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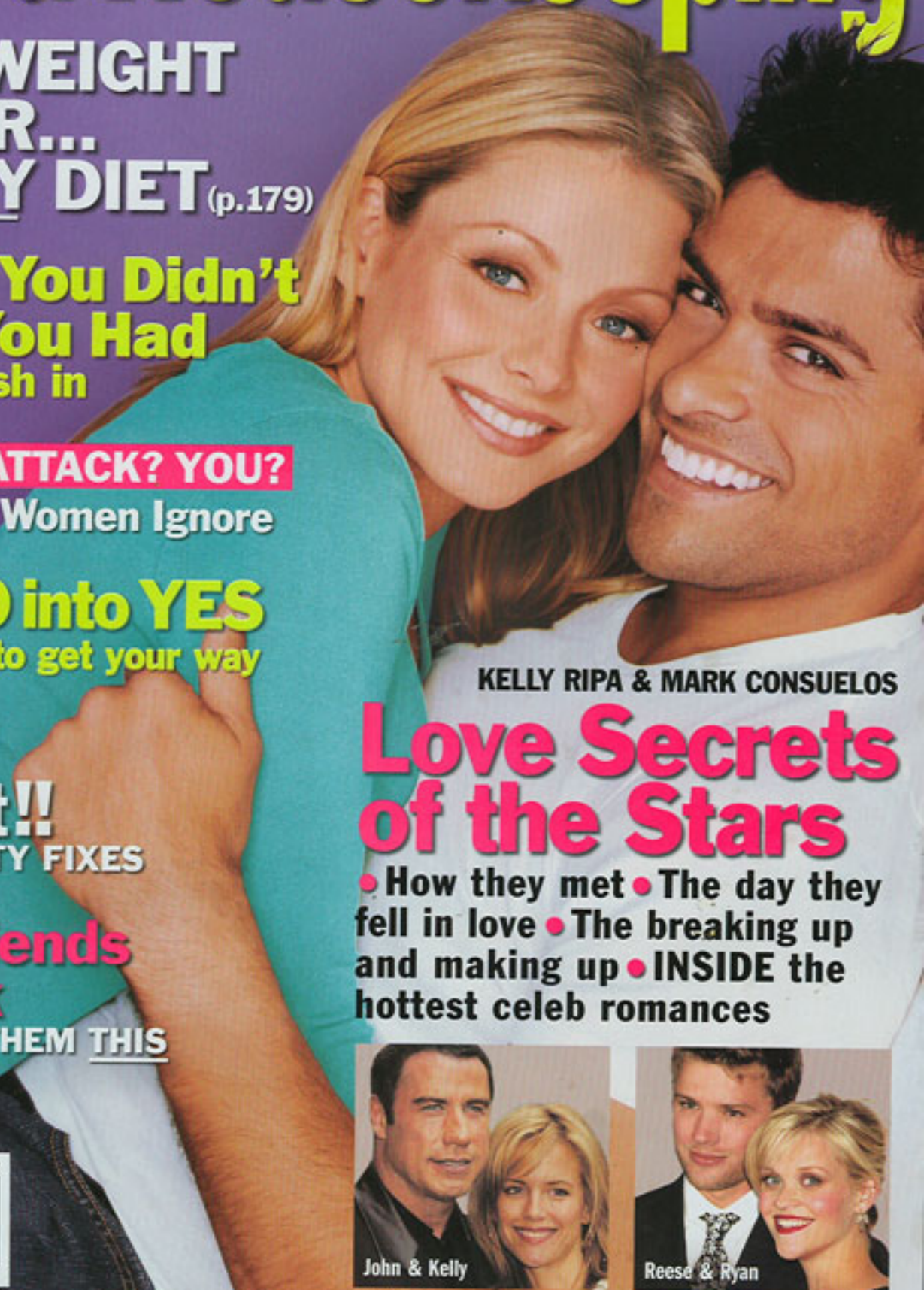
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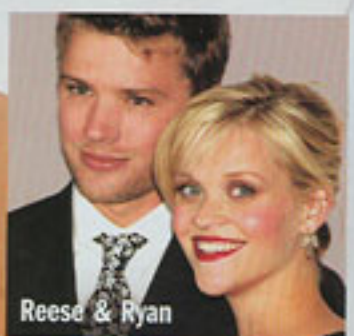
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4 ways to say "I love you"

Roses are red. Violets are blue. These valentine craft ideas are just for you.

By Jennifer Miskowiec

This 14th, give those near and dear to you sweet nothings that are really something. "It takes very little to transform a small token gift into something precious," says designer Michele Adams, coauthor with Gia Russo of *At Home with Friends*. The secret, says Adams, is to add personal touches to the packaging. "A tapestry or lace ribbon from a fabric store is enough to turn a customary box of chocolates into one of a kind," she says. Her tips: Instead of seasonal gift wrap, use colorful stationery or origami paper, both of which come in pretty patterns and are the perfect size for small presents. Or, create a sophisticated look by combining basic red tissue paper with sheets of burgundy and magenta. Here, more ideas for spreading the love without emptying your wallet. ■



Presents are about presentation for designers Michele Adams, left, and Gia Russo.



Make a bouquet even more beautiful, above: Adams used 1½ yards of pink tulle (at \$2 a yard) and a fabric ribbon. To top off the gift of a bowl and plate, left, add cookies, a tapestry ribbon, and a pretty millinery flower.



Fixings for a relaxing bath, left: To make the products look special, pack them inside a pink pail. Shredded paper adds color and cushioning. For the card, use cookie cutters to trace heart shapes onto craft felt and paper, then cut with pinking shears for a fancy edge. Perfect for a teen: a CD music mix, right. Spell out the recipient's name using the first letter of each band name or song title, and print the playlist on precut sticker labels.

