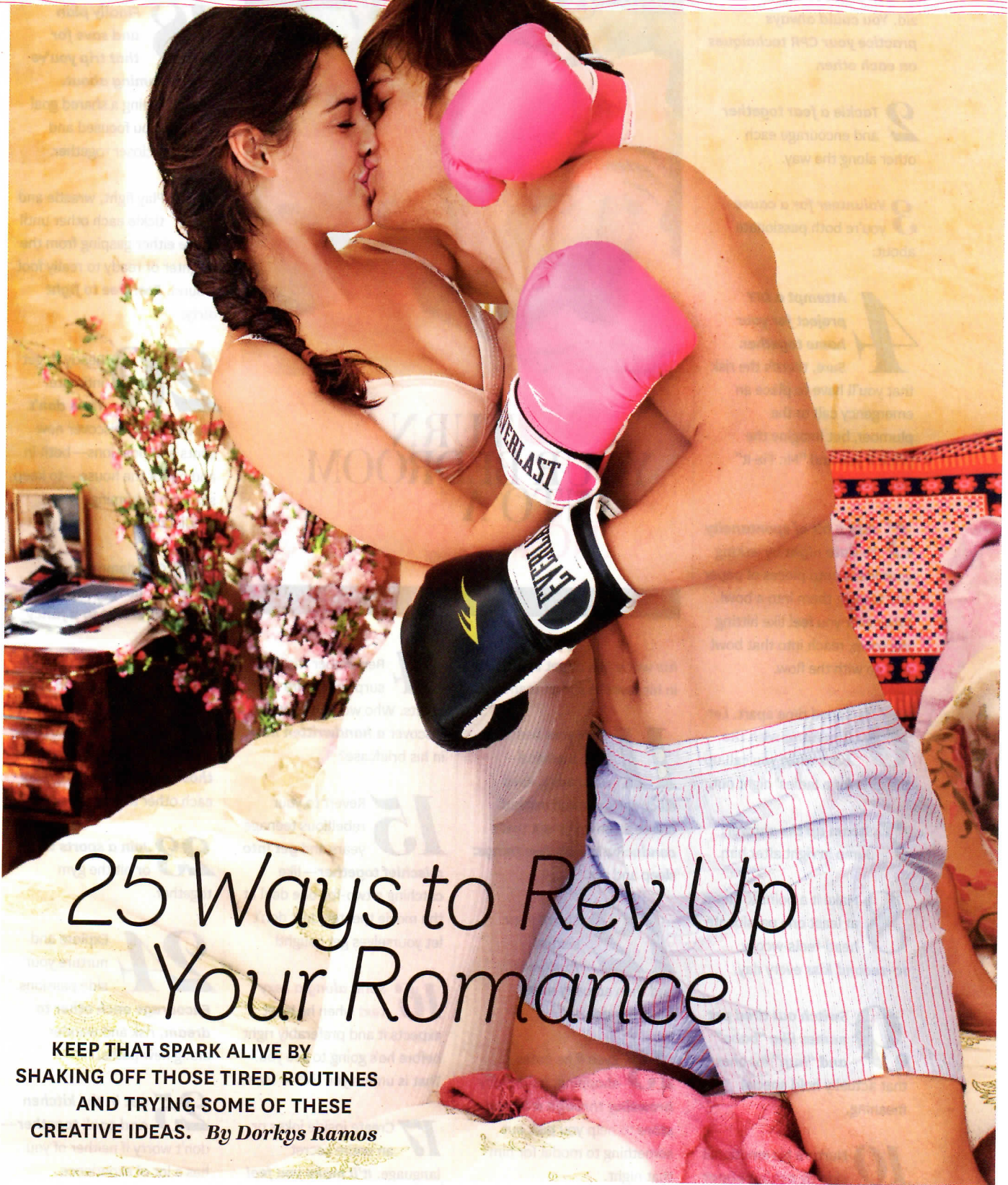


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25 Ways to Rev Up Your Romance

KEEP THAT SPARK ALIVE BY SHAKING OFF THOSE TIRED ROUTINES AND TRYING SOME OF THESE CREATIVE IDEAS. *By Dorkys Ramos*

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1 Sign up for a class together. Learn how to hold things down in the kitchen or get certified in first aid. **You could always practice your CPR techniques on each other.**

2 Tackle a fear together and encourage each other along the way.

3 Volunteer for a cause you're both passionate about.

4 Attempt a DIY project for your home together. Sure, there's the risk that you'll have to place an emergency call to the plumber, but imagine the pride if you and "Mr. Fix-It" do succeed.

5 Add a bit of spontaneity to date night by writing your ideas onto pieces of paper and tossing them into a bowl. Whenever you feel like hitting the town, reach into that bowl and go with the flow.

6 Spend time apart. Let him hang with the boys while you call up the girls for a ladies' night out.

7 Steam up the shower: Jump in right after him.

8 Make it a point to share at least one passionate head-feels-woozy, 10-second kiss every day.

9 Switch out tired pet names like "babe" and "hun" for ones that actually hold special meaning.

10 Nurture his emotional side by asking about



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his workday, or get interested in his favorite sports teams.

11 Turn your bedroom into a sensual sanctuary. Keep electronics out and instead create an environment that's conducive to only two things: sleep and sex.

12 Share your sexual fantasies... and then actually make them happen.

13 Even if he hates shopping, he'll enjoy browsing through a lingerie store to help you pick out something to model for him that night.

14 Remember that little surprises score major points. Who wouldn't love to discover a handwritten note in his briefcase?

15 Revert to your rebellious teenage years and get into mischief together—like catching a two-for-one deal at the movie theater. Just don't let yourselves get caught!

16 Send along a sexy text when he least expects it and preferably right before he's going to see you. That is unless you like to tease.

17 Create inside jokes or an entire secret language. It'll make you feel

like you're the only ones in a crowded room if only for a split second.

18 Finally plan and save for that trip you've been dreaming about.

Accomplishing a shared goal will keep you focused and bring you closer together.

19 Play fight, wrestle and tickle each other until you're either gasping from the laughter or ready to really fool around. Feel free to fight dirty.

20 Ready to get intimate? Then don't hit the sack. Discover new spots and positions—both in and out of the house—to keep sex from becoming predictable.

21 Get glammed up for no reason and treat yourselves to a fancy night out.

22 Fight the stress with a couples' spa treatment. Try to learn how to massage those tired muscles to relax each other at home for free.

23 Join a sports team or hit the gym together.

24 Explore and nurture your side passions. Encourage each other to dream, risk and wander along new paths.

25 Get in the kitchen and cook together—don't worry if neither of you has a lot of experience.

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