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The EDGE Guide to Expert Kissing

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You've seen the Cosmo guide to pleasing your man. You've read the same article in a dozen magazines a dozen times. Hopefully however (after my extensive research), I can give you some new, advanced tricks to add to your kissing repertoire. Beware: this is not for the weak-of-tongued.

THE BEGINNING

So, you have your kissing partner. The key thing to remember is that kissing is all about the chase- sometimes you're the chaser, and sometimes you're being chased (no pun intended).

It's nice to begin with a very slow, soft kiss; not introducing the tongue until the mood is

set. For variation, you can sit on your partner's lap (maybe straddling) and start by necking. Because it's unexpected, it will often send your partner racing in a jiffy. If you have an aggressive partner, he may try to speed things up. Move things faster gradually, then continuously change speeds. Keep the chase going.

SUCK THIS

Try sucking on your partner's tongue. Though it may sound odd, pretend you are giving his tongue oral sex. (Now that we all have that odd image in our heads, know that this is a difficult skill and an acquired taste.) The appeal is that you are showing off how talented your mouth is, foreshadowing what is (hopefully) to come (again, no pun intended).

Begin by letting your partner chase your tongue into your mouth. This may take some time, but eventually your partner's tongue should find its way into your mouth. If not, then you don't need to waste these tricks on those that will not appreciate them.

Use soft, short suction; doing this too hard can hurt. Let you beau's tongue go. If he responds happily (often signaled by him shoving his tongue deeper into your mouth) repeat by literally sucking his tongue and holding, gradually building until your suction prevents him from removing his tongue from your mouth.

For a little something extra, while you slowly let your partner's tongue exit your mouth, graze the tips of your teeth against his tongue, lightly pinching at the very tip (this also works for oral sex).

LICKING LIPS

Let me start by stating that this is not what you think. While the following trick can be used to open, I like to do this in the middle of a make-out-session when my partner is getting really into thing and I want to show him that we've only just



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begun. Throughout your kissing/make out session, you want to constantly change speed and vigor. Slowing down does not break the mood but enhances the anticipation.

Begin this move by putting your finger onto your partner's mouth, signaling him to stop. Lightly press down on his chin, signaling for him to own his mouth ever so slightly. Put your tongue between his top lip and the front of his top gums. Run it slowly from left to right and then back again. Repeat a second time if you'd like. If your partner tries to interrupt you, leave your tongue where it is and use your fingers to signal his tongue to stop.

You can close this move in a variety of ways. You can turn your head at an angle and lightly bit your partner's top lip; you can keep your head straight and end by sucking his top lip, without teeth; or you can sneak your tongue into your partner's mouth and give him a vigorous kiss, contrasting the slow taunt you just delivered.

CHASING

Chasing is better known, but rarely executed for the benefit of the kissing. Simply put, in the middle of kissing, you pull back and refuse to let your partner resume. Smile your dirty, seductive smile. Pull back or turn your head if you partner tries to kiss you. Do this infrequently two or three times for short bursts. The first time you restart, begin slowly. The second time, start more vigorously. Any subsequent time should be a mystery. If you want to really get at your partner, go in for more kissing, but instead turn at the last minute and start necking him forcefully.

Another benefit for this move is that your partner may (instead of trying to kiss you) start necking you instead. Beware, however, that this move should not be used to progress farther along the bases.

Often after the chase, your partner will try the same thing against you. If he does, smile and go for the neck. You aren't going to let him take control. The next time you're ready to get intimate, try out these tricks. Keep in mind that everyone has different tastes; just because one guy doesn't like something doesn't mean the next won't. Kissing is a game; it's about exploration and examination.

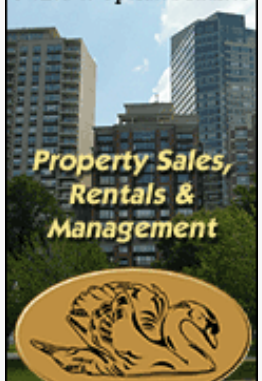
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