

Blinddate

WHEN ASIANA BACHELOR NIRMAL TOLD US HE WANTED A DATE WITH A DIFFERENCE, WE SENT HIM ON A COOKERY CLASS WITH HALINA

h ad enough of seeing a couple of strangers go for a meal at a restaurant? So here we. And it's not just for our blind dates. Dining in general has become much more adventurous, and activity dates are the de rigueur for young couples wanting to get to know each other better - it both lets staged or like an interview when you both have something to do. But that doesn't mean you have to go hungry!

When we discovered our man Nirmal was a dab hand in the kitchen, we decided to let him show off

his culinary skills by taking master Halina Patel for a lunchtime 'Cook, Eat and Run' cookery class at Lincoln's Inn Clerk. It proved to be one of the most interesting dates we've covered - let's face it, a blind date dinner is only really interesting when they have each other, and don't have to do when all you're doing is making pleasant conversation. Not that we wanted Nirmal or Halina to have one another, mind, but with the territorial control that goes in the kitchen, and the possibility of eggs being broken through culinary criticism, would they cook up a storm or get on like a kitchen on fire? Here we try to find out how to throw them into the deep end!



Nirmal: "You surprised! Nirmal made a real effort to dress smartly even though it was a lunchtime date and I was nervous about the job in his apartment"

Halina: "When I found out we were cooking that Chicken Curry, I got very excited as to my knowledge it's a bit tricky but I'm not sure if a chef would find it too challenging. It was a great first experience for me to be cooking with a professional chef in the kitchen"



NIRMAL PARMAR, 24
Trainee Engineer

Star sign: Pisces
Salary: My wallet knows no limits
Best quality: Intelligence and honesty
Woes: Perfecting my hair style
Perfect date: Dining in the restaurant she always wanted to go to but was never taken to
Friends describe you as... Honest, adventurous, never a dull moment
Dress sense: Smart/casual
Being single means... Staying out with my mates for as long as I like. Although it's always nice to have someone to come home to!



Halina: "She did showed us the eggs - how to prepare the ingredients. Then I had our man to take all the cooking. We shared the recipe. Nirmal took on the main dish, the chicken curry. I didn't try, while I was in charge of the seasoning"



Nirmal: "The secret to a good date is making a girl laugh. I'll do whatever I can, even if it means vegetables. Luckily Halina was the funny side of my wife."



Nirmal: "Like my last guy, he interested in cooking really but he was a bit of a mess. Halina was very patient and I was a bit of a mess. I was going to clean the mess she made. I'm a bit of a mess."



Halina: "Cooking isn't something I would have picked for a date but it could have been a nice perfect choice. There was no pressure about what to order and being a practical task shows you how comfortable you are in a kitchen and the message to establish arguments but I can imagine some couples getting more heated than the rest!"



Nirmal: "Halina had to be patient, a little bit of a wait for a woman"



Halina: "I was sure to really test the waters, of both and enjoy each other's company away from the kitchen. Although the cooking part was fun, I did see more like a date when we were sitting down together with no distractions. We had to talk about what made the day go really quickly but the end of it was friends for ages."

RATINGS	PROFESSOR OF COOKING	HOUSEWIFE
Sex appeal	7	7
Fun factor	9	8
Clear flow	7	8
Comfort zone	8	9
Dating score	8	8



Nirmal: "I did really great but we did make our own mistakes and it certainly didn't taste like my normal cooking. I did see if I was because of the other woman's taste!"
Halina: "We both couldn't wait to look at it, well as the curry we made egg fried rice and the combination was amazing. Not only was it a date, it was a great first experience. We decided to stay friends as although I haven't found my man, I've now got my signature dish!"

"It's not every date you end up learning a few new skills. I'm not sure I found my dream man, but I now have my perfect signature dish"

HALINA ON NIRMAL
I've never laughed so much on a date! Nirmal was a real gentleman, laid back and easy to talk to. During the class it was more about concentrating than chit-chatting, but after we looked into our meal and the cameras left, we felt much more relaxed and hung out together for the rest of the afternoon. We had a lot in common but we're at different stages in our lives. I'm keen to settle down soon whereas Nirmal's the partying type and likes hanging out with his mates - it's no surprise he made the Asiana Bachelor list 2010! He's definitely a hottie, I loved his dress sense and company. I'm hoping to stay in touch and maybe even go on another activity outing, not a date, but I'd really enjoy whipping him in a game of badminton.

NIRMAL ON HALINA
When I first laid eyes on Halina, she reminded me of my dream girl Deepika Padukone with her pretty dimples and girl next door beauty. I knew we'd click, I just wasn't sure if she'd be a match for me in the kitchen! Luckily Halina had a great sense of humour and didn't mind my playful mood, in fact she laughed at all my ploys which is a great sign! Halina was the ideal date, fun to be around and very interested in me, something you don't get from a lot of girls, most of them like talking about themselves! She's career minded and has a lot of drive and ambition, something I really admire. I'm still studying so don't have time for a relationship but if she's still available in a few years I'd happily date her again!

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HALINA PATEL, 24
Business Analyst

Star sign: Virgo
Salary: Enough
Best quality: Honesty
Woes: I sleep a lot
Perfect date: Ice skating
Dream holiday: The penthouse suite at Burj Al Arab in Dubai, thank you very much
Dress sense: Smart and sophisticated
Favourite romantic film: The Notebook
Being single means... Independence, but then the perfect man will like that about me

Fancy a date?

Stay cool in the sunshine with our summer hottie **Arvinder Singh**



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