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Skip the typical evening out at the same old restaurant and enjoy an interactive, educational and intimate session at a local cooking class. And plan a follow-up session at home to keep the good times going.

To prepare, one spouse will simply book a session at a local cooking class. You can either ask friends for a referral or simply Google "date night cooking class near [your hometown]" and you'll find some great options. Many classes are offered inside of higher-end grocery stores or standalone cooking schools, and the prices are comparable to dinner out at a decent restaurant.

You'll find options for classes where a chef does all of the cooking while you simply watch, enjoy a cocktail and then eat when they're finished. However, for your special date night, look instead for an interactive class where a pro leads the way but the two of you actually get your hands dirty and prepare your own meal. You'll learn a lot about the foods you're creating and have plenty of time (and reason) to laugh along the way as you test new skills.

Here's a twist to make this extra special: the spouse who didn't take the initiative to enroll in the cooking class will schedule a follow-up session at home for next month and pick up the needed groceries that day. Don't worry - the chef from your class will send you home with a detailed recipe for the dinner you prepared, so all you have to do is follow along together...and bring back the laughs and good memories.

