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INTRODUCTION



Being a flirty girl has always been my style; it's certainly come in handy during my last 10 years as a single mom looking for the perfect new significant other.

My friends have often joked that I should teach "Flirting 101" at the Learning Annex. I've always felt that flirting was my secret weapon—the perfect je ne sais quoi that separated me from the herd. Here are the top five infallible flirty secrets that will assure that you leave a social event or party with a first date.

THE ARTFUL GLANCE

To begin, scan the room with an all-encompassing glance to seek out suitable prospects. Don't stare—you just need to catch his eye long enough to make sure he acknowledges your glance. Do

this a second time. The double-take confirms that you are clearly interested in making a verbal connection with him. These glances should be no longer than a nanosecond; prolonging the look takes these lightly seductive flirts into an overtly sexual realm that will send the wrong message.

BODY TALK

The third time you catch his eye, hold his attention and hit him up with a brief but alluring smile. The duration of this third mutual eye contact will equal your level of interest in getting to know each other better.

Break away from your wing women by making your way over to his section of the room, where there is a clear space between you and the man. This will create an open invitation for him to approach. Recheck your target for eye contact—if he's into you, he's watching your every move. Glance and smile at him again, as this is your visual request for him to join you.

POSTURE AND POISE

Now that you are side by side, slightly lean your body into his personal space with a comfortable one-foot-in-front-of-the-other stance. Caution: There is a fine line here between "too close" and "too distant." You should be close enough to catch each other's scent but far enough away so that you're not looking at his tonsils when he speaks.

Then employ the number-one fashion-forward flirty move. Pull your hair away from your eye line and toy with your tresses throughout your verbal engagement. If after your first few minutes you feel as if you want to move this interaction to the next level, try subtle shoulder dips. Lean your shoulder in toward him while tilting and cocking your head over that shoulder. Biting your lower lip at appropriate junctures will amp up the flirty "I am so into you" messaging.



FLIRTY WORDS

Your seductress voice must be the consort to your posture and poise. Start your flirty conversation with a compliment. Use one that defines your attraction to his physical appearance —for example, "You have amazing eyes" or "I love your shirt." Not only will you make him feel special but you also will have paved the way for him to easily kick back some kind words in your direction.

A favorite fast-track flirtation tip is to ask open-ended questions about his job, favorite sport or hobby. It allows him to be the authority and gives you the opportunity to be enraptured by his answers. Pay attention to what he is saying so that he senses that you are interested in his thoughts. To create a more intimate connection, repeat his name a few times during the course of your conversation. Your superior listening skills will make him feel good, and he'll remember enjoying your company.

BREAK THE TOUCH BARRIER

If you really like this guy it's time to go in for the seal-the-deal flirty move. Break the touch barrier by reaching out and lightly grazing your fingertips on his forearm, shoulder, hand or wrist. Not only will it send a deliciously seductive chill up his spine but it will also act as the ultimate signal that lets him know that you have chosen *him* to get to know better.

FINAL THOUGHT

Above all, hold out on sharing all your details. Spare him the dirty laundry and be the first one to exit the conversation. You want to leave him wanting more. He'll then have no choice but to ask for your number.