9 Memory-Making Ways to Celebrate Mother's Day as a Family



While Mom should always know she's loved and appreciated, a little extra effort on Mother's Day goes a long way!



Here are some great ways you can spend Mother's Day with Mom and the whole family

1. Make Reservations for Brunch

Mother's Day is one of the busiest days in the restaurant industry, and it's not hard to see why. If Mom does most of the cooking in your house, don't let her spend Mother's Day making breakfast, lunch and dinner.





Instead, make reservations for brunch at a local restaurant for your whole family. Let the Mom in your life indulge in a big plate of pancakes topped with whipped cream, eggs benedict, or her favorite brunch plate and tell her how much she means to you.

For the Mom who appreciates a little bubbly in the morning, find a brunch spot with mimosas or bellinis. Since you're at brunch with the family, bottomless mimosas aren't likely necessary, but she probably won't say no to one or two with her meal.



2. Go to a Museum

A museum can be a great way to spend a day together as a family. Since it's Mom's big day, let her preferences pick the museum.





Does she love art? See what exhibits are in town and pick one she's sure to love.

If she's a history buff, see if there's a museum nearby filled with classic art, ancient pottery, or other artifacts to examine.





Not sure what museum to choose? Nature and science museums are often lots of fun for the whole family and hold more interactive, hands-on exhibits than others, so families with small kids or lots of interests will be sure to enjoy their time here!

3. Paint Pottery (but only if your kids are big)

This is a perfect choice for moms who consider themselves a little creative. Some pottery studios offer special sessions for members of the public to purchase undecorated pottery and paint it themselves.





The studio will glaze and fire your piece for you, and you'll pick up your completed piece of pottery a few days later.

You can often choose from vases, mugs, plates and other decorative items, so everyone in your family can find something to paint and enjoy.



4. Watch Her Favorite Movie

If Mom is the type who prefers to avoid the crowds, heading to the movie theaters on Mother's Day might not be the best idea. Instead, consider treating her to a family movie night (or day) at home.



A top-down view of a dark-colored bowl filled with white, fluffy popcorn. The popcorn is piled high and has some golden-brown spots, suggesting it's been cooked with butter. The bowl is set against a light gray background.

Serve up some warm, buttery popcorn and M&M's – or her favorite sweet treat – and snuggle up on the couch to watch her favorite film or the latest blockbuster you weren't able to catch in theaters.

She'll appreciate the quality time you'll spend together and a chance to kick back and relax.

5. Do Something Cheesy Together

When tourists come to town, what are the must-see spots?

Are there any places on that list you haven't explored as a family?

It can be lots of fun to play tourist in your own hometown.





You might be surprised to find an interesting sculpture garden, historic home, or fun tour to try. Bring a camera or use your cell phone to snap photos and document the day.

You might be surprised how much fun you never knew you could have in your own backyard.

If you don't have any options in your area, find another way to up the cheese factor for Mother's Day.

Get silly and take family portraits at a local studio in matching sweaters or put Mom's portrait on a shirt for the whole family to wear.



6. Go Ice Skating

Ice skating as a family can be a great way to stay active and have a fantastic time together. Whether you've gone countless times together or it's your family's first experience on the ice, you're sure to have fun.

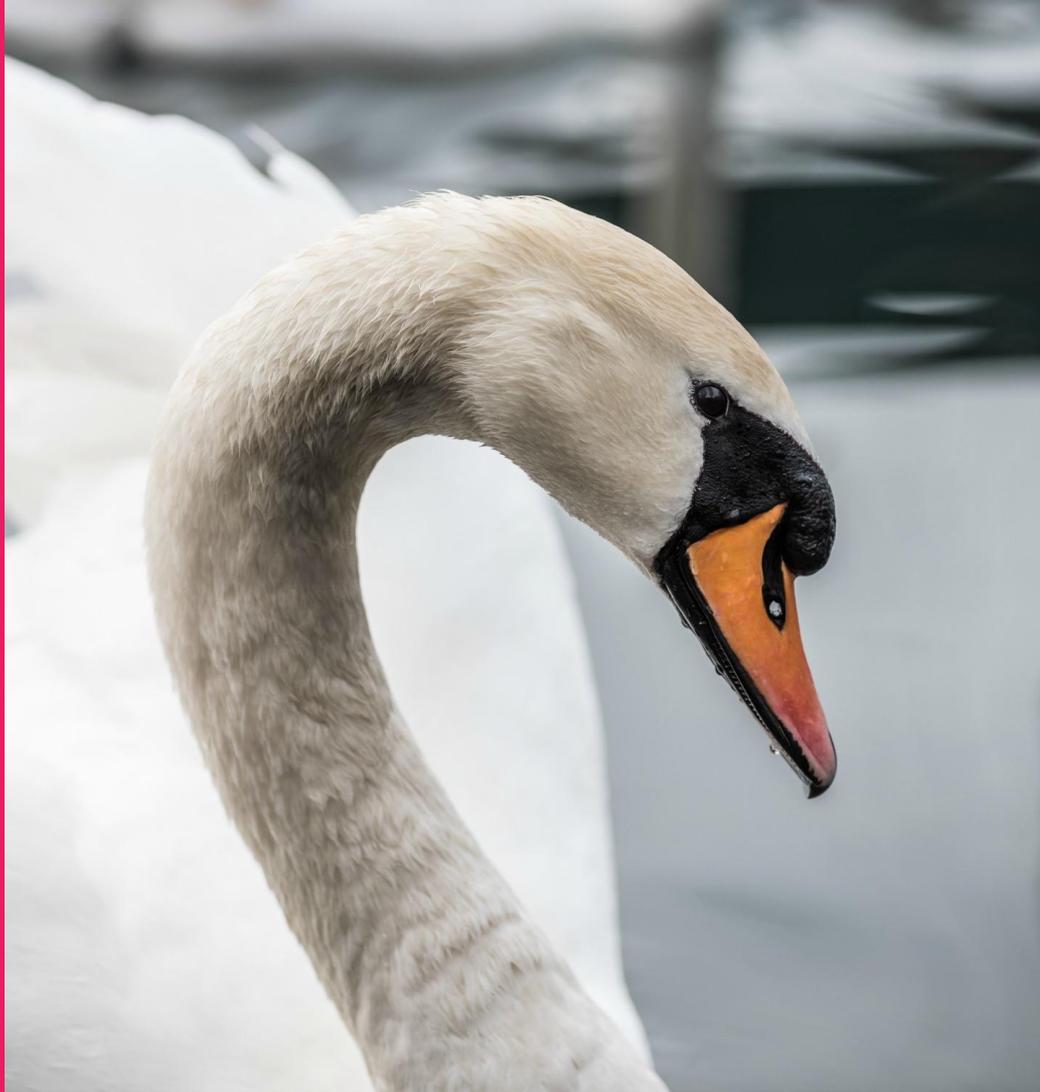


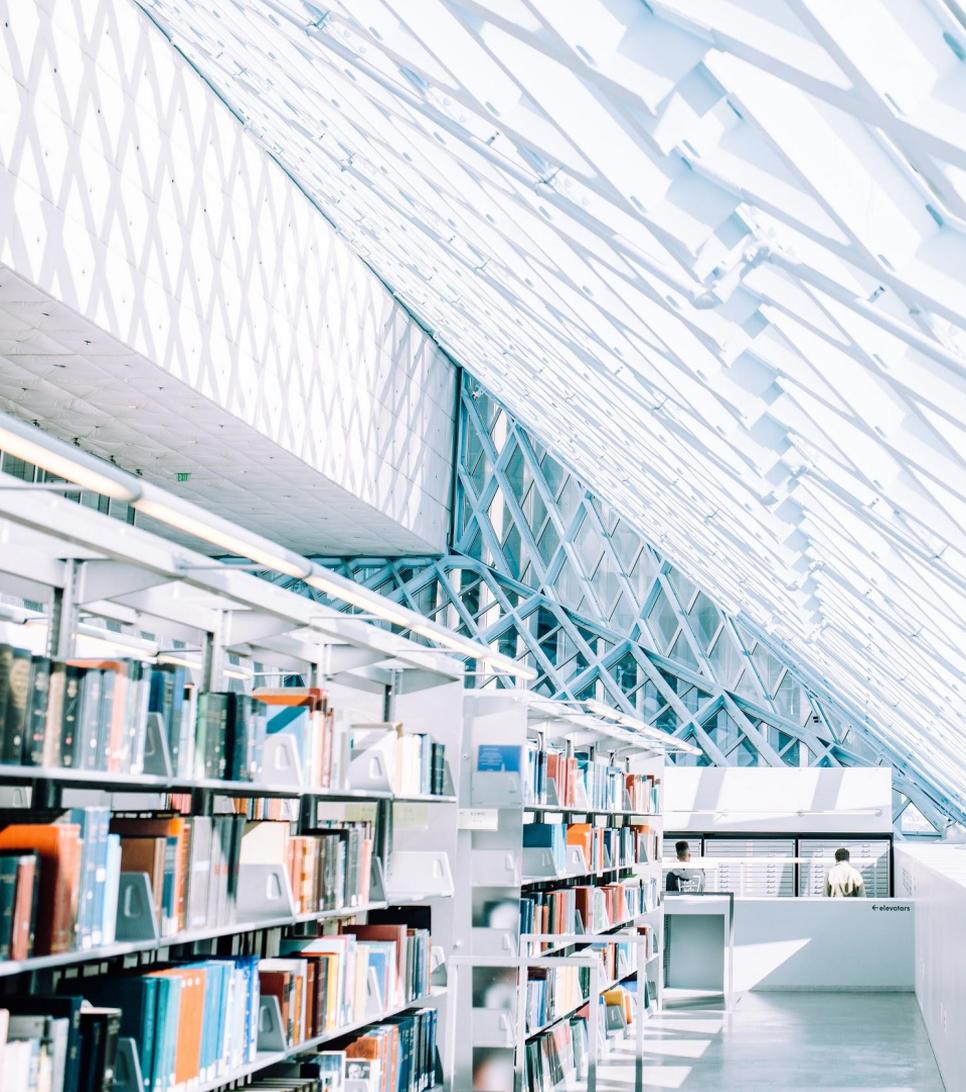


Find a local ice rink, rent your skates, and set out for a few chilly laps on the ice. If you're lucky, you can find a rink in a shopping mall or sharing a space with a bar or restaurant so you can grab some food before or after your adventure.

7. Set Up a Family Scavenger Hunt

Challenge your family to a scavenger hunt this Mother's Day and have fun solving riddles together. You can set your scavenger hunt up around your home or get adventurous and hide clues around your city - whatever makes the most sense for you and your family.





Make it special by theming your hunt around Mom's favorite places, like her most-loved coffee shop, bookstore, and public park, or find another way to tie everything together.

Setting up a scavenger hunt does require a bit of effort, but when it's done right, it can make for an incredibly memorable gift.

8. Go Out for Ice Cream

Does Mom have a bit of a sweet tooth? If the answer is yes, swing by her favorite ice cream or gelato shop.

Splurge on a cup or cone for each member of your family so everyone gets what they want, or go all-in on a family-sized sundae to split.



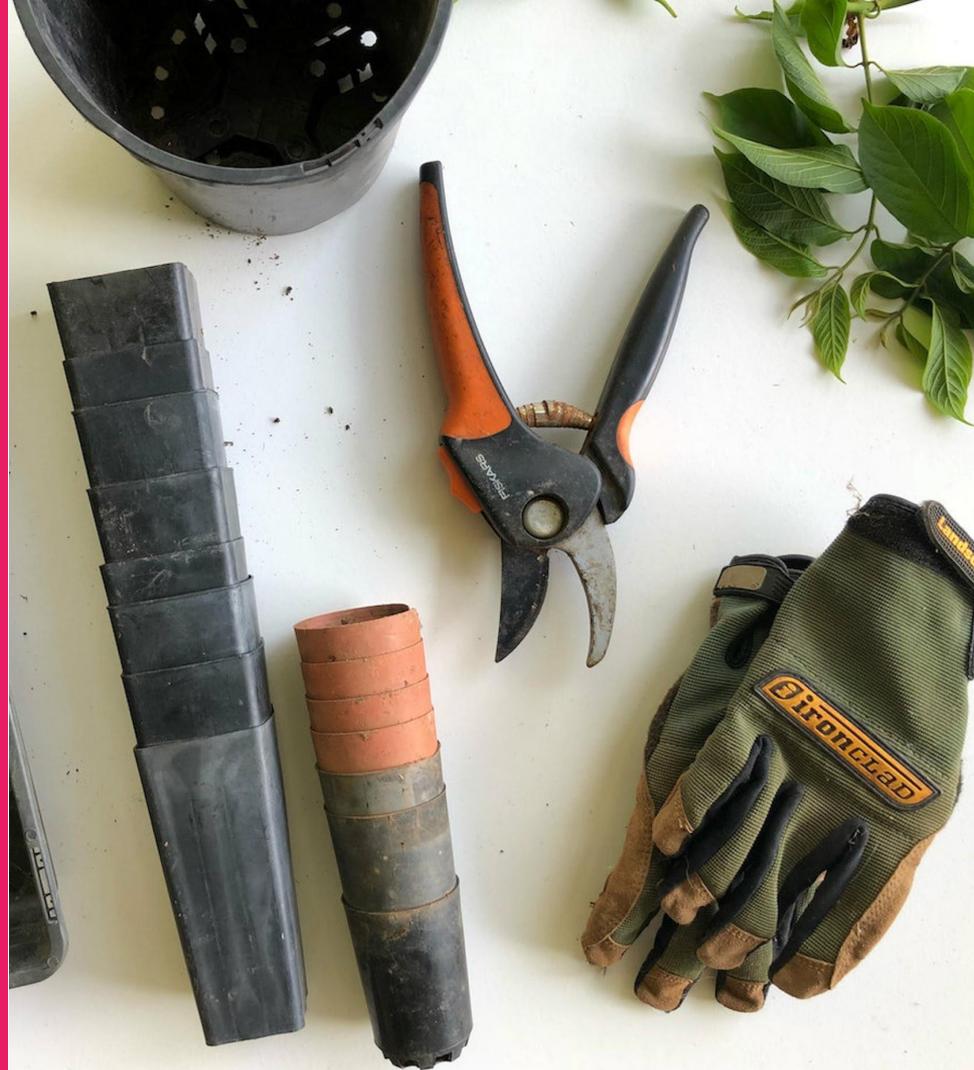


Don't hold back on the toppings - after all, Mother's Day only comes around once a year!

Pile on the sprinkles and take a photo of your masterpiece before digging in.

9. Start a Garden Together

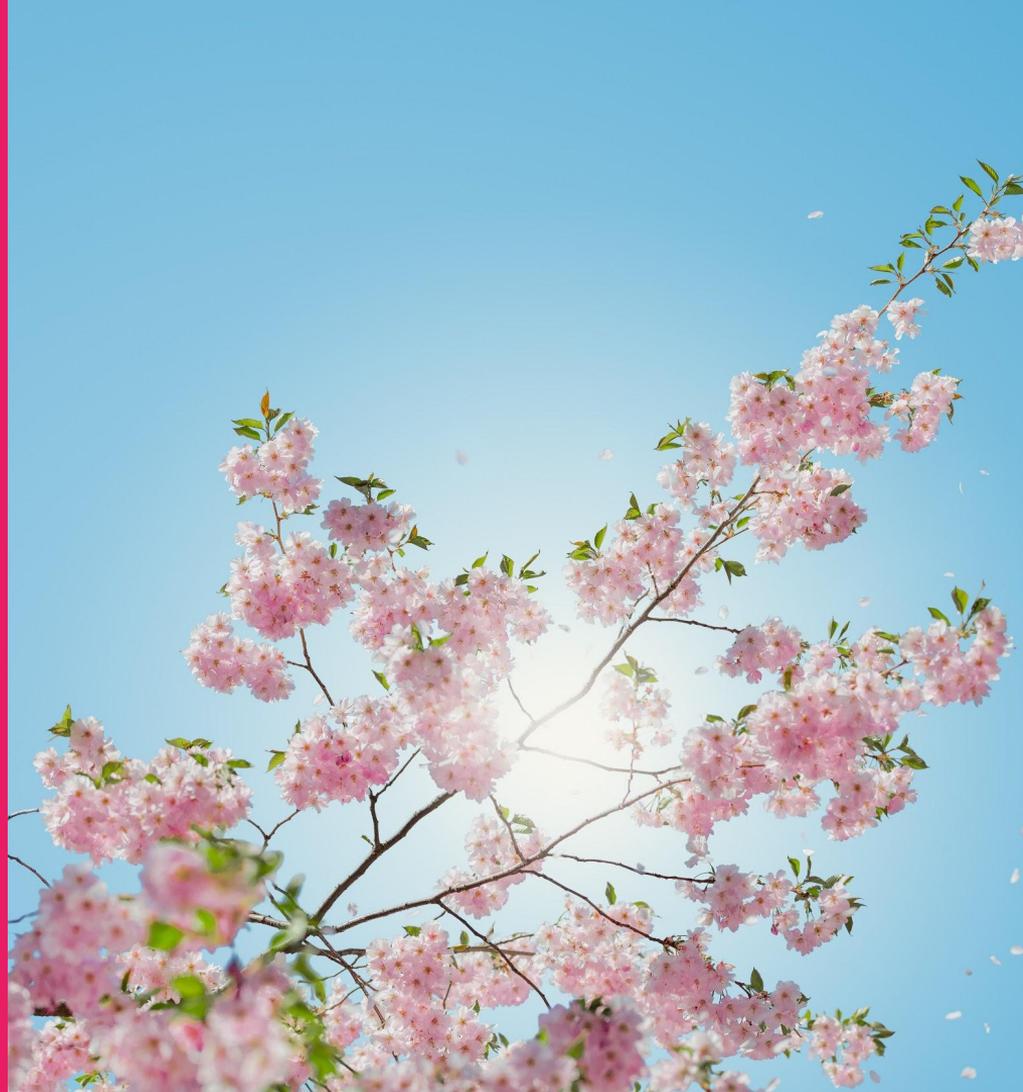
Mother's Day falls in May. In many places, it's the perfect time of year to begin your garden. If Mom's got a green thumb or has been tempted to give gardening a try, she'll probably love the idea of getting it started as a family.





Sit down together and decide what fruits, herbs and veggies you'd like to grow. Then, head to the store for the seeds and supplies you need and get to work!

Gardening can be hard work, so don't forget to take breaks often and hydrate with lots of water. Applying a layer of sunblock before you start is always a good idea - the last thing Mom wants for Mother's Day is a nasty sunburn!



Whatever you do this Mother's Day, be sure to tell your Mom how much she means to you.

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