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## Guys reveal secrets of their perfect woman

**"M**urray," a 36-year-old Calgary consultant, may not have women figured out. And he most likely never will.

But he's got some pretty strong ideas about what he looks for in a woman.

"I want a woman who knows what she wants when we pull up to the drive-through and doesn't take 10 minutes to order a coffee with four cars waiting behind us," he says.

"I want someone that realizes that just because a guy doesn't cry, doesn't mean he has no feelings. And if you want to age a guy quickly, just start nagging him."

Ladies, it's time to start taking notes. In my last column, I narrowed down what women want in a prospective mate. Now, the tables have turned.

"I want a girl who can look as good in tall black boots on a Saturday night as a ball cap and tear-a-ways the next morning," says Matt O'Neal, one of my co-workers at JACK-FM.

"What I don't want? Girls whose first question is: 'So tell me, what's Eric Francis (radio host and Sun sports columnist) like?'"

Murray and Matt may have shared their ideas, but most men aren't so forthcoming, agrees dating expert Christine Hart.

But Hart, of Calgary's Six Minute Dates, says she's still pried a lot of information out of guys in the past couple of years.

"Guys want to get what they are looking for off their chests without feeling guilty for it," she adds.

What exactly are men looking for? Hart has narrowed it down to five things.

**1. Physical attraction:** "Men love when a

woman is comfortable with her body," she says, adding women waste too much time worrying about how they look.

"Men don't notice if you've gained five pounds. You don't have to be a bikini model, just take care of yourself."

And, echoing O'Neal's statement, Hart says a variety of looks are sexy: "Men like a woman who can look cute and sporty as well as polished and sassy."

**2. Humour:** "A guy likes a woman who gets his jokes and can laugh things off."

(Remember ladies, guys like to tease, so don't take things too seriously.)

**3. Ambition/drive/independence:** "Guys like a woman who knows who she is and where she's going," says Hart, who adds: "Being too independent can make a guy wonder if he is still wanted."

**4. Intelligence:** "Guys like a woman with book-smarts and street-smarts, as long as they aren't too overbearing." (No guy wants to be made to feel stupid.)

**5. Open communication — without games:** "Men aren't mind readers; they need to be told things," says Hart.

Guys, she adds, like a woman who can praise them. "The way to a man's heart is through his ego."

Hart says the differences between the sexes aren't insurmountable.

"Basically, men and women want the same things, it's just that physical attraction seems to be higher on a man's list," she says.

Hart refers to the Jack Nicholson movie *As Good As It Gets*: "You know that part where he says, 'You make me want to be a

better man'? That pretty much sums it up. A guy wants a woman who makes him feel good about himself."

What about sexual compatibility?

Ah, that's another column entirely. Stay tuned.

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